



## College of the Holy Cross Class of 2007

Dear Amazing Class of 2007,

February 2008

While ringing in the new year you may have noticed that our old Holy Cross ID's are no longer valid for the infamous "student discount" sought after by so many. Yup its 2008, and the only discount we now have to look forward to is the senior citizen kind...it was a depressing new year for our wallets. For those of you living in the northeast, you may have also noticed that it has gotten quite chilly outside. Thoughts of the cold may bring your memory back to waking up for those chilly AM classes, walking outside in your pj's and hunkering down for an hour and fifteen minutes of learning enlightenment. Of course by enlightenment I mean daydreaming about how you plan to spend your spring break in the warmest place you can possibly find. At this point anywhere with an average temperature above fifty is looking spectacular. Those were the days. Nevertheless, after seeing many of you for winter homecoming it's easy to say that not much has changed...thankfully.

Things on the hill have gotten pretty interesting lately. You may have heard that Holy Cross recently announced that the College will offer free tuition to any Worcester resident who is accepted and whose family income is less than \$50,000/year. With the rising cost of tuition, which will be \$34,630 next year (\$45,102 if you include room and board), this new plan will help to make a Holy Cross education more accessible for all applicants. This fantastic program really drives home the spirit of what Holy Cross is about, and it encourages us to see the value in every dollar we are giving back to school.



You may have heard of J.D. Power and Associates, a voice for consumer satisfaction. Its founder Dave Power '53 has issued a participation challenge to encourage all alumni *to voice their satisfaction with the College by making a gift this year*. If 55% of all alumni give to Holy Cross by June 30, Dave will contribute \$500,000 to establish paid internships for Holy Cross students to get business

experience in Worcester-area organizations.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Holy Cross, and in order for the College to succeed, our class must do its part. Our class has been asked to raise \$10,000 for the Holy Cross Fund from 340 donors or 54% of our class. Please try making your gift *early* this year to support this cause. It's not like we are getting any tax rebates or anything...*wink*. But it will offer a great opportunity for the incoming classes of Holy Cross, and bring a lot of support to the Worcester area.

Another highlight comes from Bob Garvey, a professor in the Physics Department and Director of the First-Year Program. He has been named one of ten Outstanding First-Year Student Advocates by the National Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, and the Houghton Mifflin Company (not Dunder Mifflin for all you "Office" fans). He was honored at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience, held February 15-19 in San Francisco. In 2000, Bob was one of only four U.S. Professors of the Year to be named by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education.

That's what's new at Holy Cross – here's what's going on with our classmates:

**Jamie Tomc** is working at Enterprise Bank and participating in a management trainee program. Jamie lives in Hudson, MA, with former classmate **Jacqueline Varanelli**, and often sees classmates **Jessica Ball**, a BC law student and Whitney Tashjian, who works at Mintz Levin.

**Matt Drago** is living in Philadelphia and attending the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Medicine.

**Brian Matthews** is currently working at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston as a Research Assistant studying links between heart disease and diabetes. He can be seen hanging out in Allston with **Matt McCarthy** (who works at State Street) and **Chris Gorczyca** (working at Triumvirate Environmental).

**Chrissy Fanning** is going to medical school at New York Medical College, and can be seen hanging out with her boo **Brian Matthews**.

**Jonathan Tardif** is teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade social studies and music, 6<sup>th</sup> grade religion, and piano at Mother Caroline Academy in Dorchester, MA.

**Bridget McCabe** is working at Tufts Dental School as a program coordinator and living in Davis Square with **Ashley Codianni** and **Amanda Cascadden**.

**Cara Wahle** is currently working as a full time live in nanny for a family in Rye, NY.

**Kevin Grassi** is going to medical school next year, and nobody can believe it.

**Kara McShane** is entrenched in the Ph.D. program in Medieval Literature at the University of Rochester, and is thriving!

**Nacie Carson** is working at Eze Castle Software Company as a QA analyst in Boston.

**Stefan Swiadas** was hired in July as a police officer in Bedford, NH and graduated from the 144<sup>th</sup> NH Police Academy in November. He is currently training on the road.

**Mike Calogero** is finishing up his first year at Albany Law School while dishing out hate to everyone, especially the NBA.

**Sarah DellaPosta** is living near Fenway Park and working as an Analytic Consultant at Thomson Healthcare in Cambridge.

**Lauren Gearty** will be clerking at the federal district court in Worcester this summer after completing her first year of law school.

**Matt Cunniffe** is working in Boston for State Street Investment Services in Goldman Sachs Asset Management Services. He is currently living at home with his roommates Mom and Dad.

**Megan Manco** is doing research at Cornell Med and just started graduate school for Microbiology

**Meghan Phillips** is working at State Street as a reporting and compliance specialist in Boston.

**Natalie Sorbello** is doing research for the year at Boston University on periodontal disease. She will be attending the University of Maryland Dental School this coming fall.

**Julia Post** moved to Washington, DC this fall and is working as an associate financial planner for Harris

SBSB in Tyson's Corner, VA.

**Jimmy Maliszewski** is working full time as an emergency care technician in the E.R. at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. He will be attending first year medical school at Creighton University in August of 2008.

After his television debut, **Mike Galbo** has gotten countless offers for to appear in television and movies. Nevertheless, he has turned them down and decided to get his masters in Material Science and Engineering at Boston University

**Christine Looser** is working at Dartmouth College working on a Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience.

**Victoria Rodrigue** is on a Fulbright research/teaching grant in Vienna, Austria and is doing musicology research in the Vienna archives towards her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.

**Adam Carroll** is living in the Colorado Mountains as a shepherd. He says the mountains remind him of Mount Saint James.

**Liz Belliveau** is attending graduate school at Boston College for a degree in clinical social work with children, youth and families and doing a field internship as a psychiatric clinician for an emergency services team. She works out of the 14 major hospitals in the Greater Boston area.

**Steve Kress** is attending Fordham Law School in New York City and ran the New York City Marathon in November in under 3 hours!

**Joe Fiorito** is working for an investment banking company called Sandler O'Neill and Partners in New York City as an associate in equity sales.

**Lisa Rickards** is working at the Westport YMCA as a preschool teacher in the childcare department. She plans to pursue a degree and career in early childhood education. She is also getting married August 17, 2008 to her high school sweetheart, a graduate of Rogers Williams University '06!

**Lauren Stillwell** is living in Washington, DC and working as Grants and Office Manager at the Montgomery County Community Foundation.

I hope that you are doing well and that 2008 is off to a great start!

Best wishes,

Mike (Mr. Price is Right) Galbo  
(from Kaity Padgett and Kara Pipoli too)  
Class Co-Chairs