FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write to you, we are in the second week of Advent, a season during which we wait in joyful anticipation for the birth of Christ. Here on campus, we have just enjoyed another stirring Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols, a recognition of the promise of Christmas and a joyous gathering of students, faculty, staff, alumni and the greater Worcester community. And almost 4,000 alums and College friends joined us this year via livestream. When you receive this issue of Holy Cross Magazine in your mailboxes, we will have just celebrated the end of the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The season is one of hope. And one cannot help but be hopeful when visiting Holy Cross today, seeing our students crisscrossing the campus and engaging one another and their faculty and staff in lively conversation. From one window of my rooms in Ciampi Hall, I can view the new Joanne Chouinard-Luth Recreation and Wellness Center, on which enormous glass panels were installed this past week, and from another I see the massive footprint of the new performing arts center. These ambitious projects represent both the generosity of our alumni and our ongoing commitment to providing a world-class transformational Catholic liberal arts education to our students. The Jo will open this fall and the performing arts center is scheduled to be operational in spring 2022.

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., College president, addresses attendees at the world premiere of “Falling Out of Time,” held at Brooks Concert Hall. The song cycle was composed by Grammy Award-winning composer Osvaldo Golijov, Loyola Professor of Music.

A Light in the Darkness, a Hope for the New Year
For Christians, Advent is also a season of finding the light in darkness. Certainly we can all recognize the divisiveness and incivility on display throughout our world. As you know from your time here, at Holy Cross we are called to find ways to engage with one another in more productive and compassionate ways than we see in our cable news. This is rarely easy. You may have read about a recent example of this here at Holy Cross. A student organization hosted a speaker on our campus whose views regarding diversity efforts in higher education are controversial. Many students studied her recent book and watched videos of her previous speeches and then discerned ways to express their feelings about her ideas. Some chose to prepare challenging questions to pose to her in the question-and-answer session after her talk. Another larger group chose to stand and walk out partway through her remarks to express their disagreement. Many students gathered afterward to reflect on the talk, the subsequent dialogue with the speaker and the walkout. Clearly, we continue to learn how to learn from our shared experiences.

There are many opinions related to the topics of diversity and inclusion, and how colleges and our society should engage these issues. This moment provides us with that opportunity. We have a responsibility not only to provide a forum for these important conversations, but also to do the hard work to find ways to dialogue constructively and express our opinions with respect and civility. This is how we prepare our students to think critically, to engage thoughtfully and to communicate effectively, all important skills for success in a society that is also grappling with these ideas. As you remember, the opportunity to have these types of discussions is one of the opportunities that makes being in college such a unique and important time in a young person’s life.

Students are not the only ones who can learn from these events. All of us in the College community should find ourselves challenged to think about critical issues from various perspectives and to consider carefully how to engage the questions that surface. We should not expect that we will always agree on the answers. But we should expect that we consider the positions of others to be earnestly held, and we should expect the same generosity of spirit in return. From that foundation we have the necessary precondition for thoughtful engagement.

As we enter into an election year sure to be marked by divisiveness, my light in the darkness comes from the thought of Holy Cross students learning how to enter into our world with open minds and hearts. These exceptional, passionate and thoughtful young people, engaging in the issues facing us all today, gives me hope for our country and for Holy Cross’ continued impact in our world.

May your new year be blessed with joy and peace.

Sincerely,

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.
President
Melissa DeChellis ’02, second from left, with athletes from the Adaptively Abled Fitness program she created: James Norris, Jimmo Neal, Judi Gray and Anna Klecha.
A student walks toward St. Joseph Memorial Chapel after the season’s first snowfall in December. Right out of the gate, Worcester received an accumulation of around 9 inches.

PHOTO BY AVANELL BROCK
Finding New Things to Hope For

I read with pleasure "A Dance with Life" by Mary Crosby '03 (Fall 2019, Page 104). As a hospice physician, I have also wondered why we frame living with illness as a battle. At some point, the battle will be “lost” and our patients often arrive on hospice care after being told that “there’s nothing we can do” and that they are “giving up.”

My team knows that, in fact, there is so much we can do! We actively discuss hope and finding new things to hope for. We talk about living the best life possible with the time that is remaining. Dying can be a time of transformation for both patients and their families. Our goal is to help people live well until they die in whatever way they choose.

The idea that each person’s time and gifts are precious reminds me of the ideas Holy Cross asks its students to ponder. “How do I spend my time?” and “How can I use my gifts to help better the world?” are questions that both the dying and the living would benefit from spending some time considering.

In the end, we are all dying – some of us just have a better sense of the timing of this event. In our society, we often try to deny this reality or at least put off thinking about it until there is no alternative. I’d suggest we spend more time dancing!

Cristine Maloney, M.D., ’95
Randolph, Vermont

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Whether it is a response to something you read, Mystery Photo identification, Milestones submission or a story idea, drop us a line!

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HCM won Awards of Excellence in Design for the Alumni Publication, In-house Print and Complete Unit categories for its Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Winter 2019 and Spring 2019 issues. The four-issue set of covers received an honorable mention, as did the Spring 2019 issue cover.

Founded in 1970, UCDA is the nation’s first and only association for professionals involved in the creation of visual communications for educational institutions.

Fifth-grader Ben Evanowski (above left), 10, portrayed Holy Cross hero Rev. Joseph T. O’Callahan, S.J., for his school’s All Saints Day Parade, where students dressed as a saint or other notable figure. He is the son of Michael Evanowski ’03 and Kristina (Sacovitch) Evanowski ’04. Two-year-old Anne Haggerty (above), daughter of Daniel Haggerty ’97 and wife, Meghan, celebrated Halloween in a costume that, according to Daniel, “has survived over 20 years of Haggerty family Halloweens.” (right) Lauren Dentinger ’21, a biology major from Latham, New York, and Jill Spirk ’21, an environmental studies major from Hellertown, Pennsylvania, spent the fall studying abroad at the School for Field Studies Center for Marine Resource Studies in the Turks and Caicos Islands. In addition to classes, the students completed a research project surveying the commercially important fish populations that live in the coral reefs that surround the island of South Caicos. They also spent time connecting with the community through outreach at local schools.
When I was in journalism school, one of my favorite professors stood at the front of the classroom one morning and declared: “Everyone has a story.” Trust me, he liked to “declare” many things – and he was usually right, as was the case that day.

To prove this, he paired us up and had us interview each other with the directive to produce a story about our subject by the next class. My partner and I looked at each other, a la, “What do we do now?” as did the others in the classroom. We were 19-year-old journalism students, just everyday people; we weren’t athletes, actors, academics or anyone special. We were supposed to write the stories, not be them.

But, an assignment was an assignment and a deadline was a deadline, so we dug in: “Tell me something interesting about yourself ...” I interviewed my partner, he interviewed me and, wouldn’t you know it, we both had a good story to share about the other. They weren’t front-page news, but they could fit in the feature (occasionally known as “living”) or even business sections.

Expanding this definition of what “should” be in a newspaper or magazine and understanding everyone really does have a story was a key lesson.

Everyone has a story, but most people don’t think so. So, I’m here today in front of you with an assignment for the new year: Think about your story. Think about the story of your classmates. Think about the story of your College. What stories can we tell in Holy Cross Magazine?

Some of the most interesting pieces I’ve written (or read) were some of the hardest to find because the subjects didn’t think they were of interest. The traditionally “big” news, understandably, comes our way without fail. It’s the human stories, the ones that hide in plain sight, that can be the most rewarding for you and for me. For a prime example, turn to Page 42.

My job is to make Holy Cross Magazine as engaging as possible; I want you to read every page. Help me achieve this goal by looking for those “little” stories that return big rewards. When you think of one, email me at mshaw@holycross.edu. As always, thank you for reading and happy new year.

Melissa Shaw
Editor
WHO WE ARE

MELISSA SHAW
Editor
plans to spend this winter pursuing her favorite pastime: reading in front of her fireplace (and falling asleep after half a chapter). Favorite titles include “A Christmas Carol,” “The Alienist” by Caleb Carr, Robert B. Parker’s “The Judas Goat” and any nonfiction.

STEPHEN ALBANO
Art Director / Designer
has been a part of the HCM team for eight years; this is his 34th issue. Stephen earned his degree in studio art at Clark University. He is excited to be back to drawing (other than doodling in the margins of his notes during meetings) after he pushed himself to illustrate this issue’s election feature. He looks forward to 2020 for a fully embraced return to the arts.

AVANEILL BROCK
Multimedia Producer
is enjoying her job telling the stories of amazing students, alumni and staff through photo and video. In January, she celebrated her one-year anniversary of working at Holy Cross; time flies when you’re having fun! Her boyfriend, Daniel, recently proposed and now they’re deep in the throes of wedding planning. Stay tuned for a name change in July 2020.

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Conductor Rose Grosskopf ’20 leads “Silent Night” during the 41st annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols in December.
SPOTLIGHT

New Golijov Work Premieres at Holy Cross

Grammy Award winners Osvaldo Golijov, Loyola Professor of Music (right), and Silkroad Ensemble debuted the former’s latest song cycle, “Falling Out of Time,” to a sold-out Brooks Concert Hall in October.

An adaptation of the 2014 book of the same name by Israeli author and Man Booker International Prize winner David Grossman, the piece explores the depths of a parent’s grief and arduous road toward recovery following the death of a child.

The day after the premiere, Golijov, Silkroad artists and “Falling Out of Time” were featured on NPR’s “Here & Now” program at WBUR, Boston’s NPR News Station.
Holy Cross has been ranked No. 17 among liberal arts schools for graduates' starting and mid-career salary potential by the website PayScale. The annual list is based on the salaries of recent graduates and those with more than 10 years of experience.

The starting median salary among Holy Cross graduates with fewer than five years of experience was $62,800, while the mid-career median was $129,700. Additionally, 46% of alumni reported having "high-meaning" careers, with their job making the world a better place.

According to PayScale.com, this year's College Salary Report includes salary data of 3.5 million graduates from more than 4,000 colleges and universities across the country. The data used to produce the report was collected through an online compensation survey.

Holy Cross also came in at No. 20 on PayScale's "Best Schools for Business Majors" list, a ranking based on the College's successful accounting major; No. 16 for humanities majors; No. 11 among religious schools; and No. 12 overall among colleges in Massachusetts.

For the 10th consecutive year, Holy Cross has been named to the Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges, receiving a Green Rating score of 89 out of 99.

The Princeton Review created the 2019 list based on data from a survey of college administrators about their institutions' commitments to the environment and sustainability, as well as surveys of students attending the colleges. Data from the student survey included student ratings of three factors: the influence of sustainability issues on their education and life on campus; administration and student support for environmental awareness and conservation efforts; and the visibility and impact of student environmental groups.

The Princeton Review highlighted Holy Cross’ efforts to become carbon neutral by the year 2040 as an exemplary commitment to sustainability. As announced last fall, the College has been able to reduce its carbon emissions by 46.8% between 2007 and 2017, and is on track to be completely carbon neutral by 2040. Holy Cross is also in the process of hiring a director of sustainability to advance leadership in campus sustainability and environmental education.

Additionally, last fall, the College was able to install electric vehicle charging stations in its parking garage, thanks to support from the College's Presidential Task Force on the Environment, a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and a rebate from National Grid.

"We salute — and strongly recommend — the College of the Holy Cross to the many environmentally minded students who want to study and live at a green college," said Rob Franek, The Princeton Review's editor-in-chief.

Franek noted that college applicants and their parents are increasingly concerned about the environment and sustainability issues. Among the 11,900 teens and parents The Princeton Review surveyed last year for its 2019 College Hopes & Worries Survey, 64% said that having information about a college's commitment to the environment would influence their decision to apply to or attend the school.

"I expect that we will make even greater advances toward carbon neutrality during the next few years," said John Cannon, the College's director of facilities operations.
O’Neill ’99 Keynotes Women in Business Conference

A talk about color theory might seem like an odd topic at a conference for business-minded women. Maggie O’Neill ’99 (above), artist and co-founder of SWATCHROOM, a Washington, D.C., design and fabrication firm, begs to differ.

“The idea behind color theory, abbreviated, is that no two colors next to each other are ever the same,” she explained to a packed Hogan Ballroom at November’s 14th Annual Women in Business Conference.

“People are the exact same way. Everybody in this room has a palette—you’re not just one color, you’re a series of colors. When you are next to somebody, they provoke something in you, they inspire something in you,” she said. “That means you should take advantage of everybody that’s sitting to your right or to your left at all times. Because you never know what that person is going to do or how they’ll bring out the best in you.”

Holy Cross students and alumnae had the opportunity to learn from those to their right and left throughout the day via multiple panel discussions and networking sessions with alumnae, during which they discussed the variety of opportunities available after graduation.

“The Women in Business Conference generates a positive energy around female empowerment,” says Kate Beckerman ’20, conference co-chair. “It’s a space and opportunity for us to share and celebrate our professional and personal growth and achievements within our strong community, which inspires future leadership and success for both students and alumnae.”

Cantor Exhibit Featured in New York Times Best-of List

Harma and Punya: Buddhist Ritual Art of Nepal, a fall exhibit at Holy Cross’ Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery, was named to The New York Times Art & Design section’s “Best Art of 2019.”

Holland Cotter, Times co-chief art critic and Pulitzer Prize winner, wrote: “I found a gem in Harma and Punya: Buddhist Ritual Art of Nepal at Cantor Art Gallery at the College of the Holy Cross... Assembled by two scholars, Jinah Kim and Todd T. Lewis, it uses objects to tell a tale of the little-studied traditions of a popular religious art in the Kathmandu Valley, an art that is devotional, intensely social and inevitably political, and one that takes the pursuit of do-no-harm generosity as its subject, creed and goal.”

The exhibit, which took three years to plan, was made possible in part through a $100,000 grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities.

NEW OUT AND ABOUT “In, Out, and About on The Hill: LGBTQIA+ Alums Reflect on Life at Holy Cross (1978-2018)” was released by the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and the Office of the College Chaplains. Edited by James Nickoloff, associate professor emeritus of religious studies, it is a new, expanded edition of the original 2010 release.
Silkroad, Holy Cross Team to Give High School Students New Perspectives on the Arts

Listening to an improvised musical piece by a Grammy Award-winning musician might not seem like a typical Monday morning for a college student. Illustrating that music with pencil and paper alongside 15 high school students is even more atypical.

But that’s exactly what Elena Wang ’20 (above), a music and mathematics double major, was doing one October day at Burncoat High School in Worcester. Wang, a lifelong pianist, teamed with Shane Shanahan and Kaoru Watanabe, artists from the Silkroad Ensemble, a group dedicated to sparking radical cultural collaboration, to co-teach an interactive workshop to visual arts students in the school’s Fine Arts Magnet Program.

Wang sat side-by-side with Shanahan and Watanabe and worked with the young students to blend music with visual arts. As Wang, Shanahan and Watanabe played their respective musical parts, they asked students to draw what they were feeling during each piece.

“Together with the Silkroad Ensemble artists, I decided the focus of the course would be communication, because the arts are a way of communicating without using actual languages,” Wang said. “We wanted students to see how communication includes both differences and similarities. When listening to the same musical pieces, the students all had different reactions, and they could talk about what made their reactions different. To me, that is a way of bonding — a way of building community.”

The workshops at Burncoat served as follow-up to the third-annual Festival of the Arts, where more than 200 Worcester high schoolers came to campus in October to participate in arts workshops. Silkroad is in its third and final year as artists-in-residence at Holy Cross, hosted by Arts Transcending Borders, a College initiative designed to enhance the role of the arts in every aspect of the Holy Cross experience.

Wang wasn’t alone in her teaching efforts — four other Holy Cross students paired with Silkroad artists to engage with Burncoat students. Carley Stebbins ’20, a mathematics major in the teacher education program, worked with Shanahan and Preeti Vasudevan to combine her love of dance with her studies in math. The juxtaposition of modern dance and geometry took a literal leap of faith from the high schoolers.

“We had the students take part in many dance activities that encouraged movement and rhythm related to mathematical shapes, angles and dimensions,” Stebbins says. “We then encouraged them to think about how they see these shapes, angles, dimensions and rhythms in their everyday routines. I was blown away by their enthusiasm, attention and energy.”

As they’ve shown throughout their three years at Holy Cross — through campus concerts, workshops and community collaborations — Silkroad aims to make the arts dynamic and relatable.

“We’ve had a remarkable experience partnering with Holy Cross students and faculty over the last three years,” says Shanahan, Silkroad co-artistic director and percussionist.”

CLIMATE STRIKE  Student club Eco-Action organized Holy Cross’ participation in September 2019’s Youth Global Climate Strike. In lieu of their usual activities, students, faculty and staff gathered on the steps of Dinand Library to share their stories about why people should take climate change seriously. After the rally, a group from the College marched to Worcester City Hall to join other area colleges in their efforts to highlight the importance of climate change.

VEGAN-FRIENDLY KIMBALL  The College was recognized in a Worcester Telegram & Gazette article for its commitment to supporting vegan students. The story noted the variety of changes Dining Services has made in Kimball, such as an all-vegan food station called “Lean and Green” and a vegan nutrition guide created by Alyssa Pittman, a registered dietitian and the College’s assistant director of nutrition.
Alpha Sigma Nu Inducts 29 New Members

On Family Weekend 2019, Alpha Sigma Nu inducted 29 members of the class of 2020 into its elite ranks. The inductees exemplify the society’s values of excellence in scholarship, loyalty, leadership and service.

The only honor society permitted to bear the name Jesuit, Alpha Sigma Nu recognizes students who, along with classroom excellence, have a commitment to and concern for the well-being of others and have made the most of their experience in a Jesuit academic community.

Candidates for membership are selected from the top 15% of their class, and from this group, membership is awarded to only 4%.


GROWING PAINS  Dillon Carmichael ’18, an Ignite Fund alumnus and creator of Redefining Black Masculinity, presented in Rehm Library “Growing Pains of Color: A Reflection on the Life Experiences That Lead to Understanding Identity and Where it Takes You in the World.” Carmichael’s Redefining Black Masculinity project is an interview-based series that serves as an educational tool about black masculinity and the culture surrounding it.
Holy Cross Hosts Prestigious Literary Conference

The College played host to the 24th Annual Conference of the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers (ALSCW) in October. Hosted by Lee Oser, professor of English and incoming ALSCW president, the three-day event featured 17 seminars; four plenary panels; poetry readings by famed poets A.E. Stallings, Major Jackson, David Ferry and Rachel Hadas; and a dinner featuring a string quartet composed by Matthew Pinder ’20, this year’s Fenwick Scholar. This is the first time Holy Cross has been chosen to hold the conference.

A number of Holy Cross faculty members were among the moderators and readers at the conference, including Sarah Stanbury, Distinguished Professor of Arts and Humanities in the English department; David Lewis Schaefer, professor of political science; Jorge Santos, assistant professor of English; Aaron Seider, associate professor of classics; Thomas Martin, professor of classics; Maurice Géracht, Stephen J. Prior Professor of Humanities in the English department; Susan Elizabeth Sweeney, Monsignor Murray Professor in Arts and Humanities in the English department; Oliver de la Paz, associate professor of English; and Leila Philip, professor of English.

Holy Cross alumni returned to campus to sit on panels as well, including Traugott Lawler ’58, professor emeritus of English at Yale University; Dennis Taylor ’60, professor emeritus of English at Boston College; Will Hendel ’11; Chase Padusniak ’15; and Alex Pisano ’16. Eighty current Holy Cross students were also in attendance.

WHY WE REMEMBER

Alan Rosen, Kraft-Hiatt Scholar-in-Residence, returned for a Rehm Library presentation, “Memory as Protest: How and Why We Remember the Holocaust,” in an effort to explore the ethics of commemoration. Rosen is a lecturer at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem, and has held fellowships at the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah in Paris and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

HANIFY-HOWLAND REACHES FOR THE STARS

Former NASA astronaut Scott Parazynski, M.D., delivered the 54th Annual Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture in the Hogan Ballroom. A veteran of five space shuttle missions and seven spacewalks, he was recently inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame; he presented on innovation, risk management, mentorship and leadership under extreme adversity.
Students Learn Latin by Teaching it in Worcester Schools

Holy Cross Latin 101 students usually spend long hours studying complex grammatical concepts and memorizing verb conjugations to ready themselves to read Roman literary masterworks. As a result, there’s not much of a focus on subjects that might appear in an introductory modern language course: They don’t describe the objects they find in their rooms or recount their daily routines. But when a group of fourth-graders wants to talk about their favorite Thanksgiving foods, you figure it out.

As part of a Latin 101 course integrating Community-Based Learning (CBL), small groups of students from the class, taught by Dominic Machado, assistant professor of classics, have been traveling to Worcester elementary schools four times a week to teach introductory Latin to fourth- and sixth-grade students.

“The young students wanted to know about ancient science, so my students learned about Pompeii and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius,” Machado says. “Not only is the student-teaching reinforcing what we cover in class, but it’s pushing Holy Cross students to stretch the boundaries of what they know and don’t know.”

Machado isn’t surprised, however, that students have embraced the teaching.

“We’ve seen research that active learning and community-based learning are big drivers of student achievement. CBL supplements exactly what students are learning and helps them to make it real. We always hear, ‘Teaching is the best way to learn.’ The students are so used to receiving knowledge and memorizing it; now they have to produce it.”

The education goes both ways. “Going into the classrooms has helped me expand my own Latin vocabulary and embrace ancient Roman culture,” says Peter Blunt ’21, an accounting major with a minor in peace and conflict studies.

Planning Latin lessons for grade schoolers also helps Holy Cross students consider a bigger question: Who gets to study the classics?

“Classics are primarily taught in universities. You think of a classics professor wearing tweed, right?” Machado jokes. “But by interacting with a population that’s exactly not that and seeing how they respond to Latin, the students consider how we think about language and culture and whether that makes sense.”

Chris Shakespeare ’20, a chemistry major with a minor in religious studies, is a fan — of the language and the teaching: “I have come to realize that I learn best when I can contextualize the material that we cover in class. CBL gives me the opportunity to investigate different facets of the Roman culture, so that I am prepared to answer any questions our students may ask.”

For Blunt, the most surprising aspect of the experience was how quickly the young students catch on: “It showed me that when we have engaging lessons with interesting vocab words, they connect with the material.”

— Jane Carlton

DEFENDING DACA

A host of campus organizations and departments sponsored a Gathering in Solidarity with Migrants as the Supreme Court heard its first oral arguments about the legality of the current administration’s end to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Students, faculty and staff met to hear the voices of and show support for current and past students affected by uncertain immigration status.

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AH, WILDERNESS! Eric Butler ’06 directed the classic American family play — and the only comedy by Eugene O’Neill — in the Department of Theatre and Dance’s fall production in Fenwick Theatre. It chronicles the coming of age of a teenage boy in a small Connecticut town around the turn of the 20th century.

MARY IN MICRONESIA Juliana Flinn, professor of anthropology at the University of Arkansas Little Rock, visited campus to discuss how women practice, interpret and shape their own Catholicism on Pollap Atoll, a remote island in the South Pacific. She focused on how the Pollapese shaping of Mary places value on indigenous notions of mothering that connote strength and active participation in food production.

Holy Cross Among National Leaders in Graduation Success Rate

Holy Cross Athletics teams are tied for seventh in the nation with an overall graduation rate of 98%, according to the Graduation Success Rate Report released by the NCAA. This marks the 13th straight year in which the Crusaders have posted a Graduation Success Rate of at least 97%.

“Our student-athletes continue to succeed at exceptional levels in the classroom,” says Marcus Blossom, Holy Cross director of Athletics. “We are extremely gratified that our athletes are as proud of their academic achievements as they are of their athletic success. The Graduation Success Rate results reflect our ongoing commitment to graduate well-rounded student-athletes.”

Holy Cross was one of four Patriot League institutions to rank in the Top 20 in the nation in Graduation Success Rate, along with Lafayette (98%), Colgate (97%) and Loyola (97%). Only four other schools from New England earned Top 20 rankings: Harvard (100%), Dartmouth (99%), Yale (99%) and Brown (98%).

Twenty-one of a possible 26 Holy Cross teams achieved a perfect 100% graduation rate. The Crusader programs to post perfect graduation rates were baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, men’s cross-country, women’s cross-country, men’s golf, women’s golf, women’s lacrosse, women’s rowing, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, softball, men’s swimming and diving, women’s swimming and diving, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, men’s indoor track and field, men’s outdoor track and field, women’s indoor track and field, women’s outdoor track and field and volleyball.

“Return to Me” Offered for Lent 2020

Holy Cross will once again offer a daily digital reflection series for the holy season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26 and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 12. Each day, subscribers will receive a reflection on the reading of the day written by Holy Cross faculty, students, chaplains, staff and alumni.

This will be the sixth-annual offering of “Return to Me: Lenten Reflections from Holy Cross,” with more than 4,000 participants.

“Thank you for the thoughtful meditations throughout Lent. Hearing different voices sharing their insights challenged me to consider and act on the invitations of the Lenten readings.” – Mother and grandmother of alumni

To sign up for the daily Lenten reflection email, fill out the form at holycross.edu/return-to-me. If you have any questions, email returntome@holycross.edu or call 508-793-3026.

“Wish to express my thanks for the daily Lenten meditations this year. I found them well done, some provocative and all of them uplifting. Your work certainly made Lent that much richer for me.” – Alumnus, class of 1958

“Thank you for sharing this Lenten journey with me, an alumna. Often, after a long day at the clinic or teaching my medical students, I found inspiration in the reading and reflection awaiting me in the email. This email Lenten series has been one of the best connections I have had with Holy Cross since my student years; I felt like HC put effort into caring for my spirituality.” – Alumna, class of 1980
Heading to Mount St. James is always worth the trip, and you undoubtedly know what to do while you’re here, but do you know where to find fun, fascinating activities beyond College Street?

Our new feature, Next Time You’re in Town, highlights hidden gems worth a visit in the city and across Central Massachusetts. Have a suggestion? Email hcmag@holycross.edu.

The Worcester Common Oval Ice Rink

Located behind Worcester City Hall, this 12,000-square-foot public ice rink on Worcester Common is open to skaters Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays December through February, and is an impressive 4,000 square feet larger than New York City’s fabled Rink at Rockefeller Center. Offering piped-in music, skate rentals, concessions, festive lights and more in the heart of the city, the rink has been sponsored by the College for the past seven years.

Over the summer, the Common, established in 1669, plays host to Movies on the Common and the Out to Lunch Concert Series. In addition to events and special programming, the area is home to several monuments, memorials and historic markers. For more information on ice skating or other events, visit worcestercommonoval.com.
How the Holy Cross Club of Boston Remembered its War Dead

When the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston celebrated its annual memorial Mass last November, in remembrance of members who died over the past year, it featured a 72-year-old chalice so special it is used only by the club.

Fittingly referred to as the “Boston chalice,” under its base is engraved the names of 18 men “who went from Holy Cross to defend the honor and safeguard the priceless liberty of our native land and made the supreme sacrifice.”

The chalice was first used on Nov. 8, 1947, when three alumni priests — all members of the Boston club — celebrated a memorial Mass for the group in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel.

As reported in the Nov. 21, 1947, edition of the Boston club’s publication, The Crossbow: “At this memorial Mass for the war dead, the beautiful new chalice, donated by the Holy Cross Club of Boston to honor fallen heroes of the last war, was used for the first time.”

Earlier, the chalice had been presented to College President Rev. William J. Healy, S.J., at a 1947 dinner held at the Harvard Club. Fr. Healy was the College’s postwar president, serving from 1945-1948. He was responsible for forming the NROTC program and establishing the College’s radio station, WCHC.
“I live within these great collections, see how they are used, and from my office work to build a library that will foster creativity and new ideas in those who use the collections. From my office windows that overlook the steps of Dinand,
every day I see the life of the campus and how the library is part of it. I am lucky because my office is my own quiet nook that we all seek to find in the library, and within it, I have my own select collection of books ... about libraries.”
Mable Millner Looks Back Over a Career Spent Looking Ahead

As she prepares to retire, Millner talks about bridging gaps, breaking ground and why her work is so much more than a profession.

“The message was so special,” says Mable L. Millner, smiling as she reads a card resting next to a bouquet of flowers on her desk: “Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth.”

The Shirley Chisholm quote, signed with words of gratitude from an alumna, is just one of the many notes, texts and calls Millner has received from alumni since last fall. In October, she announced her January 2020 retirement as associate dean of students for diversity and inclusion and director of multicultural education.

After nearly 20 years of service striving to make Holy Cross a more inclusive home for all students, Millner sits in her office, the sun setting out the window on Hogan Courtyard, and reflects on a career...
deeply informed by her own life journey. “You wanted to do it. You had to do it,” she explains. “There were people who gave their lives for us to be able to go to school ... and so it wasn’t necessarily a choice. It was kind of understood that you would contribute with the time, talents and skills that you had.”

THE POWER OF EDUCATION, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Millner grew up in the segregated South, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, which still enforced Jim Crow laws. “I wasn’t allowed to go to white schools — or anything else that was white,” she says. “We had two Woolworth’s because you couldn’t go into the white Woolworth’s. Going to the Greyhound bus station, there was a white side and a black side. So the white people got on the bus first, and then the bus went around to the back and then black people were able to get on the bus. And if you ordered food, they would give you food out of this window because you couldn’t eat in the station. I remember all of that as a child.”

But from within the African-American community and her family, Millner found incredible examples of strength that sustain her today and inspire her work as a mentor. “In my neighborhood, there were principals, there were attorneys, there were teachers, there were doctors. The president of a black college in my town lived two streets over. So you saw these people as role models,” she says. From her mother, who gave “unconditional love and support,” to her aunt, who “encouraged her nieces and nephews to pursue education and become the best of themselves,” Millner says “family and education” were the core fibers of her upbringing.

When Millner was 11, her community helped African-American activists travel safely through the area on their journey to what would become the largest human rights demonstration in the United States — the 1963 March on Washington.

Travelling long distances in the South was challenging for African-Americans. “You could not go to most restaurants. You couldn’t go to every gas station. There were very few hotels that you could go to,” Millner says. “Our church was one of the churches that helped participate in terms of providing food and lodging for those who were headed to Washington.” These activists joined more than 250,000 others at the Lincoln Memorial as Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his iconic “I Have a Dream” speech. Millner is proud to have participated in the 25th anniversary of the historic march. She reflects it was “a moment to measure how far we had come, yet realize how much further we needed to go.” Her work was still needed.

HONING HER PHILOSOPHY FOR CHANGE

At Spelman College in Atlanta, Millner recalls an immersion in King's message of nonviolence and social consciousness, as well as a near-constant presence of civil rights leaders on campus. “As college students we also realized we were in the struggle for social injustices, every day,” she says. A “mesmerizing” speech delivered at Spelman by Howard Thurman cemented the theologian, civil rights leader and King mentor as one of the most profound influences in Millner’s life. King and Thurman have remained recurring threads woven throughout her professional life, as well.

After earning a master’s and working in administration at the University of Pittsburgh, Millner found her way to Boston University, where Thurman served as the first black dean at a predominantly white institution and mentored King there during his early 1950s doctoral studies. When Millner felt it was time for a change, Holy Cross came to mind.

“I read that Holy Cross had hired a non-Catholic, black woman as a vice president and dean of students, and I thought that was a very smart and courageous move for an institution that hadn’t had a lot of people of color,” Millner says. When she saw the College’s 2001 opening for a director of multicultural education, she says the opportunity spoke to her, noting that Thurman’s philosophies (which included a belief in a “common humanity”) complemented Jesuit values.

She found a new home on Mount St. James, where she would spend nearly two decades breaking ground for generations of Holy Cross students.

BUILDING BRIDGES AND CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE

As leader of the Office of Multicultural Education (OME), Millner used education as a way to change systems and make campus a more accepting environment. “A lot of biases, a lot of stereotypes, a lot of misconception, a lot of fear and apprehension are not because people don’t want to be good people — it’s because people are lacking knowledge about these issues,” Millner says. “We tried to create that bridge to educate them and provide them with as much information as we could through trainings, workshops, programming and bringing speakers to campus.”

This push included the College’s first mandatory diversity training for all students, employees and faculty. “It was groundbreaking at that time,” she says.

Of what she’ll look back on fondly from her body of work at the College, Millner says, “It’s the small, day-to-day interactions.” And, yet, a few moments come to the forefront: She remembers the joy of taking a group of students to witness history at former President Barack Obama’s 2009 inauguration and listening to them discuss what they had seen on their way back to campus. She recalls the healing that took place at the 40th anniversary of the Black Student Union (BSU), where an alumnus told her, “I walked this campus by myself and I made peace with the campus.” She smiles at the memory of Ron Lawson ’75 grabbing a bread basket to pass around at that same reunion, raising impromptu thousands of dollars in donations from classmates for the Bishop Healy Committee. Most recently, she takes pride in the introduction of the Ogretta McNeil Emerging Scholar Lecture Series, named in honor of Holy Cross’ first black female...
tenured faculty and administrator. From celebrating the anniversary of coeducation at the College to transforming Hogan Ballroom into a softly lit music club for Blues on the Hill, there are many highlights over her 19-year career. Millner supported BSU members in securing Martin Luther King Jr. Day as one of the College’s recognized holidays, creating robust educational and commemorative programming for the entire campus.

She is quick to acknowledge that any achievement was not realized alone and is grateful for the support of co-workers throughout the campus community. A visible presence on campus, Millner enjoys the many relationships formed throughout the years. Although “students have been my inspiration and motivation, I cannot overlook the encouragement and validation offered by colleagues,” she says.

**A LEGACY VIA STUDENTS**

“The reality is Mable is a pioneer here at Holy Cross, and I say all the time that the ground we stand on is because of the foundation she laid,” shares Michele Murray, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. “She came here to do this work when nobody else had done it and found a way to help students who otherwise felt like — or were made to feel that — they didn’t belong, that this was their home.”

Of the “phenomenal works” and contributions many alumni are making in the world thanks to the support they have received from Millner, Murray says: “There’s nothing better to honor a career in higher education.”

“Dean Millner taught me that no matter what type of challenge I was going to face, I had the strength to face it head on,” says Brianna Turner ‘11, who majored in psychology with a concentration in Africana studies and currently works as a behavioral specialist in the Worcester Public Schools. “She reminded me that I have the support of other strong women (including her) behind me to help me overcome anything.”

Gerald S. Dickinson ‘09, who double majored in political science and sociology and is now a professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, shares: “As the student government director of diversity, I spent hours and hours with Dean Mable in her office talking about and thinking through ways to bridge divides across the student body in an effort to make Holy Cross an inclusive space and place for the increasingly diverse student population.
Today, over a decade later, I still employ those same collaborative skills in higher education (as a law professor) that I acquired working alongside and learning from Dean Mable.

When Millner talks about her career, it always comes back to the students: “It’s all about helping them to realize their full potential. No matter how they’re packaged, no matter what their experiences have been before coming to Holy Cross — they can take this education and have a fulfilling life.”

And it is with a particular pride that she shares how historically underrepresented students have found a voice and created their own havens through OME-supported multicultural student organizations, including groups like Caribbean African Student Association (CASA), Latin American Student Association (LASO), Asian Students in Action (ASIA), HCFIRST Scholars (first-generation and/or low-income college students) and Pride (LGBTQIA+ education and advocacy). “That’s where they find community,” Millner says. “That’s where they find solace.” And for some students, she says, these groups have made all the difference.

THE NEXT GENERATION

“Despite the bumps that a 20-year career at an institution in diversity work can bring, Mable remains hopeful and forward-looking,” Murray says. “Lesser souls would have been beaten down and she remains in it. She remains in it for the students.”

As Millner gestures from her desk out over the courtyard — the same view she’s had for two decades — she says she’s seen some positive shifts: “I can look out this window at any given day and time and see students of color. And that just didn’t happen in 2001 and 2002. In diversity philosophy, we always say that, ‘Diversity is not about counting heads. Diversity is about making heads count.’” During her time, the College has shifted from focusing solely on quantitative results to providing qualitative experiences that foster the sense of belonging, increase the sense of unity and develop the sense of campus community.

While the work to ensure every student finds acceptance and inclusion continues, Millner knows where to turn her gaze: “I’m passing it on to the next generation. They need to pick it up and go on to see what the [next decade] will bring.”
Hankins Retires from Cantor Art Gallery

In 18 years as director, Roger Hankins and colleagues brought big ideas to campus.

BY JANE CARLTON

After 18 years and nearly 100 exhibitions, Roger Hankins retired as director of the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery in September 2019. His 2001 arrival in Worcester followed a two-decade career as head of gallery at the University of California.

Hankins is quick to credit Paula Rosenblum, Cantor’s assistant director for communications and operations; professional art installers Tim Johnson and Frank Graham; and Holy Cross faculty, staff and students when reflecting on his work at the College. In 2017, he received the 36th annual ArtsWorcester Award, presented to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to arts and culture in Worcester.

How would you characterize your tenure at Holy Cross? I’d say it was a willingness to bring, for the benefit of the
Most the work we accomplished was very much behind the scenes. I would work for months, and sometimes for a year or more, planning how to borrow, prepare, transport and bring artworks to Holy Cross, and then how to get these objects physically into O’Kane Hall and the gallery.

Pre-planning was one thing, bringing crates from art shippers’ trucks into O’Kane was another. My job, and that of Tim Johnson and Frank Graham, both professional art installers, was to safely move crates and objects into the gallery, no matter how large or heavy. Of course, the reverse is true as well – everything that went up had to come down. We did that flawlessly for 18 years, which was an accomplishment.

What exhibits are you most proud of from your tenure? It’s hard to distinguish what show I would be most proud of; there were many! I’d say the top would be: “Big Idea: The Maquettes of Robert Arneson” (2003); “Terri Priest Interactions: Paintings and Works on Paper” (2005); “Create, Part I and II” (2012); “Katrina Then and Now: Artists as Witness” (2015); “Woven Power: Ritual Textiles of Sarawak and West Kalimantan” (2016); “Robert Beauchamp: Four Decades of Work on Paper” (2018) and “Rodin: Truth, Form, Life” (2019).

My last exhibit I organized for the gallery was for Holy Cross Professor Todd Lewis and Harvard Professor Jinah Kim, curators of “Dharma and Punya: Buddhist Ritual Art of Nepal.” This exhibit seemed at times to be an impossible venture, but in the end it was an extraordinary exhibition that I hope everyone involved was proud of. Without Paula Rosenblum working alongside me, these exhibits wouldn’t have worked as well.

The senior exhibitions – and I don’t say this lightly – were some of the most interesting and more unpredictable shows that we worked on. Every year, a different group of students were graduating, and there were always lots of challenges, but the energy, the caliber of the work and the professionalism that the art department and their students brought to the Cantor was really the icing on the cake each year.

What surprised you over your career? I came from a much larger institution, where most everybody was pretty siloed into the particular department or college they belonged to. At Holy Cross, there has been a willingness to cross whatever lines you could cross, to do something creative and for the students. That was an incredibly refreshing experience for me. I found it surprising how many great ideas kept coming from faculty members from a range of disciplines to undertake developing exhibition content with us. I think we took on ideas and projects that surpassed what a smaller college art gallery could present.

What’s next for you? I’m returning to my own practice of art – sculpting. I have been slowly building up steam to re-emerge into what I have wanted to do for a number of years. I have an 1800s house with a reasonably good-sized, and almost completely weather-proofed, barn that was built in 1900. I am doing a lot of little construction projects to winterize that space. I’m looking forward to spending a lot more quality time with my family and spending many days working on my own art projects, not to mention enjoying seeing exhibitions at the Cantor Art Gallery, Yale, Boston and New York.
Holy Cross welcomed seven faculty members into tenure-track positions for the 2019-20 academic year. They will join the departments of economics, English, history, physics, political science, Spanish and visual arts. The new faculty bring with them a depth and breadth of expertise in a variety of topics, from theoretical particle physics to mid-century architecture.

NINA BARZACHKA
political science

Nina Barzachka earned a dual B.A. in international relations and French from Roanoke College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia. Prior to Holy Cross, she taught at Dickinson College, Transylvania University, Gettysburg College and Mary Baldwin College.

What excites you most about joining the faculty? What I look forward to the most at Holy Cross is teaching and mentoring undergraduate students in a liberal arts environment that encourages reflection, dialogue, civic engagement, commitment to
social justice and care for the whole individual. I am also thrilled to join a dynamic and supportive community of faculty and administrators who view scholarship and teaching as mutually enriching endeavors.

**How do your research interests influence the courses you teach?**
I study electoral system reform, political parties and protest movements. Broadly speaking, I explore institutional change in various political contexts. I am especially interested in cases when powerful actors, those who benefit the most from the institutional status quo, agree to give up some of their power. At Holy Cross, I teach Introduction to International Relations and courses directly related to my research, including European Politics and European Political Parties. One of my favorite class exercises is a simulation I developed to demonstrate the effects of electoral systems on party systems and government formation.

**What excites you most about joining the faculty?** I am really excited to join the physics department at Holy Cross because of its supportive and effective learning environment that is made possible by both the students and the faculty. The students are eager to learn and open to the new, innovative teaching pedagogies and interdisciplinary research opportunities in cutting-edge topics of physics. I believe that the physics program at Holy Cross prepares students in a holistic manner to become successful professionals across the discipline.

**How do your research interests influence the courses you teach?**
The same passion that is evident in my teaching also drives my research. As a theoretical particle physicist, my research focuses on the basic constituents of matter and forces and their interaction. Since technological advances rely on understanding the basic science behind it, the better we understand the science, the better we will be able to innovate cleaner and more powerful technologies. Solar cells, computers, the world wide web, wireless technologies, diagnostic imaging — all are rooted in breakthroughs made in particle physics. My hope is that through actively engaging future innovative minds in this field of research, we would be able to explore new ideas and eventually shed light on the unknown constituents of the universe.

**Amy Finstein**
visual arts
Amy Finstein earned a B.A. in American studies from Brandeis University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in architectural history from the University of Virginia. Prior to Holy Cross, she taught at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. She taught as both a visiting lecturer and visiting assistant professor in the Holy Cross visual arts department from 2017-2019.

**What excites you most about joining the faculty?** I am energized by Holy Cross’ dynamism as a small liberal arts college and the opportunities this framework presents for students and faculty alike. The liberal arts ideal of interdisciplinary exploration is key to my work as an architectural historian, and I am excited about the connections students will make between their studies in my classes, those in other disciplines and their larger understanding of the world as a whole.

**How do your research interests influence the courses you teach?**
As a scholar of modern architecture and urbanism, I am interested in how buildings and landscapes reflect moments of technological and societal change. One area of my research focuses on the impact of the
automobile on American architecture and urban infrastructure. Another area of my scholarship centers on mid-century homes and traces the ways that modern architecture became accessible to the mainstream public. This connects to my seminar, The Modern Home, and extends to broader conversations about settlement, consumerism and sustainability. I find these topics intellectually interesting and critically relevant to our students who need to grapple with the physical and societal legacies of these development patterns.

**SARAH KLOTZ**  
**English**  
Sarah Klotz earned a dual B.A. in English and women’s studies from The College of William and Mary and an M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of California, Davis. Prior to Holy Cross, she taught at the University of California, Davis, Butte College, the University of Southern California and Michigan State University.

**What excites you most about joining the faculty?** I am most excited about working at a small liberal arts college. As an undergraduate, I attended a liberal arts school, and the small classes and faculty mentoring taught me how to think, how to communicate and how to write. I am thrilled to participate in that learning process with my students here on The Hill.

**How do your research interests influence the courses you teach?** My scholarly interests focus on how marginalized groups engage language, writing and rhetoric to sustain their communities in times of extraordinary violence and oppression. When I teach, I focus on empowering students to make careful choices with language, so they can build a more just and equitable society. For me, writing and public speaking are all about imagining, communicating and ultimately creating change in our world.

**LIAT SPRO**  
**history**  
Liat Spiro earned a dual A.B. in history and international studies from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University. Prior to Holy Cross, she taught at Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

**What excites you most about joining the faculty?** I’m most excited about joining a community committed to interdisciplinary teaching and research, which aims with forthright attention, human care and critical thinking to repair a broken world. Locally, I’ve been inspired by the work that Stephanie Yuhl, professor of history, is doing through her community partnership project to document Worcester’s LGBTQ+ history. I look forward to exploring Worcester’s industrial history and seeing how I can incorporate the material remnants of the city’s economic eras over the landscape into student research opportunities.

**How do your research interests influence the courses you teach?** As an economic historian of the long 19th century, I teach courses on the history of capitalism in the United States and the world; the age of Jackson; work, culture and power in United States history; and the global history of technology. In my research, I use new types of evidence in visual and material culture and unexpected connections to reinterpret histories of capitalism and technology in the United States in transatlantic and global perspectives. This is exactly what I try to do in lectures and seminar discussions, as well. I hope to awaken an enduring interest in students to seek out and reckon with the entire array of political, economic, social, cultural and ethical questions within the technologies they will soon design, direct, be at the mercy of and unwittingly put to everyday use.

**ELIZABETH SPRAGINS**  
**Spanish**  
Elizabeth Spragins earned a B.A. in Spanish from Williams College, an M.A. in Spanish from Middlebury College, an M.A. in Hispanic studies from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in Iberian and Latin American cultures from Stanford University. Prior to Holy Cross, she taught at the University of California, Berkeley and Washington & Lee University.

**What excites you most about joining the faculty?** As the alumna of a liberal arts college, I believe that being at a small college is a unique opportunity to develop deeply as an intellectual and as an ethical human being, as well as to foster long-term and meaningful connections with one’s peers and mentors. I believe this environment also requires its professors to occupy a sweet spot in producing innovative research while at the same time advocating for their fields to a broader, nonspecialist public, most immediately represented by their undergraduate students.

**How do your research interests influence the courses you teach?** As a scholar of the early modern Mediterranean, I am fascinated by the cultural conversations that shaped the relationships among members of different religious groups; I particularly focus on questions surrounding identity and difference. Early modern Spanish ideologies surrounding honor, blood purity and religious orthodoxy are relevant to students today because they are, in fact, precisely the grounds that many scholars identify as precursors to the racist systems with which our society continues to grapple today. Thinking about identity, body, power and their relationship to text all inform the classes I teach on Spanish language and literature.
Ross Honored with Career Teaching Medal

Claudia Ross, professor of Chinese in the modern languages and literatures department and a 33-year faculty member, was honored in September with the 2019 Donal J. Burns ’49 Career Teaching Medal. The honor is given annually to an exceptional faculty member who has devoted their life to teaching at the College.

In an address announcing the honor, Margaret Freije, provost and dean of the College, noted that Ross was hired to establish the program at Holy Cross, “and thanks to her dedication, her enthusiasm, her energy and her commitment, we now have one of the strongest Chinese programs of any liberal arts college.

“Her colleagues who have observed her teaching agree that ‘it is not simply excellent teaching, but inspired teaching,’” Freije continued. “She uses a wide range of activities to create a fully immersive experience in the classroom. Students are not afraid to participate knowing that their errors will be ‘corrected organically, through modeling by the professor or classmates.’”

Margaret Hannick ’23 sat down with Ross to talk about the origins of her scholarship and her teaching career.

When were you first introduced to Chinese? I went through four majors before I found the major that I loved: linguistics. The only hesitation I had in choosing that as a major is that it required you to study three different languages: one European, one classical and one modern non-Indo-European language. And, frankly, there weren’t that many choices. So I just thought, All right, I’ll study Chinese.

What led you to continue studying it? I had already gotten into linguistics enough so that when I started studying the language, I understood what was under the language. I knew why things were organized the way they were. And that was really exciting to me. I thought, I’ll do another year. So I did another year, and then I learned that there was an opportunity to go to Taiwan.

It was there I realized that if you were immersed in a language, you learn it; not just for a grade on a test, but to think in the language. And that opens up everything; it opens up all these conversations with people. You understand how people think, and then they can explain things to you if you’re wrong, and it was thrilling.

Chinese is such a shift for us because we are native English speakers and Chinese has no verb conjugations, no past or future, no gender and so on. It really does shift your mind and make you think in a different way. How do you balance that now that you are both fluent in Chinese and teaching it? For me, one of the exciting things about learning Chinese was understanding that languages have different ways of expressing things. I don’t teach linguistics in a language class, but it’s something that I try to get students to understand. You have these relationships and so this is how we’re going to express it in Chinese.

I love the cultural events on campus, where I can learn more about the language. How important are things like learning how to play Mahjong or having a dumpling party? Can you speak a little more to that immersion and being in the culture? Cooking, I think, is one type of immersion that is very effective for the students who are interested in the culture.

When I first started, we had just 36 students. We’d have an event a couple of times a year, in which students would come up and they’d cook food. We’d make dumplings, we’d make all kinds of things, and everybody was enthusiastic about cooking and nobody ate the food. So we started making an authentic dish that you almost never see in an American restaurant called Shizitou – it’s a meatball made of pork or beef and steamed in cabbage. The American students liked that – they recognized it as a familiar food.

What are the things that stand out in your years here? One of the things I think every professor will tell you is that there’s a connection you make with students. And then years and years later, you’ll get an email out of the blue and it’ll say, “Do you remember me?” And I’ll say, “Yes, of course I remember you.” And people will tell you what they’re doing and sometimes they’ll come through Worcester. Anyway, that’s just fun. I think that’s the kind of thing that happens if you’re teaching at a small liberal arts college where you get to know the students.”
What is your opportunity cost of buying an iPhone?” Kolleen Rask, professor of economics, asks her class. “You wouldn’t be able to buy other products, right?”

In the case of this conversation, the term “opportunity cost” denotes the loss of potential gain from other alternatives when one option is chosen.

“What is the opportunity cost of a mother in Malawi buying diarrhea medicine for one of her children?” Murmurs make their way around the classroom. “Her other children won’t eat.”

That rhetorical question is just one of the many ways Rask is asking her students to think outside the box in her course, Economics of Inequality.

The course, run for the first time last fall with 48 students in two sections, was Rask’s brainchild.
Rising economic inequality of income, wealth and opportunity have become hot-button political issues. Inequality itself is multifaceted, so we will consider a variety of dimensions, including racial, gender, geographical, educational and international aspects of inequality.

Anecdotes abound, but unfortunately, few of us have looked carefully at either the empirical evidence or the theoretical analysis of these phenomena. This semester we will examine both.

Once word about the course spread around campus, other majors and concentrations felt it could suit their needs, as well. Now, with some expansion, the course also incorporates materials that are relevant to the international studies major and the peace and conflict studies concentration.

With a heavier-than-usual load of reading, Rask runs the course differently than many others at Holy Cross—she treats it like a graduate-level class. In addition to weekly readings, each student is responsible for writing a summary of two readings per semester. That way, Rask says, students have help reviewing readings.

The students, in turn, have taken the course and run with it.

“You don’t typically get this much opportunity for discussion in an economics course,” Rask says. “So for me, this has been really fun.”

For Darwin Contreras ’21, one of the biggest points that stuck is that there is so much more to inequality than just wealth disparity.

“Inequality is more intrinsic in our society than we thought because America is thought to be meritocratic,” he says. “In the course, we learned how much inequality actually undermines this meritocratic society we think we have created.”

The course has also allowed students to explore topics they’re passionate about.

“I’m particularly interested in diversity in the job market on a gender basis, and this class has allowed me to dive deeper into the economic, social and political dimensions of that,” says Bridget Alkin ’21. “And with the mix of economics and international studies majors in the class, the environment creates dialogue to learn from different perspectives.”

And for students like Alkin, the course has emphasized that economists can incite meaningful change.

“I’ve enhanced my ability to make real-world connections between social issues and policy ideas,” she says. “The complexities of inequality, opportunity and access that I have been exposed to throughout the semester reinforce why I study economics and how I can actively promote change.”
The Sanctae Crucis Award is the highest non-degree accolade that Holy Cross bestows on alumni, recognizing those who take up the College’s challenge to find meaning in life and history and honor their obligations to others. Meet this year’s five honorees, each of whom has embraced the Jesuit ideal of “active engagement with the world” in their own way.

(from left) Timothy L. Porter ’68, Benjamin Zawacki ’97, Kate Curran ’85, David E. Wazer, M.D., ’78 and Jane Ryder ’82 on the back steps of Wheeler Hall.
You’ve said that your life’s direction was built on lessons learned from your parents and the Jesuit education you received at Holy Cross. What did you learn from each?

My parents were public school teachers and great believers in a liberal arts education. They also believed that it was important that my older brother Mark, who was born with Down syndrome, have an active and very visible role in the life of our neighborhood, our parish and our community growing up in Worcester. At Holy Cross, we were taught that we’re here for a reason and should use our gifts to contribute to the greater good.

You have been lauded for your “innate desire to make a difference and make things better for people.” What is your most cherished accomplishment in this regard with respect to your time at DDS?

It is important to me that DDS is an agency that listens to individuals and their families. Currently, we support more than 41,000 individuals with a wide range of challenges, including autism and acquired brain injury, and we provide supports across their life span. Our services are person-centered and have evolved based on what we heard. Our supports include everything from providing around-the-clock care, to supporting individuals to self-determine their own services, to developing employment opportunities, to providing assistance so families who want to keep their sons and daughters at home are able.

You cite your brother Mark as a source of great inspiration. What is the most valuable lesson he has taught you?

Mark, who is now 61, is the kindest, most empathetic person I have ever met. He has the best outlook on life — he never has a bad day and always sees the good in everyone. I not only try to see the world through Mark’s eyes, but I also want to be sure the families of the people DDS serves are at the table and their voices are clearly heard.
You have lived your convictions in word and deed — what rewards do you find in each? Humanitarian work is all about action — on the ground, boots dirty — and that’s what I wanted, in UN refugee camps, after seven years of higher education. But the itch for more intellectual engagement never went away, which I was able to satisfy via human rights work at Amnesty, and certainly in writing a book on geopolitics.

You have noted that “the Jesuit influence is in your DNA.” What does this mean? When the most formative years of your life are spent with people for whom education and social justice are their very makeup and mission, it has a way of becoming part of your fiber, too. Put differently, the Jesuit influence became part of my hard drive, not an app I can uninstall.

You inscribed your parents’ copy of your book with a single line: “Thank you for sending me to Holy Cross.” What was your most important takeaway? The idea that the liberal arts become part of the way you think. In a world that’s increasingly specialized and competitive, the liberal arts allow you to make meaningful connections between seemingly disparate areas — intellectual connections, academic connections, human connections. You start to see the much bigger picture, and it makes life more fulfilling.

To those wishing to make a difference in the world, you would say … Attach yourself to institutions as necessary, but ensure they’re working for you and your purpose as much as you’re working for them. People, not logos, effect change.
You have built a rich life finding connections between seemingly disparate things. How did your time at Holy Cross teach you to look for the “wholeness of things?”

The holistic approach is the hallmark of Jesuit education — in simplistic terms, we talk of the wholeness of the spirit, mind and body. My undergraduate studies in philosophy and theology opened my mind to the “big picture.” And as someone from a slightly different socioeconomic background than other Holy Cross students, I also learned to look for commonalities between myself and others.

You characterized the Sanctae Crucis Award as an invitation to discern how you continue to serve and show love to others. Any thoughts on your next chapter? The seeds for what I do next are already there, but there are still mysteries. I don’t know where I’ll be led next, and that’s the fun part of it.

You have said that your Holy Cross experience educated you to be a person for others. What’s the most important ingredient in that formula? Openness — to the world around you, to people, to new experiences, to the other. I had some good models for this behavior at Holy Cross, adults who showed openness and concern and a desire to serve and be with others.

You’re an accomplished musician. Do you view your life as a score or a work of improvisation? Probably more improvisational, but it’s important to understand that improv is not a random assemblage of notes — it proceeds from a score and utilizes rules of harmony and musical theory. It’s an outgrowth of an underlying structure. Holy Cross provided me that structure — it gave me a score of knowledge, experiences and openness on which to build.

“An Renaissance man, a lover of language, law, music and theater”
You’ve been praised as someone who “epitomizes the College’s values and beliefs and puts them into action.” How do you feel that your work with School the World manifests the values and beliefs of your Holy Cross education?

My work recognizes education as an issue of social justice, which is a Jesuit value. And a liberal arts education teaches one to think critically, which I do every day in tackling the very complex problems that extreme poverty presents.

You have said that your parents instilled the concept of “giving back to something bigger than yourself” in their children. How would you like to be remembered?

As someone who made a difference in the lives of children and a contribution to the world, which I believe we all have an obligation to do.

In your acceptance speech, you noted that you had reached your goal of 100 schools and 10,000 children a year ahead of plan. What’s the next stretch goal for School the World?

By 2025, we’d like to reach a goal of establishing 250 schools and educating 25,000 children in at least four countries, if not five.

What advice would you give to other Holy Cross students and alumni searching for a way to make a difference?

Think about what really moves you — what you’re really passionate about — and begin.

The Sanctae Crucis Award recognizes those who “show the wider world the very best of what Holy Cross has to offer.” What is that quality for you?

Two things: One, a strong liberal arts education, which teaches the value of thinking critically, and two, an education that recognizes an obligation to live a purposeful life of service to others.

“Change agent and champion for the underserved”

Kate Curran
CLASS OF 1985

Founder, School the World

EDUCATION
A.B., English, Holy Cross | J.D., Quinnipiac University School of Law, cum laude

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Founder and CEO, School the World, a nonprofit that, among other things, has built 100 schools serving 11,258 students in Guatemala and Honduras, empowered 6,248 parents, created 401 classroom libraries and trained 301 teachers | GE Capital, vice president of external affairs | U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, law clerk

HONORS
Network 2020 Innovator Award in Global Affairs, Humanitarian Aid | 2019 finalist, Ernst & Young New England Entrepreneur of the Year

S A N C T A E C R U C I S  2 0 1 9  /  3 9
You’ve observed that a liberal arts education creates resilient people who can think creatively. Can you give me an example? There is scarcely a single problem I encounter for which I can turn to a textbook for a complete answer, and adherence to rigorous scientific method coupled with creativity is a must. I am often presented with imperfect or incomplete information, must analyze it thoroughly and arrive at a decision on how best to proceed. But in dealing with the human side of caring for patients or management of staff, I am most grateful for the resilience imparted by the soulful insights of William Faulkner, the character lessons of Plutarch and the ethical guidance of Thomas Aquinas.

You’re recognized worldwide as a leader in applying new technology in the treatment of cancer. How does creativity come to bear in your day-to-day work? I love technology, especially the science that underpins it. However, technology is just a tool – the real magic happens in the process of imagination of how to use that tool to improve the lives of people.

What would you say to the next generation of Holy Cross students seeking to make a difference in the world? To really change the world, you need to bring others along with you and that requires effective communication – orally and with the written word. These are skills that must be constantly nourished and practiced. To this day, I remain an avid student of great orators and writers.

What’s the most imaginative thing you’ve done as a physician? Becoming a teacher. The privilege of educating the next generation of physicians and scientists requires an enormous amount of imagination as I cultivate the special talents every individual brings to the table.
Margaret Freije, provost and dean of the College, and Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., stand with this year’s honorees (middle, left to right) Purple Patch photos of Porter ’68, Curran ’85, Wazer ’78, Ryder ’82, Zawacki ’97.
Melissa DeChellis '02 needed an ambulance. Instead, she was bouncing around in the back of a pickup truck, on a winding mountain road on the Caribbean island of Dominica. That morning, she had woken up with pain and swelling in her right leg and, instead of going to her classes at Ross University School of Medicine as planned, she needed immediate medical attention. It turned out to be a blood clot, in the same leg that had endured a congenital clubfoot throughout her childhood and 15 reconstructive surgeries throughout her late teens and 20s.

“It was a great American medical school, but you [still] don’t want to become sick when you’re on a remote island,” DeChellis says. “They took me to an adobe hut of
a hospital, where I became infected with parasites. They needed to MedFlight me to Puerto Rico.”

In Puerto Rico, DeChellis used the medical Spanish she learned during an immersion and medical service trip to Guatemala years before, advocating for her care in her second language. Meanwhile, she was trying to get in touch with a vascular surgeon at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston for whom she had worked in a research job. With the surgeon’s help, DeChellis was able to arrange a MedFlight home to Boston, so doctors at Brigham and Women’s could treat her leg.

“I was not sure I would make it off either of the islands,” DeChellis says, thinking back on the November 2007 ordeal. “At first, they tried multiple procedures to save the leg, but several years later in late 2012, my leg was completely compromised, and I had a really difficult decision to make: salvage what was left of my leg or amputate it. I was facing several surgeries and probably a lifetime of intolerable, chronic pain. Having been in chronic pain before, from all the reconstructive surgeries and years of immobility that followed, it was a difficult decision, but probably one of the clearest and best decisions of my life. Not many people have the opportunity to hit a reset button — and making the decision to electively amputate my leg was my reset button.”

**362 STEPS**

It might seem unusual for someone to think of amputation as a way to regain mobility, rather than lose it, but for DeChellis, it’s equal parts a positive outlook on a tough situation and the cold truth. Her right leg had been causing her pain since birth, first with the congenital clubfoot and then after a devastating sliding injury that broke her foot and ankle during a high school softball game. DeChellis still remembers there were exactly 362 steps from her freshman dorm at the top of campus, Hanselman Hall, down to Kimball Dining Hall. Many a Holy Cross student has bemoaned the steep descent to Kimball — especially during Worcester’s icy winters — but it was different for DeChellis. She spent the majority of her college years with her right leg in a cast and used crutches to get around — a feat on any campus, but especially arduous on the legendary hills of Mount St. James. She jokes she now uses those well-developed arms in CrossFit workouts, but it was a challenging time.

“It made me think twice about those three meals a day,” she says of the distance from Hanselman to Kimball. “And during the winter months, I was a frequent flyer with the Holy Cross public safety officers, who would drive me to class: me and my backpack full of heavy science books.”

Despite these obstacles, she was determined to finish her degree because it was her lifelong dream to go to medical school and become a pediatric orthopedic surgeon — the same type of specialist that helped her overcome her clubfoot as a child. Plus, DeChellis says, “I fell in love with the campus the moment I stepped foot on it. It was gorgeous, expansive.”

That expansiveness turned into a hurdle, but she persevered, graduating with majors in biology and premedicine (now the Health Professions Advising Preprofessional Program). After graduation, her leg healed enough that she could work on her feet with minimal pain, as long as it was wrapped in athletic tape. DeChellis prepared for medical school for five years by earning her EMT certification, working in an emergency room and as a clinical researcher, and on a medical mission trip to Guatemala.

“I was living a lifelong dream,” she says of studying medicine at Ross, “but in a second, everything can be flipped upside down. I was less than a year into medical school when the blood clot happened.”

Together with her husband, Mike, in 2013, DeChellis decided to amputate her right leg below the knee, even though it meant leaving medical school and an arduous recovery process.

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(opposite) Melissa (Pierre) DeChellis ’02 sits on a hospital bed after surgery on her right leg. As an amputee, having procedures to maintain the limb is a lifelong reality.
“At that point, my leg had just been a hindrance, and we made the decision to move forward without it,” she says. “All I needed to know from him was that he was in full support. And he told me to get rid of that ugly leg and get a new one.” DeChellis underwent the amputation of her right leg on April 4, 2013.

ROAD TO RECOVERY
On May 1, 2013, Judi Gray arrived at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston for the monthly meeting of an amputee support group. Gray, who lost a leg in a motorcycle accident in 1973, volunteers as a mentor for new amputees. That day the meeting was unusually large – 30 people in the room, many of whom were recovering from the Boston Marathon bombing 16 days earlier. DeChellis was among this group because her elective amputation surgery took place a week before the bombing.

“Melissa was down at the end of the table, and you could tell she was brand-spanking new -- lots of questions, lots of confusion, pretty angry,” Gray remembers from their first meeting. “She was just scrambling to make a connection. The one thing I noticed about her was her medical knowledge. She was very well-spoken and she just kind of stood out from everybody in that room that day. We connected right off the bat.”

Gray became DeChellis’ mentor, offering emotional support and advice about prosthetics and living without a limb. Today, the 66-year-old Gray says she and DeChellis, 39, are family: “Melissa is like my adopted daughter.”

There were more amputees than usual at Spaulding in the bombing’s aftermath, and DeChellis said the atmosphere was one of camaraderie and support as everyone tried to recover and learn to walk with prosthetics. But the influx of patients made it hard for prosthetic providers to keep up, and DeChellis experienced complications at her amputation site while waiting for a prosthetic leg.

“Unfortunately, because there were so many people that needed legs all at the same time, there was a bottleneck for prosthetics,” she says. “I didn’t get a leg in the most timely manner, which then led to me needing a pretty extensive revision surgery in 2015 that took 6 more inches off my leg. It was a huge step back for me, and I think that the second time was a little bit more emotionally straining.”

Already years into rebuilding her strength and learning how to walk with a prosthetic, she had to start all over again after the second surgery. “It was very daunting to know that you had to go through it again and kind of difficult to muster that courage,” she remembers.

With the support of her husband and Gray, DeChellis’ entire world revolved around her recovery and physical therapy. Continuing complications with her leg led to prolonged hospital stays and prevented her from holding a job.

“My husband worked for both of us while we incurred unfathomable medical costs. I could feel myself changing from a fiercely independent, adventurous and outgoing person to one who was held prisoner in my own body and home,” she says of the first few years of her recovery.

But a chance meeting changed everything. One of DeChellis’ friends from recovery at Spaulding is Heather Abbott, a Boston Marathon bombing survivor, whose eponymous foundation helps amputees obtain prosthetic limbs. At a fundraiser for Abbott’s organization, DeChellis heard about a program in Texas called the Adaptive Training Foundation (ATF). ATF is a nine-week, boot camp-style program that helps amputees bridge the gap between rehab and adaptive sports. DeChellis saw an opportunity to “tap back into that inner athlete” she had been before her high school softball injury and get involved in adaptive sports, competitive and recreational sports for people with disabilities.

TURNING POINT IN TEXAS
DeChellis traveled to Carrollton, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, in fall 2017 to take part in ATF, her trip sponsored by a donor to the organization. Laurie Rossman was her trainer for the duration of the program and remembers at that point, “[Melissa] said she wondered if she’d ever get to kayak or run on the beach again.”

But then she got to work in personalized exercise sessions with Rossman, and in mindfulness and mental health trainings. The ATF trainers help amputee athletes adapt traditional exercises, such as cardio or weightlifting, and make them possible and accessible with limb loss. Under Rossman’s guidance, DeChellis ran for the first time in years, on a treadmill surrounded by fellow amputees and wounded warriors from the military, all clapping and cheering her on.

“It was wonderful when she realized that she could run and did run,” Rossman says. “We have this adaptive curved treadmill that is activated by the pressure of the athlete running on it. [I remember] Melissa was running on it, and it was pretty exciting for her, pretty exciting for everybody.”

Running was one of many post-amputation firsts for DeChellis in Texas. She jumped again. She performed a box jump, a CrossFit move
in which athletes launch from the ground up onto a box in front of them. She lifted a barbell for the first time. During a trip with the group to Park City, Utah, she got on skis for the first time since her surgeries. And by the end of the nine weeks, DeChellis had completed her first CrossFit workout and discovered she loved the challenge. "Throughout this entire program and process, I learned that when you jump outside your comfort zone, it’s where truly amazing things happen," she says. “And with each little challenge, you build your confidence to push that boundary a little further, and when you teeter right outside your comfort zone, you’re constantly growing and challenging yourself.”

Rossman remembers that DeChellis was also constantly encouraging the other athletes as she worked toward her own milestones. “Everyone in her class at ATF gravitated toward her,” she says. “They knew the compassion in her heart and care for them; her nonstop ‘I can do this’ was so inspiring to the other athletes there.” DeChellis received the organization’s very first Iron Man (or Woman) Award, an honor voted by her peers.

At the program’s graduation ceremony, DeChellis and Rossman learned that it was Rossman’s donation that had enabled DeChellis to participate in the program. “It was the biggest wave of emotion,” DeChellis says, thinking back to that moment. “I mean, how do you thank somebody that truly helped give you your life back?”

BACK TO BOSTON

Armed with renewed physical and mental strength, DeChellis returned to Boston in December 2017 and joined a CrossFit gym in Beverly. She got a job as a clinical research coordinator at Spaulding, managing clinical trials for people who have sustained traumatic spinal cord injuries. She was so inspired by the care she received at Spaulding, she decided to work at the same hospital that helped her find her own strength once again.

As her life began to stabilize, DeChellis reflected that she had been hiding her leg during the beginning of her recovery, treating it as an imperfection to be hidden by clothes and fabric. Friends and family were not very supportive during her initial recovery, which fueled DeChellis’ desire to eventually found a nonprofit support and activity group for new amputees, creating the community many lack following a life-changing event like an amputation. “It took me a while to eventually feel comfortable in my own skin. And it...
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was going down to Texas — and truly challenging myself mind, body and soul — that led me to accept myself for who I am, with all of the imperfections,” she says. “From that point forward, I haven’t hidden my leg. It’s been a work in progress and took me a while to find my confidence, but I’m proud to show who I am and what I’ve been through.”

Now, DeChellis often wears colorful, laser-printed covers that wrap around her prosthetic leg. It seems fitting for someone with a mentor like Gray, who has Swarovski crystals on her prosthetic leg: “I blinged it out,” Gray laughs.

DeChellis’ active social media presence is another way of making her prosthetic leg and self-acceptance journey more visible. On her Instagram account, @melissadechellis, she shares candidly about her recovery highs and
She frequently tags her posts #perfectlyimperfect and #progressnotperfection, and shares pictures of everything from hikes with her husband and their dog, Dolly, and CrossFit workouts in the gym, to post-surgery progress updates. She compares it to Japanese Kintsugi pottery: “When a piece of pottery breaks, they glue the pieces back together, but they paint the cracks in gold, showing that scars can be beautiful. I like the person I am now more than the person I was before [limb loss]. It put the pieces back a little differently, into a stronger, more confident and adventurous version of myself. And I share that I’m in progress, not perfect, and I like to embody the

Living and competing adaptively abled is a team endeavor. These images represent people who have supported DeChellis through this reset stage of her life and those she now helps support through her nonprofit. (above middle) The tattoo DeChellis inked last year to mark her six-year “ampuversary.”
idea of being perfectly imperfect.”

FORMING COMMUNITY
More than six years after her leg was amputated, DeChellis is thriving. She's competing in international CrossFit competitions, she's an adaptive CrossFit coach and she's studying to become a personal trainer. She's also following in the footsteps of her mentor, Gray, mentoring other new amputees.

“There is Anna, I call her Daughter Number Two,” Gray says. “She came to America from Poland for an amputation. Melissa has been the best support [for Anna], giving her rides to where we go for workouts or rides to the doctor, if she needs food – every aspect she has been there for her.”

Now that DeChellis has found her way, she wants to help make the path easier for others. Even with a mentor and support group at Spaulding, she still found the recovery process lonely and isolating. This led DeChellis to form New England's first social and activity group for those living with limb loss and their family members: Adaptively Abled Amputees. The nonprofit offers support groups, social events and adaptive sports, all with the aim of creating a community for people living with limb loss. It has 140 members, with 30 to 40 attending monthly support group meetings and social outings.

Looking ahead, DeChellis wants to expand her group's adaptive sports offerings. In October 2019, she ran a pilot six-week fitness program for 10 athletes with physical disabilities called Adaptively Abled Fitness, inspired by the format and experience of ATF. Gray was the oldest athlete to take part in the program, and she noticed an immediate difference in her day job as an antique dealer: “I play golf, but you know, I'm older; you get stiff. I cannot believe the change in six weeks in my mobility, my agility, my balance. I'm flipping tires and I'm throwing ropes. I'm doing pull-ups. They adapt it to what your needs are. I'm always lifting at my antique business and the change in my strength is crazy.”

After a successful pilot, DeChellis is on the hunt for funding and sponsorship to offer a second session and make Adaptively Abled Fitness an ongoing program. “I was her mentor, but I gotta tell you, she's mentoring me more than I ever anticipated at my age,” Gray says. “Her tenacity to get this up and going, the hours, the work, the dedication – I'm just her wingman.”

REBIRTH
On April 4, 2019, DeChellis got a tattoo (opposite page) to mark what she calls her six-year “ampuversary,” the anniversary of the day her right leg was amputated. On the back of her neck and upper spine was inked an arrow pointing upward, with phoenix feathers and flames on the arrow’s tail, along with the Finnish word “sisu,” which represents extraordinary determination, courage and resoluteness in the face of extreme adversity.

“I chose the symbols of the arrow, meaning moving forward, and a phoenix giving rebirth to oneself from the ashes, because I truly believe everything in my life has led me down this unique path,” DeChellis says. “Losing my leg was just the beginning of the life I’m living now and it was my reset button and my rebirth.

“I truly feel like grit is what helped me get through all of the difficult parts of my journey – grit and perseverance. From that moment in April 2013, it has been a wild and crazy journey, but it’s opened my mind and my heart. I’ve developed a new perspective and I was led down a path that I never would have foreseen for myself otherwise, had I not been in that particular circumstance and in that situation.”
Research shows politics is affecting Americans’ mental health now more than ever. How can voters stay engaged without burning out?

BY MICHAEL BLANDING
If you thought presidential election seasons were tumultuous in the past, brace yourself for Election 2020.

The 24-hour news cycle, smartphones and ubiquity of social media have caused politics to invade Americans’ lives in ways that have upended their sense of calm and left many constantly on edge.

In a newly published study, University of Nebraska–Lincoln Professor Kevin Smith found that following the 2016 presidential election, 38% of people in a nationally representative sample felt stressed-out by politics, with 26% experiencing depression and 21% a lack of sleep. Nearly 30% reported they lost their temper over the topic and 20% said that political disagreements cost them friendships. About 4% even said it made them consider suicide, a figure representing about 10 million Americans.

“Political interest and engagement is typically viewed as a good thing — a civic virtue,” says Smith, the Leland J. and Dorothy H. Olson Chair of Political Science and department chair. “But we found tens and tens of millions of Americans perceive it as exacting a significant toll on their social, psychological and physical health.”

Nor has that anxiety seemed to abate since the last election — in fact, it’s gotten stronger, according to an annual survey by the American Psychological Association (APA). For more than a decade, the organization’s Stress in America survey has asked Americans what causes them the most stress. In August 2016, it added a question about the upcoming presidential election for the first time, finding that 52% of respondents considered it a significant source of stress in their lives. In 2019, that figure stood at 56%. “That is telling us there is a sustained level of stress in our political climate,” says psychologist Lynn Bufka, APA associate executive director for practice, research and policy.

While Smith and Bufka found members of both parties stressed-out by politics, their data shows that Democrats seem to be slightly more affected. In addition, both studies found a higher rate of political anxiety in young people. While teens tend to have higher rates of anxiety anyway, their limited political experience may make today’s polarized moment seem particularly extreme. “Those above [age] 35 have lived through different economic and political times and realize we do come through things,” Smith surmises. “When you are young, you don’t have a lot of memories of past times.”

The APA’s study also found increased political stress among women, LGBTQ individuals, and racial and ethnic communities. That corresponds to a rise in stress due to discrimination, Bufka says.

“These individuals may be linking their experience of discrimination and corresponding stress of that to the political situation,” she speculates, though the survey did not ask that question directly.

Whatever the cause, the constant barrage of stress during the day can take its toll on our bodies. “We all start the day with a certain stress bank inside of us,” explains psychologist David Chesire, who studies anxiety and is an associate professor at the University of Florida College of Medicine. As we encounter difficult circumstances — a string of red lights on the way to work, an infuriating Facebook post — we draw on that account. “To deal with stress, you are constantly making a withdrawal of your coping reserve. When it hits zero, you’ve lost the ability to cope.”

Unchecked, chronic stress can put people at risk of a host of health conditions, Bufka notes, not just depression and anxiety, but also cardiovascular issues, high blood pressure, obesity and even cancer: “It puts you at greater risk, just as too much alcohol or eating too much or not exercising puts you at risk.”

**Perfect Storm of Outrage**

“The stress level for this election is dramatically more intense than the stress level for the 2016 election,” says Tim Bishop ’72, a former six-term Democratic congressman for New York and current distinguished visiting lecturer at the College’s J.D. Power Center for Liberal Arts in the World.

And while anxiety is high, its existence is not new.

“We’ve certainly gone through periods of polarization before,” notes Daniel Klinghard, Holy Cross professor of political science and director of the J.D. Power Center, pointing to the 1960s, the Great Depression, the Civil War and even the split into parties by the Founding Fathers. “This is a unique peculiar kind of intensity.”

(left) The illustration is an homage to an ouroboros, a snake that eats its own tail, symbolizing the parties continuing interactions; it also represents one’s mind if one is caught in a constant anxiety loop over politics. (right) Some lead with their heart...
kind of polarization, however, in that it’s penetrated into the average person’s life in ways that it didn’t for most people during, say, the Jefferson-Hamilton dispute."

Feeding the division is a never-ending push of real-time information, news, analysis and opinion, only one click away, thanks to mobile technology and social media. “We are all walking around with access to more information in our pockets than people 200 years ago saw in their lifetimes,” Bufka notes.

“We’ve only lived in this fervor for less than a decade and at a minimum, it’s not helping,” Smith says. “You slap all of that on top of a society that is already grappling with a lot of cross-cutting social cleavage, from race to the #MeToo movement, and it’s a perfect storm.”

That storm can develop into a vicious cycle, as many start expecting — and even seeking out — the next outrage. That’s what happened to Klinghard a few years ago. “I realized when I was checking Twitter, I was searching for the day’s big controversy and not really thinking about the news,” he says. “It was anxiety driving cultural check-in.” Since then, he’s begun limiting his social media use. “What I’ve been saying to folks — and it’s a very Jesuit thing — is think about what you are feeling and whether you feel energized or drained by the experience. Am I doing it for information or entertainment?”

Oftentimes, the anxiety people experience can be caused by a feeling of uncertainty and lack of control over the negativity in the political world, psychologists say. In order to regain control, those affected might check out of politics entirely or get so involved they go down rabbit holes of polls, blogs and conspiracy theories. That, in turn, sends people into echo chambers that only make them feel more alienated from the other side.

“It’s no secret we are living in a world right now where we are having a harder time as a culture appreciating different points of view other than our own,” Chesire says. While in past times of stress we may naturally rely on friends, family and coworkers for support, “oftentimes our friends and family and coworkers may have different views than our own,” only exacerbating a sense of isolation, he adds.

COPE AND CHANGE

While a desire to disengage from politics entirely can be a natural response, that

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Tim Bishop ’72

(left) ... while others lead with their head when voting. (right) With 32 Democratic and Republican 2020 presidential contenders entering (and some exiting) during the cycle thus far, tracking the nonstop news can feel like an Election 2020 version of the classic game Guess Who.
turtling comes at a price, Bishop says: "As stress-inducing as it is, voters have to put a priority on staying informed because our democracy depends on it — not just on people voting, but on people voting in an informed way."

There are, of course, tried and true ways people can make deposits in their coping reserve to guard against stress: yoga, meditation, prayer or simply doing something they enjoy. "One of the most important skills we develop when we enter adulthood is our ability to relax," Chesire says.

Coupled with those techniques is the key decision to reduce the constant flow of information, either by creating a "technology-free zone," such as the bedroom or dinner table — where checking the phone is off-limits — or by setting certain times of the day when social media is ignored.

"You don’t want to disengage altogether, but we can choose where and when to engage," Bufka says. "You can say, ‘I don’t check news after 9 p.m.’ or ‘I don’t check news in the morning before I have my coffee and go for a run.’" Klinghard decided that he would check news while getting dressed, but not while eating breakfast, and would listen to the radio on the way to work, but not on the way home.

"We can’t trust this sense that more digging is going to get us more truth," he says. "Limiting ourselves to fewer sources would probably make us happier." For himself, he switched from Twitter to Reddit to get his news, which allows him to curate his news feed with more control and follow communities of special interest. In addition, he subscribes to the Washington Post and respected publications on both sides of the spectrum — Slate and the National Review — to keep up with the news of the day.

People can also restore a sense of control over their lives by unplugging and finding positive ways to take action, says Bufka, whether it’s campaigning for a chosen candidate, taking part in a political rally or making calls to a member of Congress. "For some people, that can feel like they are getting out the ideas that are important to them," she adds. "They are engaging with people who have the same questions and concerns and may feel some shared strength in that."

Counterintuitively, engaging in conversations with people who don’t necessarily share your views can help reduce stress by narrowing the perceived gulf, Bufka adds. "Fundamentally, most of us want our families to be healthy, we want work that allows us to have a comfortable living and we want an environment that is clean," she says. "We can find some places where we have common ground."

While talking to the "other side" at first may seem scary — perhaps even anxiety-producing — in the long run, it can help build tolerance and resilience. "Seeing an opposing point of view evokes cognitive stress," Chesire says. "But, over time, you may be able to shift perspectives and not consider them as completely antithetical." Like any good skill, developing that kind of empathy and good citizenship takes practice, but starting by turning on different news channels and listening with a curious attitude can help acquire tolerance over time. "Discomfort is nature’s way of telling us this is growth," he adds. "Maybe we can emerge better listeners and more empathic."

Klinghard reminds us that, ultimately, political strife never lasts forever. "These things come in cycles and people burn themselves out and lose their taste for the fight," he says. "There are these big moments and then there tends to be a return back toward comity and peace." The trick, he says, is to do that without sweeping difficult issues under the rug. By confronting the issues that divide us now — however difficult and stressful that might seem — we have an opportunity to reduce anxiety in the future.

"When people open their hearts and listen more to their neighbors than their newscasters, it goes a long way to having productive conversations," says Peter Flaherty ’87, a longtime political consultant who has run campaigns for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, former U.S. Sen. Scott Brown and other Republican candidates, and is currently a distinguished visiting lecturer at the J.D. Power Center. "Too many times people try and avoid politics at all costs — but political issues are human issues. When people can have a conversation, liberals might find two or three things they like about Donald Trump and conservatives can find a few things they like about some of the Democratic candidates. That’s the best way to get engaged and stay engaged."
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Goalkeeper Sophia Lettieri ’21 makes a save during women’s soccer’s 1-0 win over Navy, the program’s first over the Mids since 2000. Holy Cross went on to qualify for the postseason for the first time in 19 years, clinching the No. 2 seed in the 2019 Patriot League Tournament.
The Holy Cross football team won the 2019 Patriot League title and returned to the postseason for the first time since 2009, capping off a season that saw 12 Crusaders win all-league honors and head coach Bob Chesney named coach of the year.

While the team lost to Monmouth University (11-2) in the first round of the NCAA football championship subdivision playoffs on Nov. 30, it was a successful fall for the Crusaders, who won six of their last eight games, defeating Georgetown, Fordham, Lehigh, Colgate, Brown and Bucknell.

The Crusaders’ shutout of Georgetown at Fitton Field in the final regular season game advanced the team to the NCAA playoffs for the third time in school history, with previous appearances...

Second-year head coach Chesney was named the Patriot League Dick Biddle Coach of the Year. A two-time Northeast-10 Conference Coach of the Year selection during his time leading Assumption College, Chesney is 12-12 overall at Holy Cross and 79-37 in 10 years as a collegiate head coach.

Holy Cross senior running back Domenic Cozier was named the 2019 Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year, as voted by the conference’s head coaches. This is Cozier’s second year in a row earning All-Patriot League honors; he was a second team selection in 2018. In 2019, he led the team with 1,147 rushing yards and seven touchdowns. He also led the Patriot League in rushing yards.

Cozier was also named to the 2019 Division I All-New England football team, as announced by the New England Football Writers’ Association. Senior defensive back Chris Riley was also selected for the honor, and the duo was among 33 New England players named to the squad. Riley started all 13 of the Crusaders’ 2019 games at free safety and led the team with five interceptions and eight pass breakups. He finished the season leading the Patriot League in interceptions.

Junior quarterback Connor Degenhardt and sophomore tailback Peter Oliver were named to the 2019 Academic All-Patriot League football team, as announced by the conference office. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have reached sophomore academic standing with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average and be a starter or key reserve.

CRUSADERS EARNING ALL-LEAGUE HONORS

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
Domenic Cozier, running back, senior

Brett Boddy, offensive lineman, senior
Brian Foley, offensive lineman, junior

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
Connor Degenhardt, quarterback, junior
Ayir Asante, wide receiver, freshman
Derek Mountain, tight end, senior

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE
Mark Ebo, defensive lineman, senior
Jacob Dobbs, linebacker, freshman
Corey Stefanik, defensive back, senior
Terrell Prince, linebacker, special teams, sophomore

STATS OF NOTE
• The Crusaders’ five Patriot League victories this year tied for the most in school history, matching the mark of the 1990 (5-0), 1991 (5-0), 2008 (5-1) and 2009 (5-1) teams.
5,425 Miles, 24 States and 31 Pairs of Shoes

Why Matty Gregg ’00 left a career at Apple to run across the country.

BY SANDRA GITTLEN

Matthew “Matty” Gregg ’00 was 6 years old when he first dreamed of being a transcontinental runner. The idea was sparked after he watched a biopic on Terry Fox, a Canadian amputee, who ran coast to coast in 1980 to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

Gregg let the idea simmer until Nov. 6, 2018, when, at the age of 40, he set out from Cupertino, California, on a nine-month, 5,425-mile epic adventure. His journey crossed 24 states, ending in Concord, New Hampshire, and included unexpected twists such as being mistaken for a highway bomber by Louisiana police, running through snowstorms and heatwaves, and adopting a stray kitten that followed him through a desolate town in Georgia.

Gregg was a manager and engineer at Apple for 13 years, leading the Apple Pay global team and developing internal and external training tools that are still in use at Apple retail stores. He decided to plot his run – and give his 18-month notice – in 2017 after surgery to repair a neck injury. “If I didn’t do it soon, I wouldn’t be healthy enough to do it at all,” he says, explaining that years of undertaking ultramarathons (50-mile and 100-mile races) and ultra-distance obstacle course racing had taken their toll.

A risk taker since he was young — a trait he attributes to his mother — Gregg says he wasn’t afraid to leave his comfortable life on the West Coast. “I’m not really afraid of change. This is something I wanted to do and need to do,” he says, referencing this famous quote from Apple founder Steve Jobs:
I think if you do something and it turns out pretty good, then you should go do something else wonderful, not dwell on it for too long. Just figure out what’s next.”

Gregg’s goal for the run was twofold: gather insight for a book he’s writing, “Democracy in America 2,” a continuation of Alexis de Tocqueville’s “Democracy in America,” which he first read as a political science major at Holy Cross, and raise awareness and money for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN), a nationwide nonprofit that educates firefighters about cancer risks, mentors them during a cancer diagnosis and supports research.

His book, to be published this year, picks up where de Tocqueville left off, examining the impact of the Industrial Revolution, communications and technology on society and democracy. Gregg interviewed people in cities and towns across America and wrote a series of essays that draws comparisons and contrasts about their lifestyles and environments.

He also visited more than 200 firehouses along his route and raised nearly $140,000 for FCSN. Cancer caused 70% of line-of-duty deaths for career firefighters in 2016, according to the organization. Gregg first learned about the nonprofit on a training run with a fire chief in California and felt he could make an impact. “Holy Cross was a great influence for me, not just fundraising for this run, but being charitable in general,” he notes.

Word of Gregg’s adventure spread among the firefighter community, bringing many, like 35-year veteran firefighter
Ted DePaolo, out to meet him. DePaolo retired in 2018 from the Milford, Massachusetts, fire department when his esophageal cancer spread and required surgeons to remove 65% of his stomach. His last days as a firefighter coincided with the first steps of Gregg’s journey.

“My mornings are tough, but I really wanted to thank him in person,” says DePaolo, who met Gregg at a Natick, Massachusetts, firehouse one July morning when Gregg’s run took him through central Massachusetts. Like other firefighters along the way, DePaolo shared with Gregg the toll cancer has taken on his firehouse and his family. In 2018, TV station Boston 25 reported that nine Milford firefighters, including DePaolo, were either battling cancer or had passed away from it. “The money Matty raised will help a lot of my brother and sister firefighters battling this horrendous disease,” DePaolo says.

Gregg’s coast-to-coast trek raised awareness of occupational cancer “better than any ad campaign,” notes Russell Osgood, FCSN state director for New Hampshire and a lieutenant in the Portsmouth Fire Department. Firefighters have a 9% higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14% higher risk of dying from cancer than the general U.S. population, according to research by the CDC/National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety.

“Matty’s run will help us make sure we have enough tool kits for all the newly diagnosed firefighters and that we can expand our education programs and mentor network even further,” Osgood says.

As part of his Massachusetts route, Gregg followed the Boston Marathon course from Hopkinton to Boston. As a sign of gratitude, FCSN coordinated with Boston Engine 33 Ladder 15 to provide Gregg with a fire engine escort across the Boston Marathon finish line on Boylston Street.

Gregg, who ran through 31 pairs of sneakers by the time he finished in Concord on August 7, 2019, says he’s enjoyed putting his feet up, cuddling with his new kitten, Ash, and reflecting on his massive undertaking. He’s also starting to ruminate on his next big idea: running for office in Nashua, New Hampshire, his hometown and new residence (he recently purchased his childhood home).

“If you think you can do something way beyond the realm of possibility, do it, but afford yourself the time to do it right,” he says. “This trip wasn’t impulsive. If it were, we would have seen a lot more challenges along the way.”
Mystery Photo

Time for some Frisbee in front of O’Kane, but who are the players? And when? Email hcmag@holycross.edu and help us solve this mystery.
“How do you people know each other?”

He had a quizzical look on his face, as if he couldn’t quite compute what the connection was among the eight of us. We ranged in age from 20s to 60s.

“How are you here because you did something wrong?”

You couldn’t blame him for asking. I guess. He was about 16 years old and had, undoubtedly, been assigned to this nonprofit as a way to work off some indiscretion or rules violation at school. It reminded me of the cross-country T-shirt: “Our sport is your sport’s punishment.”

When we explained to him that we didn’t know each other, but we all went to the same college, he was even more surprised.

“You don’t have to be here, but you are here, and having fun at this?”

Well, some of that was true. We were all having fun working together. What he couldn’t know is that we had to be there in a way different from what he expected. We had to be there because we are Holy Cross alumni and that’s what we do.

That little experience at last year’s Holy Cross Cares Day reinforced for me that there is something special about being a Crusader. Be it nurture or nature, we all are blessed with the inclination to help others. It must be something in the Kimball food.

With that in mind, the HCAA is planning on stepping up our sponsorship of Holy Cross Cares Day. This year’s events will center around April 18. We’ll be working hard to get as many alumni out helping others on that day, and we hope you’ll join the effort.

Whether it be cleaning up a local park, helping at a food bank or serving food at a shelter, please give some thought as to how you can help your community on April 18. Groups can be as small as a handful, and you don’t have to change the world all at once.

Mark your calendars and join us in making a difference.

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

A Note from Mike

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Winter Homecoming**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

On Saturday, Jan. 25, gather with fellow Crusaders, families and friends for a day of activities on The Hill! Featured events include the men’s basketball game vs. BU, family swimming and skating in the Hart Center at the Luth Athletic Complex, brunch in Kimball, celebration of Mass, a family movie in the Seelos Theatre and a post-game celebration.

This year’s giving challenge, The Power of Purple, will also be in full swing – come home and join in the excitement!

A full schedule of events can be found at holycross.edu/homecoming.
HCLA Announces First Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree

The Holy Cross Lawyers Association (HCLA) has announced Hon. Edward F. Harrington ’55 as the recipient of its new Edward Bennett Williams ’41 Lifetime Achievement Award. The award will be given on an annual basis to a member of the Holy Cross community for distinguished service to the legal profession and devotion to the College.

During his tenure on the bench, he employed many alumni as law clerks. He is the father of three Crusaders, John M. Harrington ’80, Mary Harrington Power ’81 and Elizabeth H. Carroll ’84, and the grandfather of Jacqueline M. Harrington ’22.

The award will be presented to Harrington at Winter Homecoming in January.

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.
Vellaccio to be Honored at Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York 20th Annual Dinner

The Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York will honor Frank Vellaccio, P’14, P’07, P’97, at its annual dinner, on June 10 at The Pierre in New York City.

Since joining the faculty as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1974, Vellaccio has held many positions at Holy Cross, including dean of the College; vice president for academic affairs; provost; acting president of the College; and senior vice president emeritus and special advisor to the offices of the president and advancement.

Among many achievements over his long service, Vellaccio in the late 1990s helped to revitalize alumni engagement in New York City and worked with prominent alumni to establish the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York.

In its 20-year history, the leadership council dinner has raised more than $7 million to help create and expand experiential learning opportunities for Holy Cross students, and increase alumni networking opportunities in the New York metropolitan area.

This year’s dinner will be co-chaired by Tom Carey ’66, Heidi Brake Smith ’82 and Hon. Harry Thomas ’78.

To learn more, visit holycross.edu/alumni/hc1cny or call Trish Gibbons Haylon ’83, P’17 at 508-793-2369.

An Evening With Fr. James J. Martin, S.J.

Join fellow alumni in New York City for this special Holy Cross Alumni Association 150th anniversary event!

Event and registration information available at alumni.holycross.edu/150martin

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, March 30
Limited seating

Spring Training Getaway Set for March

Alumni, parents and families are invited to a special Holy Cross get-together at JetBlue Park, winter home of the Boston Red Sox on Sunday, March 8, in Fort Myers, Florida.

Tickets are $68 per person and include a pregame buffet barbecue and a ticket to watch the Sox take on the Minnesota Twins, starting at 1:05 p.m.

Space is limited and tickets are first come, first served.

For more information, visit or call 508-793-2418.
Homecoming Harvest Celebration

The Homecoming Harvest Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019, brought together the Holy Cross Alumni Association and President’s Council to honor and give thanks for the support and volunteerism of our alumni community.

The evening included the presentation of the HCAA’s In Hoc Signo Award to Rabbi Norman Cohen ’72, Kathleen Taylor Connolly ’77, Stephen Kelleher ’71, and Michael Toner ’63, and the Young Alumni Leadership Award to Payton Shubrick ’15.

Call for HCAA Award Nominations

The Holy Cross Alumni Association invites nominations for the 2020 In Hoc Signo and Young Alumni Leadership awards.

The In Hoc Signo Award is the alumni association’s highest honor and recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves by their dedicated, outstanding and lengthy service to the College, alumni organizations, regional clubs or class. The Young Alumni Leadership Award is presented to an alumnus/a who has graduated within the past 10 years (2010-2019) and has demonstrated outstanding service to alma mater through the alumni association’s committees and activities, regional club or class.

The deadline for submitting nominations, noting the qualifications of each nominee, is Jan. 21. For more details on the standards of eligibility and nomination forms, visit holycross.edu/alumni. Questions about the awards can be directed to the Office of Alumni Relations at 508-793-2418 or hcaa@holycross.edu.
From Our Creative Crusaders

BY REBECCA SMITH ’99 AND KIMBERLY STALEY ’99

Cultivating Peace: The Virgilian Georgic in English, 1650-1750
By Melissa Schoenberger
Bucknell University Press
In “Cultivating Peace,” Schoenberger, assistant professor of English at the College, proposes that during the decades following the English civil wars, British poets seeking to make sense of lingering political instabilities turned to Virgil’s “Georgics,” an ancient agricultural poem that betrays deep ambivalences about war, political power and empire. In so doing, the poets found valuable ways of responding to the uncertainties of their own time.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“Melissa Schoenberger’s important, compelling study provides an innovative re-evaluation of English georgic’s development in the early modern period and its relationship to the laborious art of peace-making.” — Ian Calvert, University of Bristol

War Football: World War I and the Birth of the NFL
By Chris Serb ’92
Rowman & Littlefield
In “War Football,” Serb recounts a captivating chapter of military and sports history, detailing three long-forgotten seasons of American football, when college amateurs mixed with blue-collar pros on the field of play. These games showed investors a lucrative market and made players realize that their football careers did not have to end after college. Soon the barriers to professionalism began to fall, and within two years of the armistice, the National Football League was born.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“In his fascinating book, Chris Serb digs deep into American history to tell the riveting story of how World War I led directly to the birth of the NFL and brings to life the intrepid pioneers who formed what has become the nation’s most important sports league.” — Christine Brennan, USA Today sports columnist and ABC News, CNN and NPR commentator

Anam Cara
By Anthony Ashur ’82
“Anam Cara,” a Celtic phrase meaning “soul friend,” is Ashur’s seventh album of his piano arrangements of hymns and spiritual music. After two years of treatments to battle a rare form of lymphoma, Ashur took a sabbatical in Ireland, where he researched and collected Irish music, ranging from “Danny Boy” and “Red is the Rose” to “Arran Boat Song” and “Hymn to St. Brigid.” The 15-song, 48-minute release is available on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon, CDBaby and most streaming services.

ABOUT THE ARTIST
For the past 22 years, Ashur has taught music at the country’s oldest Jesuit boarding and day high school, Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Maryland.

Monument Maker: Daniel Chester French and the Lincoln Memorial
By Linda Booth Sweeney ’86
Tilbury House Publishers
Part history lesson, part biography of Daniel Chester French, the sculptor who created the Lincoln Memorial, “Monument Maker” is the story of how a farm boy became America’s foremost sculptor. Delightful and informative for children and adults alike, this nonfiction book will inspire readers with its clear prose and evocative illustrations.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“… an exquisite biography that brings history to life for young readers.” — The Children’s Book Council

BOOK NOTES HAS EXPANDED! In an effort to showcase ALL creatives we are adapting this section to include authors, artists, musicians, makers and more! Email hcmag@holycross.edu for more information.
Hey, It’s Halloween 1973

Michael Neidermeier ’74 wrote us, fittingly, just before Halloween, with the scoop on the fall issue mystery photo:

“As soon as I saw the picture of the October 1973 Halloween Party in Hogan Center Ballroom, it brought back memories,” he writes. Neidermeier sets the scene, noting that 1973 was the College’s second coed year and that Holy Cross’ first female dean, Marilyn M. Boucher, associate dean of students, “presided over the party.”

Paul Burns ’74 also contacted us, noting he was dressed as Groucho, who took center stage in our picture: “I’m the guy playing Groucho or was Groucho playing me?”

“The winner for best costume was chosen via a multiround elimination by the night’s 250+ participants as they crossed the stage,” Neidermeier remembers. “Check the 1974 Holy Cross yearbook for the night’s winner for best costume.”

We did and we’re pretty sure we can’t print it. But, if you’re interested and have a copy of the 1974 Purple Patcher handy, it’s on Page 213.”
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.

**CLARE DOUGHERTY ’12**
“A Jesuit education is unlike any other. I can confidently say what I learned inside and outside the classroom has shaped the person I’ve become today.”

NAME
Clare Dougherty ’12

HOMETOWN
Pearl River, New York

FAMILY
Father, Bill ’73, and sisters, Maureen ’14 and Kathleen ’18; mother, Mary, and fiancé, Craig, consider themselves proud honorary Crusaders.

WHAT SHE DID AT HOLY CROSS
“I was a political science major with a concentration in peace and conflict studies. Outside schoolwork, I volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Abby’s House, attended retreats, played club soccer, lifeguarded, worked in admissions as a senior interviewer, served as the co-chair of Mulledy House Council and was a relationship peer educator. I participated in the Washington, D.C., Semester Program and prebusiness program and served on the advisory council for the Center of Interdisciplinary Special Studies.”

HOW HOLY CROSS AFFECTED HER LIFE
“I put my heart into everything I did at Holy Cross and, in return, I graduated a stronger, more compassionate person. My Montserrat professor, the late Jody Ziegler, continues to profoundly influence my life. The courage she gave me a decade ago continues to drive me forward.”

THE WORKING LIFE
“I’m a vice president of communications and change management at Citi. I love what I do — in addition to writing, I promote diversity and inclusion through panel discussions, support community initiatives and drive employee engagement.”

HOLY CROSS MEMORIES
“My senior year, I went to Gallup, New Mexico, which opened my eyes to a completely different world. I helped build a home for a single mother and her son, and got to meet wonderful people in the process. The joy I had after that trip was unlike anything I’ve ever felt. I will also never forget the moments that connected me to my best friends and how proud I felt when I saw my sisters graduate.”

WHY SHE STAYS CONNECTED TO HOLY CROSS
“Holy Cross was and continues to be a big part of my life. I’m currently the co-president and social media manager for the Metro New York City Alumni Club. I also help raise money as a class agent and serve on the New York Leadership Council Dinner Committee.”

WHY SHE BELIEVES IN HOLY CROSS
“A Jesuit education is unlike any other. I can confidently say what I learned inside and outside the classroom has shaped the person I’ve become today. The Montserrat Program was truly unique and transformative — it gave me a completely different perspective on who I was and who I could become.”

WHY SHE GIVES TO HOLY CROSS
“Holy Cross was the greatest gift my parents gave me, so in return, I give as much of myself as I can to the College. I love helping out the Holy Cross family, whether it’s talking to a junior who needs advice, having a conference call on best practices, raising money for an important campaign or planning an event that brings alumni back together. While I may be in New York, a piece of my heart will always be in Worcester.”

ELLEN DUBIN
Your Holy Cross(word) Puzzle

To help pass these long winter months, Holy Cross Magazine commissioned an original crossword puzzle just for you. In this Sunday-sized, Holy Cross-themed puzzle, you’ll find a host of clues related to alma mater that should make you smile. And the rest of the clues, non-College-related, will keep you thinking (and possibly erasing) all winter long.

This puzzle was constructed by professional puzzle maker Brendan Emmett Quigley, whose work has been published in Games Magazine, The Los Angeles Times, The Boston Globe, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post, among others, as well as mentioned on “The Colbert Report” and “Jeopardy!”

If you’re looking for the solution puzzle in this issue … you won’t find it. We decided not to print it so as not to tempt you – and to offer you an incentive. We’ll collect correctly finished puzzles and draw a winner, who will receive a prize – and recognition in the spring issue.

Finished puzzles can be mailed to:
Holy Cross Magazine
1 College St.
PO Box PR
Worcester MA 01610

You can also scan your finished puzzle and email to: hcmag@holycross.edu. ■
YOUR HOLY CROSS(WORD) PUZZLE / ALUMNI NEWS / 75

ACROSS

1 Holy Cross’ head of discipline
5 When early Holy Cross classes start
8 Rivals of Popeyes
12 Disaster relief grp.
16 ___-Z (classic Camaro)
17 Wine county
19 Writer Ephron
20 Some pops
21 Holy Cross’ standardized education plan
24 Holy Cross’ coeducation president
25 Speech problem
26 Pointer
27 Loss of air
29 Not clean
31 "___ is as good as a wink"
33 Peerless
34 Holy Cross’ original hill name
38 Holy Cross’ first building, ___ Hall
41 Label Sony bought in ’08
44 Grow old
45 Sheet music abbr.
46 Cowardly Lion actor Bert
47 Holy Cross’ triangular skyward symbol
49 Multipurpose O’Kane Hall basement space
52 Holy Cross’ first African-American female faculty member McNeil
56 iPhone maker’s NYSE ticker symbol
57 Hair port
58 "___ Gold"
59 Kuala Lumpur’s land
63 Article in France-Soir
65 Done for
66 Short snooze
67 Suffix with differ
68 Famous Holy Cross flat road
72 Holy Cross historian
76 "Dear God" band
77 Seek damages
78 Spoil, with "on"
79 Strong D.C. lobby
80 Began to like
83 Grunts
84 Yawn
88 "Dies ___” (old hymn)
89 Bird on Holy Cross’ seal
91 Holy Cross’ favorite color?

92 HC’s newest residence hall
94 Bundle up
95 Ivy Leaguer
97 Lighter?
98 Non-P.C. suffix
99 League for many Holy Cross teams
102 Holy Cross nickname
105 Place to see FDR
106 One of Henry VIII’s six
108 Fashion
109 Pencil user’s device
114 Start a hole
116 Mark of a ruler
119 Tree type leading to O’Kane Hall
120 Latin for “care for the entire person” (hallmark of a Jesuit education)
124 Deck out
125 Pick up
126 Papal name
127 CNN correspondent Bash
128 Kind of pool
129 Lyric verses
130 Brief text?
131 Jesuit Latin motto, initially

DOWN

1 Board member: Abbr.
2 Russian river
3 Reply to the Little Red Hen
4 CBS spinoff set in SoCal
5 Opposite of a ques.
6 One who accepts charges
7 Cowboy boot attachment
8 Be familiar with
9 Supporting
10 "Phooey!"
11 Ditto
12 Civil war expert Shelby
13 "The Time Machine" caste
14 Ocean menace
15 The “A” in “PGA”
18 See 30-Down
20 Curmudgeons
22 Oil cartel
23 Cyclotron bit
24 Alliance
28 Worth a C
30 With 18-Down, “Bummer!”
32 Shoulder muscles, briefly
34 Bits of butter
35 Turkish official
36 Fall (over)

37 Work up
39 Turner of note
40 "Kapow!"
41 Diagonal lines
42 Steve Buscemi’s role in “Reservoir Dogs”
43 Frozen Italian treats
48 Take care of a bill
50 Cal ___
51 Real
53 Collagist’s need
54 Monthly check
55 “We need to get a cat!”–
60 Northern Massachusetts’ Cape
61 Rested
62 Quick glance
64 Fastener
68 Alimony recipient
69 2600s and 5200s
70 Skinny sorts
71 On Soc. Sec.
72 Salem competitor
73 Alternative press name
74 Lemon tool
75 True, in Bonn
78 Whodunit solver: Abbr.
81 Memory unit, for short
82 "Rubáiyát” poet
83 Before surgery
85 Church alcove
86 Smear
87 Department store department
90 "Arabian Nights” name
91 Leaning Tower city
93 Anaphylaxis treatment
94 Vitamin also known as PABA
96 All at once, as a payment
100 Call from the flock
101 Siberian people
102 Hardly Mr. Right
103 Similar (to)
104 Reply to “gracias”
105 Eminem’s mentor
107 Certain theater, for short
109 Smeltery refuse
110 Screen
111 Soon
112 Come back
113 Felt sorry about
115 “Battle Cry” novelist
117 Symbol of happiness
118 Rear
121 Actress Charlotte
122 Org. in old spy stories
123 Settle
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; 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.

1943
Edward T. Rafferty, M.D.

Edward T. Rafferty, M.D., of Lynn, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 22, 2019, at 96. Dr. Rafferty studied premed at Holy Cross and participated in the Glee Club. He then graduated cum laude from Tufts Medical School. He entered the U.S. Navy and served for seven years in Newport, Rhode Island, and for 18 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Dr. Rafferty had a medical practice in Lynn, specializing in urology, and was on the staff of Lynn and Union hospitals. He also served as the Essex County Medical Examiner and was a professor of urology at Boston University. He supported the College as a member of the President's Council and served as an admissions advisor. Dr. Rafferty is survived by four daughters; two sons; three sons-in-law; one daughter-in-law; and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Catherine; and one brother, Thomas L. Rafferty, M.D., ’49.

1944
William H. Mills Jr.

William H. “Bill” Mills Jr., of Gainesville, Florida, formerly of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Pawtucket, Rhode Island, died on Aug. 8, 2019, at 99. At Holy Cross, Mr. Mills played football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He went on to play professional baseball for the Philadelphia Athletics. He also played several seasons for the New England Baseball League (Slaters) while teaching math and coaching baseball and football at Goff Jr. High in Pawtucket; he taught for 30 years before retiring. Mr. Mills is survived by his wife of 37 years, Rita; three daughters, two stepsons and their spouses; eight grandchildren; one granddaughter; and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; and one son.

1947
Roderick V. Fagan

Roderick V. Fagan, of Chico, California, died on Aug. 18, 2019, at 93. Mr. Fagan studied business administration at Holy Cross and participated in baseball and ROTC. He was a member of the NROTC October 1945 Class, O’Callahan Society and Varsity Club; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC.

Hadley C. Pihl

Hadley C. Pihl, of Elmhurst, Illinois, died on May 27, 2019. A graduate of Harvard University, Mr. Pihl worked at Sears, Roebuck and Co., starting out as a buyer for the plumbing and toy departments before moving on to catalog marketing, until his retirement. He is survived by two children and their spouses; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Carol.

1948
Rev. Joseph W. McKiernan

Rev. Joseph W. McKiernan, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, died on July 26, 2019, at 92. Fr. McKiernan studied for the priesthood in the Seminary of Philosophy and the Grand Seminary, both in Montreal. He was ordained in 1951 in Worcester. He held many roles in Massachusetts parishes, including curate at St. George’s Church in Worcester, St. Stephen’s Church in Worcester and St. Luke’s Church in Westboro; assistant at St. John’s Church in Clinton and St. Patrick’s Church in Rutland; and pastor at Our Lady of the Rosary in Spencer, Sacred Heart Church of Jesus Church in Gardner, Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester and St. Mary’s Church in Uxbridge. He retired as a senior priest at St. Mark’s Church in Sutton. Fr. McKiernan is survived by one sister; one niece, six nephews and their families, including 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandnephews; and many other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents.

1949
Frank P. Del Giudice

Frank P. Del Giudice, of New London, New Hampshire, died on Aug. 10, 2019, at 95. An original member of the class of 1946, Mr. Del Giudice majored in chemistry and philosophy at Holy Cross before being drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served for three years. During his military service, he attended Officer Training School at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. Following his military service, he resumed his studies at Holy Cross and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in chemistry. Mr. Del Giudice had a long career as a chemist, first with Metal Hydrides Inc. and later with Union Carbide Corporation, where he worked for over 25 years; he was responsible for numerous U.S. patents involving various chemical processes. He is survived by one sister; six children and their spouses; 18 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Florence; and one child who died during childbirth.

Leroy F. Jarrett

Leroy F. Jarrett, of Chatham, formerly of Springfield, Massachusetts, died on July 22, 2019, at 91. At Holy Cross, Mr. Jarrett majored in economics and participated in Band. He later supported the College as a member of the 1843 Society, President’s Council, Holy Cross Fund Scholarship, HOIAH Marching Band Alumni Committee and Cape Cod Chapter Alumni Association. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve during the Korean War and was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. Retired president of the New England Church Interiors, he was vice chairman and member of the board of directors of Westbank Corporation and a founder of Park West Bank and Trust Company. Active in the Springfield community, Mr. Jarrett served on several local commissions, boards and clubs; he was also a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and a Knight of Malta. He is survived by one sister; and 12 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Ann.

1950
Frank A. Calandrella

Frank A. Calandrella, of Sudbury, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 27, 2019, at 90. Mr. Calandrella was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict. After working with his family at Capezio Shoes in New York City, he founded the Andover Institute of Business in Worcester, where he served as president and longtime business instructor; he and his wife also founded and managed Callan Real Estate in Sudbury. Mr. Calandrella is survived by one son; two daughters; one son-in-law; three granddaughters; several nieces and nephews; and extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Janet; one son; and two sisters.
William T. Donovan Sr., M.D.
William T. “Bill” Donovan Sr., M.D., of Jacksonville, formerly of West Palm Beach, Florida, died on July 2, 2019, at 90. Dr. Donovan studied Greek at Holy Cross and received his medical degree from St. Louis University. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Germany. A physician who specialized in hematology and oncology, he also served as team physician for the Atlanta Braves. Dr. Donovan is survived by his wife, Charlotte; three sons; two daughters-in-law; six grandchildren; and many family members, nieces and nephews, including Daniel E. Sullivan, D.O., ’68. He was predeceased by one son; two sisters; and one brother, Daniel L. Donovan, M.D., ’45. His father was the late Daniel L. Donovan, class of 1910.

Roger W. St. Germain
Roger W. St. Germain, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, formerly of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, died on Aug. 4, 2019, at 92. Mr. St. Germain served in the U.S. Army before graduating from Holy Cross and joining his father to grow the family business, St. Germain Trucking, of which he was owner for the past 50 years. He supported Holy Cross and the family business, and was a member of President’s Council. Mr. St. Germain is survived by his wife, Yolande “Zeb”; and his parents. His father, the late William F. Doyle, class of 1920; and his mother, the late William T. Doyle ’50; and his siblings.

Bernard J. Degnan
Bernard J. “Berm” Degnan, of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, died on Aug. 11, 2019, at 90. Mr. Degnan played football at Holy Cross; he later supported the College as a class agent and member of the Varsity Club. He served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps and was co-owner of Degnan-Boyle Realtors. Mr. Degnan is survived by his wife of 59 years, Maureen; one brother; one sister and her husband; three brothers-in-law; and one sister-in-law.

Joseph M. Flynn
Joseph M. Flynn, of Putnam, Connecticut, died on Sept. 8, 2019, at 92. Mr. Flynn was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He then worked for many years as a chemist at Belding Hemingway. He was a supporter of the College’s football team. Mr. Flynn is survived by four sons; three daughters-in-law; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Jane; and two siblings.

George R. Gallacher Jr.
George R. Gallacher Jr., of Branford, Connecticut, died on Aug. 18, 2019, at 90. At Holy Cross, Mr. Gallacher studied English. During the Korean War, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as an aircrewman in VS-30, an anti-submarine squadron. He worked for Amica Mutual. Mr. Gallacher is survived by his wife, Elizabeth “Betty”; and three sons and their families, including five grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister; one brother; and one daughter-in-law.

Robert T. Doyle
Robert T. “Bob” Doyle, of Juno Beach, Florida, formerly of Greenwich, Connecticut, died on June 23, 2019, at 90. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Doyle had a long career in the hosiery industry, serving as president and owner of Arrowood Mills in New York City; he later worked as a licensed Realtor in Florida. Mr. Doyle is survived by five sons, two daughters and their families, including six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara. His alumni relatives include his brother, the late William T. Doyle ’50; and his father, the late William F. Doyle, class of 1920.

Robert C. Gillespie
Robert C. “Bob” Gillespie, of Naples, Florida, died on Sept. 10, 2019, at 88. Mr. Gillespie studied business administration at Holy Cross and participated in the History Society and Outing Club. He later 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. During his career, he worked in advertising for various companies, including General Foods and Guardian Life Insurance Company. He was also a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. Mr. Gillespie is survived by his wife of 60 years, Benita.

Francis P. MacKay
Francis P. “Pat” MacKay, of Cranston, Rhode Island, died on Sept. 9, 2019, at 90. Mr. MacKay earned his master’s degree in chemistry from Holy Cross and received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Pennsylvania State University. After beginning his career at DuPont, he was a faculty member at Providence College for nearly 50 years. He served the college in many roles, including vice president for academic administration; in that role, he established the Providence College Office of Multicultural Affairs as well as The Center for Teaching Excellence. Mr. MacKay is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; two sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; seven nieces and nephews; and several grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by two brothers.

Charles J. Sadlier Sr.
Charles J. “Charlie” Sadlier Sr., of Lowell, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 10, 2019, at 88. At Holy Cross, Mr. Sadlier studied chemistry. He also took graduate courses at the former Lowell Technological Institute and Northeastern University, ultimately earning his master’s degree in mathematics. He began his career in the computer industry with the RAND Corporation and worked for several companies, including Raytheon, LTI Research Foundation and Verizon Communications, before retirement. For 20 years, he was an adjunct professor at what is now UMass Lowell; he taught some of the first courses in computer software during the 1960s. Mr. Sadlier is survived by four children; eight grandchildren; two grandsons-in-law; one granddaughter-in-law; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased...
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by his wife of 66 years, Bessie; one son; and one brother.

1953
John F. Lancaster, M.D.

John F. Lancaster, M.D., of Houston, died on Sept. 21, 2019. Dr. Lancaster studied premed at Holy Cross, made the dean’s list and graduated cum laude. He also graduated from Tufts University Medical School. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a medical officer assigned to the 837th Tactical Hospital, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, South Carolina. Dr. Lancaster then joined the faculty of the Baylor College of Medicine and became a partner of a small cardiology group at Methodist Hospital. He later joined the staff at St. Joseph Hospital, where he was medical director of the cardiac evaluation unit; he also served terms as chief of the medical staff and chief of the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Lancaster is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jean; seven children and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; and one brother.

Chester J. Millett Jr.

Chester J. “Chet” Millett Jr., of Brockton, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 11, 2019, at 88. Mr. Millett studied English at Holy Cross and played football; he was a four-year varsity letterman and earned All-American football honors two years in a row. He was a member of the Varsity Club and the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame; he also supported the College as a class agent, admissions advisor and member of the Reunion Gift Committee. He later attended Boston College graduate school and obtained his first of five master’s degrees. Mr. Millett was a Marine active in the Korean War, and continued in the Marine Reserves, serving at one point as commander of Wing Squadron 41 at Weymouth Naval Air Station and retiring as a full colonel. He had a long career in education in Massachusetts, serving as superintendent principal at Bridgewater-Raynham, principal at Raynham Junior High and superintendent of schools in Abington; he also coached football and hockey. Mr. Millett is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; four sons, including John P. Millett ’84; four daughters; three sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; 17 grandchildren; two granddaughters-in-law; one grandson-in-law; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sisters.

Andrew J. O’Keefe

Andrew J. O’Keefe, of Cromwell and Point O’ Woods Beach, Old Lyme, Connecticut, died on Sept. 22, 2019, at 87. Mr. O’Keefe studied economics at Holy Cross and graduated with honors; he also participated in cross-country and track. He then attended the University of Connecticut School of Law, and after graduation, joined the faculty there, serving as an adjunct professor for 58 years. Mr. O’Keefe was co-founder and senior partner in the law firm Jackson O’Keefe LLP, and later served as counsel. As a trial lawyer, he specialized in medical malpractice, product liability, construction cases and negligence; he also argued appellate cases in the Connecticut Supreme and Appellate courts, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Honoris Causa in 2017 from the Holy Apostles College and Seminary. He supported the College as a class agent and member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. O’Keefe is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara; three sons, Matthew J. O’Keefe ’79, Michael D. O’Keefe ’80 and Peter K. O’Keefe ’82, and their wives; one daughter; seven grandchildren; one grandson-in-law; one granddaughter-in-law; two great-grandchildren; one brother and his wife; one sister and her husband; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one son; one brother and his wife; and one sister and her husband.

Harold C. Peterson Jr.

Harold C. “Pete” Peterson Jr., of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, died on July 31, 2019, at 88. At Holy Cross, Mr. Peterson majored in political science and made the dean’s list; he also participated in cross-country and track. He completed his studies at the Boston University Law School, and his legal career included practicing law with his partner and consulting for a variety of enterprises. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Peterson is survived by three sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; one daughter-in-law; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his longtime companion, Paula Pitarys.

Robert J. Sulick

Robert J. “Bob” Sulick, of Newington, Connecticut, died on Aug. 21, 2019, at 87. Mr. Sulick participated in ROTC and the Marching Band at Holy Cross; he was a member of the O’Callahan Society and affiliated with Naval ROTC. He served in the U.S. Navy, and earned his master’s degree from the University of Hartford and his Sixth Year degree from UConn. He was a business education teacher at Bulkeley High School in Hartford, Connecticut, for more than 30 years. Mr. Sulick is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rita; one daughter; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one son; one brother and his wife; and one sister and her husband.

1954

1955

Arthur A. Adduci

Arthur A. Adduci, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, died on Aug. 29, 2019, at 86. Mr. Adduci graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in economics. He studied for his MBA at Boston University, and later graduated from the College of Life Underwriters (CLU) and was a Chartered Financial Consultant (CHFC). He worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for 31 years, and was the district manager in Boston. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Adduci is survived by his best friend of 16 years, Sharon Cosgrove; two sons and their wives; and two granddaughters and their husbands. He was predeceased by his wife of 46 years, Judy.

1956

John W. Connors

John W. “Jack” Connors, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 13, 2019, at 84. Mr. Connors studied sociology at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC. He served in the U.S. Marines and sang with the Marine Corps Glee Club in Okinawa, Japan, on the Bob Hope Show. After graduating from Boston College Law School, he began his career in law at Travelers Insurance. Mr. Connors then formed Connors and Doyle Attorneys at Law in Worcester and later created Connors and Dorsey Attorneys at Law, before opening his own private
practice. He supported the College as a class agent and member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. Connors is survived by his wife, Andrée; six sons; one daughter; one son-in-law; one daughter-in-law; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister; and many nieces, nephews, including John A. Evans ‘74, and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; one son; and four sisters.

Charles E. Donovan Jr.

Charles E. Donovan Jr., of Ladue, Missouri, died on Aug. 20, 2019, at 85. Mr. Donovan graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in business. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Barbara; three sons, three daughters and their spouses; nine grandchildren; one sister and her spouse; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary; one sister; and one brother.

Glennon R. Griffin

Glennon R. “Glenn” Griffin, of Templeton, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 17, 2019, at 84. Mr. Griffin studied business administration and philosophy at Holy Cross and participated in the Glee Club. He then earned a commission in the U.S. Naval Air Force and flew off of the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt. After his military service, he started Glennon Griffin Inc. and installed hundreds of commercial and institutional food service facilities throughout New England. He later served as a manufacturer’s representative of both food service equipment and custom stainless steel fabrication. Mr. Griffin is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary; one son; two daughters; one son-in-law; II grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by his parents; and one son. His alumni relatives include brother-in-law John R. Andrade ’66.

Col. Robert E. Mand, USAF (Ret.)

Col. Robert E. “Bob” Mand, USAF (Ret.), of North Bethesda, Maryland, died on July 27, 2019, at 96. Mr. Mand graduated from Baltimore City College and, while attending the University of Maryland, joined the U.S. Army Air Corps at the beginning of World War II. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 34 years, including tours during the Berlin Airlift and Korean and Vietnam wars. He received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit and the Air Force Commendation Medal. While in the military, Mr. Mand attended Holy Cross, where he majored in education, led the ROTC program and was the founding coach for the varsity men’s lacrosse team. He was a recipient of the Book Prize and later supported the College as a member of the O’Callahan Society. He went on to earn a Master of Science degree in management from the University of California and, after retiring from the Air Force, worked for Merrill Lynch for 11 years. Mr. Mand is survived by his wife, Diane; five children, two stepchildren and their families, including multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one sister and her family. He was predeceased by one son; and one son-in-law.

Vincent J. Manna

Vincent J. Manna, of Lincolnshire, formerly of Northbrook, Illinois, died on June 8, 2019, at 83. At Holy Cross, Mr. Manna studied marketing and played football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois; four children and their spouses; seven grandchildren; one grandson’s spouse; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son-in-law; and two grandchildren.

John A. McGuinn

John A. McGuinn, of Nantucket, Massachusetts, died on June 19, 2019, at 85. Mr. McGuinn studied English literature at Holy Cross and graduated magna cum laude. He then attended Georgetown University Law Center, graduating with LL.B. and LL.M. degrees. After clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, he practiced employment relations law in private practice in Washington, D.C., for 40 years. He served as an adjunct professor of labor law at Georgetown, and he was admitted to and argued cases in II of the 13 U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. For the last 20 years of his career, Mr. McGuinn represented national advertisers and advertising agencies in negotiating with the talent unions about minimum rates and working conditions for performers appearing in television and radio commercials. He supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. McGuinn is survived by four children; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Roseanne; and one grandson.

Richard E. Prokopowich

Richard E. Prokopowich, of Asheboro, North Carolina, died on Aug. 9, 2019, at 89. Mr. Prokopowich studied accounting at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He also participated in the Debating Society and Outing Club. He then studied theology at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest. He taught Latin and Greek at St. Charles in Baltimore, and later earned his doctorate in sacred theology at the Gregorian University in Rome. He then left the priesthood to pursue a career in technical and scientific writing. Mr. Shea is survived by his wife, Ann; stepchildren; grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

John M. Shea

John M. “Jack” Shea, of Crozet, Virginia, died on Oct. 24, 2018, at 83. Mr. Shea studied English literature at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he also participated in the Debating Society and Outing Club. He then studied theology at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest. He taught Latin and Greek at St. Charles in Baltimore, and later earned his doctorate in sacred theology at the Gregorian University in Rome. He then left the priesthood to pursue a career in technical and scientific writing. Mr. Shea is survived by his wife, Ann; stepchildren; grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Col. Robert E. Mand, USAF (Ret.)

Col. Robert E. “Bob” Mand, USAF (Ret.), of North Bethesda, Maryland, died on July 27, 2019, at 96. Mr. Mand graduated from Baltimore City College and, while attending the University of Maryland, joined the U.S. Army Air Corps at the beginning of World War II. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 34 years, including tours during the Berlin Airlift and Korean and Vietnam wars. He received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit and the Air Force Commendation Medal. While in the military, Mr. Mand attended Holy Cross, where he majored in education, led the ROTC program and was the founding coach for the varsity men’s lacrosse team. He was a recipient of the Book Prize and later supported the College as a member of the O’Callahan Society. He went on to earn a Master of Science degree in management from the University of California and, after retiring from the Air Force, worked for Merrill Lynch for 11 years. Mr. Mand is survived by his wife, Diane; five children, two stepchildren and their families, including multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one sister and her family. He was predeceased by one son; and one son-in-law.

Vincent J. Manna

Vincent J. Manna, of Lincolnshire, formerly of Northbrook, Illinois, died on June 8, 2019, at 83. At Holy Cross, Mr. Manna studied marketing and played football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois; four children and their spouses; seven grandchildren; one grandson’s spouse; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son-in-law; and two grandchildren.

John A. McGuinn

John A. McGuinn, of Nantucket, Massachusetts, died on June 19, 2019, at 85. Mr. McGuinn studied English literature at Holy Cross and graduated magna cum laude. He then attended Georgetown University Law Center, graduating with LL.B. and LL.M. degrees. After clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, he practiced employment relations law in private practice in Washington, D.C., for 40 years. He served as an adjunct professor of labor law at Georgetown, and he was admitted to and argued cases in II of the 13 U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. For the last 20 years of his career, Mr. McGuinn represented national advertisers and advertising agencies in negotiating with the talent unions about minimum rates and working conditions for performers appearing in television and radio commercials. He supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. McGuinn is survived by four children; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Roseanne; and one grandson.
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spouse; four siblings; and one brother-in-law. He was predeceased by his parents; and two brothers-in-law.

1958

Edward V. Locke

Edward V. Locke, of Rockport, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 30, 2019, at 83. A physics major at Holy Cross, Mr. Locke went on to obtain his master's degree in physics at MIT; he has several patents to his name as a result of his research. He worked at AVCO Research Lab in Everett, Massachusetts, where he established himself as a pioneer in the development of industrial laser systems. He later founded Locke Technology Corporation, which then led to the foundation of Laser Corporation of America. After LCA, he led business development efforts at Thermoelectron. He supported the College as a member of the career advisor network. Mr. Locke is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joan.

Jon L. Ringel

Jon L. “Jack” Ringel, of Fairfield, Connecticut, died on Sept. 4, 2019, at 82. Mr. Ringel studied economics at Holy Cross and played baseball and football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He and his brother owned Switzer’s Pharmacy, which was previously owned by their father; he was the store manager and certified pharmacy technician. Mr. Ringel is survived by two sons, including Jon H. Ringel ’87; four daughters; one son-in-law; one daughter-in-law; nine grandchildren; and one brother and his wife. He was predeceased by his wife, Maureen.

Robert N. Tortorella

Robert N. “Bob” Tortorella, of Camillus, New York, died on July 28, 2019, at 84. At Holy Cross, Mr. Tortorella studied economics, participated in ROTC and played football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He later supported the College as a member of the Alumni Board Senate and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps before taking a sales job with A.W. Chesterton Company; after retiring, he joined his sons in establishing Corrosion Products & Equipment, Inc. Mr. Tortorella is survived by three sons, including Robert A. Tortorella ’83, and their spouses; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters; three sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; two godsons; and many nephews and nieces, including Frances M. Siciliano ’87. He was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Jeannette.

1959

Raymond A. Comeau Jr.

Raymond A. “Ray” Comeau Jr., of Manchester, Connecticut, formerly of Worcester, died on Aug. 29, 2019, at 83. Mr. Comeau studied history and philosophy at Holy Cross and made the dean’s list; he later supported the College as a class agent. He received his master’s degree in education from Worcester State University and taught at several schools in Massachusetts, serving primarily as a reading specialist. He later worked at Knights of Columbus Insurance in Manchester for 38 years; in retirement, he worked in marketing for Servpro. He was a member of the Massachusetts National Guard, leaving as a second lieutenant. Mr. Comeau is survived by his wife of 60 years, Nancy; one daughter; one son and his wife; five grandchildren; one sister; one sister-in-law; one brother-in-law and his wife; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and one brother.

1960

Daniel T. Harrington, M.D.

Daniel T. Harrington, M.D., of Fall River, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 13, 2019, at 80. Dr. Harrington studied premed at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he earned his M.D. from Tufts School of Medicine. He then interned at the National Naval Medical Center, and served in the U.S. Navy with the second fleet (Atlantic) and sixth fleet (Mediterranean). A lieutenant in the Medical Corps, Dr. Harrington ended his active naval duty as the industrial medical officer at the Newport Naval Station. After his naval service, he practiced medicine in Fall River for 34 years; he also served two terms as chief of staff at Saint Anne’s Hospital. He supported the College as a class agent and member of the Class Reunion Committee and President’s Council. Dr. Harrington is survived by his wife of eight years, Louise; one son and his wife; one daughter, Anne E. Harrington ’95; two grandchildren; and one brother, Hon. Edward F. Harrington ’55. He was predeceased by his mother and father, John J. Harrington ’28, and one brother, John T. Harrington, M.D., ’58. His alumni relatives also include nieces, Mary Harrington Power ’81, Elizabeth H. Carroll ’84, Kathleen H. Clark ’84 and Gertrude Harrington Becker ’83; and nephews, John M. Harrington ’80 and Timothy J. Harrington ’94.

Michael N. Hudack Jr.

Michael N. “Mike” Hudack Jr., of Newtown, Connecticut, died on July 11, 2019, at 80. At Holy Cross, Mr. Hudack majored in accounting, participated in ROTC and was affiliated with Naval ROTC; he earned a second lieutenant commission in the U.S.
Marines. He started his career at Price Waterhouse and worked for various companies in California, Minnesota and New York; he also ran several businesses in Connecticut. He is survived by his wife, Caroline; one son; one granddaughter; one sister and her husband; and one niece and her family.

Gerard F. Kenny, M.D.
Gerard F. “Gerry” Kenny, M.D., of Burlington, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 15, 2019, at 80. Dr. Kenny studied premed at Holy Cross and attended Tufts Medical School. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was a radiologist for over 40 years, serving most of those years at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Kenny supported Holy Cross as a Parent of Men’s Golf and a member of Parents for the Class of 2008. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Elizabeth; two sons, James F. Kenny ’85 and Ryan G. Kenny ’08; four daughters; two daughters-in-law; three sons-in-law; one daughter’s fiancé; eight grandchildren; one sister and her husband, James M. Brown ’55; and many nieces and nephews, including Christopher J. Brown ’83 and Laurence E. Brown ’84. He was predeceased by his father and mother; one brother; and one sister.

Bernard T. Loughlin
Bernard T. “Bernie” Loughlin, of New Durham, New Hampshire, died on Aug. 21, 2019, at 80. Mr. Loughlin studied chemistry at Holy Cross, earning his master’s degree, and he participated in hockey. He retired as a chemist for Norton Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc.; he held three U.S. patents. After retirement, he served as a mail carrier in New Hampshire’s Lakes Region. He supported the College as a member of the career advisor network and Varsity Club. Mr. Loughlin is survived by his wife of 57 years, Annelene; two sons and their wives; one daughter and her husband; five grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

John F. McManus
John F. “Jack” McManus, of Manhattan Beach, California, died on Aug. 2, 2019, at 80. At Holy Cross, Mr. McManus studied English and participated in swimming; he was a junior class officer and member of the Varsity Club. He later supported the College as a member of the Class Reunion Committee. Mr. McManus earned a master’s degree from Clark University and a doctorate from the University of Connecticut. Professor emeritus of education at the Pepperdine Graduate School of Education and Psychology (GSEP), he held various roles across Pepperdine, including co-founder and director of the Ed.D. program in educational technology at the GSEP and its program director. Co-author of several texts on computer applications, he also served as associate dean of education and interim dean at the GSEP. He is survived by his wife, Pamela; four nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and loved ones. His alumni relatives include his brother, William J. McManus ’63.

1961
Martin F. Hogan Jr.
Martin F. Hogan Jr., of Chicago, died on June 7, 2019. Mr. Hogan studied accounting at Holy Cross. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Rae; one sister and her spouse; his father-in-law; one sister-in-law, one brother-in-law and their spouses; and eight nieces and nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law.

1962
James T. Fitzgerald
James T. “Jimmy” Fitzgerald, of Denver, died on July 17, 2019, at 78. At Holy Cross, Mr. Fitzgerald majored in English and participated in ROTC. He later supported the College as a member of the O’Callahan Society and was affiliated with Naval ROTC. A U.S. Navy veteran, he worked for 28 years for the U.S. Postal Service. He is survived by several cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

William C. Joern
William C. Joern, of Washington, D.C., died on Aug. 18, 2019. Mr. Joern studied history at Holy Cross and participated in football and lacrosse. He then taught for one year at the Jesuit high school in Baghdad, before beginning his career in management with several firms and state agencies in Nebraska, mostly in the health care sector. Mr. Joern later continued his career in business management with several companies in Washington, D.C., and was a former executive with the International Center for Language Studies. He supported the College as a class agent, and as a member of the Reunion Gift Committee and Varsity Club. Mr. Joern is survived by one sister; two brothers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Norman J. Plourde
Norman J. “Norm” Plourde, of Sterling, Massachusetts, died on July 26, 2019, at 84. At Holy Cross, Mr. Plourde studied education; he later received master’s degrees in education from Assumption College and Fitchburg State University. He also attended LaSalleite Seminary. He taught languages at Tahanto Regional High School in Boylston, Massachusetts, with a concentration in French, for 36 years. After his retirement, he taught French at Quinsigamond Community College for 13 years. Mr. Plourde served in the U.S. Coast Guard and 21 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was a member of the Holy Cross 1843 Society and career advisor network; he also supported the women’s basketball team. Mr. Plourde is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sandra; one daughter, Kimberly A. Plourde ’90; one brother; one sister; one grandson; and nephews and nieces.

Chester J. Renkun, M.D.
Chester J. “Ghet” Renkun, M.D., of Linwood, New Jersey, died on Sept. 20, 2019. Dr. Renkun studied biology at Holy Cross and also graduated from Georgetown Medical School. He served in the U.S. Navy, stationed at the Naval Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina. He worked at Haddonfield Pediatrics, and was on staff at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. Dr. Renkun is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jeanne; one brother, one sister and their spouses; and cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

1963
Joseph J. Kelley Jr.
Joseph J. “Joe” Kelley Jr., of Wellesley, Massachusetts, formerly of Arlington, died on Sept. 1, 2019. Mr. Kelley studied English at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society. He also graduated from the Executive Program in Management Development at Harvard Business School. Mr. Kelley had a long career working for New England Telephone, consulting and teaching at Babson College. He supported the College as a regional club career counselor and member of the career advisor network. Mr. Kelley is survived by four daughters, including Lisa D. Tyburski ’86, and their husbands; 13 grandchildren; and one brother and his wife. He was predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Diane.

William J. Reid
William J. “Bill” Reid, formerly of North Arlington, New Jersey, died on Aug. 21, 2019. After graduating from Holy Cross, Mr. Reid started a career in advertising at Wells, Rich, and Greene in New York City. He was later employed at CBS in Washington, D.C., where he directed, produced and wrote documentaries for “60 Minutes”; he received two Emmy Awards for his work. He then worked at Walt Disney Studios in Los Angeles and freelanced as a screenwriter. He also directed, produced and wrote an award-winning musical, prior to
IN MEMORIAM

Christian K. Zacher
Christian “Chris” Zacher, of Columbus, Ohio, died on July 2, 2019, at 78. An English major at Holy Cross, Mr. Zacher was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society and recipient of the Kranich Prize in literature. After receiving his Ph.D. at the University of California at Riverside, he accepted a teaching position in Ohio State University’s (OSU) Department of English, where he was employed for 44 years. At OSU, he presided over and served on numerous societies, centers and councils; he was recognized with the OSU Distinguished Service Award. In addition, Mr. Zacher published several works and established OSU’s Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities, serving as its director for 13 years. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Kay Bea Jones; one sister; one son; two daughters and their spouses; five grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

1964

Bernard J. “Bud” Foley Jr., of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died on Sept. 17, 2019, at 77. Mr. Foley graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in history. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard for approximately 10 years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Kathy; two sons; three daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; five grandchildren; one brother; one sister; and two sisters-in-law. He was predeceased by one brother, Edward J. Foley ’68; and one granddaughter. His father was the late Bernard J. Foley ’37; and his alumni relatives also include nephew Michael E. Foley ’98 and niece Mary M. Donaghey ’01.

Hon. Vincent J. Reilly
Hon. Vincent J. “Vince” Reilly, of Schenectady, New York, died on Sept. 22, 2019, at 77. Mr. Reilly studied economics at Holy Cross and participated in lacrosse. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School and served as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army National Guard. He began his legal career in private practice and also served as an assistant district attorney in Schenectady County. Mr. Reilly was later elected Niskayuna (New York) town justice, before being elected Schenectady County Family Court judge. The recipient of many professional awards, he was elected to the New York State Supreme Court, Fourth Judicial District, and presided over the Schenectady County Drug Court for many years. He supported the College as a class agent, and as a member of the career advisor network, Class Reunion Committee and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Reilly is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda; six children and their spouses, including daughter Christina R. Bell ’92 and son-in-law Scott A. Bell ’91; eight grandchildren; five siblings and their spouses; and many nieces and nephews, including Dylan J. Reilly ’16. He was predeceased by his parents; and his infant brother.

1965

Fotios N. Ganias, M.D.
Fotios N. Ganias, M.D., of Worcester, died on July 5, 2019, at 78. A biology major at Holy Cross, Dr. Ganias graduated with honors from Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He practiced as an ophthalmologist for over 40 years, opening practices in Athol and Gardner, Massachusetts. He is the author of a book on the history of his native village, Vavouri, Greece. Dr. Ganias is survived by his wife of 41 years, Helen; three children; two sons-in-law; two grandsons; one brother; one sister-in-law; one sister; one uncle; and countless cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. He was predeceased by his mother and father; one brother-in-law; and one nephew.

1966

Charles W. Flynn
Charles W. “Chuck” Flynn, of Carver, Massachusetts, and North Fort Myers, Florida, and formerly of Plymouth, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 25, 2019, at 74. Mr. Flynn graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in physics. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, and was a systems analyst and senior systems programmer for the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Automated Command and Control System at SAC headquarters in Omaha. He later graduated from Creighton University with a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy, and from Simmons College with a master’s degree in teaching. He was on the clinical faculty at Creighton University School of Pharmacy. Mr. Flynn later worked as a systems analyst at Incoterm Corporation, and a marketing manager and senior technical support consultant with pharmacy and computers at Honeywell Information Systems. After working as a pharmacist for Sedell’s, he taught physical science at Plymouth North and Plymouth South high schools; he also taught graduate students in physics and chemistry at Cambridge College. Mr. Flynn is survived by his wife, Suzanne; one son; three siblings; and his mother-in-law.

Eugene F. Maloney
Eugene F. “Gene” Maloney, of Pittsburgh, died on July 19, 2019, at 74. Mr. Maloney majored in history at Holy Cross, earned his J.D. from Fordham Law School and attended Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he focused on the financial management of commercial banks. He was an officer in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. A leader in the financial services industry, Mr. Maloney was executive vice president and corporate counsel of Federated Investors, Inc., where he was employed for 47 years; he also served on its executive committee. He taught trust and securities law at Boston University School of Law for 26 years; he also served as a member of the advisory board for the David Berg Center for Leadership and Ethics at the Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh. A frequent speaker, published author and expert witness in his field, Mr. Maloney received several awards and was honored by the Trust Education Foundation, which established and funded the Eugene Maloney Trust Scholarship at Campbell University in North Carolina. He supported Holy Cross as a member of the 1843 Society, President’s Council and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Maloney is survived by his wife, Judy; two sons; one daughter; six grandchildren; one brother, William P. Maloney ’59; and one sister. His alumni relatives also include his niece, the late Alison M. Estep ’88.

1968

Edward F. Bourdon
Edward F. “Ed” Bourdon, of Celebration, Florida, formerly of Rhode Island, died on June 30, 2019, at 72. Mr. Bourdon studied economics at Holy Cross, and after serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, he was a teacher and coach at his alma mater, Our Lady of Providence High School. He went on to earn his MBA from Bryant College and began his executive career at G-Tech Corporation, from which he retired as vice president of New York operations. Mr. Bourdon is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy; one daughter; two sons, including Capt. Jon-Patrick Bourdon, USMC, ’98, and their wives; five brothers; two sisters; and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by an infant daughter.

Edward J. Foley
Edward J. “Ed” Foley, of Billerica, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 6, 2019, at 73. Mr. Foley studied mathematics and history at Holy Cross. He enrolled as an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS WASP for five years, and earned a business degree from the University
of Michigan. He worked in computer programming at John Hancock for 20 years, advancing to management, and at his own business, PASA, for 25 years. Mr. Foley is survived by his wife of 47 years, Judith; one son, Michael E. Foley ’98; and his wife; one daughter, Mary M. Donaghey ’01; and her husband; two grandchildren; one sister; one brother; two sisters-in-law; and many other family members. His father was the late Bernard J. Foley ’37; his brother Bernard J. Foley Jr. ’64 died on Sept. 17, 2019.

Glenn A. Grieco

Glenn A. Grieco, of Sussex, New Jersey, formerly of Bayonne, died on Aug. 28, 2019, at 72. Mr. Grieco studied mathematics at Holy Cross and was the recipient of the Davitt Award. He played football for the College and was a member of the Varsity Club and Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Carmel; four sons; two daughters; one son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; 13 grandchildren; one sister-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and one sister.

Timothy J. McDonald

Timothy J. “Tim” McDonald, of Waterbury, Connecticut, died on Sept. 16, 2019, at 72. Mr. McDonald studied economics and accounting at Holy Cross, and he received his master’s degree in educational administration and supervision at Fairfield University. He began his teaching career at Waterbury Catholic High. He later worked at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury for 44 years, serving first as a teacher, then as an administrator, including vice dean, dean, principal and president; he also coached basketball for 20 years. Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife, Nadine; one daughter; five siblings and their spouses; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

1969

Warren F. Myers

Warren F. Myers, of Revere, Massachusetts, died on July 4, 2019. At Holy Cross, Mr. Myers studied economics and accounting and participated in intramural sports. He was a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society (economics) and graduated cum laude. He later supported the College as a class agent. Mr. Myers joined the family business, Reliable Heating & Appliance, as an account executive and remained there until its closing. He was then part of the staff at Myers Brothers-North Shore Fuel in Revere, where he continued in sales and management. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Karen; one daughter and her husband; one son and his wife; three grandchildren; one sister and her husband; one brother; one sister-in-law; many nephews and nieces, including Susan M. Myers ’88; and grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents; one brother; and one sister-in-law.

Kim A. Palmerino

Kim A. Palmerino, of Manchester, Connecticut, died on Aug. 15, 2019, at 71. A political science major at Holy Cross, Mr. Palmerino earned his Juris Doctor degree from The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He had a long career as an international tax specialist in both private industry and for the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Palmerino is survived by one sister; one brother and his wife; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one brother.

Ralph B. Williams Jr.

Ralph B. Williams Jr., of Murrieta, California, died on July 7, 2019, at 72. At Holy Cross, Mr. Williams studied economics/accounting and played football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He earned his MBA at Suffolk University and his doctorate in business administration at the University of Southern California. He served several years with international accounting firm Ernst & Ernst (now Ernst & Young); in the Small Business Department. He held executive positions in several fast growth companies, and was involved with financing, investing and company executive management for over 30 years. His experience included various positions with such organizations as Search Initiatives, Sonera Venture Partners and Lockheed Martin Corporation. Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Claudia; two sisters; his former wives, Regina McEwan and Karen Belville; and two daughters, two stepchildren and their families, including three grandchildren.

1970

William E. Bell

William E. “Bill” or “Zoph” Bell, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, died on July 28, 2019, at 71. Mr. Bell studied history at Holy Cross. He worked at Eastern Ice, Cozy Cab and Stop & Shop. He is survived by his wife/partner, Coffee; two sons; one sister; one brother-in-law; 11 nieces and nephews; 16 great-nieces and great-nephews; and three great-great-nieces. He was predeceased by his father and mother; one sister; and one brother.

1971

John R. Flint

John R. Flint, of Lexington and West Dennis, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 6, 2019, at 70. Mr. Flint attended Holy Cross and University College in Dublin, Ireland, majoring in English. He then received his master’s degree in English from University College and an MBA from Babson College. He went on to teach high school English before switching to corporate marketing. Mr. Flint then began building his own companies, and founded, with his wife, T.F. Associates, Inc., an international conference and trade show management company, focusing on commercial aerospace. He later served as president and CEO of Wetmore Company in Wilmington, Massachusetts, and became the company’s owner. Mr. Flint is survived by his wife of 28 years, Roseann; two sons; two grandchildren; one sister and her husband; several in-laws; one aunt; and eight nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

Daniel J. Leyden

Daniel J. “Dan” Leyden, of Albany, New York, died on Aug. 23, 2019, at 70. Mr. Leyden studied economics at Holy Cross and participated in baseball; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He played baseball in the Albany Twilight League for several years. He was employed by Banker’s Trust Co., and later worked for Albany County for 28 years, retiring as director of civil service. Mr. Leyden is survived by three children and their spouses; four grandchildren; four siblings and their spouses; one brother-in-law; and 12 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one sister. His father was the late Robert D. Leyden ’38.

John L. Walker

John L. Walker, of Clarkson, Michigan, died on July 8, 2019, at 70. At Holy Cross, Mr. Walker studied economics and played football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He was a high school teacher and coach for nearly 40 years at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, Birmingham Brother Rice and Troy Athens High School. Mr. Walker is survived by his wife of 48 years, Gina; six children and their spouses; 26 grandchildren; and three siblings and their spouses. He was predeceased by one daughter.

1972

Anthony A. Falzone

Anthony A. “Tony” Falzone, of Lexington, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 28, 2019, at 69. Mr. Falzone studied economics and mathematics at Holy Cross and earned his J.D. and LL.M. at the Boston University School of Law. He supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Falzone is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; two children; and one
brother, Nicholas R. Falzone ’67.

1973 Richard F. Luebeck

Richard F. “Rick” Luebeck, of Newington, Connecticut, died on Aug. 26, 2019, at 67. A history major at Holy Cross, Mr. Luebeck also graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law; he was employed by The Hartford for 33 years. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Laurie; two brothers; one sister; two nephews; and many friends.


Robert T. “Bobby” Callary Jr., of Lowell, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 26, 2019, at 61. A psychology major at Holy Cross, Mr. Callary worked at the Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and the Mt. Pleasant Golf Club in Lowell. He is survived by three sisters and their husbands; seven nieces and nephews; two aunts; and one uncle and his wife. His alumni relatives include his cousin Suzanne M. Perry ’87.

1974 Joseph R. Calareso

Joseph R. "Joe" Calareso, of Maynard, Massachusetts, died on July 9, 2019, at 67. Mr. Calareso studied economics at Holy Cross; he later supported the College as a regional club career counselor and member of the career advisor network. He worked for Cascade Communications and NetSuite for many years. He is survived by his wife, Deborah; one son and his significant other; one sister; one niece; and one nephew.

1992 Cynthia Pellegrini Johnson

Cynthia “Cindy” Pellegrini Johnson, of Washington, D.C., died on July 26, 2019, at 49. At Holy Cross, Mrs. Johnson studied political science and graduated magna cum laude. She was a Dana Scholar, member of Phi Beta Kappa (liberal arts) and recipient of the Rev. George A. King, S.J., and Richard J. Keenan ’67 Memorial Award. Her College activities included ACT - Alternate College Theatre, Marching Band, Pax Christi, Washington Semester Program and Women’s Forum; she later supported Holy Cross as a member of the career advisor network and HOIAD Marching Band Alumni Committee. Mrs. Johnson worked on Capitol Hill for more than a decade; there, she held many roles, including chief of staff for the late Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY), during which she developed initiatives in genetic nondiscrimination, women’s health research and other aspects of health care reform. After her career in Congress, she devoted herself to nonprofit advocacy, working at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and, most recently, as lead public policy strategist at the March of Dimes. The author of many works on federal public health care policy and preparedness, Mrs. Johnson completed a Baldrige Executive Fellows program and was the recipient of numerous honors and awards; she also served on many commissions, boards and advisory committees. She is survived by her husband, Jason P. Johnson ’92; two children; her mother and father; one brother; one sister-in-law; three nephews; one niece; extended family; and legions of friends, colleagues and neighbors.

1979 Garrett H. Dalton III

Garrett H. “Gary” Dalton III, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, died on July 18, 2019, at 62. Mr. Dalton majored in economics/accounting at Holy Cross and later supported the College as a member of the career advisor network. He is survived by his mother; one brother; one sister-in-law; one niece; one nephew; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and his former wife, Christine Moore. He was predeceased by his father.

1993 Thomas G. Mongan

Thomas G. “Tom” Mongan, of Hoboken, New Jersey, died on Aug. 1, 2019, at 48. At Holy Cross, Mr. Mongan studied economics and French. He supported the College as a class agent. He initially worked for Pershing Financial Services, a division of Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette, and subsequently worked as a financial services advisor for TIAA Financial Services. During this time he pursued an MBA from Fordham University as well as CPA certification. Most recently, he served as a substitute teacher in the Jersey City school system. Mr. Mongan is survived by his father; one brother and his wife; one sister and her husband; his godmother and her husband; six nieces; one nephew; and many cousins, aunts and their extended families. He was predeceased by his mother.

1997 Thomas S. Monahan III, M.D.

Thomas S. “Tom” Monahan III, M.D., of Baltimore, formerly of Scituate, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 12, 2019, at 44. Dr. Monahan studied biology at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He participated in golf and was a member of the Varsity Club. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts Medical School and completed fellowships in surgery and vascular surgery at Harvard Medical School and the University of California, San Francisco, respectively. Dr. Monahan was an academic vascular surgeon at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and practiced vascular surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Bon Secours Health System, Baltimore.
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He received multiple grants for his laboratory research, and his scientific work was presented at national meetings and published in numerous peer-reviewed articles. Dr. Monahan is survived by one son; one daughter; his children's mother, Linda; his parents; one brother and his wife; one sister and her husband; one niece; three nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and loved ones.

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Hip-Hop: Picking Up Where Homer Left Off

BY MARYBETH REILLY-MCGREEN ’89

I’d been a hip-hop music fan from grade school, when a Catholic kid’s idea of rebellion was bellowing Blondie’s “Rapture” a cappella on the school bus until the driver screamed. I graduated to old-school hip-hop classics, “Rapper’s Delight,” “White Lines” and “Jam on It,” delighting in warp-speed rhyming you could dance to. When I got to Holy Cross, UB40 and U2 were the music of the moment, so I shelved Grandmaster Flash and the Sugarhill Gang.

Still, my relationship with hip-hop continued, through the poetry of Langston Hughes, introduced to me by Professor B. Eugene McCarthy. My study of stained-glass windows under Professor Virginia Ragun allowed me to see allegory at work in the street art of hip-hop pioneer Fab 5 Freddy and New York neo-expressionist Jean-Michel Basquiat. And in 2018, when Vanity Fair hailed Pulitzer Prize-winning rapper Kendrick Lamar the heir to James Joyce, I understood that because of Professor Edward Callahan’s teaching of “Ulysses” and the epic as a mutable form.

Not that I understood that at the time.

Last year, I was assigned a short profile about a hip-hop pioneer who’s been rapping for 30 years. It turned into a five-part series as I realized that hip-hop – which some may view as misogynistic, homophobic, violent, obscene, profane or racist – is also high art and more.

Hip-hop is an artistic and cultural movement with a language and an aesthetic built upon four pillars: MCing (aka, rapping), deejaying, breakdancing and graffiti writing. Bronx-born, hip-hop is the street-smart child of disco, funk, reggae, dance and R&B grown to Goliath proportions, powering a $10 billion-a-year industry.

The more I learned, the more awed I was. Hip-hop artists so revere words that they proflame them. They add and subtract letters at will. They stretch and pull words like gum wound round the finger. They take two words and smash them together. They take one word and split it like an atom. And the fallout is music – and more: insight into the human condition, the outpouring of a soul expressing love, lust, anger, frustration, hatred, unity, pride, virtue and vice. It’s all there in an art form born of urban poverty, where cardboard was the dance floor; the voice, the instrument and mic; and the street corner, the stage.

Scholar and literary critic Sir Geoffrey Hill wrote that poetry fights “the inertial drag of speech.” Hip-hop is airborne. Its most gifted practitioners are revolutionaries, delivering depth charges that happen at the level of the sentence, if not the word. Even its criticism pulsates. Poet Kevin Coval writes, “The break down, polyrhythmic, funky sections of records extended by Kool Herc, Afrika Bambaataa and Grandmaster Flash [laid] a sonic foundation for the largest global youth culture in the history of the planet rock.” This culture sounds its barbaric yawp, slams its poetry and dances in “pop and lock and spin . . . defying the limitations of body and gravity,” Coval says. Hip-hop artists are Whitman’s heirs, the type of epic poet-inventors Shelley envisioned in “A Defence of Poetry.”

Hip-hop soars while doing heavy lifting, acting as a conduit for literature, philosophy, art, music, social justice, theatre, history and advocacy. Hip-hop artist and activist Xiuhtezcatl Martinez uses the medium to raise awareness about climate change. Jay-Z, Macklemore and Ryan Lewis use it to preach acceptance and inclusion of the LGBTQ community.

Of course, the art form has, at times, been rightly criticized for all of the reasons I mentioned earlier. Much like Picasso has been criticized for misogyny, Twain for racism and coarse language, and Bukowski for misanthropy and vulgarity. And then there’s Joyce, who was well-acquainted with critics’ charges of the lewdness, pornography and blasphemy in his work. But criticism is just opinion and art never promised to be pleasing.

I can offer no proof, but I am pretty sure I’m one of the few 52-year-old white women who couldn’t wait to buy “There Existed an Addiction to Blood,” the 2019 release from experimental hip-hop group clipping. I know many, however, who paid a premium to see the group’s lead, rapper Daveed Diggs, play Thomas Jefferson in the Broadway musical “Hamilton.” And your kids and grandkids adore him as Mr. Noodle on “Sesame Street.” Hip-hop culture is everywhere and we are the richer for it.

All that said, I know some people will never accept that Kendrick Lamar is the contemporary Joyce or that hip-hop is the epic’s heir. And that’s OK: I bet there were Greeks who thought Homer wouldn’t last, either.


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