



College of the Holy Cross
Parents Council

VOLUNTEER
GUIDE





The Mission

Parents Council was formed to allow parents to support the College and in turn their sons' and daughters' experiences at Holy Cross. Parental support is highly regarded at Holy Cross, because it is an endorsement of what the College is doing now to fulfill its mission to: "form a community which supports the intellectual growth of all its members while offering them opportunities for spiritual and moral development."

Through the Parents Council, parents can contribute their talents and resources to the College through any of the five sub-committees. Each sub-committee's activities aim to address important needs of Holy Cross students and parents. Through the Parents Council activities, parents stay informed of important issues at the College, meet other Holy Cross families, and provide an important voice in their student's educational experience.

The Parents Council meets twice each year: once on Saturday morning of Family Weekend and once in the spring.

Parents Council Executive Committee

The Parents Council Executive Committee is a leadership group of parents who coordinate the five sub-committees. The co-chairs of each sub-committee are asked to assume the following responsibilities:

- Attend two Parents Council Meetings each year;
- Give a brief update on committee activities to the Parents Council;
- Coordinate the efforts of parent volunteers;
- Support the direction of the Parents Council Executive Committee;
- Host a gathering of other parents or prospective parents.

Parents Council Executive Committee Leadership 2007-2008

Executive Committee Co-Chairs:

Michael and Susan Stuart P06, 09, 10
Storrs, Connecticut

Acting Parents Fund Co-Chairs:

Michael and Susan Stuart P06, 09, 10

Admissions Co-Chairs:

Ruth and Jim Dugan P04, 08
Saddle River, New Jersey

Honor with Books Co-Chairs:

Leslie and Jim Mackinson '81, P08
Princeton, New Jersey

Career and Internship Co-Chairs:

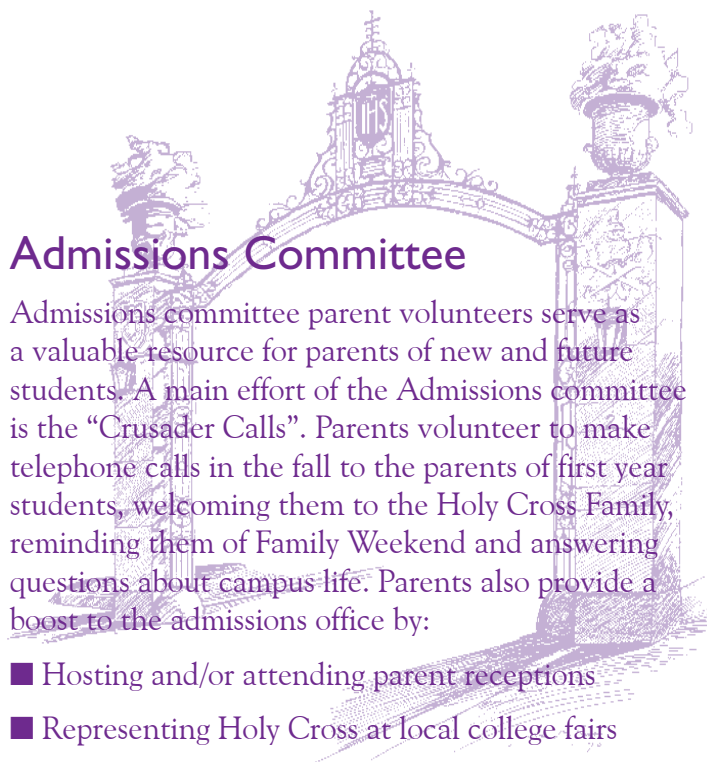
Frank and Jean Granara P10
Norwell, Massachusetts



Parents Fund

Parents of Holy Cross students have special reason to support their students through the Parents Fund. Support from parents sustains the College's efforts to be among the finest private liberal arts colleges in the country. Gifts to the Parents Fund directly support the experience of students while they are at Holy Cross as well as the future of the College. Each gift supports the College's effort to make financial aid and admission possible to the best applicants. Parents can make gifts that will support current initiatives and/or choose to make a capital gift endowing a particular need of the College.

Parent fundraising volunteers are asked to make a gift to the College and to call and encourage other parents to contribute to the Parents Fund. Volunteers will work closely with the Parents Fund Co-Chairs and the Director of Parent Giving.



Admissions Committee

Admissions committee parent volunteers serve as a valuable resource for parents of new and future students. A main effort of the Admissions committee is the "Crusader Calls". Parents volunteer to make telephone calls in the fall to the parents of first year students, welcoming them to the Holy Cross Family, reminding them of Family Weekend and answering questions about campus life. Parents also provide a boost to the admissions office by:

- Hosting and/or attending parent receptions
- Representing Holy Cross at local college fairs
- Serving as a panelist for Open House and Gateways Orientation programs

Career and Internship Committee

The Career and Internship Committee utilizes the career expertise of parents to assist current Holy Cross students. Parents can participate on panels sponsored by the Career Planning Center, offer presentations to interested students, serve as a resource for information and employment opportunities, and create internships for the Summer Internship Program.

PARENTS COUNCIL

HONOR
with
BOOKS



The *Honor with Books* initiative allows parents to make a gift to the library of a book or books in honor of their son or daughter. Members of this committee assist with soliciting parents to participate in the program. Although this was targeted at parents of departing seniors last year, Parents Council is planning to broaden the scope of the program this year. *Honor with Books* is beginning its fourth year.

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the Parents Council, please contact:*

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