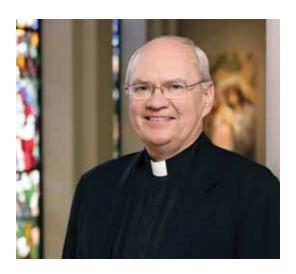






#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



#### Dear Friends,

One of my favorite weekend pastimes is walking through the Jamaica Estates neighborhood with my dog, Stormy. One recent walk took us past the new St. John's off-campus residence hall, located on Henley Road, which houses almost 450 students as well as several faculty who have a special commitment to enhancing our University's residential community. As I continued on, I reflected upon the concern so many of us

have had over the past year about the impact of the economic crisis upon the University — especially as we opened yet another residence hall — and I realized how blessed St. John's is.

As we begin the academic year, our new off-campus residence is filled — as are all of our residences in Queens, Staten Island, Manhattan, Rome and Paris. Our enrollment numbers remain strong, and our SAT scores are at an all time high. In addition, the number of our freshmen who were classified as having "very high" financial aid needs is the highest in many years — approaching 48% of our class. At the same time, the University's budget has been stretched as a result of the need to provide additional institutional financial aid, the largest dollar amount in our history to help students who would otherwise have been unable to continue their education. And despite this tremendous infusion of resources, I am aware of students whose financial situations were such that they were not able to return to classes this fall. Certainly we are mindful of our blessings, but, at the same time, we are not without serious challenges.

Walking Stormy gives me time to reflect. And I often reflect that perhaps St. John's is so blessed because, regardless of the circumstances, we have never strayed from our mission. We continue to serve those whom we were founded to serve — in a new and always changing way. In so doing we are also blessed by dedicated and competent faculty, administrators and staff. And our students are the greatest!

And finally, my reflections would be incomplete if they did not include acknowledgement of the many ways by which we are blessed by generous and committed alumni. This issue of the *St. John's University Magazine* includes the Honor Roll of Donors, very special women and men whose support, especially critical in these difficult economic times, helps to assure that our mission continues. Thank you for all that you continue to do for St. John's.

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# Graduates Assume New Status As Alumni

On a day filled with the traditional pomp and circumstance that make all university commencement ceremonies both moving and memorable, members of the Class of 2009 were welcomed into the ranks of the alumni by the staff of the St. John's University Office of Alumni Relations.

At the conclusion of the formal ceremony graduates were congratulated by staff members who presented each new alumnus and alumna with a St. John's University Alumni tee shirt and a copy of *Cap and Compass*, a publication containing useful resources and information to assist the new graduates as they begin the next period of their lives.

"This was a great day for the graduates and their families," said Bill Schaeffer '73CBA, Director, Office of Alumni Relations. "We're proud of what these young men and women have accomplished and we're happy to welcome them into the ranks of our alumni."

Schaeffer and his staff urged everyone to stay connected to St. John's and "...take advantage of everything that the alumni network has to offer.

Remember, your status at St. John's isn't over, it's simply changed. The St. John's family is forever."

The new graduates were appropriately excited about achieving this milestone in

about his student days, Rubin Simkhayev '09TCB remarked that what would stand out most in his mind was "...the great atmosphere on campus. I really liked the face-to-face attention I received from my professors. The whole experience was great!"

Commencement is, of course, a beginning rather than an end, and the members of the Class of 2009 are certain that the education and values that they received at *alma mater* will allow them to go forth and make a difference in our world for years to come.



on their time at St. John's. "I'm excited," said
Earlene Fernandez '09GEd. "At last I've done

it, and now I'm ready to move on. I'm considering the possibility of coming back for my Ph.D."

Kaushal Shah '09MS felt confident with his Master's in Biotechnology firmly in hand. "Today is very special for me. It was a lot of hard work and long hours, and I'm pretty sure that I'll be able to overcome these tough economic times with my degree from St. John's."

When asked what he would remember most



# Alumni Honor Outstanding Business Professors

Alumni and friends gathered in April at The Inn at New Hyde Park on Long Island for St. John's The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Alumni Association (TCBAA) Networking Reception, a popular annual event which this year honored three of St. John's most exceptional business professors.

The honorees included John W. Dobbins, Jr., Ph.D. (posthumously), Pauline C. Magee-Egan, Ph.D. and Jay Nathan, Ph.D.

TCBAA President Catherine Camera '65CBA described the honorees as "incredibly talented, gifted individuals. This event is important because it gives us an opportunity to spotlight the excellent, dynamic teachers that we have at St. John's. It also helps to fulfill the University's mission of supporting

students and alumni in career-related relationships."

As the honorees accepted their awards, each acknowledged a special attachment to the University that has been their professional home for so many years.

"I'm absolutely in awe to think that the alumni have thought of me," noted Dr. Magee-Egan. "I'm being honored for doing what I have loved doing for the past 51 years — teaching our wonderful students. Our students move on and move up, and they're a reflection of our great University."

"The St. John's community has given me the opportunity to be what I am today," said Dr. Nathan. "The diversity and the Vincentian mission are things that I truly feel deep in my heart. I am happy and humbled to receive this recognition and I'm grateful to be in the company of these wonderful honorees."

Accepting the award on behalf of his late brother, Bill Dobbins shared a

number of personal insights and memories of the wonderful ties that existed between him and John. "I never knew my brother as 'Dr. Dobbins'...he was just

John. He was a year older than me, and growing up

Honoree Jay Nathan, Ph.D. is joined by two of his appreciative students.



▲ Son James, wife Veronica and daughter Kimberly Ehret accept the Jim Ehret Board Member of the Year Award in memory of Jim Fhret '82'CBA

we shared everything for the first 16 years of our lives. It's great for me to meet so many people from John's extended family ...which is his St. John's family."

A unique feature of the event was the inaugural presentation of the Jim Ehret Board Member of the Year Award, named in memory of Jim Ehret '82CBA. This annual award honors a member of the Tobin College of Business Alumni Association who has made outstanding contributions to St. John's while embracing the University's Vincentian values throughout his or her life. Accepting the award in memory of her late husband, Veronica Ehret expressed the appreciation of the Ehret Family. "Jim was the best, and after him they broke the mold," she said. "This award will be greatly treasured, and we thank you for this honor."





# Notre Dame College Alumni Celebrate Homecoming

In May, Notre Dame College alumnae enjoyed their annual Homecoming on the Staten Island campus.

The day began with Mass in memory of Sr. Helen Flynn, followed by a champagne hour and luncheon buffet. While all classes were welcome, Homecoming specifically recognized the anniversary classes of 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969. During the luncheon, alumni from the Golden Anniversary class of 1959 were presented with commemorative brooches and guests were introduced to Robert Hrankiwskyj, Jessica Marini, and Kathleen Herron, recipients of a four-year, \$4,000 Sr. Helen Flynn Scholarship. Noel VanEgas

was also introduced as the recipient of the Hon. Mary Egan Scholarship, named in memory of Notre Dame College alumna Judge Mary Egan '38NDC, '45L.

Camaraderie filled the room as the alumnae reconnected with the friends who were such an important part of their student



days. "Some of my wonderful friends who helped me through college are sitting with me today and are still true friends," remarked Raffaela Caputo '58NDC.

Reflecting on their days at Notre Dame College, the alumnae agreed that, as college students, they definitely had their share of

fun. "I remember climbing the trees in front of Flynn Hall on a beautiful spring day," recalled Frances Norris-Pettersen '66NDC, '84PD. Other pastimes included "...meeting in the cafeteria to play bridge and listening to music in the music room of Spellman Hall," noted Janis Forsyth '50NDC and Joan Dobis '66NDC, President of the Notre Dame College Alumnae Association (NDCAA).

Today, the NDCAA has more than 1,500 active members and is deeply woven into the fabric of St. John's University.

## Future Teachers Benefit from Grant

At a formal presentation in August, St. John's University was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Richmond County Savings Foundation to convert two rooms in the DaSilva Academic Center on the Staten Island campus into Teaching and Learning Laboratories. These technologically sophisticated facilities will provide enhanced learning environments for teacher candidates in St. John's The School of Education, allowing them to cultivate a variety of sound pedagogical practices.

"These labs will immerse our students in technology enhanced environments characteristic of those they will be called upon to create as future educators at the primary, elementary, middle and secondary levels," said Nicholas A. Legakis '97SVC, '07MPS Director, Institutional Advancement, Staten Island campus.

Students will have opportunities to engage in inquiry-based learning using hands-on materials and investigative procedures, facilitate large and small group discussion and elaborate on course projects in preparation for their future teaching profession.

An Instructional Materials Center equipped with the most up-to-date curriculum materials will allow faculty to easily access materials for comprehensive course integration while affording education students the opportunity to develop the skills necessary for successful classroom practice. An Instructional Technology Center will allow teacher candidates to integrate Web-based resources, software and smartboard technology into their teaching practices. It will also provide resources for podcasting, digital storytelling and video editing.

The Richmond County Savings Foundation has partnered with St. John's in the past by providing a number of grants, including a \$300,000 award to support the development of Instructional Technology Laboratories in the DaSilva Academic Center. "We're very grateful to the Richmond County Savings Foundation for their ongoing support of St. John's," said Legakis. "Their generosity continues to make a real difference for our students, a difference that will ultimately benefit the young people and families with whom they will interact during their years as professional educators."



# The 2009 - 2010 Season Is Here!

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Nov. 13	LIU	Carnesecca Arena
Nov. 20	Brown	Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 2	Stony Brook	Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 13	Fordham	Carnesecca Arena
HOLIDAY FESTIVAL		
Dec. 20	Hofstra	MSG
Dec. 21	Championship/Consolation	
Dec. 23	Bryant	Carnesecca Arena
Jan. 3	Providence*	Carnesecca Arena
Jan. 13	Cincinnati*	MSG
Jan. 17	DePaul*	Carnesecca Arena
Jan. 23	Villanova*	MSG
Feb. 6	West Virginia*	MSG
Feb. 11	Louisville*	MSG
Feb. 17	Seton Hall*	Carnesecca Arena
Feb. 24	Marquette*	Carnesecca Arena
Feb. 27	Pittsburgh*	MSG

#### **WOMEN'S**

Nov. 21	Boston University	Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 1	Stetson	Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 10	LIU	Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 13	Rhode Island	Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 19	Texas-Arlington	Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 20	Virginia Tech/UAB	Carnesecca Arena
Jan. 2	West Virginia*	Carnesecca Arena
Jan. 5	Marquette*	Carnesecca Arena
Jan. 12	Seton Hall*	Carnesecca Arena
Jan. 23	USF*	MSG
Jan. 30	Providence*	Carnesecca Arena
Feb. 10	Louisville*	Carnesecca Arena
Feb. 16	Notre Dame*	Carnesecca Arena
Feb. 27	Villanova*	Carnesecca Arena
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# New Dean for St. John's School of Law

The St. John's University Board of Trustees appointed Professor Michael A. Simons as Dean of St. John's School of Law.

Simons became the School of Law's ninth Dean in its 84-year history. He replaced Dean Mary C. Daly who passed away in November 2008, after a successful four-year deanship dating back to August 2004.

"Dean Michael Simons' reputation for scholarship and for teaching make him especially qualified to lead our School of Law at this time in its history," said Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., President of St. John's University.

A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, *magna cum laude*, 1986, and Harvard Law School, *magna cum laude*, 1989, Michael A. Simons has been a member of the St. John's faculty since 1998, and served as Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship from 2005-2008.

"In the 10 years that I have been part of this law school community, I have never failed to be impressed by St. John's. Everything I know about this law school — about our faculty, about our students, about our staff and about our alumni — fills me with great hope for our future," said Dean Simons. "It is a privilege to follow Mary Daly as Dean. She was both a mentor and a role model

to me, and I look forward to carrying on her work in advancing our mission."

Prior to his tenure at St. John's, Dean Simons worked as Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York (1995-1998), as an associate at Stillman,



Friedman & Shaw in New York City (1991-95); as a Staff Attorney for The Washington Post (1990-91), and as a Law Clerk to the Hon. Louis F. Oberdorfer of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1989-90).

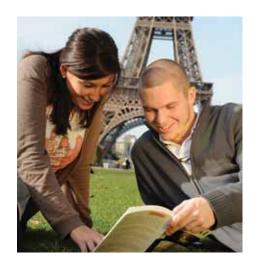
# Global Studies Celebrates 25th Anniversary

When the Global Studies program began at St. John's University over a quarter-century ago, it bore little resemblance to the thriving, multi-national program that is available to students today. Back then, students seeking to experience learning within other cultures had only a single location in Europe to which they could travel, offering enriching but limited opportunities for academic growth and cultural immersion.

Twenty-five years later, students flock to take advantage of the chance to study abroad at a number of the world's most interesting and exciting places. "We've really reinvigorated people's perception of what it means to study abroad," said Karl Rutter, Director of Recruitment, Office of Global Studies. "We have a wide variety of programs now, some that run for a full semester and others that take place during St. John's winter or summer recess. We've moved from one fixed location to programs that are totally global in nature."

During the past academic year, over 500 students, most of them undergraduates,

participated in some form of global education. Of the many Global Studies programs, the most popular is Discover the World, where students spend an entire academic semester living and learning in historic cities, including Rome, Paris, Dublin and Salamanca, Spain.



For most of these fortunate young men and women, the experience allows them to see the world in vastly different ways.

"I went to Dublin, Rome and Paris," said Mark Yassa '10C. "It was very different from what I expected. Dublin was very Americanized, but I hit major culture shock when I went to Paris and Rome. For me. it

was a real life-changing experience."

Reflecting St. John's commitment to globalization, students can also choose from specialized programs in a variety of additional locations, including Egypt, Berlin, India, Guatamala, the Galapagos Islands, London and Bermuda.

True to the Vincentian mission, students participating in the programs are required to engage in service to the needy in the overseas communities in which they live and learn. The study abroad experience involves students and faculty working side by side to serve others all around the world.

One of the most recent innovations in the Global Studies program now allows for the participation of incoming freshmen. This past summer, 30 incoming freshmen took part in a program on the University's Rome campus, allowing them to be global even before becoming local.

Looking ahead, plans are already underway to expand to other locations in Latin America and Asia. "St. John's has a true commitment to global education," noted Rutter. "When it comes to giving our students the best experience possible, we're prepared to spread our wings and poised to offer them unique learning opportunities literally all around the world."





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# alumni insider's view...

Alumni Insider's View...offers students and alumni the opportunity to network as students learn about various career fields from alumni who graciously offer their time by participating. This illustrious program enables St. John's students to obtain real-world knowledge about a chosen profession and/or field while drawing upon the myriad of experiences from some of our most accomplished alumni.

#### **New York State Capital**

A group of enthusiastic students from St. John's University traveled to Albany, NY, in April to gain a behind-the-scenes look at state government from alumni holding significant positions in and around the New York State Capital.

They were quickly immersed in current issues, which included the budget and MTA fare hikes, through engaging panel discussions, an educational lunch where they heard from State Senator and alumnus Joseph P. Addabbo Jr. '86CBA and a private tour of the Capital.

Senators Martin J. Golden '97SVC of the 22nd Senate District and Diane J. Savino '86CBA of the 23rd Senate District passionately discussed the state budget in light of current economic hardship, giving students a glimpse of a healthy bi-partisanship rivalry in their elected officials.

Another panel of alumni candidly shared the value of their St. John's education with students and advised them to consider forging strong relationships now towards a career in public service.

The strength of the alumni community was demonstrated for students who learned not only about the experiences of these particular alumni but about what they themselves can expect after graduation.

"My experience with this program has led me to believe in the possibilities of life. Who knew that an undergraduate psychology major and former waitress, as well as past restaurant entrepreneur, would end up in the State Senate?" remarked Kristina Murani '10C. "The path from college to career discovery is thought provoking. Thank you for allowing me to partake in such a rewarding opportunity."

The alumni participants, comprised of senators, assemblymen and others in related professions, were justifiably proud of their involvement in the day's activities and expressed their willingness to help further the education and careers of St. John's students.

"Participating in the panel presentation was a great opportunity to interact with



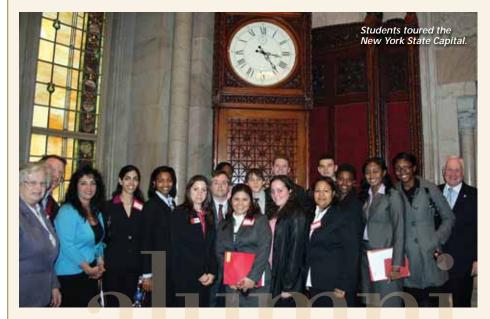
A Richard Mulvaney, Esq. '89SVC, '93L (I.) General Counsel for the New York State Troopers PBA and New York State Senator Craig Maclean Johnson, Esq. '96L participate in the panel discussion, while Andrea Papa '88SVC (c.) moderates.

St. John's students, as well as my colleagues," said Senator Golden. "I hope the students found it as enriching as I did."

Senators Golden and Savino took time to personally guide the group of students onto the Senate floor where they could observe members of the State Senate in action as well as take photos of their memorable experience.

"I am always happy to participate in any activities that St. John's holds," said Senator Savino. "My experience at the University was the highlight of my education. I am proud to participate with the University as it continues to grow and become even greater."

Students were pleased with the day's events and acknowledged the benefits of this rare privilege. "From the eruption of a spirited debate to the sincere words of advice and encouragement, the alumni truly made this experience worthwhile," said Chenele Francis '10TCB. "I cannot wait to be in their shoes one day, making such a huge difference in the workplace, community and with students."



#### Alumni Sharpen Students' Interview Skills

In April, more than 40 students, alumni and friends took part in the Alumni Insider's View ...Fourth Annual The School of Education Career Forum.

Patricia Campbell '54NDC, '60GEd, Associate Professor, St. John's University; Anna Castley '89PD, Principal, P.S. 54; Mary Chiapperino '97GEd, '02PD, Principal, Our Lady Help of Christians; John Fodera '66UC, '93PD, Principal, St. Peter's Boys High School; Natalie Hendrix '02Ed, '03GEd, Teacher, P.S. 58 and Ryan Murphy '03C, '06GEd, Teacher, I.S. 75 participated in the forum that was designed to provide students with



insight and the practical skills necessary when interviewing for a profession within the field of education.

Alumni offered students the benefit of their experiences by speaking candidly about what is required for success as a professional educator or educational administrator. They

also conducted mock interviews with two volunteers to prepare the students for the challenges of the interview process.

During her interview scenario one student demonstrated the use of an e-portfolio, an electronic portfolio containing the digital equivalent of a resume and sample work that demonstrates an applicant's

skills in a particular field. E-portfolios have now been implemented throughout the curriculum of The School of Education.

In addition to career advice, keynote speaker John Fodera emphasized the importance of rethinking societal views of success. He advised students to excel in their careers and invest in values that would lead to fulfilling lives.

#### Upcoming Alumni Insider's View...Events

- Tobin College of Business Speed Networking November 4, 2009 7 p.m. Kiernan Suite, Kelleher Center Staten Island campus
- Day On Wall Street
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  New York City
- Tobin College of
  Business Etiquette Class
  February 2010
  Staten Island campus
- Communications Connection
  March 24, 2010
  Kiernan Suite, Kelleher Center
  Staten Island campus
- Accounting
  Spring 2010
- New York State Capital
  April 2010
  Albany, NY
- The School of Education
  Mock Interview
  April 13, 2010
  4:30 p.m.
  DaSilva Academic Center
  Staten Island campus
  - Hotel Management
    April 26, 2010
    7:30 a.m.
    Hilton Garden Inn
    Staten Island. NY

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Advancement on the Staten Island campus. Whether fine-tuning existing programs or implementing new ones, these dedicated alumni are committed to making the Alumni Insider's View...a positive and memorable experience for both alumni and students. If you would like to participate in upcoming programs please contact Andrea at (718) 990-5811 or e-mail papaa@stjohns.edu or Nick at (718) 390-4146 or e-mail legakisn@stjohns.edu.

# young alumni

St. John's offers relevant and dynamic programs for alumni who have graduated within the last 10 years. We offer resources and services exclusively for our recent graduates designed to address their unique social, educational, financial or career enrichment needs.

The Young Alumni Happy Hour series is part of a number of activities suggested by the Young Alumni Committee, a group comprised of graduates who were student leaders and/or involved in student organizations and are willing to volunteer their time to discuss ways to better engage young alumni through social, service and networking events.

Happy Hours are held on a monthly basis at popular locations throughout the greater New York area.

During the past six months they've visited Calico Jack's Cantina, Tonic East, BowlMor and the Village Pourhouse in New York City and E.B. Elliott's on the Nautical Mile of Long Island.

Recent graduates are happy to reminisce and reconnect over cocktails and appetizers with other young alumni, many of whom they haven't seen since their student days. In addition to the obvious attraction of enjoying an opportunity to socialize at the end of a busy work day, these events offer young alumni a chance to network with other St. John's graduates for personal development and possible career advancement.





meet your young alumni representative

Elisa Douglas '05C serves as Assistant Director,
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Alumni Engagement. As a young alumna herself,
she is committed to working with St. John's recent
graduates to develop programs and activities that will
allow them to stay connected to each other and alma
mater. She enjoys the opportunity to build and maintain
relationships with constituent groups of young alumni
as well as with student groups, knowing that the
students of today will soon become the alumni
of tomorrow. For more information about
our programs for young alumni or to work
on creating new initiatives please contact
Elisa Douglas at (718) 990-6168 or
e-mail douglase@stjohns.edu.

"This event has inspired me to attend some of the other ones that are coming up in the next few months. It seems that St. John's young alumni events are pretty great!"

Nicole Ann
Piampiano '06CPS

#### **NOTEWORTHY**



# the school of education honors 100 years

St. John's School of Education is in the midst of celebrating its centennial with a variety of events highlighting the exceptional school founded in 1908. Below are recaps of just a few of the events held recently:

#### **Centennial Celebration at Reunion**

Alumni, faculty and administrators of The School of Education played a special role in the Centennial Celebration Great Lawn Party and Concert at Alumni Reunion Celebration 2009 in May.

Twenty undergraduate School of Education students assisted alumni who brought their children to campus to enjoy the various activities taking place throughout the afternoon and evening. The students supervised the children engaged in arts and crafts, watched over them as they enjoyed the carnival-style rides and painted their faces with a variety of festive shapes and colors.

"It was wonderful to see that so many alumni from The School of Education came back to St. John's to celebrate with us," noted Clarisse E. Willis '89SVC, '91GEd, '95PD, Associate Dean of The School of Education. "Everyone had a great time, and the presence of young children on campus added a very festive touch to this wonderful event."

Alumni were grateful for the opportunity see the many additions to the campus while reconnecting with friends from their student days.



"I've had the honor and the privilege of reconnecting with my college friends and because of them I'm reconnecting to St. John's now and it's wonderful," said Virginia Kordoski '70Ed, '73GEd. "Please have more family get togethers and I'm sure that more of us will come back."

"All of us have never been apart from each other," noted Joanne Trimarco '71Ed. "We had a very good experience at St. John's and we'd like to come back in the future."

At the end of the day it was the presence of other School of Education alumni that made the event especially memorable.

"I came back because my friends were coming and we're having a great time today," said George Frank '71Ed.

"We'll come back next year, too!"

#### **Fourth Annual L.E.A.D. in Queens**

In April, five alumni and friends of St. John's University who have distinguished themselves as professional educators or educational administrators were honored at the fourth Annual Leaders in Education Awards Dinner at the University Center on the Queens campus.



Nearly 200 alumni and friends gathered to acknowledge the achievements of the exceptional honorees, each of whom was recognized for enhancing the field of education with his or her significant contributions. Honorees included Marie Brown '63Ed, '70GEd, Robert A. Mangione '77P, '79GP, '93PD, '99Ed.D., Sr. Catherine Mezzacapo, C.S.J. '52Ed, '56G, William Sanders and James Sheerin '65Ed.

Jerrold Ross, Ph.D., Dean of The School of Education expressed his appreciation for everyone's support of the School's Centennial Celebration. He noted that the evening's honorees were an important reflection of those achievements.

Four of the honorees received their awards from Joseph Sciame '71Ed, Vice President for Community Relations at St. John's University, who was himself honored at last year's event. Sciame expressed his appreciation to Margaret D'Angelo '70Ed for her exceptional efforts as Chair of the Centennial Celebration Committee. He also commended the honorees for "...the many years of work and devotion they have given to the field of education."

After Sciame presented the first four awards, Dean Ross returned to present the final award to his St. John's colleague and friend



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Dr. Robert Mangione, Dean of St. John's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.

Alumni were quick to acknowledge the importance of events such as this. "These L.E.A.D. events continue to grow in size and stature," remarked Steve Rosenberg '73Ed. "It's always a pleasure to attend. The honorees are quite impressive and really show the quality of our School of Education graduates."

#### **Outstanding Educators Honored** on Staten Island

In April, alumni, students and faculty members gathered at the Staten Island campus to honor the achievements of five individuals who have made significant contributions in the area of education and educational administration.

The honorees, Joann Assante '80NDC, Mary Lee '06GEd, Rosann Mezzacappa '71Ed, Maureen O'Brien '62NDC and Carl A. Perrino '68Ph.D. were recognized for the impact they have made during the course of their careers on the lives of their students.



The evening's festivities included dinner and the presentation of apple-shaped awards in appreciation of the honorees' hard work and dedication by Jerrold Ross, Ph.D., Dean of The School of Education. Dean Ross spoke about his appreciation for the role alumni play in the community and University, remarking that,



"I am encouraged by the way our alumni respond and by their willingness and ability to give back."

Nicholas Legakis '97SVC, '07MPS, Associate Director for Institutional Advancement on the Staten Island campus

noted that, "The University is extremely proud of our honorees and of the outstanding contributions that they have made to the educational community. The influence that they have had will be felt for years to come."

#### L.E.A.D. Event at Oakdale

In April alumni and friends gathered at 2008 the Bourne Mansion on St. John's Oakdale campus to honor the achievements of six exceptional educators and educational administrators whose contributions have made a lasting impact that will be felt locally, nationally and internationally.



Honorees included Richard Castellano '73Ed, Carla D'Ambrosio '06Ed.D., Joseph Geoghan '59CBA, Debra Kalabza-Balsamo '06Ed.D., Michael Keany and Rev. Christopher Okorie '05G, '06GEd.

The 162 guests were welcomed by Jerrold Ross, Ph.D., Dean of The School of Education. Dean Ross expressed his appreciation to everyone for making this inaugural event at Oakdale so successful. He noted that he expects the event to continue to grow in the years ahead, and acknowledged the unique contributions that each of the honorees has made to the field of education and educational administration.

Serving as the Master of Ceremonies, Jim Monnier '74Ed, '79GEd, Assistant Vice President, Development, St. John's University, urged everyone to remember the importance of the Vincentian values that have served as the University's foundation since 1870.

"This has been a tremendous evening for St. John's University and our School of Education," noted Bill Schaeffer '73CBA, Director, Alumni Relations. "This L.E.A.D. event emphasized the importance of education, a reality that was clearly displayed by the deserving honorees and their contributions to the various fields of education. All of us at St. John's University are very proud of our alumni."

Guests enjoyed the first of what will definitely become an annual tradition. "This was a great evening at a wonderful location that brought together a terrific group of education professionals," said Thomas Gilroy '68Ed. "It was nice to be able to honor these six very deserving L.E.A.D. award recipients."

"This was a first class, professionally-run event," said John Schwartz, a guest of honoree Michael Keany. "St. John's University has much to be proud of, especially The School of Education."

#### **CHAPTER HAPPENINGS**

#### ■ Long Island Ducks Baseball Game

In July, alumni and friends gathered to enjoy dinner and a minor league baseball game at Citibank Park, the home of the Long Island Ducks in Central Islip, NY. The event attracted alumni of all ages, from the Schermerhorn Street and Lewis Avenue campuses to the more recent graduates and their children.

Guests received an alumni branded baseball cap and access to the Entenmann's Picnic Area for an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner, where families and friends shared picnic-style fare and spent quality time together before the game began.

"We appreciate St. John's planning a family event in Suffolk County," shared Joseph ('56UC) and Alba Nastasi '56UC who brought their grandchildren. "It's a lot easier than going into the city."

"I hadn't really been that involved up to this point," noted Ed Wildermuth '79P who celebrated the 30th anniversary of his graduation from St. John's at Alumni Reunion Celebration 2009 earlier this year. "But the fact that [the Office of Alumni Relations sponsored] a lot of interesting and nice things to do has stimulated me to get involved."



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□ Lakewood BlueClaws Host Hagerstown Suns
In August, alumni and friends gathered to enjoy a minor league
baseball game between the Hagerstown Suns and the Lakewood
BlueClaws in Lakewood, NJ. The event was hosted by the Central

New Jersey Alumni Chapter, and those in attendance also enjoyed a family barbeque in the picnic area of the stadium.

"It's a great event for families to gather and bring their kids," exclaimed Ernie Feiteiria '98CBA. "I love meeting new alumni that attend and having the opportunity to catch up with old friends."

Judith Hoyer '64UC, who made the trip from Long Island so that she could spend some time with her cousin at the ball game, was genuinely appreciative that "...the University hosts fun events like this one."

Mike Brill '79MBA, one of the Chapter leaders for the Central New Jersey Chapter, has been involved in planning this event for the past seven years. "We love hosting this event," he said. "It's great for families, there are activities for the kids, there's good food and it's affordable."





#### Minor League Baseball in Connecticut

Members of the Fairfield County Alumni Chapter and the Central Connecticut Alumni Chapter, gathered to watch the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs play the Bridgeport Bluefish at The Ballpark at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport, CT.

Many expressed their satisfaction with the event and were grateful for the opportunity to gather with other area alumni, a reflection of the strong bond that continues to exist with *alma mater* even years after graduation.

"St. John's has meant so much to me and it's great to see alumni and friends come out and enjoy a nice day at the ballpark," commented Philip Wax, Jr. '66Ed, '69G.

"I always try to make these outings because I am so proud of my St. John's connection."

Paul Bailo '86CBA also shared his sense of pride in the University. "St. John's is like
a family to me," he stated. "I still keep in touch with my classmates and friends and
really enjoy these gatherings that keep me connected."

#### Saratoga Day at the Races

In August, the Albany Alumni Chapter and the Mid-Hudson Valley Alumni Chapter sponsored an exciting day at historic Saratoga Racetrack for St. John's University alumni and friends. A unique feature of this event was the presence of a number of new incoming students who would begin their classes at the start of the Fall 2009 semester. As was expected, the alumni were quick to make them feel at home as they welcomed these newest members into the St. John's family.

Guests enjoyed the experience of gathering at the rail to watch the races from this coveted trackside vantage point. The event included a delightful buffet where alumni came together to catch up with each other while recounting stories and sharing memories of their student days at St. John's.

"I'm so glad St. John's offers opportunities to get together with other alumni," said Kathleen Evers '04CPS. "This event totally exceeded my expectations."

John Neary '61CBA, an avid Albany Chapter volunteer, shared her enthusiasm, noting that, "...after this great turnout and sharing the at the rail experience, I'm convinced that, going forward, this is really the way to do it."



#### ■ Belmont Brunch

In July, St. John's University alumni and friends gathered to watch the exciting horse races at Belmont Park on Long Island. Guests relaxed and shared memories of their student days while enjoying

an elegant Sunday brunch in a private room overlooking the track at the exclusive Turf and Field Club.

Many were appreciative of the opportunity to get together, citing this event as an ideal way to reunite. "This event is another great way for alumni to meet and reconnect with one another," said Kevin Hawkins '86SVC.

"This is my first time to Belmont Park and I love it—especially this room," raved Lisanne Schatz

> '86Ed. "This is a lot of fun and another way to meet old friends and get acquainted with new ones."

The Belmont Brunch was co-sponsored by the Nassau County Alumni Chapter and St. John's The School of Education as part of the continuing SOE Centennial Celebration.

# ■ Arizona Alumni Enjoy Golf Outing

In June, more than 60 alumni and friends gathered for the Fourth Annual St. John's Arizona Alumni Golf Classic and Luncheon at the Rio Verde Country Club in Rio Verde, AZ. Brian Egan '78CBA led his team to win the best ball flight and Vic Benedetto '86NDC of Manhattan Studios photographed all the action.

Following golf, a luncheon sponsored by retired St. John's University Professor of Marketing Dr. Eberhard Scheuing and his wife Carol was another highlight of this wonderful event.

"Every year this event grows. It is nice to see so many alumni from different schools and campuses get together and have a fun time," noted Arizona Alumni Chapter Leader Dr. Peter O'Reilly '69CBA, '74MBA.

The Fifth Annual St. John's Arizona Alumni Golf Classic and Luncheon will be held in June 2010 at the Pebble Creek Country Club in Goodyear, AZ. Alumni residing in Arizona who are interested in participating in upcoming chapter events are encouraged to contact Dr. O'Reilly at drpor@aol.com for additional information.

#### Opening Day Fun at Monmouth Park

In May, the Central New Jersey Alumni Chapter hosted its annual opening day at Monmouth Park Race Track in Monmouth, NJ.

The afternoon's activities featured a picnic in a private area designated for St. John's with an up-close view of the finish line. Alumni enjoyed a barbeque buffet as they mingled with former classmates and

waited in anticipation of the St. John's sponsored race.

"This is one of the biggest crowds we've had here," commented Chapter Leader Mike Bart '85CBA. "It has really become a popular event and we hope it continues to grow."

Many in attendance agreed, citing their satisfaction with what has become a tradition for Chapter members. "We come every year and we really enjoy this event," said Maureen Babula '65UC.



In addition to a day of family fun in the sun, members of the group were given the opportunity to pose for pictures in the winner's circle with the horse that won the St. John's sponsored race.



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# The D'Angelo Center Opens

When the students, faculty and staff returned to the Queens campus this fall, they were drawn to visit The D'Angelo Center, the most recent addition to serve the University community.

Strategically located adjacent to Sullivan Hall and opposite Sun Yat Sen Hall, The D'Angelo Center now serves as the hub of student life on the Queens campus. The stone and brick

building is inspired by the existing campus architecture, with a majestic tower designed to serve as a beacon both on and off campus.

"The D'Angelo Center brings to our campus a place where students can come and be with each other for terrific interactions," said Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. '84C, Vice President for Student Affairs and Executive Director of the Vincentian Institute for Social Action.

"For the students, it's like going into their new home. The former facility had served its purpose but with the growth of our campus population we needed something bigger and better. The D'Angelo Center has allowed us to meet those challenges of growth."

"Faculty have long hoped for a place where they could meet with students after class to continue a discussion, address some issue of consequence or just grab a cup of coffee," noted Julia Upton, RSM, Ph.D., '73G, '75G, University Provost. "The D'Angelo Center, the University's living room and academic crossroads, addresses those needs and many we had not even considered. We're using both the learning spaces and the gathering spaces to optimize our opportunities to engage students."

The D'Angelo Center is named in honor of trustee Peter ('78MBA, '06HON) and Peg D'Angelo '70Ed, generous alumni of the University. Providing the organ for St. Thomas More Church and endowing the D'Angelo Chair in the Humanities are just two examples of the many ways in which they have helped to make St. John's stronger and better.

Peter D'Angelo serves on the University's Board of Trustees, chairs its Fiscal Resource Management Committee, and serves on the Executive, Nominating, Facilities, and Investment Committees. St. John's conferred an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree upon him in 2006. Peg D'Angelo served as Chair of the Centennial Leadership Committee for The School of Education's



100th Anniversary and this year received the President's Medal. Peter and Peg together were actively involved in the University's recently completed capital campaign, serving on both the National and Executive Campaign Committees.

"The most striking feature is the two-story central seating area with the large fireplace and the grand staircase that leads you to the Coffee House," said Brij B. Anand, Vice President of Facilities. "The lounge area will definitely become the living room of the campus and will be a center for student engagement, learning, interactions and social activities."

"I love the fact that as you walk in you get a real sense of the history of St. John's and how it ties in to New York City," noted Fr. Maher. "Appropriately, as you enter the building you're looking out at New York City on the other side. The D'Angelo Center really speaks to being at St. John's in New York City while looking out on the rest of the world. That's a great reflection of our global mission."

Adjacent to the central seating area is a student services center where students can get information about all aspects of student life at St. John's. Two food service venues provide a

variety of options. The lower-level dining area offers everything from deli to brick-oven pizza, while a Coffee House on the second floor provides grab-and-go fare in a casual setting.



450, a banquet for 325 or up to three events simultaneously.

"The D'Angelo Center is a great addition to our campus," said Patrick McBurney, '10C, President of Student Government, Inc. "It was wonderful to watch it being built and now that it's here the students are really taking advantage of all that it has to offer."

Serving a dual purpose as both an academic and student services facility, The D'Angelo Center contains 14 new classrooms of various sizes equipped with digital media capability. Nine of these classrooms are furnished to allow flexibility in set-up, from traditional lecture style to team-teaching. The largest of these spaces is a 144-seat lecture space, with tiered seating to allow better sightlines and large-format video projection.

Anand reflected on what it was like to watch this magnificent structure take shape. "The transformation from the initial architectural plans and design drawings to an actual structure has been an exhilarating experience," he said. "The building design, the sheer volume of the interior spaces and the student interactions have exceeded our expectations."

# **Advantage Academy Gives Hope to the Homeless**

As Department of Homeless Services (DHS) Commissioner Robert V. Hess read from a proclamation signed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg declaring June 11, 2009, as Advantage Academy Day in New York City, program participants in the front row openly wept at the thought of one day graduating with a college degree.

The decree came as Commissioner
Hess and St. John's University Executive Vice
President and COO James P. Pellow, Ed.D.,
were announcing a strategic partnership
between DHS and the University to provide
more than 40 homeless and formerly homeless
individuals an opportunity to obtain an
associate degree in the fields of Information
Technology and Business.

While enrolled in the program students will receive free housing and support services from DHS and academic curriculum and life skills training from St. John's. The Advantage Academy strives to prepare participants for independent lives and career paths and ultimately to break the cycles of poverty and homelessness through higher education.

"We think this is not only one of the boldest programs we have embraced but one of the quickest timeframes that we've taken on — in support of a vision by one of the great leaders of the City of New York in Rob Hess," said Dr. Pellow. "We accepted the challenge to partner with DHS and instantly turned to our deans and faculty to develop a program that would serve this special population."



▲ Prof. Larry Pitilli lectures the first class of Advantage Academy students.



"I am thrilled to work with an institution like St. John's. There couldn't be a finer partner in this community. They have welcomed this idea from day one," said Commissioner Hess. "It's absolutely remarkable and I don't know of any other

institution of higher learning that could have done this any faster, could have been more committed and reached out and pulled this all together with their best resources to make it happen in such a productive way."

Advantage Academy classes began June 1 at the University's Manhattan campus. In its first year of existence, the Advantage Academy exemplifies a positive collaboration between DHS and the University, in tandem with its Vincentian Institute for Social Action (VISA). VISA provides an organizational focus for a variety of new and ongoing St. John's programs

through which faculty and students can work together to explore causes of and develop solutions for poverty and social injustice throughout the world.

"This program represents just one way in which St. John's is responding to the Mayor's call for all New Yorkers to embrace service and increase civic engagement to create a standard for how cities can tap the power of their people to tackle our most pressing challenges," added Dr. Pellow.

◆ Dr. James P. Pellow presents a wireless laptop computer to a member of the first class of the Advantage Academy.

▼ Advantage Academy students gather on the steps of the Manhattan campus.



"Students applying for acceptance into this unique program are required to meet the same admission standards and academic requirements as traditional St. John's students," noted Kathleen Vouté MacDonald, Ed.D., Dean of St. John's College of Professional Studies. "They are being taught by some of our most engaging faculty members, who have really embraced the program."

One of the first faculty members that the students encountered was Prof. Larry Pitilli, who was quick to share Dean MacDonald's enthusiasm. "The [Advantage] Academy is groundbreaking — a new frontier in education. This program has the right chemistry and karma of students and faculty coming together."

Many students who comprise the first group of Advantage Academy participants are mothers and fathers who hope to set a positive example for their children about the importance of education.

"St. John's University has given me a second chance," said Tamekka Major, a participant in the Advantage Academy program. "My son and I are grateful to DHS, St. John's and the Advantage Academy for being a bright light in what is no longer the end of a dark tunnel."

# Students Keep Vincentian Spirit Alive

As the Church celebrates the Year of St. Paul by reflecting on his conversion and ministry, St. John's University continues to help students and faculty discover their own capacity for life-changing service by embracing the Vincentian charism.

Just as St. Paul advised, "Never grow weary of doing what is good" (Gal 6:9). St. John's sees service to the poor and needy as central to a well-rounded college education. The University assists students in transforming concern for others into concrete service while helping them develop academically as well as spiritually.

One campus organization that truly exemplifies the continued vitality of the University's Vincentian mission and its intimate connection to the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul is the student-run conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP).

Founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam, 20-year-old Sorbonne law student and disciple of St. Vincent de Paul, the Society was envisioned as a lay Catholic organization dedicated to serving the poor. Today it has grown into an international association with conferences in 130 countries and a membership of almost one million men and women.

In keeping with its commitment to Vincent's legacy, St. John's was the first university in the U.S. to establish an SVdP conference. "The SVdP is a model of

the Vincentian charism that is

and Branch Campuses. "It is especially relevant because it was started by a student who saw in St. Vincent a paradigm for the way in which other college students could respond to society's needs in a manner which complements their academic careers."

The SVdP combines service with prayer and reflection, seeking spiritual growth through exposure to — and empathy with — society's marginalized and abandoned. This practice dovetails with St. John's goal of training students to become well-rounded individuals who develop spiritually as well as academically.

"This is what St. John's is all about," says Pedro Gomez '09TCB, who had been active in the SVdP since his freshman year. "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has shown me that, for service to be meaningful, it needs to be accompanied by prayer and reflection. We also focus on getting to the root causes of social injustice to enable the poor to regain their dignity by becoming self-sufficient."

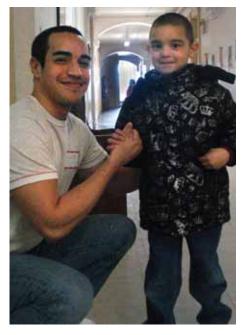
During academic year 2008-2009, Queens and Staten Island participants have, for example, helped elderly residents of the Chapin and Lily Pond Nursing Homes, worked with sick children at St. Mary's Children's Hospital, delivered necessities to Manhattan's homeless, volunteered to assist underserved single women with children and taught

migrant workers basic English.

Noting the life-altering impact of the Society, Melissa Gibilaro '02C, Staten Island Campus Minister and SVdP Northeast Region Youth and Young Adult

> been a humbling experience working with the students in the Society

and watching



their transformation from seeking to help the poor because it's the right thing to do, to helping them because they see themselves as called upon to serve."

Living as Vincentians in the 21st century, St. John's SVdP participants are reaping an understanding of the commonalities of humanity while gaining compassion, knowledge and perspective. According to Gipsa Joseph, who graduates in 2010 with a double major in biology and pre-med, "So many of the homeless that I have gotten to know started out just like us. They had college educations and good lives and then bad luck struck. It could happen to any of us. None of us is immune, especially in an economic environment like the one we are living in now."

Says Fr. Griffin, "It is wonderful the way the Gospel and life come together in the Society." He explains that like St. Vincent de Paul, "our members demonstrate that the more one learns about the Gospel, the better one can love and serve others and, conversely, the more one learns about the less fortunate, the better one can live out the Gospel. The SVdP offers the hope that the twin experiences of the Gospel and a life of living the Vincentian charism will nourish each other and produce better men and women while changing our society. This is the Vincentian mission."

# Partnership with Unicaritas Brings Our Mission to the World

When the first students assembled in Rome in the summer of 2006 to begin their graduate studies in Global Development and Social Justice, they were reflecting the unique mission of caring and concern for others that has served as the foundation of the St. John's University experience since 1870.

Initially begun as a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Global Development and Social Justice, the program has now received approval from the New York State Department of Education to offer the degree as a Master of Arts in Social Justice and Global Development.

The program is a joint effort between St. John's and Unicaritas, a participant in a world-wide network of Catholic relief,

University Provost Julia A. Upton, RSM, Ph.D. '73G, '75G. "Our professors learn so much from the students who are studying and working among the poor in other parts of the world that they'd never be able to visit."

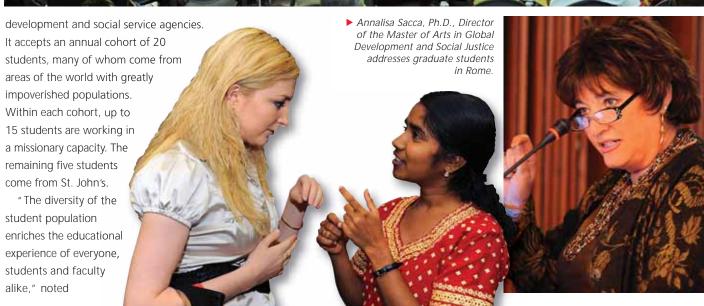
The program begins with a month-long experience in Rome, allowing the faculty and students to meet and get to know each other. During an extended orientation the students receive their personal computers and familiarize themselves with the online resources and databases they will be accessing as part of this innovative distance learning program. They also complete their first on-site academic course.

Following their time in Rome, the students return home to begin the two-year online component of their studies, mentored by



Master's students and guests gather at the Trade Commission in Rome for a conference on the impact of the economic crisis on low income countries.





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St. John's faculty who have all amassed considerable experience teaching in the distance learning format. "The faculty have all taught significantly online," said Dr. Upton, "and they bring that special experience to the program as well as their academic background and talents."

The students complete their program with a final month back in Rome for a culminating capstone experience.

"This program is global education in its truest sense," said second-year student Joseph Sciortino '08C. "My classmates come from five different continents. Everyone brings the uniqueness of their home countries and we all dialog about important global issues, such as healthcare, gender concerns and Catholic social issues. Our faculty are world-class experts in all aspects of development. Words really cannot describe how great this program is."

The success of this innovative program has sparked increased interest from potential applicants who are committed to developing the expertise necessary to make a difference for the marginalized populations of the world. Dr. Upton sees this increased interest as an opportunity for the program to expand in the future.

"I really see that this could grow into a doctoral program, because some of the students might very well want to go to the next level of research on one of these key issues. This is truly an interdisciplinary program, and maybe we could do an interdisciplinary doctoral program. That would be wonderful."

#### **New Board Members**

At its meeting in May the St. John's University Board of Trustees, which is the University's governing body, voted new members to its ranks. Rev. Elmer Bauer III, C.M. '02MBA, and Mary P. Tobin '00HON were each elected to a three-year term. Rev. Msgr. Otto Garcia '89HON, who served on the Board from 1995-2007, was re-elected to a three-year term.

Fr. Bauer has been Provincial Treasurer for the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) since April 2008 and is stationed at St. Vincent's Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. A graduate of the Rome Center of St. John's, where he earned his M.B.A. in Finance, Fr. Bauer also holds degrees from Niagara University and the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY. He previously served as Econome General of the Congregation of the Mission at the General Curia in Rome. Prior to his assignment in Rome he served as a missionary among the poor in Panama.

Mary P. Tobin is Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of St. John's Bread and Life, one of the largest and most comprehensive social service agencies in New York. She formerly served as Director of Special Projects for St. John's The Peter J. Tobin College of Business. In 1997 she and her husband Peter '65CBA, '96HON established the Peter and Mary Tobin Family Foundation, of which she is currently Managing Trustee; the Foundation supports higher education and other worthy educational and community service initiatives. She earned her bachelor's degree at Pace University and holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, conferred by St. John's. She is also a recipient of the University's Spirit of Service Award.

Msgr. Garcia is Diocesan Judge on the Tribunal of the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY, and Pastor of St. Joan of Arc parish in Jackson Heights, NY. He received his B.A. from Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception and went on to study at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he earned both a Bachelor in Sacred Theology and a Doctorate in Canon Law. He holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from St. John's. In 2007 Pope Benedict XVI honored him with the title of Protonotary Apostolic in recognition of his service to the Church.

Leaving the Board of Trustees at the May meeting were Sr. Virginia Ann Brooks, D.C., Very Rev. Joseph Levesque, C.M. '90HON, William Montgoris '67CBA, '88HON, Dr. Peggy Murrain '83Ed, '98HON and Hon. Milton Williams '93HON.

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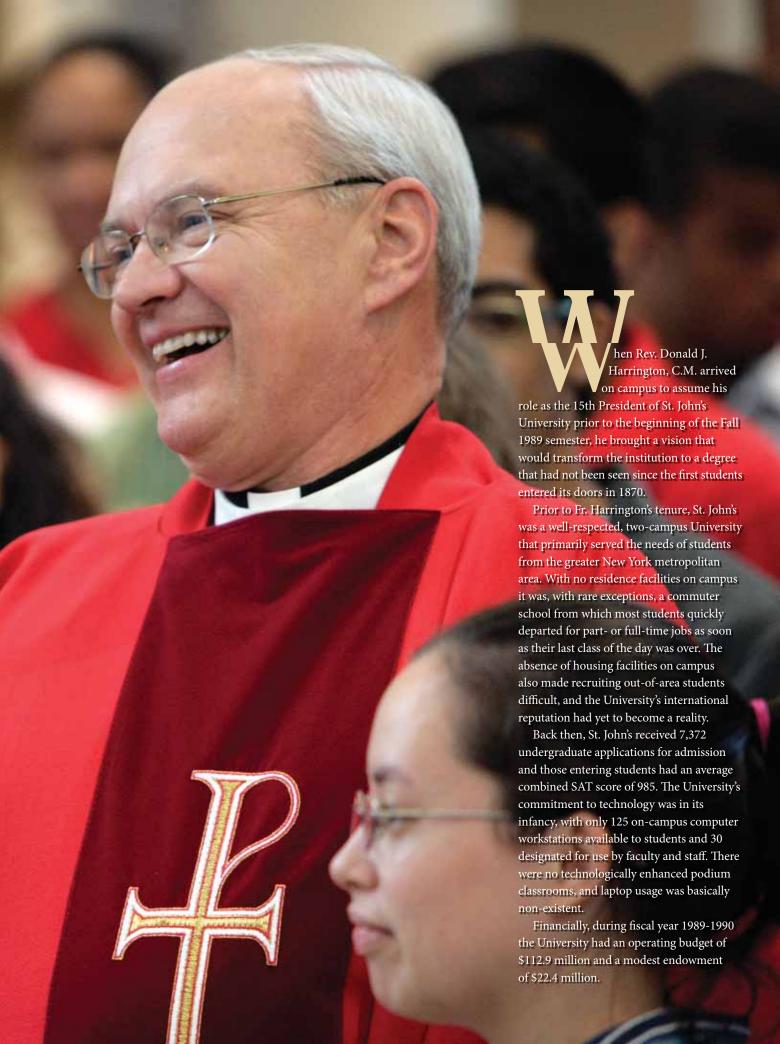
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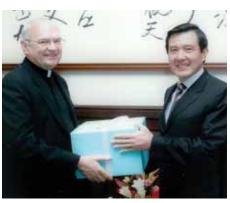
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agreed that the myriad changes that
have taken place during the past
two decades have been the
driving force behind what has
frequently been referred to as
the "new St. John's."

# Twenty Years Careat Change







Top: Fr. Harrington confers an honorary doctoral degree upon Mary McAleese, President of Ireland.

Above: Fr. Harrington exchanges gifts with Ma Ying-jeou, President of Taiwan.

Right: Fr. Harrington applauds former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's remarks to members of The Loughlin Society at their Annual Winter Reception.

Far right: Fr. Harrington welcomes 2006 Nobel Prize Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Founder of Grameen Bank, to St. John's to announce a partnership between the University and Grameen America.

Below: Fr. Harrington congratulates Hosni Mubarak, President of Egypt after conferral of his honorary doctoral degree. The transformations that have occurred under Fr. Harrington's leadership speak for themselves. St. John's currently serves more than 20,000 students on four domestic and two international campus locations. Applications for admission to the class that entered during the 2009-2010 academic year were approximately 53,000, more than any private college or university in New York. The average combined SAT score has steadily increased, rising to almost 1100 in 2009.

During the past 20 years, St. John's has repeatedly demonstrated a commitment to offering our University family a plethora of state-of-the-art facilities and is now acknowledged as one of the country's most technologically-sophisticated universities. Today's students have access to 1,228 on-campus computer workstations, with an additional 2,396 available for faculty and staff use. There are now 172 podium classrooms, and since 2003 the University has distributed a wireless laptop to each incoming undergraduate student so that

they will have the tools to succeed during their collegiate experience.

During fiscal year 2008-09, the University's operating budget was approximately \$410 million and its endowment had grown to \$375 million at its peak in 2007.

There is no doubt that Fr. Harrington was the driving force behind these incredible successes. "His most important achievements are almost too many to mention," noted Thomas E. McInerney '64UC, '01HON, Chairman of St. John's Board of Trustees. "The facilities are dramatically different. The academic profile has increased tremendously. The financial profile of the University has increased to the point where St. John's today is an investment grade institution. The Vincentian spirit is much stronger and much more evident than it was when I went to St. John's. Fr. Harrington has truly touched every aspect of the University."

Rev. Joseph V. Daly, C.M. '73G, '75GEd knows Fr. Harrington better and longer than almost anyone else at St. John's, first







meeting him when Fr. Harrington was a seminarian of the Vincentian community. When Fr. Harrington arrived at St. John's from Niagara University, it was Fr. Daly who first drove him onto the Queens campus as the University's new President.

Now serving as Assistant to the President, Fr. Daly noted a number of unique characteristics that, in his opinion, offer insight into Fr. Harrington's extraordinary personal and professional success. "The energy that he brings to his leadership each day is unbelievable," he said. "The size and scope of the University present multiple challenges every single day. I don't know where he gets his energy, but it's an inner energy that's fueled by his intelligence, by his love of what he does, by his love for God and by his love of our Vincentian community."

The new President arrived at the University with a powerful vision that set the tone for everything that followed. "I came to St. John's with a strong conviction that the University should be, quite literally, an oasis for our students," Fr. Harrington remembered. "Many of our students were coming from real poverty. They were all commuters. I wanted this to be an oasis of learning that was clearly a different place from the homes and neighborhoods they were coming from. When I got here there was a chain link fence around the [Queens] campus. I wanted to change that, and so I had it taken down and replaced with the wrought iron one that stands today. To me, the removal of that fence was a sign that St. John's was a very special place."

"The removal of the fence was not without controversy," remembers Dr. Dorothy E. Habben, '66G, Vice President and Secretary of the University. "But, looking back, I think it stands as a symbol of Fr. Harrington's remarkable vision and, ultimately, his ability to lead others toward sharing in that vision. He has changed the character of the University — making it much more collegial than ever before — and he has certainly changed its landscape into something that is truly stately and beautiful."

From his first days on campus Fr. Harrington stressed the importance of thoughtful planning as an absolute requirement to build upon the University's

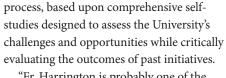


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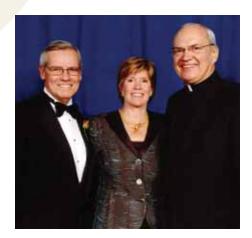
"A president has to reflect a lot," he said. "If you're always busy, you're going to fail. You've got to take the time to reflect. If you don't stay focused and plan, you get caught up too much in today and lose sight of tomorrow."

He has always believed in listening to the ideas and opinions of individuals from all segments of the University, and was the driving force behind the implementation of St. John's multi-year strategic planning



"Fr. Harrington is probably one of the best collegial leaders that you'll ever find," remarked James P. Pellow Ed.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "He's a master at building consensus, at bringing in different viewpoints and encouraging people to share their vision and ideas for possible solutions to particular problems."

One of the most significant outcomes of planning at St. John's were the University's two highly successful capital campaigns. The first campaign in the University's history, "Expanding on Excellence", was launched during fiscal year 1990-1991 with a goal of \$50 million, a target that was ultimately exceeded by an additional \$4 million. The success of this fundraising initiative allowed St. John's to construct Belson/Finley Hall on the Queens campus and the Kelleher Center on the Staten Island campus, enhance its







Clockwise from above left: Spirit of Service Award Honorees Thomas E. ('64UC, '01HON) and Paula G. McInerney with Fr. Harrington at the Annual President's Dinner.

Eleanor B. Taffner '94HON receives Holy Communion from Fr. Harrington.

Fr. Harrington is joined by Peter D'Angelo '78MBA (l.) and Joseph C. O'Connor '82CBA.







athletic facilities through the addition of DaSilva Field, establish an endowed chair at the College of Business Administration and support additional scholarships for the University's deserving students.

Following the success of this campaign, a second initiative was undertaken a few years later. The "Campaign for St. John's — Fulfilling the Dream" was a multi-year capital campaign that emerged from the 1998 Campus Master Plan. The original goal was to raise what was then for St. John's the unprecedented sum of \$100 million. Under Fr. Harrington's leadership, the early outpouring of generosity from alumni and friends was motivation to increase the goal — twice — to \$200 million in 2002 and to \$250 million in 2004. The







Clockwise from top, this page: Founders Village townhouses, student residence halls, Montgoris Dining Hall, the Belson Moot Court, the Newman Courtyard, The Taffner Field House and The Rev. John B. Murray House are just a few of the brand new structures that have improved the Queens campus over the past several years.



campaign concluded in 2006 after having raised over \$271 million to support student scholarships, faculty and academic programs, technology and facilities enhancements.

The appearance of the University changed with the addition of striking facilities such as St. Thomas More Church, the DaSilva Academic Center, the Taffner Field House and Belson Stadium, each of which was constructed as a result of funds raised during the second capital campaign. In addition, this monumental initiative generated more than 80 new endowed scholarships, an additional endowed chair, the establishment of the Student Managed Investment Fund and numerous faculty research grants.

As the reputation and mission of St. John's continued to expand, the University took advantage of a number of opportunities to establish additional campus locations to better serve students within the greater New York metropolitan area.

In 1999 St. John's acquired the former LaSalle Military Academy in Oakdale, Long Island. Overlooking the Great South Bay, St. John's 175 acre Oakdale location provided graduate academic opportunities for the suburban counties of Nassau and Suffolk. The Oakdale location combined the benefits

of a St. John's University graduate education with the convenience and beauty of studying at the magnificent former estate of Frederick Bourne.





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President of the Singer Sewing Machine Company from 1877 to 1905, who purchased the property for a summer home.

Two years later, on May 31, 2001, the University merged with The College of Insurance, which was then renamed The School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science and was established as a separate discipline within St. John's The Peter J. Tobin College of Business. As a result of the merger, St. John's established a campus at the former TCI site in downtown Manhattan.

The Manhattan campus is situated at 101 Murray Street across from the historic lower Hudson River, a few blocks from Wall Street and the bustling financial district. In addition to traditional classrooms, this 10-story





vertical campus features an airy, five-story entrance atrium, 16 conference and seminar rooms, a Student Activity Center, cafeteria and residential facilities for nearly 200 students.

As a result of Fr. Harrington's commitment to thoughtful planning, the University undertook a number of additional milestone initiatives that would dramatically enhance the uniqueness that has always been the hallmark of the St. John's experience. One such defining aspect took place when the first residence facilities opened on the Queens campus in 1999.

"The residence halls came about when it became clear to us that to enhance the quality of our education, we couldn't limit the experience of our students in the classroom and in the laboratories to just people from New York City any longer," said Fr. Harrington. "That focus was just too narrow, and we needed a broader geographic diversity. I was very hesitant to build residence halls on campus until I saw clearly that we wouldn't be moving away from mission but rather enhancing it. That was the real basis of the residence halls decision."



Campus locations within the greater New York metropolitan area include Staten Island (top left), Oakdale (lower left) and Manhattan (above).

The presence of on-campus residences allowed students to be recruited both nationally and internationally, enhancing the ability to extend the University's unique mission and commitment to service-learning into new areas. As a result of these new demographics, the cultural environment on campus shifted to one of greater diversity, offering students the opportunity to interact with individuals from a variety of backgrounds with whom they might otherwise never have come into contact.

Like many faculty members, English Professor Jack P. Franzetti '45UC, '46G, '56Ph.D. believes that the decision to construct on-campus housing was one of the most important in St. John's history. "Building those dormitories was a very important step in the development of St. John's," he said. "It expanded the University into what I like to call a 'multi-versity,' and St. John's immediately became more dynamic through the diversification of so many new students on campus who came from different areas."

Not surprisingly, the transformation of the University didn't end at the gates of the campuses. Deeply aware of the reality that St. John's students deserved nothing less than



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a truly worldwide education, Fr. Harrington quickly realized that it was not enough to bring the world to the students, but that to be truly global the University had to engender ways to bring the students to the world. And it had to be done in a way that would both reflect and enhance its unique Vincentian values and mission.

"The decision to embark on globalization was a direct result of the realities of our changing world," noted Fr. Harrington. "We had clearly established a planning culture here at St. John's, and that meant that we were reading the signs of the times. It became so clear to us that the marketplace was now

a global marketplace, and therefore we needed to give our students more and more opportunities to share in a global experience if they were to be truly prepared for the future."

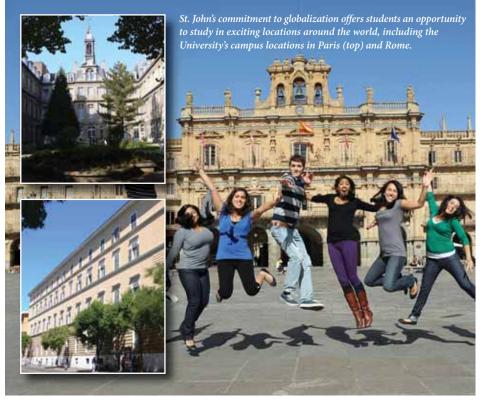
One of the most striking initiatives of Fr. Harrington's presidency has been the establishment of international campus locations, first in Rome in 1995 and most recently in Paris in 2008. These international sites allowed for the implementation of St. John's innovative Discover the World program, where students spend an entire semester living and learning in three of the world's most exciting cities. An academic experience coupled with cultural immersion, Discover the World remained true to the University's Vincentian values by adding a service component for participating students, requiring that they extend their hand to those in need in communities at every site during their semester abroad. The Vincentian philosophy inherent in the study abroad experience involved students and faculty working side by side to serve others all around the world.

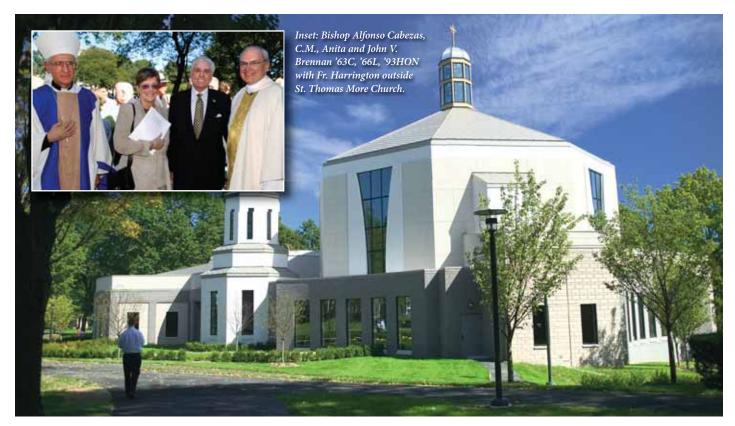
"The mission of the institution is absolutely present in all of our global programs," said Dr. Pellow. "When Fr. Harrington challenged us to develop our global programs, it was the result of a discussion about whether we were indeed providing our students with a quality, 21st century education. We recognized that students really needed to travel, to embrace the world and experience other environments. And Fr. Harrington insisted that we develop our global programs in a Vincentian way."

Attesting to the University's Catholic identity and Vincentian values, another milestone transformation was the long-awaited construction of St. Thomas More Church.

Since its move to the Queens campus in 1955, St. John's had intended to build a freestanding church that would serve as the spiritual home for the entire University family. Under Fr. Harrington's leadership, and with the generous support of alumnus John ('63C, '66L, '93HON) and Anita Brennan, that dream became a reality when the church officially opened its doors to the St. John's community on September 27, 2004.

A strikingly beautiful building, the Church





is filled with signs and symbols that are truly unique to St. John's. The walls of the narthex are adorned with vibrant hand-crafted mosaics imported from Italy that depict scenes of Vincentian history, including the founding of the University. Also located inside the church is the 9/11 shrine, serving as a space for reflection and prayer for members of the University who have lost family and friends during the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

"Faith lies at the core of our mission," noted Fr. Harrington. "We are a Catholic and Vincentian university, and one of my dreams when I came here was to have a church that could serve as the heart and soul of the campus, in the very center of the campus. We're here because of our faith, and the church makes that statement very clearly. It's very rare that you go into St. Thomas More Church that there aren't students and faculty praying — and not just Catholics. One of the high points of my week is the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday night — the church is literally filled with students."

Not surprisingly, the philosophy of St. Vincent de Paul is one that resonates within him in the most powerful ways — as a priest, as a person and as the President of one of the world's most respected universities.

"Fr. Harrington's priesthood is very similar to the priesthood of St. Vincent," noted Pamela G. Shea-Byrnes, D. Min. '86SVC, '90G, Vice President for University Ministry and University Events. "He's a priest first but one who understands the enormity of his responsibilities through the lens of being a priest. Like Vincent, he's a priest for the real world. He's done great things to build the University and take it to a global state, all the while making sure that St. John's remains Catholic and Vincentian."

The educational environment is another area of the University that has been significantly transformed under Fr. Harrington's presidency.

University Provost Julia Upton, RSM, Ph.D., '73G, '75G noted an absolute consistency in Fr. Harrington's commitment to enhancing the educational experience of every student from his very first day on campus. "When Fr. Harrington came here in 1989, in his inaugural address he noted that we at St. John's have 'a sacred trust' that overrides everything that we do, especially as it pertains to providing our students with a superior education while enhancing the Vincentian mission upon which we were founded. He's used that phrase repeatedly

over the years, and his ministry has really epitomized that. People generally look to the buildings on campus to see what Fr. Harrington has accomplished. And they've been magnificent buildings; a huge Residence Village, our beautiful St. Thomas More Church and now the D'Angelo Center. But the building we are all constructing is the educated person. From his very first day, Fr. Harrington had a vision of what the University could be and he made it happen."

As the academic leaders of St. John's, the faculty have both witnessed and been empowered by the sweeping changes of the past two decades. They are grateful for the continued upgrades in facilities that enhance the teaching and learning process and are pleased to be sharing their expertise with energetic students in what has now become a world-class institution.

"I've known Fr. Harrington since his days at Niagara University," noted Andrew J. Bartilicci, Ph.D., '44P, '98HON, Dean *Emeritus* of St. John's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions and formerly Executive Vice President of St. John's University. "He has always been committed to the faculty and staff of St. John's, and

especially to the students. From the time he came here he's done everything possible to make sure that every student got the best education possible, one that would allow them to grow as caring persons and succeed in their professions for the rest of their lives."

According to Frank P. Le Veness '63Ed, '64G, '68Ph.D., a long-time Professor of Government and Politics, the changes of the past 20 years have had a significant impact on the educational milieu for both faculty and students. "The University has been remarkably invigorated over the past two decades," he said. "From a faculty viewpoint, we've had wonderful opportunities to enhance our teaching abilities and our research capabilities. That allows us to offer our students a superior education with a global perspective that emphasizes the Catholicity of St. John's, as well as our commitment to the needy of the world."

The introduction of technology into the teaching and learning process has been another hallmark of Fr. Harrington's presidency, one that has been roundly perceived as contributing to St. John's well-deserved reputation for academic excellence. "After 52 years at the University I can remember when all I had was a textbook," remarked Pauline C. Magee-Egan, Ph.D., Professor of Management at The Peter J. Tobin College of Business. "Now I have so much technology at my fingertips, and that's wonderful. Fr. Harrington has really brought the academic environment into the 21st



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century, and given the faculty great resources for using technology in our teaching, which is, of course, what the students really want. He's globalized our teaching and technology, both of which have expanded well beyond New York and allowed us to project our Vincentian spirit all around the world."

One of the ways in which the University's academic climate became enhanced was through the establishment of a new core curriculum. Containing some courses that were universal for all undergraduates and others specific to individual majors, the core curriculum was created to view the arts, culture, economics, history and the sciences from a variety of different perspectives.

Fr. Harrington recalled the combined effort of the faculty and administration to establish what would ultimately evolve into today's core curriculum. "When I came to St. John's, I realized very quickly that we really didn't have a solid core curriculum. Finally, in our 1995 Strategic Plan we determined that by 2001 we would have a viable core in place,

one that really captured the religious and ethical values of the University."

"I'm absolutely thrilled with the core curriculum," said 30-year faculty member Frank Cantelmo, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Assistant Chairperson of the Department of Biological Sciences of St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "It's great for the students to have specific courses that aren't in their major. You need these courses to develop skills in life and also to develop the ability to think ethically and act responsibly. It allows our students to go out into the world able to solve problems, not just in their particular discipline but as truly educated human beings and global citizens. The implementation of the new core curriculum was one of the most important initiatives that really changed the University. St. John's would not be what it is today without the dynamic leadership of Fr. Harrington."

An innovative component of the new core curriculum is a course entitled Discover New York, attesting to the reality that, since its founding, St. John's has not only been in New York but of New York as well. Students research the city's growth, visit museums, see Broadway shows and tour historic locations as they explore the city's relationship to our nation and world. In many ways, this component of the core curriculum has allowed the city to become a living extension of the University.









Top: Fr. Harrington confers an honorary doctoral degree upon Hollywood actor Andy Garcia.

Middle: Fr. Harrington enjoys a moment with former U.S. Representative and former New York State Governor Hon. Hugh L. Carey '42C, '51L, '67HON.

Bottom: Fr. Harrington confers an honorary doctoral degree upon New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly '71L, '98HON.

"We should be able to pick up any syllabus for any core course and quickly realize that we are a New York City university," said Fr. Harrington. "The richness and vibrancy of New York City can be felt throughout our academic offerings."

Attesting to the significant changes that have taken place at St. John's during his time as President, Fr. Harrington has been variously referred to as both a mentor and an agent of change, an extremely intelligent and perceptive individual who encourages input from others and actively listens to their suggestions and concerns. Some have called

him "the mission president," while others characterize him as "the dialogue president" or "the relationship president."

According to former Board of Trustees Chairman Denis P. Kelleher '65CBA, '91HON, Fr. Harrington's success stems from a variety of personal characteristics. "He's extremely bright, energetic and has the highest level of integrity which, for me, is most important," he remarked. "He's a great CEO who listens to everyone's ideas and opinions before he arrives at a plan of action. He has a passion for excellence in education, has immense vision and foresight and is a great listener. I really believe that he could easily be the CEO of a major corporation. And on top of everything else, he's a good priest, who's always there for us."

Educated by the Jesuits, Fr. Harrington entered the Vincentian order because he more strongly identified with St. Vincent's mission of service than the Jesuits' main commitment to education. Given that reality, even though he has become a respected university president, his dedication to the Vincentian mission of service remains as strong today as it has ever been.

It is that mission of service, combined with a commitment to academic excellence that makes St. John's future so incredibly bright. Reflecting the University's now wellestablished planning culture, the initiatives contained in the 2008-2013 Strategic Plan "...will focus on transforming the manner in which St. John's serves its students while continuing to offer them a most exceptional and distinctive educational experience. Already underway, these initiatives "...will visibly embed our Catholic and Vincentian mission into all aspects of the University, significantly enhancing the levels of student engagement while incorporating global perspectives to prepare the students for a rapidly changing environment."

A comprehensive document that outlines the University's plans for both the short-and long-term, the University's current Strategic Plan contains three major areas of institutional focus: the embedding of St. John's Catholic and Vincentian mission into all aspects of the University experience, a significantly enhanced level of engagement for all students and the incorporation of

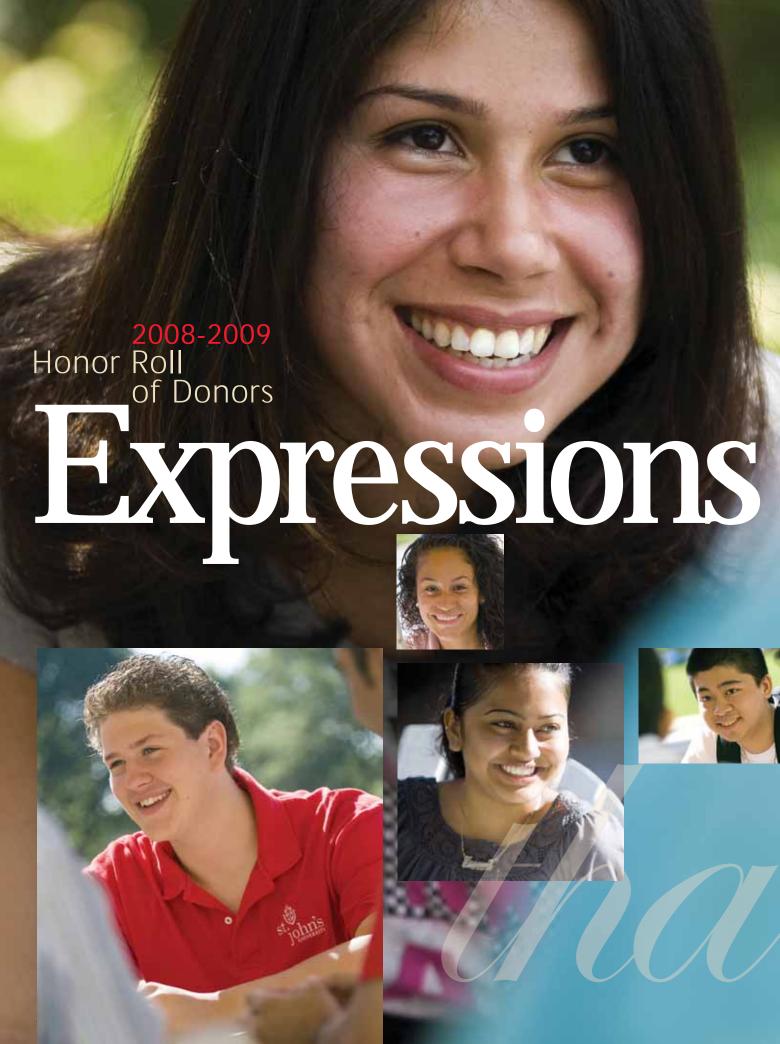
global perspectives and experiences to prepare St. John's students for a rapidly changing environment.

Highlights of the Strategic Plan include creation of the Vincentian Institute for Social Action (V.I.S.A.), enhanced outreach opportunities to engage students in direct service to the poor, the implementation of increased proactive outreach and intervention efforts for at-risk students, the development of opportunities for academic and student integration into the University's environmental sustainability efforts and the integration of global education as part of every student's educational experience.

As with everything at St. John's, the Strategic Plan was a collaborative effort that involved every segment of the University community. Developed from a series of planning groups in which input was received from members of the faculty, administrators, staff and students, the plan is a living document which is subject to continued review and modification. It reflects a responsiveness to external realities coupled with a commitment to excellence and is subject to ongoing scrutiny by the University's Board of Trustees, a group to whom Fr. Harrington is genuinely grateful.

"When I became president we did not have an extremely active Board," he said. "They were committed without a doubt, but they were not directly involved in the life of the University. Our recent Boards have clearly strengthened St. John's because of their remarkable expertise in business, education and so many other areas. Their involvement has helped our alumni and friends see our mission more clearly, and they have been extremely supportive and generous."

Fr. Harrington's pride in the University's accomplishments of the past 20 years is decidedly more institutional than personal. When asked how he would like to be remembered when his days at St. John's were over, he observed that "...realistically, any president has to realize that it's the institution that lives on, not the president. I believe so strongly in the University's mission, and any gifts that I have I've tried to use to rally people to support that mission. To whatever extent I'm remembered, I hope that's what it will be for."







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# Something for Everyone at Alumni Reunion Celebration 2009

Over 1,000 alumni, family and friends came home to *alma mater* in May for Alumni Reunion Celebration 2009.

The events included a wide range of food, games and attractions that created a carnival atmosphere on both the Queens and Staten Island campuses as everyone enjoyed hours of great outdoor summer fun.

The Alumni Reunion Barbeque and Family Fun Fair opened at noon on Saturday on Staten Island and featured volleyball games, face painting, arts and crafts displays, a magician and an inflatable bouncer, supported by the music of an exciting DJ who kept the party going at full speed.

"It's absolutely wonderful to see our Staten Island alumni enjoying themselves on the campus that was home to them during their student days," said Victor Ramos '91CBA, '93MBA, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement at St. John's. "Everybody's having so much fun and already talking about coming back next year."

"I'm the secretary for the [St. John's University] Staten Island [campus] Alumni Association," remarked Diane Anselmo '96NDC "and I came out to reunite and reconnect with old friends while enjoying the nice weather on campus. I'm very happy to see friends that I haven't seen in years."

On the Queens campus, excited alumni and their families arrived for the Alumni Reunion Great Lawn Party and Concert, eager to sample exceptional barbeque food while enjoying the carnival rides, rock climbing wall, giant fun slide, arts and crafts displays and a petting zoo. Music was in the air throughout the event, provided by talented St. John's alumni. First up was DJ Jimmy (James A. McGuire '92SVC) followed by the sounds of Quickdraw (featuring Kevin M. Hawkins '86SVC).

The Alumni Reunion Great Lawn Party and Concert came to a close with a memorable

concert by Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes that had more than a few people singing along to the well-known tunes of this outstanding group who held the audience in the palms of their hands.

"We wanted to create a real family-friendly party that everyone could enjoy," said Bill Schaeffer '73CBA, Director, Office of Alumni Relations "and judging by the number of people here today and the positive comments that everyone's making, it seems like we've made it happen."

Alumni were effusive in their praise and all seemed glad that they had decided to attend this year's events. "This is a great idea and it's a lot of fun," said Patty Sullivan '79SVC, '89G, '96MLS. "I saw Southside Johnny when he came to campus and performed in Marillac auditorium quite a few years ago."

"I'm glad I'm back," noted Mike Papagianopoulos '85CBA. "I thought this was a great opportunity to bring my family down as well, my sister and her kids. I'm looking forward to meeting up with old friends."

Brenda Sullivan Schilling '91C, '93G



















marveled at the variety of things to do and the amount of fun to be had on the Great Lawn. "We walked in and just went 'ahhhh'. Everything is here, for every age. We had to go straight to all of the rides and can't wait to get to the food."

For Pedro Gomez '09TCB, this was his first event as an alumnus, having enjoyed his commencement on the same Great Lawn a few weeks ago. "I just graduated, but being back on campus as an alum is a completely different feeling. The excitement... everyone is connecting, everyone is smiling and that is what I have to look forward

to for the rest of my life. Coming back every summer to

St. John's."

Another activity of Alumni Reunion Celebration 2009 was the Saturday evening Jubilarian Candlelight Dinner. Hosted by St. John's University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., alumni who were celebrating or have already celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation from St. John's gathered in the elegantly outfitted Montgoris Dining Hall for a cocktail reception and dinner, followed by dessert under the stars on the outdoor terrace.

"You, the alumni, have helped this University in so many ways," said Father Harrington. "You have walked with us along this journey to make St. John's University so very special. I thank you most sincerely for continuing to be a part of our University, even after 50 or more years."

One of the highlights of the evening was

the presentation of commemorative pins to the members of the Class of 1959, each of whom was

celebrating his or her
50th anniversary.
Pins were presented
individually by
Father Harrington,
who was assisted by
St. John's legendary
Hall of Fame

Basketball Coach Lou Carnesecca '50C, '60GEd, '00HON.

"Seeing everyone here reminds me of the good education we all got at St. John's," said Coach Carnesecca, who will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his undergraduate graduation next year. "We're forever indebted to the Vincentians who instilled in us all the values that reflect the dignity of all human life."

The celebration concluded with the Annual Alumni Mass in St. Thomas More Church, followed by the Champagne Brunch with the President in Montgoris Dining Hall.

Many graduates of St. John's former campus locations on both Lewis Avenue and Schermerhorn Street returned to *alma mater* to share memories with friends that had been an important part of their student days.

"I have such fond memories and great friends," remarked Dr. Marilyn Verna '66Ed, '96Ed.D. "St. John's is a wonderful college, and I'm still in touch with many of my friends. This [campus] is definitely different from Schermerhorn Street, but it's St. John's, and it's home."

# **Bricks & Mortar Update**

#### Carnesecca Plaza

As part of the ongoing commitment to upgrade the facilities and enhance the appearance of Carnesecca Arena on the Queens campus, the exterior space directly in front of this historic structure has also

undergone a significant renovation. Located between Carnesecca Arena and Bent Hall, the area now known as Carnesecca Plaza has been transformed into an airy pedestrian mall that is closed to vehicular traffic.

Paved with traditional red brick intersected throughout by beautifully designed paving stones, Carnesecca Plaza features ample bench seating for visitors to Carnesecca Arena or Bent Hall or for students seeking a relaxing outdoor break between classes. Exterior Carnesecca Arena ticket windows will allow Red Storm fans to purchase tickets directly on the Plaza, alleviating lobby congestion and providing for more convenient and faster customer service.

A variety of trees, shrubs and other seasonal plantings add to the visual attractiveness of the Plaza while reflecting the University's commitment to a continued reduction of its energy and carbon emissions. To see pictures of Carnesecca Plaza please visit www.stjohns.edu/campuses/enhancements/construction

#### New Home for Office of Student Financial Services

One of the busiest and most important locations on the Queens campus is the Office of Student Financial Services. In recent years approximately 95% of St. John's undergraduate students have received some form of financial aid, which is why, in 2007, the Financial Aid and Bursar's offices were consolidated into one, known as the Office of Student Financial Services.

Due to the increase in student traffic and limited meeting space, the office has relocated from Newman Hall to a new location on the ground level of Bent Hall, opposite Carnesecca Arena. The new space includes a student/family waiting area with flat screen televisions and individual offices (inset) where financial discussions can take place in private. An increased number of customer service windows and a computer kiosk where students can access



their financial

aid information help to eliminate long lines.

"This new facility is a big improvement for the students," noted Sasha Thomas '12C. "It's not as crowded and we can get everything done in one visit." As part of St. John's ongoing efforts to provide quality service to students and their families, the office has extended business hours to reduce congestion during peak registration periods.

#### Courtyard a Lasting Tribute to Student Government, Inc.

When the members of Student Government, Inc. were considering what would be most appropriate for a gift to St. John's, they decided that they would like to fund the construction of a courtyard and barbeque pit.

Located adjacent to the Great Stairway in the tree-shaded area behind St. Vincent Hall, the barbeque pit is constructed of rough-hewn fieldstone to match the appearance of many of the existing campus buildings. Situated on a raised stone platform, the structure is topped by a tapered stone chimney, giving it an overall height of approximately 15 feet. Outdoor heaters ensure that the area will be enjoyed on a year-round basis.

The courtyard features three distinct seating areas with benches, conventional table and chair seating and Adirondack chairs designed to create a restful bucolic atmosphere.



"Student Government, Inc. was extremely excited to be able to contribute to this beautiful courtyard," said Christina Zaccarelli '10TCB, Vice President of Student

Government, Inc. "It's an excellent space to hang out with friends outdoors from the morning hours all the way into the night."

#### Sr. Jane M. Durgin Pharmacy Education Center

In July, St. John's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions dedicated the renamed Health Education Resource Center and on-campus Drug Information Center for Sr. Jane M. Durgin, C.I.J. '52P, '79Ed.D. The Sr. Jane M. Durgin Pharmacy Education Center will provide students with information on the practical applications of the material they learn in pharmacy courses.

St. John's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions Dean Robert Mangione, '77P, '79GP, '93PD, '99Ed.D. noted that "Sr. Jane...was always an inspiration to her students, including me. Without her encouragement and wisdom, I would not have chosen the path I followed." Dr. Andrew J. Bartilucci '44P, '98HON

Dr. Andrew J. Bartilucci '44P, '98HON Dean *Emeritus* and St. John's University Vice President *Emeritus* said that, "Sr. Jane's accomplishments are numerous. She is responsible for initiating one of the nation's earliest hospital-based pharmacy technician

> training programs. I say thank you for all the students who benefit from the innovations you initiated years ago."

"I am touched by this honor," said Sr. Jane Durgin. "Without the support of Dean Bartilucci I would not have had the freedom to do what I did."



During her time at the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions, Sr. Jane served in many roles, including Director of Clinical Pharmacy Programs, Department Chairperson and Professor. As Professor of Hospital Pharmacy Administration and Assistant Dean for Faculty and Curriculum Development, she also was a consultant to Dean Bartilucci. Sr. Jane retired from St. John's in 1994 and continues to use her skills as a nurse-in-residence in Alfred, ME.



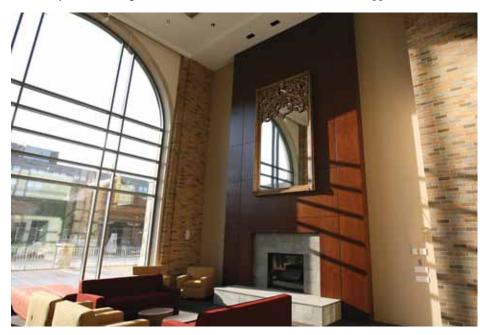
◀ Sr. Jane M. Durgin (c.) is joined by Professor Cesar Lau-Cam and Professor John Conry at the dedication.

# Class of 2009 Leaves Their Mark on *Alma Mater*

Members of the Class of 2009 continued the tradition of raising funds for a Senior Class Gift that would serve as a lasting reminder of their days on campus.

Seniors on both the Queens and Staten Island campuses were asked to select the gift that best represented their feelings about the University while serving as a reminder to The consensus among the seniors was that since The D'Angelo Center will now serve as the center for student life on the Queens campus, the fireplace would be an appropriate gift that would be enjoyed by students, faculty and staff for years to come.

"This is a very special gift to St. John's that demonstrates our appreciation and





the students who would follow in their footsteps of the importance of giving back.

Each senior on the Queens campus was asked to make a gift of \$20.09 toward their class gift. Once the goal was reached and a number of options were considered, they decided to direct their funds to "gift" the fireplace in the new D'Angelo Center.

dedication to *alma mater*," said John Kelly '09 TCB, who served as Vice President of Student Government, Inc. (SGI).

Seniors on the Staten Island campus were also encouraged to make individual gifts of \$20.09. A gift of wooden tables, chairs and umbrellas was purchased to create an outdoor seating area adjacent to the Campus Center.

In addition to the practicality of providing something that future students can enjoy, senior class gifts help to remind graduates that the spirit of giving back is an important aspect of the St. John's experience, reflecting the values that have served as the foundation of the University's mission since 1870.

# Lacrosse Team Plays to Support Autism Center

The St. John's University lacrosse team hosted Lacrosse For Autism Day in May. The game coincided with the annual Alumni Day, where the Red Storm recognized Joe Weingart '86CBA, '96MBA, an honorable mention NCAA All-American and St. John's all-time leader in career-saves.

The cause has a special meaning for Weingart whose 8-year-old son, Patrick, was diagnosed with the complex developmental disability at a very young age. Both Weingart and his wife, Michele are active supporters for autism awareness and the development of programs to support children with special needs.

"The Lacrosse For Autism campaign absolutely ties into the Vincentian values of this University," said Head Lacrosse Coach Jason Miller. "The more I have gotten to know Joe, and learned about all that he and Michele do for Patrick, it has really brought the importance of this game and this cause close to home for our team."

Lacrosse For Autism events were created to celebrate and show appreciation to all teachers and therapists of children with autism and bring autism awareness to the lacrosse community.

A portion of the proceeds from the game were donated directly to the Cody Center for Autism and **Developmental** Disabilities on Long Island. The mission of the Center is to promote excellence in clinical treatment, research, community service, and educational programs benefiting those with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and related developmental disabilities.





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 Thursday, December 3, 2009 The Loughlin Society Winter Reception-

For the most up-to-date information on events, visit: www.stjohns.edu/alumni



# **Baseball Alumni Enjoy Bullpen Golf Outing**

In July, former players, coaches, alumni and friends of the Red Storm Baseball Program gathered at the Garden City Country Club for the 12th Annual Bullpen Golf Outing. This popular event was highlighted by the presentation of the Coach Jack Kaiser Baseball Advocate Award.

This award is the highest honor the St. John's University Baseball Program bestows on an alumnus, friend, benefactor, parent, coach or fan. The recipient is selected because he or she possesses the same characteristics as Coach John W. "Jack" Kaiser '49C — loyalty, dedication, hard work and exceptional support of the Baseball Program. Coach Kaiser is the former St. John's Head Baseball Coach who led his teams to three appearances in the College World Series.

Anthony J. Bonomo, Esq. '80C, '84L was honored to be the recipient of this year's award. "It's very humbling for me to receive this award because of Coach Kaiser and

what he stands for," he said. "He's a classy man, and to get an award in his name is truly humbling and very much an honor for me. St. John's is home for me. I played on some great teams with some great guys. My experiences at St. John's have been truly wonderful."

"The Bullpen Golf Outing is so important to me personally because I see so many of my former players," noted Coach Kaiser. "We have a real bond, on a very personal level. And this event is also important because the money that we raise goes to support our team, a northern team, to begin our season with a trip down South every spring."

Guests agreed that the opportunity to reconnect with former friends and teammates was an important factor in the continued success of this event. "I played with Tony [Bonomo] when we were both on the St. John's team," remarked Randy Caden '80SVC. "It's good to see the guys you were on the team



▲ Honoree Anthony J. Bonomo '80C, '84L with his wife Mary Ellen.

with and see what they've done over the years. Once you make your friends it's important to keep your friends, which is what tonight is all about."

"Our baseball alumni are great people," said current Head Baseball Coach Edward A. Blankmeyer "and are always very supportive of our program, as they've shown again by their presence here tonight."

# Alumni and Friends Enjoy a Day of Golf While Funding Scholarships



In June, the Hempstead Country Club was the site of the Father Dorr Golf Classic as 84 alumni and friends combined a day of golf with scholarship support for St. John's University students.

"We've raised over \$2.75 million for scholarships over the past 22 years," noted Fr. Dorr as he welcomed the guests to the post-golf dinner, which included both a regular and silent auction. "I thank you for your generosity for allowing us to cast our bread upon the water to support our wonderful students."

"I enjoy coming back to St. John's, helping with fundraising and giving back something to the school that did so much for me and my career," noted Father Dorr Golf Classic Co-Chairperson Joseph Tarantino '80CBA. "I'm glad to be here with so many good

friends and enjoy the relationships that we've built up over the years."

A highlight of the event was the introduction of Jessica Lazo '09TCB, a recipient of the Fr. James Dorr Scholarship.

"As a first generation student I couldn't be more thankful to Fr. Dorr," she said. "Because of my scholarship I was able to pursue many opportunities at St. John's, and it's always been important to me to give back to the community. I graduated from [St. John's] The Peter J. Tobin College of Business in May and have already started the Summer Institute at St. John's School of Law. As I said, I'm so thankful."

Alumni were universal in voicing their enthusiasm for the Classic, and particularly for Fr. Dorr.

# **Staten Island Golf Outing**

In July, alumni and friends participated in the 30th Annual Staten Island Golf Outing at the South Shore Country Club. This popular event helps to support the Sipp/ DeStefano Scholarship Fund, created to offer financial assistance to students on St. John's Staten Island campus. Since the scholarship began in 1998, 81 students have received grants totaling more than \$146,000.

"The accomplishments of our University and our campus are many, and our future is indeed bright," noted Rev. Patrick Griffin, C.M., Executive Vice President for Mission and Branch Campuses, as he addressed the guests during the formal portion of the post-golf program. "And yet, the needs of our students remain great, which is

why we're all here."

Honored at this event were Joseph Caldarera '78NDC, Joseph Ferreri, Donna Narducci '75NDC, '78GEd and Daniel Wheeler '77CBA. According to Nicholas A. Legakis '97SVC, '07MPS, Director of Institutional Advancement on the Staten Island campus, the honorees were selected because



"...they have upheld the mission of St. John's University in the Staten Island community. They are a role model for our students who strive to emulate their Vincentian zeal for service."

"To be recognized by one's peers is a very gratifying and rewarding experience," said Dr. Narducci. "It was great to see so many classmates and colleagues who are supporters of *alma mater*. Thank you for a wonderful evening!"





12th Annual PRESIDENT'S DINNER

# Congratulations 2009 Spirit of Service Award Honorees

Carol A. Kelleher and Denis P. Kelleher '65CBA, '91HON Chief Executive Officer Wall Street Access Frank J. Sciame, Jr.
Founder and CEO
F.J. Sciame Construction Co., Inc.

#### 50s

Francis Duggan '59C is President of the Victims of Pan Am Flight 103, Inc., and serves on the Board of the Cheney Cardiac Institute at George Washington Hospital in Washington, DC as well as the Head Injury Rehabilitation Center in Rockville, MD.

#### 60s

David Kenney '61C is a Programmer/
Programming Manager for Bistate Oil
Management Corporation in New York City.

**Theodore Schwartz '64L** was named to the 2009 Super Lawyers List for New Jersey and is an Attorney with Scarinci Hollenbeck in Freehold, NJ.

Frances Hynes '66Ed is an Artist. Her paintings are displayed in museums, corporate and private collections throughout the United States.

**Edward Sullivan '66C** was awarded the 2009 Community Programs Center Leadership Award for Chapter Volunteer Service Recognition.

**Rev. Robert Guglielmone** '68Ed is the Bishop of Charleston Diocese in Charleston, SC.

## **70**s

**Kevin Daley '72CBA, '79MBA** is Vice President and Assistant Controller at Hess Corporation in New York City.

Richard Reilly '72GEd played Lord Capulet in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at the Beijing Playhouse-China's English Broadway Theater in Beijing, China.

Daniel Goitia '74Ed, '77GEd was named 2009 Administrator of the Year by the Western Suffolk Counselors Association and is the Principal for Great Hollow Middle School in Nesconset, NY.



Michael Ciaffa '77L was sworn in January 2009 as District Court Judge for the Town of Hempstead at Nassau County Supreme Court in Mineola, NY. He is a partner at Meyer,

Suozzi, English & Klein in Garden City, NY.

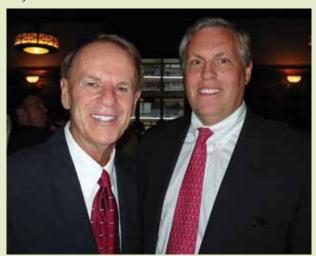
**Thomas Devlin '77C** retired from the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Control Specialist in Oklahoma City, OK.

#### **Hardwood Hall of Famers**

In September, William G. Schaeffer '73CBA (r.) and John Kresse '64C, '70GEd (l.) were inducted into the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame at the New York Athletic Club.

Following a stellar collegiate career as a three-time all league selection at St. John's University, Schaeffer went on to play professionally in the ABA, first as a member of the New York Nets and later with the Virginia Squires. He currently serves as Director, Office of Alumni Relations at St. John's.

Kresse began his collegiate career as a



walk-on at St. John's, playing for legendary Head Basketball Coach Joe Lapchick. He later joined the coaching ranks, first as an assistant to St. John's Hall of Fame Basketball Coach Lou Carnesecca, followed by a coaching stint in the ABA with the New York Nets.

"This is not only a great honor for John and I, but also for St. John's" said Schaeffer. "It's nice for us, and our *alma mater*, to be recognized, especially right here in New York."

#### Warren Inducted into Hall of Fame

In May, St. John's University basketball great John Warren '74C, '88HON (c.) as inducted into the Basketball Old Timers of America Hall of Fame. Warren's play in the late 1960s coined the term "swingman" as he played both inside and outside for Hall of Fame Coach Lou Carnesecca '50C, '60GEd, '00HON (I.). He was among St. John's most complete players, scoring 1,306 points in a career that spanned 84 games with 65 victories.

"We were all delighted to see John inducted into the Old Timers Hall of Fame," said John W. "Jack" Kaiser '49C (r.), Hall of Fame Coach and longtime Director of Athletics. "He is a great role model ...one of our best ever."



#### A Well Deserved Honor

Melvyn J. Davis '75CBA (I.) was honored by New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg (c.) and New York City Housing Authority Chairman John B. Rhea at Gracie Mansion in August as part of the 75th Anniversary celebration of the New York City Housing Authority. Addressing an audience of business and political leaders, Davis expressed his gratitude to the Housing Authority for allowing him to grow up



in a stable and secure environment, from which he went on to earn his St. John's degree and maximize his talents as a professional athlete and business executive.

"As I reflect on my former community, I was fortunate with a supportive family, unwavering determination, sacrifice and luck," said Davis. "Being blessed and touching another life is important to me, so they too may have the opportunity to realize their dreams."

Building upon his success as a student-athlete at St. John's, Davis went on to a stellar career in the NBA, first as a member of the New York Knicks and the New Jersey Nets and later as President of the NBA Retired Players' Association. He currently serves as Director of Leadership Gifts in the Division of Institutional Advancement at St. John's University.

#### **A Shining Electronics Star**

Paul J. Reilly '79CBA has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Finance and Operations at Arrow Electronics, a Long Island (NY) based global provider of products, services and solutions to industrial and commercial users of electronic components and enterprise computing solutions. He will also retain his previous position of Chief Financial Officer.

Under his expanded responsibilities, Reilly oversees the alignment of the global operations and value-added services organization within the company's functions and processes worldwide. In September, Reilly was the honoree of St. John's 2009 Alumni Golf Outing.



Linda Rosa-Lugo '77Ed, '79GEd received the 2009 Hispanic Women Who Make a Difference Award and the 2008 Editor's Award from Communication Disorders Quarterly for her November 2008 article, "Effects of Parents Instruction on Communication Turns of Latino Children Using Augmentative and Alternative Communication During Reading." She is an Associate Professor at the University of Central Florida, College of Health and Public Affairs, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in Orlando, FL.

Martin Carter '78SVC is an Associate Staff Analyst with the Office of Policy and Compliance for the New York City Department of Correction in New York City.

Kathleen Marks '78Ed, '81GEd received the New York State English Council's Educator of Excellence Award for teachers who are leaders in the classroom, collaborators with colleagues and mentors for those new to the profession. She is a Sixth Grade Teacher at Great Neck North Middle School in Great Neck, NY.



Deidre McVey '78C, '80G, '85G, '94MS, '09Ed.D. completed her fifth degree in May from the University where she received her Doctorate in Education, she also was awarded a

certificate in Theology from the University in 1997.

#### 80s



Joseph Cervia '80C received the Alumni Medal of Honor by the Board of Governors of New York Medical College for his academic achievement and contributions to

the field of medicine. He is a Clinical Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City and Medical Director, Senior Vice President, Biomedical Division at Pall Medical in East Hills, NY.



Nancy DiLiegro '80P was named a "Woman of Distinction" by the American Heart Association and is an Administrative Vice President at Trinitas Regional Medical Center

in Elizabeth, NJ.



Joseph Tarantino '80CBA was honored with The Father Sheridan Award from the Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York. He is the Chief Executive Officer and President of

Protiviti, Inc. in New York City.



George Victor '80CBA was installed as Director-at-Large for the New York State Society of Certified Public Accounts, he is a Partner of Quality Control at Holtz Rubenstein

Reminick LLP in Melville, NY.



Rubens Pamies '81C was named Chair of the Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Minority Health, he is Vice Chancellor for Academic

Affairs at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

Fred Pane '81P was recognized as a Fellow of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacy and is a Senior Director of Pharmacy Affairs for Premier Inc, Charlotte, NC.

James Soressi '81CBA, '84L is owner of The Law Offices of James A. Soressi with offices in Queens, Manhattan, Westchester and Long Island, NY.

James J. Wynn, Sr. '81CBA, '84L was appointed by Governor David A. Paterson as the Executive Director of the New York State Insurance Fund in Albany, NY. Mary Brenner '82SVC is a Medical Health Specialist at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA.



Paul Engelhart '82GEd received the Caritas Medal from the President of Molley College and is the Chief Operating Officer of Catholic Charities of Rockville Centre in Hicksville, NY.

James Kassar '82PD is Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Mathematics for the College of Arts and Sciences at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL.



Robert McLaughlin '86L is a Partner at Hodgson Russ, Real Estate and Finance Practice Group in Albany, NY.

John Barry II '87CBA was named "2008 Retirement Plan Adviser of the Year" and is President at JMB Wealth Management, Inc., in Torrance, CA.

#### Congratulations, General!

In August, Michael A. Rocco '83CBA was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General of the United States Marine Corps. General Rocco is currently assigned to the United States European Command as Deputy Director of Operations. He is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.



Rocco began his military career in 1983, immediately following his graduation from St. John's University. Besides getting a great education and the opportunity to pursue a wonderfully rewarding career, Rocco met the woman he describes as "the love of his life" on his first day at St. John's. He married Susan Marra '83CBA just after their graduation.



Robert Marshall '89CBA was voted 2009 Risk and Insurance Power Broker and is Senior Vice President for Willis HRH in New York City.

Peter Micca '89CBA has joined the The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Board of Advisors and is a Partner at Deloitte and Touche LLP in New York City.

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Regina Walsh Drennan '90CBA received her Juris Doctor degree from St. Thomas University, School of Law in Miami, FL, was admitted into the Florida Bar and practicing

Elder Law in Fort Lauderdale, FL.



Joseph Oliva '90C, '93L is a Partner at the Law Firm of Goldberg Segalla LLP in White Plains, NY.

Scott Schneider '90L was the Nassau County Pro Bono Attorney of the Month in January 2009 and is the owner of Law Offices of Scott R. Schneider in Hicksville, NY. Thomas Geraghty '92C is a Tax Partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago, IL.

Rocco Lombardo '93CBA is Senior Vice President, Director of Sales and Marketing of the Fine Wine Division and Chief Operating Officer Wholesale Division at Frederick Wildman & Sons Ltd., in New York City.

William Porr '93CBA, '96MBA is Controller at Fischer Foods of New York, Inc. in Congers, NY.



Albert Tamer '93MBA is Assistant Vice President – Retail Support for Teachers Federal Credit Union in Farmingville, NY.



Frank Casano '96CBA is Director of Navy Programs for L-3 Communications, Link Simulation and Training Division in Arlington, TX.

**Sandra Milo-Prisco '98CBA** is a Tax Manager at Loeb Partners Corporation in New York City.

Lisa Primiani '98CBA graduated from the University School of Medicine at Ross University in North Brunswick, NJ.

Jack Gremli '99Ed.D. was named Yale University School of Music Distinguished Music Educator and was selected as a delegate to Yale's 2009 Symposium on Music in Schools. He is Director of Music (K-12) in the Nanuet Public School District in Nanuet. NY.

#### 00s



Michael Nassy '00CBA is Senior Vice President of National Real Estate Credit Underwriting Team for National Cooperative Bank in Washington, DC.

News submissions will be published in the order received. Submissions may be edited for space and style.

Vinay Patel '00P, Kathlyn Caguiat '02P, Eva Holdbrook '03C and Neil Jaglall '04C graduated from the University School of Medicine at Ross University in North Brunswick, NJ.

**David Pierson '00CPS** is a reporter for the Beijing Bureau of the *Los Angeles Times* in Beijing, China.

# We are looking to reconnect with alumni with whom we have lost touch. If you know of anyone with whom we have lost contact or who has lost contact with us, we would like to hear from you. Please submit their contact information, including e-mails, to alumnotes@stjohns.edu and help us stay in touch with our alumni.

Peter Milcetic '02TCB is a Supervisor for Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP in New York City.

Frances Athias '04CPS' received her Master's of Science in Library and Information Science from Pratt Institute in New York City.

Paul Franzese '06C is working on his masters degree in Special Ed and History at Mercy College and is a High School English and Global Studies Teacher at Martin dePorres High School in Rosedale, NY.

**Richard Harmon '05TCB** is a Field Supervisor at National Futures Association in New York City.

Jermaine Cole '07CPS is releasing his debut mixtape titled "The Come Up." A mash up of everything from the carefree days of college to the seemingly endless plight of those have-nots scrapping for change.

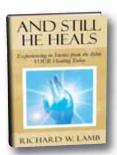
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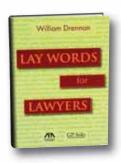
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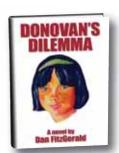
#### **ALUMNOTES IN PULP & LEATHER**



Richard Lamb '53Ed published Heal Your Thought Life: A Reminder (PublishAmerica, 2008) and And Still He Heals: Experiencing in Stories from the Bible Your Healing Today (PublishAmerica, 2009)



William Drennan '56UC published Lay Words for Lawyers: Analogies and Key Words to Advance Your Case and Communicate with Clients (American Bar Association, 2009)



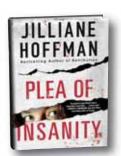
**Daniel Fitzgerald '69MBA** published his third novel *Donovan's Dilemma* (AuthorHouse, 2008)



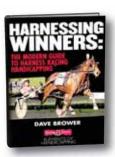
Lewis Rice '74SVC is the author of *DEA Special Agent: My Life* on the Front Line (Dorrance Publishing Co. Inc., 2008)



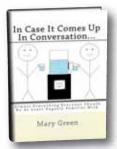
Chrysa Smith '82CBA is the author of *The Adventures of the Poodle Posse* (The Well Bred Book, 2007)



Jilliane Hoffman '89SVC, '92L published her third novel *Plea of Insanity* (Vanguard Press, 2009)



David Brower '91SVC is the author of Harnessing Winners: The Complete Guide to Handicapping Harness Races (DRF Press, 2009)



Mary Green Burke '04Ed is the author of In Case It Comes Up In Conversation...Almost Everything Everyone Should Be At Least Vaguely Familiar With (CreateSpace, 2009).

#### IN HOLY MATRIMONY

#### 80s

Mary Brenner '82SVC to Todd Surber – September 6, 2008 Mark Yarkin '83CBA, '90L to Lucy Slajsova – December 28, 2007

# 90s

Frank Casano '96CBA to Ashley Lippert – January 16, 2009 Roballine Jones '97C, '09GEd to Amadou Tall – August 22, 2008 Jill Buttner '98CBA to John O'Sullivan '98CBA – June 27, 2009 Andrea Makrinos '99C to John Fikaris – February 15, 2009

#### 00s

Peter Milcetic '02TCB to Sarah Johnston – September 21, 2008 Steven Ulitto '02TCB, '07GEd to Rosaria Castania – July 11, 2008 Brian Gibbons '03L to Laurie Spinella '03L – September 29, 2007 Salvatore Samà '03TCB, '05MBA to Panagiota Dritsas '06MBA – June 21, 2009

Richard Harmon '05TCB to Emmaline Ramos '06C, '08GEd – June 20, 2009

Paul Franzese '06C to Melissa Affa – February 21, 2009 Sarah Sonom '07C to Zaimur Rahman '09P – June 21, 2009

#### IN THE FAMILY WAY



**Thomas Geraghty '92C** and wife, Georgie, a son, Nelson David – March 31, 2009

**Beatrice Castano-Wala '93SVC** and husband, Piotr, a daughter, Paola Krystyna – January 29, 2009

William Porr '93CBA, '96MBA and wife, Carina, a daughter, Gianna Rose – December 9, 2008

Sandy Rosenberg '93CBA, '96MBA and wife, Yael Geula, a son, Ari Noah – March 14, 2009

Jorge De Jesus '95SVC, '01GEd and wife, Jesenia, a daughter, Ava Summer – April 9, 2009

Nicholas Legakis '97SVC, '07MPS and wife, Cathi Legakis '98SVC, '06GEd, a son, Jason Timothy – June 30, 2009

Sandra Milo-Prisco '98CBA and husband, Donato, a son Dominic James – October 17, 2008

Robert Wile '99SVC and wife, Gabrielle Weir '05CPS, a son, Jackson Robert – July 30, 2009



**Anthony Portello '02C** and wife, Christina, a son, Anthony Benedict – August 12, 2009

#### IN MEMORIAM

T. Mildred Rotkin '31L David Greenwald '32L Henry Plitkin '33L Bernard Rubin '35CBA Herbert Sperber '35L Valentine Meehan '36L Louis Caronna '37L Monica Donnelly '37NDC Timothy Shea '37C Joseph Castronovo '38CBA Abraham Goll '38L Victor Tardino '38CBA Herman Angstreich '39L Vera Condello '39NDC, '42L Sidney Myers '39CBA James Riordan '39CBA James Tierney '39C, '41L

Harry Bosco '40C John Meehan '40C Julia Saia '40Ed, '42G Mary Berley '41NDC Rev. Thomas Hendel '41C, '65GEd Irving Kramer '41L Julius Mendalis '41L Bernard Sumliner '41L John Viggiano '41L Jayne Doherty '42NDC Vincent Grill '42C Anthony Pesiri '42C Salvatore Torricelli '42L Ruth Bramnik '43L Ann Damrau '43NDC Doris Holt '43NDC Edward Walsh '43C William Lavelle '44UC Marita Smith '44L Isaac McNatt '45L Shiela Rossi '45UC Donald VanCook '45CBA, '68L William Coby '46CBA Frank Carnese '47L Frances Iovino '47UC Seymoure Adams '48L Caroline McCabe '48NDC Dominick Rando '48C William Beckert '49C, '51G Joan Conway '49NDC

Albina Manzione '49NDC John Marchi '49L

Thomas Christy '50C

Robert Courtney '50UC Richard Doherty '50L William Downie '50CBA Carl Hoeflich '50L Edward Killian '50C Edna Shervington '50L John Buser '51C, '58L Sivestre Condez '51UC John Gibbons '51C Henry Keating '51CBA William Kinn '51L Michael Passarella '51GEd Dolores Pomianowski '51NDC John Scaduto '51L Charles VanVolkenburg '51L Walter Williams '51C, '53L Robert Driscoll '52CBA Richard Jameson '52CBA James Lappin '52CBA Frank Litz '52L Eileen Montgomery '52NDC John O'Hara '52CBA Terrence O'Neill '52L Benedict Rizzuto '52L Joan Schiano '52UC John Sullivan '52L Edward Timmes '52C Joseph Kunzeman '53L Raymond McGovern '53L Evelyn Oakley '53NEd George Sandalls '53L William Tash '53C Robert Victor '53L Stanley Yosnow '53CBA Edward Murphy '54L John Roche '54CBA Robert Bennett '55L Gerald Dieffenbach '55CBA William Fenwick '55UC Gerard Hogan '55L Robert King '55CBA Thomas Polizzi '55CBA Matthew Sczesny '55CBA Denzil Carter '56C Kathleen Hulse '56UC George Larezzo '56P Maj. Gen. Edmund Looney '56CBA Raymond McGrath '56L

Joseph O'Sullivan '56CBA John Sprizzo '56C, '59L Eileen Stack '56NEd John O'Connor '57C Peter Baron '58P Dorothy Madden '58CBA Louise Nuccio '58C Mark Roland '58C, '64GEd William Walters '58CBA Thomas Boyd '59CBA Ann Currie '59NEd Mary Lou Facciola '59Ed Joseph Horohoe '59CBA Francis Jones '59C Frank Logan '59CBA Ronald Mott '59CBA Angelo Perrone '59CBA

Thomas Ford '60G Vincent Johnson '60L Robert King '60CBA Mary Radkowski '60NDC Joan Durante '61L William O'Connor '61CBA Joseph Trotta '61CBA Robert Clarkin '62CBA Joseph Conway '62CBA Thomas Gilbart '62GEd, '70Ph.D. Leonard Mitrik '62P, '87MBA Diane Raphael '62NDC Donald Reid '62C, '65L Sarah Sergiacomi '62Ed Francis Burkart '63UC Kevin Langan '63CBA Donald Martin '63C Clifford Still '63P. '68GP Richard Bertoli '64CBA Lawrence Curtin '64CBA Pierre Smith '65CBA Vincent Borgia '66MBA Albert Rudge '66Ed Thomas Simons '66L Rita Hill '67Ed, '72GEd Kenneth McGinniss '67G David Shaughnessy '67C James Angiulo '68C John Greeley '68CBA, '74MBA Geraldine McDonnell '68C Catherine Spurlock '68Ed, '71G Carol Wittmann '68NDC Mary Egan '69C Elizabeth Gibbons '69Ed

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Michael Lutz '98SVC

Akhim Allen '07CPS

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Philip Kane '49L

Santiago Duaso '49CBA

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# **Doing Well...and Doing Good**

John R. Bender '87CBA knows that the keys to success include taking advantage of opportunity, working hard and never losing sight of your goal. During his student days at St. John's University he worked long hours in a supermarket to help pay for his education, and while it might have been burdensome then, it ultimately served as his pathway into an outstandingly successful professional career.

After graduation, a fellow St. John's alumnus and supermarket co-worker introduced John to the insurance industry. He decided to give it a try, and today serves as President of Allied World Reinsurance Company.

Demonstrating his Vincentian values of caring and compassion for others, John is Co-Founder of the St. Baldrick's Foundation, the world's largest volunteer-driven fundraising organization for childhood cancer research. A loyal alumnus devoted to *alma mater*, John was happy to share his thoughts with *St. John's University Magazine*.

#### John, what exactly is reinsurance?

In simplest terms, reinsurance is insuring an insurance company for risk over and above what they are willing to assume as a primary insurer. For a price, insurance companies can limit their liability by transferring some of their risk to reinsurance companies. We basically insure the insurers.

# Can you tell us a little bit about your career in the insurance industry?

I started as a claims assistant at St. Paul's Reinsurance Company, which was the company I was referred to by my former supermarket colleague. After three years I moved from claims to underwriting. Years later, St. Paul Companies spun off their reinsurance operation into Platinum Underwriters, and I was named Senior Vice President for Commercial Liability. In November of 2007 I moved to Allied World Reinsurance Company as Chief

Operating Officer. Things worked out well, both for me and the company, and I was promoted to President a few weeks ago.

How did you decide to found the

St. Baldrick's Foundation? It all began during the summer of 1999. Two of my friends, who were also reinsurance executives, and I had just finished a day of golf and were enjoying a leisurely barbecue. We began talking about how blessed with success we were and how it would really be nice to do something for others who might not be as fortunate. We had no idea what we wanted to do, but the conversation got around to the fact that each of us knew someone whom we went to school with who had died of cancer. At that point we agreed that we would get something going to help childhood cancer patients, and St. Baldrick's was on its way.

St. Baldrick's is known for shaving heads. What's that all about?

At first my friends and I didn't know what we could actually do to raise money. But we soon realized that since kids who undergo chemotherapy for cancer often lose their hair, offering to shave our heads might not only be a good way to raise money, it would also give us a real, personal sense of what these kids were going through. Our industry has an annual St. Patrick's Day gathering, and we

decided to use the March 17, 2000 event as a fundraiser for childhood cancer. We asked 17 colleagues to shave their heads and donate \$1,000 to the cause, and by the end of the day we had surpassed our goal of \$17,000 and had raised over \$100,000.

#### What's next for St. Baldrick's? The

Foundation also offers fellowships for pediatricians who are interested in specializing in childhood oncology. We're hoping to attract young doctors who are committed to doing whatever they can to help alleviate this terrible disease. Our fellowships are a way to help ensure that today's research can become the treatment, and hopefully the cure, for childhood cancer in the years ahead. That would truly be a wonderful thing!



# STAY CONNECTED

The Office of Alumni Relations continues to offer programs designed to keep you in touch with former classmates. There's something for everyone, so take a look – and come home to your University.

#### November 11, 2009 VETERAN'S DAY RECEPTION

In conjunction with the Office of Community Relations, both the Queens and Staten Island campuses will honor our alumni that have served in the military.

November 15, 2009 MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us for a very special Mass in memory of our deceased alumni.

November 18, 2009

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION FASHION SHOW

See this year's great fashion and help support The School of Education's Centennial Fund.

November 29, 2009

#### RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Enjoy this New York City tradition and get your tickets for the 77th anniversary spectacular celebration.

#### December 6, 2009 NUTCRACKER BALLET

Don't miss out on this performance of a legendary and traditional Christmas story.

#### December 7, 2009

#### WINTER CARNIVAL AND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Come to the Queens campus and join our students as they light the St. John's Christmas tree.

# January and February 2010 MEN'S BASKETBALL PRE-GAME RECEPTIONS

Meet up with your former classmates and cheer on the men's basketball team as they take on their BIG EAST opponents at Madison Square Garden.

# February 2010 BLESSING OF THE COUPLES MASS AND RECEPTION

A Mass and renewal of marriage vows exclusively for couples who graduated from St. John's.

#### March 17, 2010 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND RECEPTION

It's a day when everyone is Irish so come to the pre-parade celebration and then march up Fifth Avenue.

#### April 2010 LEADERS IN EDUCATION AWARDS DINNERS

The School of Education will honor professional educators or educational administrators for their distinguished contributions to the education profession. Dinners will take place on the Oakdale, Queens and Staten Island campuses.

May 22-23, 2010 ALUMNI REUNION CELEBRATION 2010

Mark your calendar and bring the whole family for the Great Lawn Party and Concert on the Queens campus or the Barbeque and Family Fun Fair on the Staten Island campus. The Class of 1960 will celebrate their 50th anniversary at a special candlelight dinner with the President.

For the most up-to-date information regarding any of the above events, please visit: www.stjohns.edu/alumni





