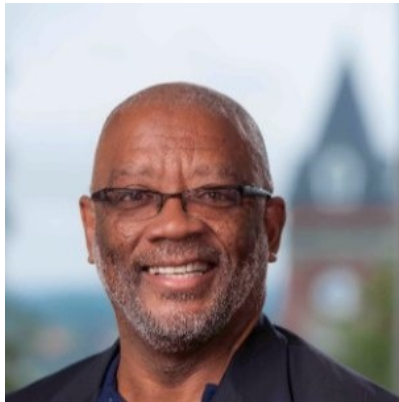


## *Sanctae Crucis Award 2021 Recipient*

The highest non-degree accolade that the College bestows on alumni, the *Sanctae Crucis Awards* have been presented annually since 1998 to alumni who have distinguished themselves professionally and in the service of justice. The requirements for receiving the award are based on the Holy Cross mission statement. For 2021, the College has chosen recipients of the *Sanctae Crucis Awards* who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and leadership in response to the pandemic.

### Ronald R. Lawson '75



Ronald R. Lawson '75 was presented the College's *Sanctae Crucis Award* on May 4, 2021. He has been described by his peers as a man filled with empathy and compassion, a role model to many and beloved by all of those he meets.

For more than two decades, Ron has labored in the nonprofit sector, serving in a variety of senior management positions. His passion for justice and equality sustained, strengthened and focused him. No matter what the job or how busy his life became, Ron remained forever the volunteer's volunteer, bringing his considerable skills, insight and leadership to any and all who asked for help.

Since 2016, Ron has served as the Chief Operating Officer of Care for the Homeless (CFH). CFH fights homelessness by delivering high quality and client-centered health care and human services and shelter to homeless individuals and families. Ron is a voice for those who have been silenced by systemic poverty, apathy and racism. He is a model of the change and redemption that can occur when one opens himself to God, the world and others. Ron takes the Jesuit credo of "men and women for and with others" and turns it into a personal ritual, a daily practice of faith and love.

He has tirelessly advocated for policies to ameliorate, prevent and, ultimately, end homelessness. Care for the Homeless now operates 26 New York City health care centers and two shelters throughout Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan and Queens and has plans to grow to more than 32 sites by 2024. When the pandemic struck, Ron created the COVID-19 Impact Fund, to cover emergency costs of responding to the crisis and to distribute the vaccine to CFH

patients. His passionate dedication and dynamic leadership at CFH saves lives every day and brings dignity to those who have been ignored and mistreated for far too long.

Ron's love for the *alma mater* matches his love for social justice and equity. Serving on the board of the Holy Cross Alumni Association, his work has elevated the College, its students and the alumni body as a whole. Whether launching the ALANA mentoring program or serving as a past chair of the Bishop Healy Committee, his desire to fulfill the College's mission is abundant, and the energy he brings to every task appears limitless.

Congratulations and thank you Ron for your attempt to live the gospel message every day of your life, for your efforts to build and strengthen caring communities, for your abiding love for, and work on behalf of, compassion, justice, equality and service at the College!

## *In Hoc Signo Award 2021 Recipients*

Each year, Holy Cross honors up to four graduates with the Alumni Association's highest honor, the *In Hoc Signo Award*. First presented in June 1960, the *In Hoc Signo Award* is an expression of respect and admiration for those alumni who have given most generously of their time and talents to Holy Cross. Winners have distinguished themselves by their dedicated, outstanding and lengthy service to the College, alumni organizations, regional clubs or class.

### *Schone Malliet '74*



Schone Malliet '74 was presented the Holy Cross Alumni Association's *In Hoc Signo Award* on October 1, 2021. He has been described by his peers as a wise counselor, unflagging laborer on behalf of *alma mater* and a talented strategist.

Since graduation, Schone has devoted countless hours supporting an array of alumni affinity groups, student organizations and College initiatives, including the O'Callahan ROTC Society, the Black Student Union (BSU), Holy Cross Athletics and the Alumni Association.

An active leader in the celebration of the BSU's 50th anniversary programs in 2018, Schone helped conceive of and launch the BSU Student Opportunity Fund, which provides students with high-impact experiential opportunities. A model of a Crusader for others, he has counseled and mentored countless students and young alumni.

Schone has served on the HCAA Board of Directors since 2014 and is currently in his second term as Vice President. He has brought his boundless energy to committee leadership roles as Co-Chair of By-law Review and Chair of the Association's 150th Anniversary Celebration. He serves on the Executive and Budget and Finance Committees and continues to seek out ways to broaden the impact of the HCAA. His volunteerism also includes work on behalf of the Annual Fund as Co-Chair of the Class of 1974's 45th Reunion Gift Committee.

Congratulations and thank you Schone for your commitment, service and deep and abiding love for the *alma mater*!

## Danita Beck-Wickwire '94



Danita Beck-Wickwire '94 was presented the Holy Cross Alumni Association's *In Hoc Signo* Award on October 1, 2021. She has been described by her peers as an imaginative leader, committed volunteer and a tireless ambassador for the *alma mater*.

A class agent since 1994 and class chair since 2006, Danita has achieved record engagement and fundraising results for her class. Through strategic and creative outreach, she has strengthened class connections and built a network of volunteers to garner support for the College. Consistently ranked one of the top classes for annual giving days, the class of 1994 achieved an impressive 62 percent giving rate in 2019. Danita was presented with the Matthew P. Cavanaugh Award in recognition of her commitment and leadership as a class chair.

A member of the College's Board of Advisors and past member of the HCAA's Bishop Healy Committee, she has been an active mentor and passionate advocate for students. Danita has offered spaces for conversation between students of color and alumni both in the greater-DC area as well as virtually. Additionally, she created her workplace's first-ever development internship for a Holy Cross student and rallied fellow alumni to participate in a video welcome to the class of 2024.

Congratulations and thank you Danita for your boundless energy, can-do spirit and ongoing devotion to the *alma mater*!

# Young Alumni Leadership Award 2021 Recipient

Established in June 2011, the Young Alumni Leadership Award recognizes a young alumnus/a who has graduated within the past ten years and has demonstrated outstanding service to *alma mater* through the Alumni Association's committees and activities, regional club or class.

## Alexander A. Bonano '17



Alexander A. Bonano '17 was presented the Holy Cross Alumni Association's Young Alumni Leadership Award on October 1, 2021. In the years since his graduation from Holy Cross, Alex has distinguished himself as a leader, a valuable resource, a tireless advocate and a vital member of the Holy Cross Alumni Association.

Alex's drive to become involved was present from his first days on Mount St. James. His many campus leadership roles included serving as a Peer Mentor as well as Co-Chair and Senior Advisor to the Latin American Student Organization (LASO). In recognition of his contributions to the Holy Cross community, he was the recipient of a Presidential Service Award.

Since his graduation, Alex has served the *alma mater* in a variety of capacities. Starting as a member of the HCAA's Bishop Healy Committee, he went on to serve as Chair and displayed thoughtful leadership throughout his tenure. Alex's passion and commitment empowered the committee to reach new heights through the creation of new social media and marketing platforms and record fundraising results for its Student Emergency Fund. He also helped lead the first Alumni & Students of Color Retreat at the Joyce Contemplative Center. In addition, he has served as a resource and role model for Holy Cross first-generation students as a panelist for the HCF1RST Scholars Retreat. As Chair of LASO's 30th Anniversary Planning Committee, he continues to foster and inspire connections between students and alumni.

Congratulations and thank you Alex for your ongoing commitment to Holy Cross and the Alumni Association!