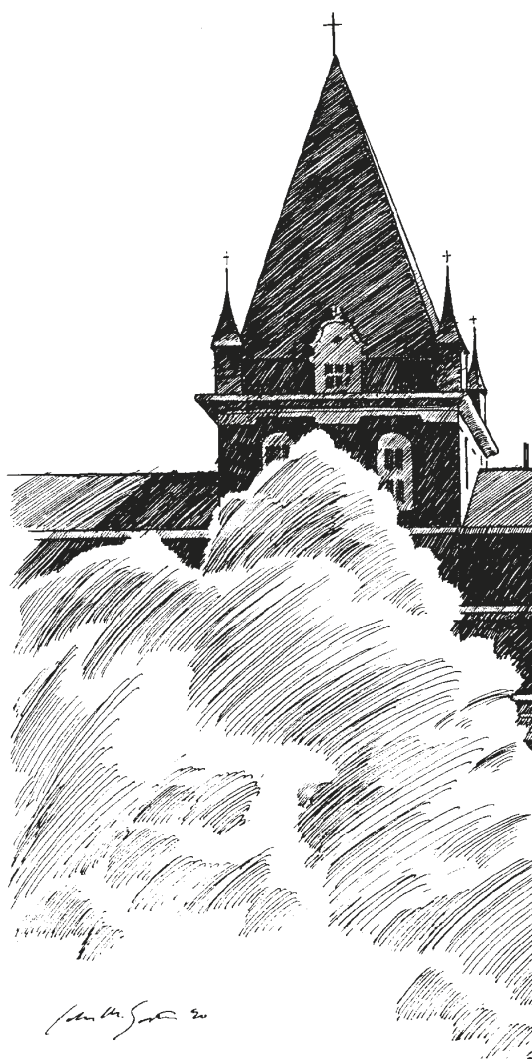


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elcome to the General Alumni Association!

As a Holy Cross graduate, you have joined the ranks of thousands of living alums who have graduated over the past 50-plus years. As a member of the GAA, you now have access to the range of services, programs, networking opportunities and friendships the GAA has to offer. In this brochure, you will find an overview of the GAA. For more information, check us out online, www.holycross.edu/departments/alumnidev/alumni.

Student and Alumni/ae Career Network

The Student and Alumni/ae Career Network assists alumni/ae who are managing career changes and making career decisions. Comprising several thousand alums who expressed their willingness to share professional knowledge and career advice, the network is an outstanding resource for soon-to-be graduates as well as alumni/ae. It may be accessed via its Web site, www.holycross.edu/departments/alumnidev/alumni/career.

The network advisors offer assistance with setting up informational interviews; review resumes, facilitate networking opportunities and personal referrals; and offer job-seeking strategies. For more information concerning the Student and Alumni/ae Career Network, contact Alumni Relations.

Lifetime email

Every Holy Cross graduate is assigned a lifetime email address. Through the GAA's page on the College's Web site, an alumnus/a can become a registered user of the GAA site and access his or her email address, which typically follows the format of name@alumni.holycross.edu. This email address is configured to forward messages to a work or home email address. It's a great way to keep in touch with friends or track down those with whom you may have lost contact.

To easily set up a permanent email address, go to www.holycross.edu/departments/alumnidev/alumni and click the "Online Community" link.

Life insurance

The GAA offers graduating seniors \$5,000 worth of group term life insurance from New York Life at **no cost** for one year. The cost of the insurance is underwritten by the GAA. Recent graduates may also purchase \$25,000 of group term life by answering a statement of good health. Older graduates may also purchase policies at rates that are very competitive with other insurance carriers.

For more information concerning the GAA's life insurance program, visit www.meyerandassoc.com or contact Alumni Relations.

Short-term medical insurance

From time to time, recent graduates and older alumni/ae may wrestle with gaps in their medical coverage. To address this need, the GAA has arranged to provide short-term medical insurance through Meyer and Associates as an affordable way to bridge the gap between your current insurance and your future, permanent insurance.

This program is not available in all states. For more information concerning eligibility and availability, visit www.meyerandassoc.com or contact Alumni Relations.

Credit card

Amid the flood of credit card offers, the GAA card stands out: A portion of every dollar spent on purchases goes to the GAA to support its programs and offset its operating costs.

Alumni/ae can apply for either a Platinum Plus or Preferred MasterCard credit card from MBNA America Bank, N.A., the world's largest independent credit card bank. The card features the Holy Cross name and O'Kane Hall. The funding that goes to GAA is at no cost to cardholders, so the GAA credit card is a great way for alumni/ae to support GAA programs.

For more information about obtaining a card, visit www.mbna.com or contact Alumni Relations.

Travel

Every year, the Alumni Office at Holy Cross organizes trips designed to appeal to the interests of the GAA membership. In recent years, groups have traveled to a number of exciting—and educational—destinations. The GAA trips are great opportunities to visit new areas and meet individuals who share the Holy Cross experience. For more information concerning trips currently planned, contact Alumni Relations.

Young Alumni/ae Committee

The Young Alumni/ae Committee offers recent graduates the opportunity to get involved with the GAA. Geared to represent the interests of alums who have graduated within the past 10 years, the Young Alumni/ae Committee coordinates social and career-related activities at regional club and board levels. Holy Cross students in their junior and senior years will be considered for membership on this committee.

For more information, contact Alumni Relations.

Regional Clubs

Regional clubs are a great way to stay involved with Holy Cross. Forty clubs across the country provide a perfect opportunity to meet other alumni/ae, participate in a variety of social, educational and cultural events, and find friendly surroundings for your professional and social needs.

Many regional clubs offer networking and social events where alumni/ae can catch up with fellow classmates and meet others. In addition, each club hosts a yearly reception featuring representatives from the College. Many clubs also pursue community service projects and host social gatherings.

Make sure to keep your address up-to-date by clicking on the "Online Community" link on the GAA Web site or through Alumni Relations.

In Hoc Signo

Each year, Holy Cross honors up to three of its graduates with the In Hoc Signo award, the GAA's highest honor. The winners have distinguished themselves by their dedicated, lengthy and outstanding service to the College, regional club or their class—often all three. First presented in June 1960, the award expresses respect and admiration for those alumni/ae who have given generously of their time and talents to Holy Cross.

Any alumnus/ae may nominate a deserving individual for this award. For more information concerning the nomination process, contact Alumni Relations.

Alumni/ae Admission Program

Members of the GAA participate in a range of activities that serve to introduce Holy Cross to high school students deciding where to attend college. Each year alumni/ae volunteer their time to participate in college night programs, off-campus interviews, receptions, and congratulatory phone calls to admitted students.

As an alum, you have the opportunity to interact with students interested in Holy Cross, answering questions and offering positive feedback about your time at the College. Alums choosing to serve as interviewers for the Admissions Office offer a valuable opportunity to prospective students who are unable to travel for an on-campus interview, but would like to be considered for admission.

For more information concerning the alumni/ae admission program, contact the Admissions Office at admissions@holycross.edu or (508) 793-2443.

Educational Benefits

The GAA offers its members a range of unique opportunities to further their education, as well as the education of others. The **Book Prize** allows an alumnus/a to sponsor an award at a high school of his or her choosing; the school's administration selects an outstanding junior to receive a dictionary and thesaurus with the Holy Cross insignia. The prize introduces Holy Cross to promising high school juniors and strengthens relations between the College and secondary schools.

Each year, the GAA awards a specified number of **GAA scholarships** to the children of alumni/ae who are enrolled as seniors at Holy Cross. Funded by the GAA, these scholarships help to offset tuition costs during the students' senior year.

Because learning is a lifelong experience, the GAA sponsors a yearly **Continuing Education** program. Current Holy Cross professors from a wide range of disciplines conduct in-depth classes in their area of expertise. Over the course of the daylong program, alumni/ae have the opportunity to meet faculty members, explore an area of interest, and socialize with other alums over lunch.

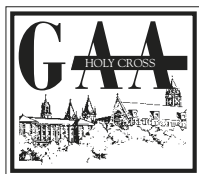
Summer fellowships bring together alums and current Holy Cross students in a public service effort. Through the regional clubs, students have the opportunity to become involved with socially responsible projects that assist not-for-profit agencies in the name of Holy Cross. Fellowships are funded by the GAA, the sponsoring regional club, and the local not-for-profit organization.

Other Benefits

The **Bishop Healy Committee** works to increase the diversity of the student population at Holy Cross. Committee members also work to retain ALANA (African-American, Latin American, Asian-American and Native American) students once they have enrolled at the College, as well as increase the involvement of ALANA alumni/ae in activities such as regional clubs, reunions, and GAA functions. A diverse student population benefits both current students and graduates by bringing a wide variety of perspectives to the forefront of discussions and to the college experience.

Alumni/ae have the opportunity to meet with graduating seniors at the GAA's **Senior Reception**, held each spring at the College. The event is designed to introduce seniors to the GAA, its services and activities, regional club opportunities, and individual alumni/ae.

The **Guest Program** works with the College's Athletic Department to distribute free tickets to home sporting events to organizations and/or individuals in surrounding communities. This program allows area residents to enjoy Holy Cross sporting events, even as it strengthens relations between the College and the community.



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