THE PRESEPI TRAIL

Discover what a student-faculty research team learned firsthand about Italy’s ancient Nativity art form.
ON THE COVER

The famous presepe (Nativity scene) in the San Martino Museum in Naples, Italy, was installed in 1879, but some of the figures date from the 1750s. The Nativity, set among the ruins of a destroyed temple that represents the end of the antique world and the coming of Christianity, has several parts, as is typical of Italian presepi.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MARGOT BALBONI

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To get a sense of what Nativity School of Worcester is all about, we spent a day with Sam, this inquisitive 8th grader. Be inspired by what the students and staff at Nativity Worcester achieve everyday in our feature, starting on Page 26.
Mulderry ’54 and others, I was privileged to serve as pall bearer at Will’s burial in Tremont Center, Ill. Father Brooks was one of the co-celebrants.

So, thank you from this old Crusader for including several items in your pages which gave me a feeling that I still have some relevancy to the Cross.

Paul M. Rollins ’54
Fontana, Wis.

EDITOR’S NOTE  For any readers who do not know the powerful story of William H. Jenks ’54, I encourage you to read this article from our Spring 2004 issue: holycross.edu/hcm/jenks.

MEANINGFUL STORIES
I just read the Fall 2013 edition of Holy Cross Magazine from cover to cover and wish to commend both you and your staff. Each new issue is better than the previous one. The stories, the writing, the content and the accompanying pictures are in a league of their own. I might add, that both the Georgetown and Boston College quarterlies also make their way into our home as well … definitely no comparison.

“He Was One of Us,” by Mike Cullity ’94 (Page 54) and the piece by my classmate, John Gearan ’65, “They Do Not Forget,” (Page 66) were particularly meaningful to me as they reflected my experiences at Holy Cross some 50 years ago.

John R. Hennessy, D.D.S. ’65
East Longmeadow, Mass.

MICHAEL QUINN ’68
I knew Mike Quinn at Holy Cross, not real well, he was a year ahead of me (“They Do Not Forget,” Page 66). He was, literally, a big man on campus, and I loved watching him play football—he cut a jaunty figure with his newsboy cap roaming the campus.

I was way too naive back then to relate to the courage it must have taken to go to Vietnam; I heard about Mike’s tragic death when I was in school outside the U.S. It was surreal to say the least.

Fast forward some 20 or 25 years: I am in Washington, D.C., with my wife and two school-age kids. We visited the Vietnam Wall and I looked up the names of two kids from my hometown who had been killed. Then I looked up the name of Mike Quinn and the tears began to flow, I was no longer so naive and I realized the terrible loss of young lives. Mike Quinn’s in particular. Probably the first and only time my children saw me cry.

Great article about Mike and great that his friends and family still honor him. Wish I had known him better.

Dave Croughan, M.D. ’69
Dana Point, Calif.

A PARENT’S THANK YOU
I ran in the 2013 Boston Marathon as a member of the Massachusetts General Hospital’s pediatric oncology team. The marathon enabled me to accomplish a variety of goals: help fight pediatric cancer (my brother lost his battle when he was 18) and celebrate two milestones, my 50th year of living and my first marathon.

My son finished up classes at Holy Cross and drove to the finish line to celebrate with me. I was stopped at mile 25 and my family was directly across from the first explosion. The next day, I called Dean Francisco Gago-Jover (“Dean Paco” to students) to let him know of the trauma that my son experienced. We reluctantly let him return to school where he was immediately met by Dean Gago-Jover who spent time reassuring both my son and my husband. Without any request from us, the Dean had also arranged an entire support system for my son, which included counseling and a daily check in with him by a faculty member.

When we dropped our son off at college his freshman year, I was hopeful that Holy Cross would take care of him, but it was certainly reaffirmed by Dean Francisco Gago-Jover and the Holy Cross community after the Boston Marathon. I thank Holy Cross for keeping my son strong.

A Class of 2016 Parent from N.H.
(name withheld in the interest of privacy)

CHANGED LIVES
Fifty years and the memories still sting (“He Was One of Us,” about the JFK assassination, Page 54). Lives and expectations changed. For me, the decision about law school versus drama school seemed now irrelevant—I had to do something more real. I joined the Peace
Corps and taught three years in a rural Kenyan secondary school.

However, it was the announcement of Professor Kenneth Happe's death (In Memoriam, Page 92) that moved me to write this letter. Freshman year my corridor mate, Kit Carson '64, told me of a young professor's plan to revive the Theatrical Society with a full schedule of plays to be preformed in Fenwick Theatre. The following October Ken Happe, with his typically creative flair, selected a farm boy football player from Ohio as Falstaff in his production of “Henry 4th Part I.” Thus began three of the most exciting years of my life.

The 1964 Purple Patcher review of the Drama Society stated that in just two years Ken Happe accomplished “what would have taken four Ph.D.s especially trained and hired for this task, five years.” By the time we completed our third year, Ken was gone, but the schedule he laid out (“Death of a Salesman,” “The Fantasticks” and “Othello”) were all sold out.

The new performing arts center should memorialize the vision and contribution of Ken Happe.

Michael Stringer '64
South Euclid, Ohio

Erratum
In the Fall 2013 issue, the job title of David Joy '74 P11—who with his wife, Michele, is now serving as the co-chair of President’s Council—was incorrect. David Joy is the chief market strategist of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. in Boston.

If you've never heard tenor Fran Rogers '08 sing the National Anthem, you're in for a treat. (May I suggest you put this issue down for a few seconds and do a quick YouTube search? I'll wait.)

The former assistant director of the Holy Cross Fund, Rogers has performed the game-opening song for the Red Sox, the Celtics, the Patriots and the Revolution. He also regularly sings with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops as a member of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

Rogers says the best part of singing in Boston's sports arenas is “the rush that you get from putting yourself out there in front of so many people, especially when it goes well!”

There are other talented alumni to meet throughout this issue. In “The Profile” on Page 40, enjoy some coffee talk with Brian P. Kelley ’83, CEO of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. And in “Book Notes” on Page 16, J.D. Power III '53 shares the secrets of his global business success. In “Required Reading” on Page 53, Associate Chaplain Megan Fox-Kelly ’99 gives a great book recommendation for anyone who could use more prayerful connection in their daily lives.

Those of you who know Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J., will definitely want to see how the Class of 1963 paid him an extraordinary tribute as part of their exuberant 50th Reunion class gift effort. (See “Gifts at Work” on Page 46). And as Christmas draws near, we are doubly excited to share not one, but two Nativity stories. First, get to know Nativity School of Worcester—its vision and its students will inspire you (Page 26). Then learn about presepi. Professor Sarah Stanbury, photographer Margot Balboni and three Holy Cross students researched the centuries-old tradition of these elaborate Italian nativity scenes with interesting results (Page 18).

All best wishes for a peaceful holiday,

Suzanne Morrissey
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Singer Fran Rogers '08 (above) doing what he loves at Gillette Stadium in November. Hear more of his music at franrogersmusic.com, and read more of my fun interview with him at magazine.holycross.edu
There’s no better time to visit Mount St. James than in the fall, and that’s just what 1,600 guests did on Holy Cross Family Weekend, Oct. 25–27. The annual campuswide celebration invites parents, grandparents and siblings to experience their students’ home away from home. The festivities began with brunch in Kimball Hall. Throughout the weekend, art, music and theatrical performances showcased an array of student talent, from a cappella singers to modern dance. The events also provided an opportunity for visitors to experience the newly renovated Brooks Concert Hall.

Sports fans had their choice of men’s ice hockey, football, field hockey, men’s and women’s swimming and men’s soccer teams to cheer on. The field hockey team claimed the weekend’s only victory; but there was no shortage of Purple Pride on display. During the President’s Hour, College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., updated families on campus news and fielded questions about programs and other areas of interest to them. —Amy Kotsopoulos
With a variety of music, dance and theatre performances throughout Family Weekend, students and their guests had several opportunities to experience the breadth of Holy Cross' arts programs. For younger sibs, spin painting and a chance to trick or treat in Healy Hall were popular. Brooks Scholar Natalya Krykova '14, a music and psychology double major, and Dana Scholar Nina Batt '15, an English major, (below, left) are roommates and say one highlight of their weekend was supporting their other two roomies who were performing in the Dance Ensemble show. "My favorite part of the weekend was spending time with my roommates' families," Krykova says. "My family was not able to come, but Nina's parents 'adopted' me for the weekend." ONLINE ONLY View more Family Weekend photos at holycross.edu/hcm/family2013
Three of the College’s premier scholarship programs announced their latest recipients this fall.

A physics major and three mathematics majors have received the 2013-14 Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarships. William J. Geddes ’14 (the physics major, back right), Matthew D. McCormick ’14 (back left), Michelle McGahan ’15 (front left) and Megan K. Norton ’15 (front right) each received a $22,000 award. Supported by the National Science Foundation, the scholarship encourages talented students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to become middle and secondary school teachers in these disciplines. All four are enrolled in the College’s Teacher Education Program.

“I have noticed in my experience as a student, as a tutor and as a teacher that mathematics is a scary word to many students,” says McGahan, who had a teaching internship in Providence, R.I., last summer and serves as a calculus workshop tutor at the College. “One of my goals as a math teacher is to help students break these fears and interact with the material. I want students to be actively learning, and helping them find their own unique interpretations of mathematics.”

Chemistry majors Kaylie Gage ’14 and Kelsey Poremba ’14 are this year’s Clare Booth Luce scholars. Made possible by a major grant from the Henry Luce Foundation in 2010, the scholarship encourages women undergraduates to major in the physical sciences and covers tuition, room and board, and fees. In addition, the College supports the Luce Scholars with paid research fellowships during the summer prior to their senior year.

Poremba has been working with Bianca Sculimbrene, associate professor of chemistry, on developing an efficient method to synthesize peptide isosteres which could provide alternatives to peptide drugs that are not currently pharmacologically viable.

Gage, who has been working with Kevin Quinn, associate professor of chemistry, on the synthesis of a potential anti-cancer agent since the summer after her sophomore year, says she plans to obtain a Ph.D. in organic chemistry and become a professor. “I would like to encourage more women to enter the sciences and mentor them in the same way my professors at Holy Cross have mentored me,” she says.

Twenty juniors and 15 seniors were named Dana Scholars, a program established in 1982 by a challenge grant from the Charles A. Dana Foundation. Available for students in any course of study, the scholarship is for academically sound students who have demonstrated qualities of character and leadership. Dana Scholars receive stipends based upon financial need ranging from an honorarium up to the amount of tuition.

Dana Scholars say that the scholarship helps them in many ways, not the least of which is easing the financial burden of tuition. Meiling May ’14 says, “I am currently applying to graduate schools and the application process is quite expensive. If I didn’t have the Dana Scholarship, I probably would not be applying to some of the schools I am applying to simply because it would be too costly.”

Mario Jaramillo ’15, a biology major, says that the scholarship helped him not only financially but mentally. “When I became a Dana Scholar, I saw more potential in myself than I have in a long time. It was a reminder that hard work pays off,” he says.

—With Bridget Cass ’10 and Nikolas Markantonatos
Beautiful Music

If you have not attended a Chapel Artists Series concert yet, you have two more chances. On Feb. 16, organist Christian Schmitt (above) of the Berlin Philharmonic Foundation performs, and on April 27, German organist Philipp Christ performs. Both artists will be playing the Taylor and Boody organ in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, and both concerts begin at 3 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call the music department at 508-793-2296.

“A World More Equitable”

On Oct. 3, social justice advocate and filmmaker Shakti Butler gave a lecture as part of the College’s yearlong celebration of 40 years of coeducation at Holy Cross. The program, which was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, drew a large crowd of students and faculty to Rehm Library.

Butler, who is of multicultural heritage (African, West Indian and Russian-Jewish) and holds a Ph.D. from the California Institute of Integral Studies in the School of Transformative Learning and Change, uncovers and explores the systemic disparities in national and global institutions and local communities. She reinforced her presentation’s points through video clips that fostered group discussions among the audience members. Butler also emphasized the need to address individual responsibility and accountability, as we as a unified society face issues of race, inequity, inequality and injustice.

“Through conversation and dialogue [Butler] engages her audiences to reflect around similar questions posed here at Holy Cross based on our Jesuit orientation,” says the evening’s host Mable Millner, associate dean of students for diversity and inclusion. “Those questions include Who am I? Who will I become? Who will I be for others?”

Yarlenys Villaman ’14 reacted to Butler’s lecture, saying it was “well presented, informative and interactive,” adding, “I really saw change in people’s eyes when she was presenting, because she made everyone participate, and we all learned that somehow we have discriminated against someone else.”

Butler’s visit is part of her ongoing lecture tour about her new documentary, “Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity.” She uses story, theater and music to illuminate the larger frame of structural and systemic racial inequity. She employs dialogue to deepen the national conversation on race. Learn more about the film and the accompanying learning modules at holycross.edu/hcm/code.

—by Hannah Janis ’14

Semper Fi A group of 18 NROTC midshipmen and four staff ran in the 38th Annual Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 26 in Washington, D.C. They raised $20,000 for the Semper Fi Fund, which helps injured Marines returning from Afghanistan. ONLINE ONLY Read more about their race and their mission in this issue’s Web Exclusives at magazine.holycross.edu.

Family Fun Embracing the Halloween spirit on Family Weekend, professors’ children, students and their visiting siblings donned costumes for trick-or-treating in a Haunted Healy House.

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FOX visits HC
FOX 25 morning anchors Doug “VB” Goudie and Elizabeth Hopkins broadcast from the Hogan Courtyard on Oct. 3 when the network’s Boston affiliate kicked off its College Tour of New England right here on the Hill. The live, four-hour show aired across New England. Interviews with faculty and students, a cooking demonstration with Holy Cross Dining’s Ed Rome and performances highlighted the academic, spiritual and social aspects of life at Holy Cross.

ONLINE ONLY See more images and video from the big show at holycross.edu/hcm/fox

Local Service  Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD) now offers on-campus tutoring for College employees’ children, grades 3 through 12.

Alumni Loyalty  Holy Cross alumni are among the most loyal and satisfied in the country, according to the most recent list released by U.S. News and World Report, which ranks the College No. 8 in the nation for the number of alumni who make financial contributions to their alma maters (we were No. 9 last year). Crusaders’ giving rate is four times the national average.
The Best of Our Best

Each year, the twin pinnacles of alumni achievement are bestowed upon deserving men and women who have called the Hill their home. This year, nominations for those honors—the Sanctae Crucis Award and the In Hoc Signo Award—are being called for around the same time (early February). We decided to use this opportunity to take a closer look at two awards that truly exemplify the distinct quality of a Holy Cross graduate.

The Sanctae Crucis Award
The Sanctae Crucis Award takes the College’s mission statement as its foundation, and candidates are notable for high achievements in their profession or community service, reflecting glory and honor on the College. There is also a Young Alumnus/Alumna Sanctae Crucis Award given to an alumnus/alumna who has graduated within the last 20 years and already demonstrated a promising degree of worthy accomplishment. He or she is “open to new ideas, patient with ambiguity and uncertainty and combines a passion for truth with respect for the views of others.”

What’s in a name? “Sanctae Crucis” means “Holy Cross,” of course.

Founded: 1998 by Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio

Claim to fame: After an honorary degree, this is the highest honor the College can bestow upon you.

First recipients: Mary Berner ’81, William McCall Jr. ’55, William McKenna ’47, Richard Ring ’68

Most recent recipients: Mary Cahoon McGinnity ’77, Peter Deckers, M.D. ’62, Kara Dallman ’87, Richard Connolly, Jr. ’61, Katherine Volk ’00

Nominations due: Feb. 1, 2014

Get the form: Visit http://offices.holycross.edu/svp/sanctae-crucis for the online nomination form and video interviews with the five 2013 honorees.

The In Hoc Signo Award
Each year, Holy Cross honors up to four graduates with the In Hoc Signo Award as an expression of respect and admiration for those alumni who have given most generously of their time and talents to the College. Winners have distinguished themselves by their dedicated, outstanding and lengthy service to the College, alumni organizations, regional clubs or class.

What’s in a name? “In Hoc Signo” comes from the Latin phrase “In Hoc Signo Vinces,” found at the center of the Holy Cross seal. It means “In this sign you shall conquer.”

Founded: 1960

Claim to fame: This is the highest honor the Holy Cross Alumni Association can give you.

First recipients: Charles Fleming, Class of 1918, Bernard Feeny Class of 1909, Francis Vaas ’38

Most recent recipients: Constance Eagan ’81, David Martel ’65, Brian O’Connell ’71, Francis Stankard ’53

Nominations due: Feb. 4, 2014

Get the form: Visit alumni.holycross.edu/ihs

Picture Perfect  Darien Henry ’14 of New York City, captured images of campus during peak foliage season (including this one of the red ivy that beautifully surrounds one of the Science Center’s courtyards). Henry is a sociology major and visual arts minor with a concentration in women’s and gender studies. See all his shots at holycross.edu/hcm/fallglory

In the Media  In a Nov. 7 piece for The Washington Post’s blog “On Faith,” Mathew N. Schmalz, associate professor of religious studies, wrote about a photo of Pope Francis embracing a disfigured man, saying, “That day with the disfigured man, the pope doubtless saw pain and suffering. But he also looked beyond that reality to see something more, something beautiful and precious.” He goes on to write about the difference between compassion and pity.
Sci Speaker  On Nov. 13, Mark Murcko, self-described “pharmaceutical executive and fan of disruptive technology,” spoke about the practice of science in different corporate settings, from pharmaceutical companies to small start-ups, as part of the “Practice of Science in a World of Competing Values” series sponsored by the McFarland Center.


Alpha Sigma Nu  is the national Jesuit honor society for students at Jesuit colleges and universities who embody the values of scholarship, loyalty, leadership and service. While drawing its membership from diverse faith traditions, Alpha Sigma Nu distinguishes those students who have made the most of their experience in a Jesuit academic community. This year, 28 Holy Cross seniors accepted the honor in a ceremony during Family Weekend. Rev. Paul Harman, S.J., vice president for mission and adviser to Alpha Sigma Nu, notes that the Holy Cross chapter is approaching its 75th anniversary on campus, adding, “It is a great joy for me to be associated with such an outstanding group of seniors at Holy Cross.”

In addition to the students, there were four honorary inductees: Associate Professor of History Mary Conley, Assistant Professor of Biology Michelle Mondoux, Associate Professor of Biology Ann Sheehy and Associate Chaplain Megan Fox-Kelly ’99.

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Dance Dance Dance  The annual tradition of Senior Ball was celebrated at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester on Nov. 15. Seniors and their guests had a cocktail hour and dinner, followed by a night of music and dancing. Later in the evening, Holy Cross Dining provided an after-party in Crossroads and The Pub for students to continue the celebration.

Governor Visit  Former Utah Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr. delivered the 48th annual Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom. Huntsman ran as a candidate for the 2013 Republican presidential nomination. He now serves as co-chair, along with Democrat Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, of No Labels, a citizens’ movement dedicated to promoting a new politics of problem solving.

Multifaith Prayer in Spring Semester

Once again the Chaplains’ Office will inaugurate the spring semester with a Multifaith Community Prayer. On Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Mary Chapel, College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., and faith leaders from Worcester’s religious community, will lead the event, which includes music and messages from representatives of the Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths. Following the prayer, there will be a reception in Loyola Ballroom featuring foods from many cultures prepared by local restaurants and bakeries.

“Multifaith Prayer is a time when we get to come together collectively as a community and say, ‘You matter. Your faith matters. Who you are and the faith that sustains you matter,’ ” noted Virginia Coakley, assistant chaplain and director of Protestant and ALANA ministries, after last year’s well-attended service.

Marybeth Kearns-Barrett, director of the Chaplains’ Office, says that alumni are welcome to join the service if they are on campus that day.

Online Only  See a highlight video of last year’s service at holycross.edu/hcm/multifaith

The Bridge Builder

Speaking to a large crowd of students, Holy Cross employees and visitors from the community, Mary McAleese (above, with husband Martin), former president of Ireland and author of Quo Vadis? Collegiality in the Code of Canon Law, presented a lecture, titled “Shared Responsibility: Re-imagining the Future of Governance in the Church,” in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom on Oct. 29. Before the event, sponsored by the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, Mary and Martin McAleese shared dinner and conversation with students who are part of the College’s Magis Program for Church Leadership, some student government leaders and others who had studied abroad in Ireland.

McAleese, the first Northern Irish native to be elected president, took office in 1997, a role which she would hold for two terms through 2011. She successfully brokered the Good Friday Peace Agreement in 1998. During her lecture, McAleese drew comparisons between finding ways to broker change with the paramilitary in Ireland and changes in the Catholic Church. “If there is a rightness in what you are saying, you can effect change,” she said. “I really want our good priests to be energized by a Church that listens up and not talks down. But how do we get a listening up church?” she asked.

Commenting on statements by Pope Francis that some say hint at change in the Church, McAleese said, “I like the tapas that Pope Francis has offered. Now I’d like to see the main course.”

Colleen A. Kelly ’94 of Worcester attended the lecture because she wanted to hear “a female world leader who was able to bring peace to a region that believed in ‘an acceptable level of violence,’ ” and who speaks about women and homosexuals in the Catholic Church. “In the aftermath of the sexual scandals, it is refreshing to hear someone question policy that the masses have blindly followed for years and years,” Kelly says, sharing a conversation she had with her daughter that evening.

“I have a 7-year-old daughter who asked me before I left for the lecture if the former Irish president knew that she couldn’t be a priest,” Kelly recalls. “My takeaway from that question was that my daughter was not seeing Mary as an example of ‘girls can grow up to be anything, including President,’ but rather, ‘she might have been president, but she can’t be a priest,’ and for that I was saddened and frustrated.”

Director of the McFarland Center Thomas Landy says that having outspoken leaders like McAleese as part of the Center’s ongoing lecture series is at the core of its mission to “provide a forum for intellectual exchange that is interreligious, interdisciplinary, intercultural and international in scope.”

Online Only  Watch the lecture by visiting holycross.edu/hcm/mcaleese
Expand Your Mind

Did you know that many cultural and academic events on campus are free and open to the public? Here is a sampling of what’s coming up later this winter and early spring. See more at http://events.holycross.edu/

**JAN. 30, 2014**
Philip Kitcher, John Dewey Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University, will discuss the role of scientific inquiry in democratic societies, focusing on examples of evolution and climate science. His talk is part of a series on “The Practice of Science in a World of Competing Values,” presented by the McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture. 4:30 p.m., Rehm Library

**FEB. 20-APRIL 12, 2014**
The Cantor Art Gallery presents “Early American Encounters with Asia,” which explores the global visual culture that circulated in early America before 1840. The exhibition asks: What did early Americans know about the rest of the world, and how did interactions with other cultures make an impact on American arts? The primary focus of the exhibition is the emergence of direct trade with China and the rest of Asia after the American Revolution. Though merchants in the new American republic sought Asian goods, Native American and African peoples were drawn into these global commercial networks. Weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m., Cantor Art Gallery, first floor of O’Kane Hall

**MARCH 13, 2014**
The McFarland Center presents, “Our Catastrophe is Here at Hand: The Jesuit Suppression” with Jonathan Wright, reviews editor for the *Journal of Jesuit Studies* and honorary fellow in the department of theology and religion at Durham University. Wright will speak about the causes and history of the 18th-century expulsion of the Society of Jesus from Roman Catholic nations in Europe. 4:30 p.m., Rehm Library

Grinch-Free Zone

**The Purple Key Society helped** students and College employees get into the holiday spirit with its annual Giving Tree. When HCM stopped by the group’s table near Cool Beans in November, Society member Tara Hank ’16 of Doylestown, Pa., was on duty, asking passersby to consider purchasing a gift for a child in need. Slips of paper adorned the tree, each carrying a wish from a Worcester child (many are the “Littles” of students who volunteer in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program or a middle schooler from Nativity School of Worcester). Basketballs and clothing were among the top wished-for items.

High Marks in Grad Rate

Holy Cross has the fifth highest four-year graduation rate among all colleges and universities in the country according to *U.S. News & World Report*. At 89.9 percent, the College is part of an elite group of institutions that graduate an average of nine in 10 students in four years, saving families money in additional tuition costs. In comparison, the average graduation rate of all 1,207 schools that provided graduation rate data to *U.S. News* for the same period (2006-10) was just 41 percent.

Carleton College, Williams College, Bowdoin College and Columbia University were the only institutions ranked higher than Holy Cross. Haverford College (No. 6), Davidson College (No. 7), Georgetown University (No. 8), Lafayette College (No. 9) and Yale University (No. 10) rounded out the bottom half of the Top Ten.

Diversity Expert

Daryl Smith, leading expert on diversity, gave a lecture, titled “Diversity’s Promise for Higher Education and the Liberal Arts: Excellence in a Pluralistic Society,” on Nov. 21.

Helping Others

On Nov. 19, Filipino students and their friends raised $2,000 for UNICEF in the Philippines with a Williams Hall dinner of Filipino food (donated by students and their parents), musical performances and raffle prizes.
Susan Rodgers, the W. Arthur Garrity Sr. Professor in Human Nature, Ethics and Society and professor of anthropology (above, center), was named the 2013 Massachusetts Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The award, presented on Nov. 14 in a ceremony in Washington, D.C., is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate education.

“This is a marvelous reaffirmation of the value of the sort of time-intensive teaching and intellectual mentorship that we do at small liberal arts colleges like Holy Cross,” says Rodgers, who joined the Holy Cross faculty in 1989 and was promoted to full professor in 1995. Rodgers teaches a broad range of anthropology and Asian Studies courses, including Art and Power in Asia, Anthropology of Religion and Anthropology of Food.

In her research, Rodgers studies the oratory and print literature of the Angkola Batak people of Sumatra. She looks at how this ethnic minority literature gives Batak authors and readers a voice and fair hearing in speaking back to state power in the colonial Indies and today.

Most recently, Rodgers curated “Transnational Ikat: An Asian Textile on the Move,” with student docents Hana Carey ’13, Tricia Giglio ’14 and Martha Walters ’14, at the College’s Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery. The exhibition, which displayed more than 40 ikat cloths from Indonesia and Malaysia, was the culmination of fieldwork in Bali, Indonesia and Kuching, Malaysia, with the docents, supported by Mellon summer fellowships.

If you are on campus in early February, don’t miss the chance to hear Rodgers deliver the annual Richard Rodino Lecture, titled “Art, Asia, Anthropology: On Inter-illuminations in the Holy Cross Liberal Arts.” It takes place Feb. 4 and is free and open to the public.

Donations Collections for the Jesuit relief effort in the Philippines were taken at the Nov. 23-24 campus liturgies, following the Festival of Lessons and Carols on Dec. 5, and in the Hart Center on Dec. 7, during the women’s basketball game and the men’s hockey game.

Winners The Holy Cross Mock Trial team started the season with a fourth place finish at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, followed by a first place win at fellow Patriot League school Colgate University.

Griot On Nov. 8 in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom, the Black Student Union presented its annual Griot Live event, which incorporates music, dance, poetry and storytelling by Holy Cross students and local community performers. Seun Oke ’15 and Jared Boone ’17 served as the night’s emcees.

Crusaders Hiring Crusaders The Alumni Office and the Career Planning Center have partnered up to issue the Crusaders Hiring Crusaders Challenge—an initiative to encourage alumni to post new entry-level and internship job opportunities for Holy Cross students. According to Maura Hume, associate director of employer relations in the Career Planning Center, the challenge rules are simple: Alumni who post at least one open full-time or internship position to Crusader Connections or the Alumni Online Community, are eligible to be included in the Challenge.

“The alum’s name, class year and company name are then posted on the Crusaders Hiring Crusaders website,” Hume says, adding that since the Challenge started on Oct. 1, 47 alumni have posted 54 opportunities. The Challenge ends on Commencement Day, May 23, 2014. So what does an alum gain from being part of the Challenge? “The incentive is easy: alumni get to work with fellow Crusaders!” Hume says. “Aside from the joy of shared purple pride, they also get the value of bringing smart, talented people into their company. This doesn’t just benefit the student or alumnus/na being hired, it benefits the whole organization.” For more details, including how to submit a posting, visit http://offices.holycross.edu/careerplanning/alumni/chc

(Above, from left) Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Tracy Barlok, Professor Susan Rodgers and Associate Dean of the Faculty Amy Wolfson attended the D.C. ceremony honoring Rodgers as Massachusetts Professor of the Year.
Night Moves

On Sept. 21 Holy Cross Football hosted Monmouth University for a Fitton Field first: a Saturday night game. Though the Hawks bested the Crusaders 21-14, spirits were high and the crowd cheered as three Crusader legends—Tom Greene ’59 (waving in photo, right), Dave Quehl ’76 and Johnny Turco ’52—were lauded at the annual Ring of Honor ceremony just before kickoff.
MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS

DESCRIPTION  Concerned with the calculus of functions with more than one variable, the course considers the theory and applications of differentiation and integration of functions of several variables, vector fields, line integrals and Green’s theorem.

ENROLLMENT  Required course for physics and mathematics majors; recommended course for students majoring in chemistry or economics

PREREQUISITE  Calculus 2 or equivalent

REQUIRED TEXT  Multivariable Calculus (International Series in Mathematics), by David Damiano, professor of mathematics, and Margaret N. Freije, associate professor, mathematics, and interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College

CLASS FORMAT  Three lecture periods and one collaborative learning session in the classroom or computer laboratory, held weekly

GRADING COMPONENTS  Homework, collaborative assignments, quizzes and three exams

OVERVIEW  Using the language of vectors to study functions and express the concepts of differentiation and integration of several variables, the course has as its primary focus the making of substantive connections between the mathematics and its use in the sciences. In-class and computer laboratory collaborative learning sessions are used for investigating the mathematics and its applications.

SAMPLE CLASS ASSIGNMENT  Introduction of integration in two variables through an exercise using scattered snow depth data to determine the total volume of snow that fell in New England during the blizzard of 1978

ON THE DAY HCM VISITED CLASS  Lecture on “chain rule and the gradient”: Use of the gradient vector field to discuss critical points of differentiable functions of two or three variables, with topics including flow lines and critical points of vector fields, contour lines, parametric curves, chain rule formula and dot product

PROFESSOR BIO  Receiving his Ph.D. in mathematics in 1980 from Brown University, Providence, R.I., Damiano has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1984. His fields of study include topology and global analysis. Recipient of the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award for 2005 to 2007 and honored in 2011 as Distinguished Teacher of the Year, Damiano has served on numerous College committees, including the NEASC Steering Committee, 2008 to 2010, and the Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee, 2011 to 2012. Past chair of the department of mathematics and computer science, he was elected speaker of the faculty for 2008-2010.

PROFESSOR QUOTE  “For many students, the transition to thinking about objects in space in mathematical terms is both challenging and eye opening. The challenge comes because students … find it difficult to translate symbolic expressions into mental images of objects in three dimensions,” says Damiano. “The revelation comes when they are able to see, or rather imagine, these objects and relate them to physical objects. With regard to the content, the concepts in multivariable calculus grow in complexity through the semester and by the end the full range of concepts are simultaneously in play. It is fulfilling both to see students develop mastery of the individual topics and, more importantly, synthesize ideas from across the course.”

STUDENT QUOTE  “The most challenging aspect of the class is thinking in three dimensions after spending so much time doing math in two dimensions,” says Emily T. Winn ’17, of Westwood, Mass. “Drawing the graphs can be more difficult since we still have a flat paper, but this is overcome with the Maple program used in the laboratory, which can display rotatable, three-dimensional graphs. … This course has broadened my understanding of computer science and how to create models on the computer, as well as of physics, and how to examine objects moving through space.”

FINAL PROFESSOR COMMENT  “Multivariable calculus is a stepping stone to more advanced topics in mathematics, the sciences and engineering,” explains Damiano. “The central ideas were developed in the 18th and 19th centuries and have become fundamental tools in modeling phenomena in the natural world. … It continues to fulfill the role of linking mathematics to its applications for many of our students, thus fostering the idea that knowledge and the development of knowledge is not compartmentalized within disciplinary walls.”

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When J.D. Power III ’53 decided it was time to tell the story of his long and influential career, he turned to writers Sarah Morgans and Bill Thorness, who had helped create a 40th-anniversary book for his global marketing powerhouse, J.D. Power and Associates. HCM talked to Power about family, college memories and the new book—aptly named Power.

Q. You founded J.D. Power and Associates in 1968, with an emphasis on customer satisfaction. How did your experience at Holy Cross shape your business focus?
A. I wanted to conduct marketing research for clients that would give them truly independent information about their customers. In my earlier days of working at Ford and GM in Detroit, I found people “massaging” the data until it “confessed,” so it reflected what their managers wanted to hear. I also found that analyzing data and putting it into proper context was critical to making it meaningful. This meant sometimes looking at things with a contrarian point of view. The values I learned from a Jesuit liberal arts education stood out for me, and were invaluable in making sure our associates understood the need for integrity, and for looking at things from different perspectives to get to the heart of the matter.

Q. At one point you say you were referred to as the “Darth Vader of the auto industry.” How do you confront criticism?
A. That type of criticism really came more from people who did not really understand what J.D. Power and Associates was trying to do—like the Detroit-based auto companies in the 1980s. We were bringing the true voice of the customer to an industry that insulated itself from the real world. In time we were able to show these executives that our data had integrity, that it was unbiased and that it was meaningful. I am proud that today J.D. Power and Associates works closely with every automotive company, and they are all committed to using customer input to improve and be more competitive.

Q. In the book, you describe four men who influenced your entrepreneurial approach: Peter Drucker, W. Edwards Deming, Alvin Toffler and Walter Wriston. How does it feel to know you are now influencing a new generation of business people?
A. I am very grateful! I don’t know if I warrant that type acclaim. I hope that when people see or receive a customer survey they realize that our company helped give them a voice.

Q. You visited campus this fall and gave a well-attended lecture and book signing. Did you enjoy being back on campus?
A. I loved the opportunity, especially because some of my family could join me. My daughter, Susan Curtin ’93 and her husband Mike ’91 are graduates of Holy Cross. And, I am proud that a grandson, J.D. Power V ’14 was there with me. Fr. Boroughs was a great host, and meeting with so many students who were interested in my story meant a lot to me.

Q. Do you have any career lessons that might help the Class of 2014 as its graduates enter the job market?
A. Follow your passions. Don’t get too worried about not landing the perfect job right away.

The best thing I can suggest is that you strive to get better every day, every month and every year in the skills and the experiences you acquire. This means asking for or seeking assignments that will challenge you beyond your comfort zone. As long as you keep improving, things will work out for you.

Q. What is your favorite memory of fun times with your friends at Holy Cross?
A. In the very early 1950s we had a large group of “day-hop” or commuter students. Most of them came from Worcester and the surrounding towns where we all lived at home. The College had an old gymnasium with a flat oval track above our lockers on the main floor. Many a card game was played there while we ate our lunch or waited between classes. We missed out on the fellowship that the boarders enjoyed, but we did have our own camaraderie.

Q. Can you sum up what Holy Cross means to you?
A. Holy Cross gave me a great start on my career, and it’s an indelible part of who I am. And, it’s great that the alumni of Holy Cross share that same feeling. An alumni giving rate near 55 percent is tremendous, and 99 percent of other schools can only dream of this. So, I think we should all congratulate ourselves for this level of performance. But, we cannot ease up ... we need to keep Holy Cross in our annual giving plans and provide future students the same opportunity we were afforded.

ONLINE ONLY Read the rest of our interview with J.D. Power III ’53, and learn what advice he gives to young entrepreneurs today. Plus: the inside scoop from Power authors Sarah Morgans and Bill Thorness on what it was like to work with the industry legend. It’s all in our Web Exclusives at http://magazine.holycross.edu/.
THE HOLY APOSTOLATE  |  BY REV ROBERT F. SLESINSKI ’72 | Eastern Christian Publications | This is the sixth and final volume in a series of works dedicated to adult education on the feast days of the Byzantine Churches and their theology and liturgical texts. It focuses on the Catechesis of the Holy Apostles, especially Peter and Paul. /// ENCOUNTERING JESUS  |  BY MONSIGNOR PETER J. VAGHI ’70 | Ave Maria Press | In his newest book, Monsignor Vaghi reveals how Catholics may encounter Jesus in scripture, through the celebration of the sacraments, and by exercising the ministry of charities. He draws inspiration from the talks and writing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. He references Deus Caritas Est, Benedict’s first encyclical letter, in his search for new ways to approach friendship with Jesus. /// A GRIEF UNVEILED: FIFTEEN YEARS LATER  |  BY GREGORY FLOYD P09 | Paraclete Press | In this expanded edition, Floyd takes us on a journey through the grief after the death of his youngest son, recounting the full impact of such a loss on a Catholic family and observing how the author wrestles with questions of God’s goodness in the face of acute grief. /// A FRESH LOOK AT CONFESSION  |  BY REV DAVID M. KNIGHT ’51 | Twenty-Third Publications | In his new book, Fr. Knight looks at the heart of confession, its meaning and mystery and why it is so necessary for authentic followers of Christ. His personal account of his own journey as a sinner aims to take readers beyond theory and into the discovery of complete redemption. /// FROM THE GREAT BLASKET TO AMERICA  |  BY MICHAEL CARNEY WITH GERALD HAYES ’69 | The Collins Press | Hayes wrote this book with his father-in-law as Carney approached the age of 93—it chronicles Carney’s story of emigration from Ireland. He was born on The Great Blasket Island in 1920, traveled to seek a better future in Dublin and eventually in America, where he settled in Springfield, Mass. This story of his life promotes Irish culture in America and is devoted to family, community and legacy.

MORE ALUMNI AUTHORS

Self-published alumni authors from the Classes of 1953, 1957 and 1977 offer these new reads. JOSEPH M. SUDIK D.D.S. ’77 presents a historical novel in BEACH GLASS, set in Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Illinois. Characters interact on an adventure in these three states. The book contains an actual trail description, which can be used as reference for a hike up Mount Washington from the Cog Railway and a street guide for a bicycle ride from Chicago to the northern suburbs. /// In THE WOLF TREE, PHILIP R. SULLIVAN, M.D. ’53 offers the fictional story of Michael Manning who left his big-city medical practice at the age of 55 and retired to a farm in rural Maine. He begins to interact with the folks of his new community, including Lesley Jordan, an attractive nurse in the nearby town of Winchendon. Their story addresses the question that arises inevitably during the course of human life: “Does this relationship have a future?” /// RATZINGER’S ISLAND is a novel by KARL KOEHLER ’57, in which Adrian Neumann is obsessed with sex, literature and the Summa Theologica of Thomas Aquinas. After contact with a prostitute, he is catapulted into a world of bizarre dreams and madness, and even attempts to break into the office of Cardinal Ratzinger, the future Pope. Neumann’s end leaves a priest with a mission to solve the mystery: Was he mad, bad or a visionary?

FROM THE LAB

“...the antithetic opposition between the cost of inventory and the fixed cost of transportation, which leads to multiple alternate near-optima, can be a primary contributor to the computational interactability of the mixed integer program for a two-echelon multi-period distribution system.” —Associate Professor of accounting Debra O’Connor and Agha Iqbal Ali, from “Using truck-inventory-cost to obtain solutions to multi-period logistics models,” published in the International Journal of Production Economics, Vol. 143

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

“We developed a model that minimizes both the cost of transportation and the cost of holding inventory,” explains O’Connor. “However, there are multitudes of shipping alternatives, which can lead to the computational interactability of the model—in other words, making it extremely difficult to solve.

“To alleviate this, we developed a heuristic procedure that determines the optimal shipping deployment to each demand point, and the consequent levels of inventory, thus producing solutions to the model within a few seconds of computation time,” adds O’Connor.

When asked about the applications of her research, O’Connor observes, “The cost of distributing products accounts for a significant portion of the overall costs in a logistics network, and, therefore, saving money with more efficient and effective distribution plans is vital to a company’s survival, especially in today’s economic climate.”
With expertise from Holy Cross students, Professor Sarah Stanbury and photographer/curator Margot Balboni cast new light on an ancient—and immensely popular—Italian art form that celebrates the heart of Christmas.

By Rebecca Smith '99

Sarah Stanbury, English professor at Holy Cross since 1992 and Monsignor Murray Professor of the Arts and Humanities, counts late medieval literature and visual culture among her areas of academic expertise. She had been interested in a new scholarly project when she heard from Margot Balboni, a longtime friend and colleague. Balboni wanted to discuss studying Italian nativity scenes, known as presepi.

Balboni encountered her first presepe as a visiting artist at the American Academy in Rome about 10 years ago. A professional photographer, she caught a nativity scene out of the corner of her eye in a piazza. “That could be interesting to look into,” she recalls thinking. “That could make an interesting book.”

Stanbury, who has studied the representation of
the Holy Family and medieval spirituality, was starting a research leave made possible by a Guggenheim Fellowship and was intrigued by the idea of an entirely new approach to understanding religious practices. So, at Christmastime in 2011, the pair headed to Rome to start researching the history and current artistry of this exuberant native Italian art form.

"It was something that neither of us really knew anything about," recalls Stanbury.

"Which made it all the more fun," adds Balboni, a cultural landscape photographer whose projects have been as diverse as documenting the transformation of Boston with the Big Dig to flying in a helicopter back and forth across the country photographing the built environment.

Nativity scenes promised a novel angle of view. Both Stanbury and Balboni have devoted their careers to writing about and recording artistic and material objects in the places that house them.

For many Italians, the most important symbol of Christmas is not the Christmas tree, but the presepe, or nativity scene. Displayed throughout the country at Christmastime—in private homes, churches, town squares, the Vatican—presepi date as least as far back as the 13th century, when Saint Francis of Assisi is said to have staged the first living nativity scene during a Christmas Eve Mass in the town of Greccio.

Although nativity scenes are popular throughout the world, presepi in Italy have distinct regional variations, and none are more distinctive than those crafted in Naples. Described by Stanbury as "panoramic, operatic nativity scenes with hundreds of figures," Neapolitan presepi were popularized in the 1700s, when well-to-do citizens and royalty commissioned top artists to build sets and figurines for display in their homes. In addition to the traditional representation of Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus, these elaborate three-dimensional tableaux contain intricate details of 18th-century Neapolitan life—blacksmiths and bakers working, animals grazing, people eating and drinking—all displayed in a rustic, realistic setting (usually with Mount Vesuvius looming in the background).

Today, presepi in many parts of Italy are still handcrafted by skilled artisans out of such indigenous materials as straw, terracotta, rock, paper and wood. The finest of presepi figures have the evocative power of fine art sculpture. With thousands of variations, many portray traditional village scenes—although some modern presepi might also include running water or an infamous contemporary figure.

Two trips and almost two years into the project, Stanbury and Balboni realized that there was much more they wanted to know—and the language barrier was a problem.

"A great deal has been written about nativity scenes," explains Stanbury, "but mostly in Italian—and neither of us is a particularly good Italianist. We needed historical data. Who were the artists, who were their patrons, what was the symbolism of the scenes and figures in different parts of Italy? We needed basic research."

"In the United States, this is a form few people know anything about," adds Balboni. "Little has been written in English on the subject. Even Italian Americans, setting up the family nativity scene at Christmas, don’t know the history."

So before they embarked on their third trip to Italy, this time to meet with private collectors—most of whom did not speak English—they decided to find some translators. At Holy Cross, Stanbury contacted the Mellon Summer Research Program in the humanities, social sciences and arts, which funds student-faculty research projects. The program offers a stipend, a room on campus, and a travel and research supply budget to its 25-30 summer student interns. It also offers students an opportunity to work closely with a professor, learning how to do primary research through hands-on, intensive immersion in a project. Stanbury looked around for students who speak Italian—and who were interested in a two-week research trip to Rome, Naples and Apulia to study Italian nativity scenes—and found three summer Mellon interns who fit the bill: Helen Tucci ‘15, a mathematics major with minors in Italian and computer science from Waltham, Mass., Olivia Vanni ‘13, an Italian major from Hamilton, Mass., and Mario Leiva ‘14, an anthropology major and visual arts minor from Lawrence, Mass.

"I had no idea what to expect when I first signed on to the project," recalls Vanni, who now works as a news and content writer for a marketing firm in Boston. "But I figured, if it seemed important enough to write a book about it, it had to be interesting."

All three students came well recommended to Stanbury; Vanni and Leiva had even spent their junior years studying in Bologna. But Balboni, who had never worked with students, was dubious: "When Sarah told me that we were taking three students to Italy with us, I was alarmed," she recalls. She worried the students might get sick or in some way hamper their research schedule. "It turned out they were fantastic. Thank God they did come. They have been a huge help," she says.

Throughout the trip last June, the students not only served as "invaluable translators and native informants," according to Stanbury, but they also actively contributed to the research—and consumed their fair share of gelato. (It was Italy in June, after all.)

Despite the season, the group had no problems finding and getting access to nativity scenes in churches, museums, workshops and private homes. In certain parts of Italy, presepi are on display year round. The group visited one presepe scene so large and complicated that when its creator, a retired public servant, made plans to move, he hired a building crane to take it out the window to transfer it to his new house. He had spent close to a year working 14-hour days to construct the elaborate set in his living room.

Another year-round locale is Via
“It was terrific to watch the students hone their skills as translators and to develop the tools necessary to assist us with rigorous research.”
—SARAH STANBURY, Professor of English
Tucceri, Leiva and Vanni each brought home presepe figurines, including these three Wise Men. The students also presented their research at the International Word and Image conference, held at the College in June.
San Gregorio Armeno, a street in Naples famous worldwide for its presepe workshops. Alongside natives and tourists a team was able to talk to and gather information from authentic Italian artisans. “Wherever we went, we had excellent translators,” says Stanbury.

In viewing some of the contemporary presepe figures for sale—the late co-founder of Apple Inc., Steve Jobs, the late Libyan revolutionary and politician, Moammar Gadhafi, and the embattled Italian ex-prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi in vampire fangs, to name a few—they also got a firsthand view of the country’s current cultural climate—and its distinctive sense of humor.

“One thing you have to know about Italians is they’re not into political correctness whatsoever,” says Vanni.

“Whoever has garnered significant public notice—good or bad—might end up as a presepe figure,” adds Stanbury.

During a visit to the Presepe Museum in Rome, the students’ assistance really came through.

“The interview with the curator went on for hours,” Balboni recalls. “He was so excited to have us there he showed us absolutely everything. But Olivia was translating, and Mario and Helen were taking notes, so it freed Sarah and me to think and look while he was talking. We weren’t multi-tasking.”

Likewise, Stanbury credits the students with assisting Balboni and her with meaningful access to some of the most significant artisans and collectors in the field, including a visit to Franco Artese, the artist who designed the 2012 nativity scene of the Holy Family, which you can barely see; they’re hidden by the Magi and their Oriental caravan with lots of musicians, exotic animals, all of that. And, then, over here is the tavern which has just turned away the Holy Family,” she describes with quick precision.

Leiva notes that the regional differences among Italian presepi include the materials used. “Some regions, like Lucania, have used stone primarily,” he says. “Others have used paper, as they do in the Salento area.”

Tucceri, who is currently studying in Bologna through the College’s Study Abroad program, particularly liked learning about the presepe tradition in Lecce, in the south of Italy.

“I loved Lecce a lot,” says Tucceri. “It’s a beautiful city; I loved the culture. Also, I enjoyed learning about how they make the figurines out of cartapesta, which is papier-mâché.”

There, the group met a cartapesta artist and acquired for Holy Cross some figurines for the College’s permanent collection, as well as for the upcoming presepe exhibit at the Cantor Art Gallery.

Curated by Balboni, the fall 2014 exhibition will contain Balboni’s photographs, objects the team acquired on their trip and some they are borrowing from private collections. As part of the Mellon Summer Research Program, the students contributed to the detailed exhibit text boxes that will accompany the pieces they helped acquire.

What’s more, the students presented their research materials on presepi at the International Word and Image conference, held at the College in June. Maurice Géracht, the Stephen J. Prior Professor of Humanities in the English department at the College, is the principal organizer of the conference, which invites scholars and researchers from around the world to explore connections between language and the image.

Vanni, Tucceri and Leiva also participated in the College’s 20th annual Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium, held in September, during which Vanni shared “Evolution of Presepio Art in Naples, Italy”; Tucceri presented “Il Presepio Romano: A Christmas Tradition”; and Leiva discussed “Presepe Medium: Variants Across Time and Regions.” And they helped develop materials for the McFarland Center’s “Catholics and Cultures” website, which is aimed at understanding the religious lives and practices of Catholics worldwide.

Vanni, who studied French and German at Holy Cross, says the presepe experience added another dimension to her understanding of Italian culture and history. “Even though I studied in Bologna for a year, and I keep in touch with close family members living in Italy,” she says, “this endeavor made me realize that I had only known a slight fragment of the country’s heritage—my own roots, really.”

Leiva, who also studied in Bologna, says the presepe trip allowed him to stay in the country he was not quite ready to leave when his year-long study abroad time came to a close. “It was also interesting,” he notes, “because I had always considered becoming a researcher as a career, and I was able to get some real hands-on experience in the field.”

“Looking back, this project has been a fascinating journey,” reflects Stanbury. “After our trip in June and with the research that the students contributed from their work over the summer, we’ve built up our knowledge base considerably. It’s also been a huge amount of fun. The more we learn the more intriguing this art form becomes,” she concludes.

“Partnering with the Mellon Foundation has enabled Margot and me to deepen our understanding of the presepe in the context of Italy’s artistic and social history. It was terrific to watch the students hone their skills as translators and to develop the tools necessary to assist us with rigorous research.”

Rebecca Smith ’99 is the owner of the freelance writing firm SmithWriting (smithwriting.com).
As the College draws its 40th anniversary of coeducation celebrations to a close, HCM reflects on the myriad events that gave the community a chance to listen, reflect and learn.

When Dean of Students and vice president for student affairs Jacqueline Peterson convened the 40th Anniversary of Coeducation coordinating committee more than a year ago, the slate was blank and the goal was clear: Create a series of events to celebrate and highlight the contribution of women at the College.

The events not only commemorated the 1972 milestone when Holy Cross opened its doors to women students for the first time, they also gave the campus and alumni communities opportunities for reflection on what that change meant and still means. “Opening Doors” became the theme, and departments across campus created special events that highlighted the way women have opened doors since the gates of Linden Lane were opened to them four decades ago.

A Sept. 20 lecture by Rebecca Rourke Edwards ’90, titled “Seeing the Signs: Doing Deaf History at Holy Cross and Beyond,” served as the kickoff event—in tandem with Homecoming Weekend, when returning alumni and alumnae stopped by a recording table in Hogan Campus Center to tell their stories, as part of an ongoing oral history project on coeducation at Holy Cross. And that was just the beginning.

Teaming up with the sociology and anthropology department, the women and gender studies program hosted a November fishbowl discussion about feminist identity at Holy Cross, where Jen Fraser ’09, spoke about her award-winning senior thesis research, titled “CEOs and Secretary Ho’s? Exploring Feminist Identity and Culture at Holy Cross.”

Anne-Marie Slaughter, author of the controversial Atlantic article, “Why Women Still Can’t Have It All,” and the Bert G. Kerstetter ’66 University Professor emerita of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, was the featured speaker at a February panel discussion sponsored by the economics department. The panel, which included Sheila Cavanaugh ’81, consultant and former senior vice president of Fidelity Investments and Megan Fox-Kelly ’99, assistant chaplain and director of retreats at Holy Cross, evaluated women’s progress and work-life balance.

Edward Isser, professor and chair of the theatre department, selected one of the first great feminist dramas of the 20th century, Machinal, as Fenwick Theatre’s November production. “Bringing women to Holy Cross 40 years ago was intended to empower women to lead fulfilling lives on a commensurate basis with men,” Isser says. “By mounting this work, we hoped to empower women on campus to seize what is rightfully theirs and to raise the consciousness of men who may not be cognizant of these issues.”

The visual arts department hosted a reunion of its alumnae in March, called “Muses on the Mount,” as well as an exhibition of alumnae artists’...
work. Students served as models for a showcase of the work of fashion designer Cari Borja ‘93.

In the athletics arena, career planning hosted “Knowledge is Power: A Workshop for Female Athletes,” on Nov. 5, giving current students the chance to learn from alumnae and former student athletes about how to transfer worth ethic, competitive mind set and fiery determination from the playing field to the workplace. During Winter Homecoming in February, former and current coaches and athletes discussed the rise of women’s sports at Holy Cross.

Classics Associate Professor Nancy Andrews says she considers the Feb. 4 visit from veteran journalist Cokie Roberts as one of the highlights of the Opening Doors events. “Her quick and acerbic wit was great,” Andrews notes. “In answer to a question about whether women were somehow uniquely suited to the job of secretary of state, she responded in mock exasperation, ‘Well, there have only been three since Thomas Jefferson!’”

Andrews also enjoyed a talk by Sara Flounders ’01, which fellow classics Professor Blaise Nagy describes as “spectacular.” Flounders, who is a founding faculty member of the Boys’ Latin of Philadelphia Charter School, gave a lecture, titled, “Sic Itur Ad Astra: Reflections on Teaching Latin in an Urban Environment.”

“Seldom have I been so touched by the reflections of an alumna/us,” Nagy says, “and as I looked around I could tell that my colleagues were also greatly moved—some actually wept. In a nutshell, Sara teaches Latin, and to hear her explain it, students who have been deemed academic failures for most of their young lives can discover hope and a degree of self-confidence when studying Latin, a subject in which they have no history of failure.”

The alumni relations office hosted a reception for alumnae at the Time Warner Center in New York City in early March, and a panel discussion moderated by College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., included panelists Donna Winn ’76, member of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees; Theresa McBride, Holy Cross professor of history since 1973; and Melissa Montoya ’14.

Even with a year of rich and varied Opening Doors programming (which actually stretched into a few extra months because there was simply so much to share), McBride says, “We only scratched the surface!”

“I was thrilled with the coming together of the impressive number of the interesting and diverse events commemorating this important milestone in Holy Cross’ history,” Peterson comments as the year’s events wind down. “It was an inclusive celebration with just about every area of the College contributing in some way.” But selecting her favorite event is a tricky task. “They were all very distinct and special in their own way,” Peterson says, “whether it was a lecture by an alumna on women, work and family, or the alumnae women’s basketball game. Each event was inspirational in recognizing the strong legacy of women, past and present at Holy Cross.”

The entire series of celebrations culminates in a final event on Jan. 28, 2014. Details will be announced on holycross.edu, and all are welcome.

**ONLINE ONLY** Read the lecture by Sara Flounders ’01 that Classics Professor Blaise Nagy called “spectacular” at magazine.holycross.edu.

**ORAL HISTORIES**

Dozens of recordings were collected from alumni and alumnae about coeducation at Holy Cross, and we selected three excerpts to share here. Additional stories will be part of a special video at the closing event on Jan. 28 in the Hogan Ballroom.

“Because my father was a Boston College alumnus, I knew he really benefitted from his Jesuit education. And my brother, Greg Flynn, was Holy Cross Class of 1973 and had a great experience here, so he strongly encouraged me to apply to Holy Cross. For me, coeducation meant I had an opportunity for a Jesuit education, and, when I arrived in 1977, you wouldn’t have known that it had been formerly all male.”

—Ruth Flynn Donaghue ’81 P10, 07, Middletown, R.I.

“Obviously, if Holy Cross were all men I wouldn’t have come here. If it was all women, I wouldn’t have come here either. Coeducation was extremely important to me—it was an environment that I had grown up with in the public schools. My preference was to be in a place where there were men and women.”

—Donnamarie Larievy ’78, Auburn, Mass.

“The College did a really good job of assimilating the female students rather quickly. There were some classes where I was one of two young women. There were older Jesuits who called us ‘young ladies’ or by our surnames like, ‘Miss Reilly,’ while they called the guys by their first names … but I think they were trying to show extra respect. To be able to have the Holy Cross gift was amazing. We were very, very fortunate and we knew it.”

—Anne Reilly Ziaja ’78, Dracut, Mass.
As the academic year began, we spent a day with Sam, an eighth grader at Nativity School of Worcester, to learn more about the transformative education offered at this Jesuit middle school, where so many Holy Cross alumni are invested in its success.

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7 A.M.
A NEW DAY DAWNS
It’s a hot September morning, and 12-year-old Nativity School of Worcester student Samuel begins his walk to school. Up since 5:30 a.m., Sam rode with his mother to UMass Memorial Medical Center, where she works as a housekeeper. But the drive ended there, and now he walks the half-mile from the hospital to the all-boys middle school. Despite the heat, he wears long khaki pants, a white collared shirt and the school’s signature purple tie. Like students at most schools, Sam and his friends start the morning congregating outside, engaging in some good-natured ribbing, scribbling out some last-minute homework or scarfing down a snack (between yawns). But these are not your typical students—and this is not your typical school.

It was 10 years ago when Nativity School of Worcester opened its doors for the first time to 26 fifth- and sixth-grade boys from the city. Today, the school welcomes 56 boys in grades five through eight; they are following in the footsteps of the 101 graduates who have come before them. Co-founded by the College of the Holy Cross and the New England Province of Jesuits, Nativity Worcester is an accredited, tuition-free, Jesuit middle school that provides students from low-income homes in Worcester the opportunity for academic excellence.

With its first class set to graduate from college this spring, Nativity Worcester is an example of how a group of dedicated people—with the support of the College, the Jesuits and the city—can come together to help transform the lives of students, their families and the community.

7:40 A.M.
MORNING GREETING
The doors open, and Sam and his schoolmates process in—but not before pausing to shake hands with school President Alex Zequeira ’94, Principal Sean Dillon ’04 and Admissions Director and Chaplain Rev. John Fagan, S.J. The boys, ages 10 to 14, confidently meet their administrators’ gazes and offer a (somewhat) lively greeting—it is before 8 a.m., after all. This ritual happens every morning, and it is a significant part of the day.

“That handshake and look in the eye is not trivial,” explains Charles “Chick” Weiss, director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives and Corporate and Foundation Relations for Holy Cross and Nativity Worcester board member. “It sets the stage for something very important that these guys will carry with them for the rest of their lives: how to shake someone’s hand, introduce yourself, present yourself.”

Weiss has been a champion of the school from the beginning—with a happenstance conversation more than a decade ago setting the stage for its inception. While chatting with Sean McGrath, whose family runs the philanthropic Highland Street Foundation, Weiss learned how McGrath’s organization had helped fund a Nativity-model school for at-risk boys in New Bedford, Mass. The discussion
transitioned to the idea of a Nativity school in Worcester, and Weiss was immediately intrigued.

"With all it had done in the city, the College was looking for a way to make an even bigger mark in the community," recalls McGrath, now president of Stonegate Group LLC in Natick, Mass., a trustee of his family’s foundation and a trustee of Nativity Worcester.

With its focus on strength, scholarship, character and service, it was clear to Weiss, a longtime Holy Cross professor and administrator and one-time Worcester resident, that the Nativity model dovetailed with the College’s mission and that it would also address the educational needs in the city, which has seen notably low graduation rates for boys from the neighborhoods near and below poverty lines.

With the blessing of then-College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., and the support of the New England Province of Jesuits, Weiss led a feasibility study—sponsored by the Cassin Educational Initiative Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating underserved children, run by Brendan J. “B.J.” Cassin ’55—and confirmed what he already knew to be true: The city needed this school, and Holy Cross needed to help make it happen.

The next step was staffing the school, and within minutes of posting the announcement online, the College got a call from Joanne (Glavin) McClatchy ’79, now senior vice president and executive risk officer at SunTrust Bank in Atlanta, confidently stating that she and her husband, Brian, would be the right people for the positions of executive director and director of development, respectively.

Coming from the San Miguel School in Providence, R.I., which embraces a similar philosophy, the McClatchys were indeed the perfect leaders for Worcester’s nascent Nativity school.

7:45 A.M.
ENTERING THE SCHOOL
As Sam and the boys walk through the school’s sunlit foyer, they pass under a vibrant display of brightly colored flags, each representing a country of origin of the boys and teachers—Sam’s family comes from Ghana. Once inside the two-story building bordering busy Lincoln Street and Interstate 290, the boys scatter down the hallway that leads to the school’s four classrooms.
Nativity Worcester has occupied its current building since 2009. It is a good fit for the school, with ample space for classrooms, a science lab, a graduate support and study room, a large shared teacher workroom, administrative offices and a gymnasium on the second floor with a basketball court.

But the accommodations weren’t always this ideal. In fact, just weeks before the school first opened in 2003, it did not even have a location. It’s something Joanne McClatchy remembers all too well: How could they open without a building? How could they attract students—let alone teachers—to a school without an address?

Then, one day, when Brian McClatchy was downtown recruiting students for the school, he had a chance encounter with the pastor of All Saints Church on Irving Street. Fortuitously, the church’s school was newly vacant, and it was decided that Nativity Worcester would move in. With time and money running low, in came a groundswell of support from the College’s electricians, carpenters, plumbers, cleaning staff and grounds crew, who pitched in to renovate the building and make it ready to welcome those first 26 students on Aug. 26, 2003.

“There were many challenges to overcome: setting up a structure, hiring the first director, putting together a board, attracting dedicated and talented teachers who were willing to take a chance on a dream, finding a location, recruiting students and raising the money needed to sustain a private school whose students and families did not have the resources to pay tuition,” recalls Fr. McFarland. “It still seems like a miracle the way it all came together. Truly, it was a work of grace.”

“It was very much a faith-filled journey that God wanted us to build this school,” agrees Joanne, who served as executive director until 2006. “God said, ‘You have to trust me.’”

7:50 A.M. BREAKFAST
Sam heads to the cafeteria, where he grabs some apple cinnamon cereal and milk and settles down to eat with his classmates.

At Nativity Worcester, every student is eligible for the federal free or reduced lunch program, meaning every accepted student’s family income is below the federal poverty line—in addition to living in Worcester, it’s a requirement for acceptance to the school. As a result, each boy receives breakfast, lunch and a snack at no cost throughout the day.

Despite what many think, Nativity Worcester has never received financial assistance from Holy Cross (or the Diocese of Worcester or the state or federal government) for operating expenses. The school relies instead on the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations to raise 100 percent of its annual operating budget each year—in 2013, its 657 donors contributed $1.1 million.

“While the Jesuit community gives generously to us, the College provides us with in-kind gifts, such as help with our financials and year-end reporting, and use of the athletics fields free of charge,” explains Zequeira (shaking hands with Sam, left), who served for one year as principal—its first year—and, later, returned as president in 2011.

“So many different departments, staff and professors from Holy Cross have also helped us in so many different ways. We are tremendously grateful for our relationship with them,” adds Director of Advancement Patrick T. Maloney ’02.

8:10 A.M. SILENT READING
Sam heads to Silent Reading in Room 106. It’s the room in which he and his 11 fellow eighth-graders will spend most of their 11-hour day. Other than the distant sounds of traffic on the street (and the boys shifting in their creaking desks), it’s actually, well, silent. Sam’s hunched over Flush, a 272-page mystery adventure by Carl Hiaasen.

8:25 A.M. MORNING ASSEMBLY
Sam processes to the cafeteria for Morning Assembly. The boys sit by class, each one named for a Jesuit hero. Sam’s is named in honor of Saint Alberto Hurtado, a Jesuit from Chile, who founded an outreach organization that serves the poor. (The sixth-grade class is the Brooks Class, so named for the late Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, who led Holy Cross through unprecedented growth and transition during his near quarter-century tenure as president.) Following remarks by Principal Sean Dillon ’04, who welcomes the boys and reviews the day’s schedule, and Maloney, who offers today’s reflection.
on the subject of overcoming adversity, the assembly concludes with prayer intentions and the recitation of St. Ignatius of Loyola’s Prayer for Generosity, led by Fr. Fagan.

**As a Jesuit school, Nativity Worcester has a strong commitment to educating at-risk young men—who come from all faith backgrounds—from the local community.**

To that end, Fr. Fagan can often be found walking through the city’s ethnically diverse Main South neighborhood, shaking hands, introducing himself and talking about the school to people he encounters. He speaks at parishes, he attends basketball games, he visits social service agencies. Like the early Jesuit missionaries, Fr. Fagan meets people where they are and spreads the word.

“I don’t think there is anything more Jesuit in the New England Province than what happens at Nativity School,” explains Nativity Worcester Board of Trustees Chairman J. Christopher Collins ’80, who serves as senior vice president and general counsel, Unum US, at Unum Group in Worcester. “Going to the poor and powerless and bringing them to a place where they get one of the [best] private educations that you can get—it’s so spectacular.”

But that’s not the only time Nativity Worcester is out in the community. During its mandatory three-week summer session in July, following a morning of rigorous academics, students spend the afternoons volunteering at local nonprofit organizations (see sidebar, Page 35).

“Nativity has given me a new understanding of things,” explains Sam. “You notice things, like the Jesuits and what they do and the impact of community service.”

**8:50 A.M. LANGUAGE ARTS**

“What would an outsider’s perspective of your neighborhood be if he/she was seeing it for the first time?”

It’s the question written on the board when Sam and his classmates file back to their classroom. The boys open their blue journals and write quietly for five minutes, after which some volunteer to share their reflections aloud. Teacher Angela Sigismondi ’12 then passes out copies of Sandra Cisneros’ coming-of-age novel *The House on Mango Street*, and the boys take turns reading aloud.

**Sigismondi first came to Nativity Worcester as an intern the summer prior to her senior year at Holy Cross. After volunteering as a tutor at the school throughout her senior year, she applied for and was accepted to the Nativity Fellowship Program, through which recent college graduates teach for two years at the school in exchange for generous professional development opportunities.**

Like all Fellows, Sigismondi teaches or co-teaches three or four class periods a day. She lives in a school-owned house (Casa Maria) in Worcester, and receives a stipend as well as food, transportation and medical insurance. And, she attends graduate school at Clark University. Both Clark and Assumption College have partnered with Nativity Worcester to allow Fellows to pursue graduate degrees at no cost to them.

Being in her second year, Sigismondi has to think about what comes next. In her words, she’d “jump at the chance” to stay at Nativity Worcester as a lead teacher, but, if the opportunity does not arise, she plans to continue teaching in an urban setting—preferably, at a Nativity model school. In so doing, she’ll join the 90 percent of Nativity Fellowship graduates who have continued their work in education, and the remarkable 70 percent who are educating the urban poor.

“The Ignatian mission of faith that does justice and outreach to the whole world is something Holy Cross teaches its students,” says Fr. Fagan. “They pick that up and make it come alive here. I’m amazed by how many Holy Cross graduates want to be a part of this school.”

**9:30 A.M. READING**

“Patroclus,” offers Sam. “He’s the reason the Greeks won the war.” “Good answer, Sam,” replies Dillon, who has asked the boys to name their favorite mortal character from Homer’s *Iliad*. Walking around the room, tossing his dry-erase marker in the air, Dillon is animated, his energy contagious. During a discussion about Achilles, he puts the boys to an on-the-spot challenge: What is the name of the warriors he commanded? After a flurry of page turning, Sam’s hand is the first to shoot up: “The Myrmidons!” he shouts, winning the challenge, a smile lighting up his face. Sam is doing quite well in the class: He received an A on the quiz Dillon passes back.

“Being in class, connecting with the kids, teaching about books I love, teachers live for that,” explains Dillon, who joined the school as a Fellow in its second year and has served as principal since 2009. “I never want to lose that.”

It’s important for teachers like Dillon to get kids excited about school, especially those from low-income homes, who are typically two-to-three years below grade level by the time they enter fifth grade.

And it’s working. The average test scores for students in Nativity’s Mayer Class of 2013 (named in honor of Blessed Rupert Mayer, a German Jesuit who spoke out against the evils of Hitler and Nazism and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1987) showed them entering the school as fifth graders reading and using language at a fourth-grade level, yet graduating the school as eighth graders reading and using language at an 11th-grade level.

This great success is due to the school’s challenging academic curriculum that includes language arts, reading, mathematics, science, social studies, Spanish, and world religions and morality, in addition to a robust Renaissance program that
“I want a profession in science,” Sam says. He has his eye on a career as a cardiologist.
includes drama, music and art classes and culminates in performances each semester.

What’s more, the school has a strict attendance policy (the school boasts a 97 percent daily attendance rate) and an even stricter discipline policy. “In dealing with student disciplinary challenges, we utilize a continuum of consequences for undesirable behavior,” explains Dillon. “It starts with informal interventions on the part of the teacher, and can eventually move to the more formal system of demerits and detentions if the behavior continues. Repeated instances of demerits and detentions can lead to additional steps being taken, such as a conference with the student’s parent or guardian or the introduction of a specific behavior plan for the student.

“The boys learn that they represent themselves, they represent the school, and their behavior reflects on both them and the school,” adds Dillon.

And the school’s small class sizes are key to the boys’ positive outcomes. The average class numbers 14 students, and every language arts, reading and math class is co-taught by two full-time Nativity Worcester teachers or Fellows. At 4:1, the student-to-faculty ratio provides an individualized learning environment in which the boys flourish.

“Samuel faced the challenge of acclimating himself to the academic and disciplinary rigor of the Nativity experience,” says Dillon of Sam’s first days at the school. “He achieved success almost immediately in these areas, and established himself as an invaluable member of the classroom community.”

one of 11 languages spoken by Nativity Worcester students. In addition, 59 percent of the boys come from single-parent households.

“I can share in their experience,” reflects Torres, sixth-grade lead teacher and former Nativity Fellow. “I’m Hispanic, I grew up in the inner city, my family didn’t speak English, my mom was a single mom. There’s a mutual understanding between the boys and me, a connection.

After graduating from Holy Cross, Torres served a two-year term on the College’s Board of Trustees. She has earned one graduate degree and is working on her second. Having walked in the boys’ shoes, Torres is a prime role model for the students, an embodiment of what they can achieve through education.

11:15 A.M.
MATH
Use our Rock-Paper-Scissors hand game tournament example to calculate the following: the probability of your winning a single game; the probability of your winning two in a row; the probability of your winning a match; and probability of your winning all three games in a match.

Sam’s math class is a study in fractions and percentages. All around the room, fists and fingers fly as scissors try to cut paper, paper to cover rock, and the boys work in pairs to calculate probabilities.

11:55 A.M.
SCIENCE
Sam’s class heads to the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Science Laboratory. Science is Sam’s favorite class—the subject matter comes easy to him—and his enthusiasm is evident in where he chooses to sit: front row, center. Today the boys are converting customary units into the international system of units (SI), or, in one example, inches into centimeters.

“I WANT A PROFESSION IN SCIENCE,” says Sam with determined confidence. “I want to be a cardiologist.”

It’s an ambition that his mom, Irene Baddoo, hears often at home. “I’m always asking him what he wants in the future, and anytime I ask, this is what he says: cardiologist,” she explains. “But, I tell him it’s not just about saying it; you have to work really hard.”

Working hard to achieve goals is a major tenet of Nativity Worcester. For these boys who come from low-income homes and schools where they did not receive adequate support, setting goals is a way to instill confidence and show the boys that, no matter where they come from, they are in control of their futures. In fact, at the start of their eighth-grade year, the students sign an Oath of Leadership, on which they pledge to be “the best Nativity Men we can be” and also set forth some very clear goals regarding their high school and college destinations. The pledges are then hung on the wall in the cafeteria, as a tangible symbol of the boys’ promises to themselves. On his, Sam pledges to attend either St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, Mass., or Bancroft School in Worcester, and move on to “Harvard, UMass, or WPI.”

And—taking a cue from math class—the probability of Sam attaining his goals is actually pretty high. Just look at the numbers: Of the 101 Nativity Worcester graduates, almost 90 percent are currently enrolled in school. With an 88 percent four-year high school graduation rate, 83 percent of Nativity Worcester graduates are accepted into a four-year college or university—and a remarkable 82 percent of graduates will be first in their family to go to college.

Nativity graduates are currently enrolled at Worcester State University, Providence College and Yale University in New Haven, Conn., to name just a few. And two years ago Holy Cross welcomed its first Nativity Worcester graduate, Joao “Joveto” De Carvalho, into the Class of 2015.

“To see the boys we started with,
The Nativity School of Worcester is part of a network of more than 60 independent schools across the United States that follow the “Nativity model” of education, which began in 1948 when the New York Province of Jesuits created the Nativity Mission Center. At the time, the Center provided tutoring, emotional support and social services to poor immigrants on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. In the decades that followed, it continued to offer academic and social support to low-income neighborhood boys. Based on its success, the Center expanded into a middle school in 1971.

Designed to break the cycle of poverty through education, the Nativity model is composed of small class sizes, an extended day with after-school programs, an extended year and graduate support.

Through rigorous academic programs and individualized support systems, Nativity schools have a track record of success. Their graduates, on average, complete high school and college at rates that far exceed national norms. Nationwide, 79 percent of Nativity alumni graduate high school in four years, and more than 67 percent of those high school graduates enroll in college. These rates of success are nearly 20 percent higher than the national average for low-income students.

“The Nativity mission to level the playing field and empower people inspires me,” says Nativity Worcester President Alex Zequeira ’94. “It’s connected to what I believe education should be.”

Other tenets of a Nativity education include working closely with students’ families, investing in the community in which schools are located and developing the whole student—academically, physically, socially, emotionally, morally and spiritually.

“With the Nativity model, school is not just about the eight academic subjects we teach,” explains Nativity Worcester Principal Sean Dillon ’04. “Learning is a lifelong pursuit, and it is a part of everything you do—not just reading or doing science experiments.”

The Nativity model schools—some all-boys, some all-girls, some coeducational—are sponsored by a variety of religious orders, churches and organizations. Nativity School of Worcester is sponsored by the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, which also sponsors Nativity Preparatory School in Boston. —Rebecca Smith ’99 and Kimberly Staley ’99
and resources, including high school transition and completion support, after-school and summer job search assistance, college search and application support—and, perhaps, the most important is its commitment to fill any gaps in their (high school or college) financial aid packages.

“What makes the school unique is its devotion to the students—and not just current students but also graduates,” says MaryCatherine McDonnell ’13, a first-year Fellow who tutored and interned at Nativity Worcester as a Holy Cross student. “It’s providing continued support throughout high school, and not many high schools offer that kind of support.”

That support even follows the students after high school. “It’s a 12-year program,” observes Lance Evans, about the assistance the school provides beginning in fifth grade and continuing through the final year of college. Evans, a member of the Ignatius Class of 2006 and a senior at Boston’s Emmanuel College, plans to extend his relationship with the school even longer by applying for the Nativity Fellowship Program. “I want to give back to the school for all the generous things they’ve done for me,” he explains.

3 P.M. SOCIAL STUDIES
It’s late in the day for the boys, and their gazes wander to the window. Though they’re probably wishing to be outside, teacher Joel Kent ’09 (somehow) manages to engage his students in a lively conversation about the Boston Tea Party.

In addition to teaching eighth-grade social studies, Kent is Nativity Worcester’s business manager and director of human resources. And just hours ago, he was mowing the school’s lawn.

“We’re all janitors, tutors, chaperones,” explains Kent. “You’re expected to do as much as you can to help here. And, when you go home, even if you have a bad day, you always feel like you’ve done something good for this school.”

Kent first came to Nativity Worcester to fulfill a community service requirement for a Holy Cross Spanish course. As a tutor, he was paired with a Nativity student, with whom he worked for three years. The experience sparked his interest in the Nativity Fellowship, which he completed in 2011.

“My plan was always to do two years of service [at Nativity], then find a job,” says Kent. Now in his fifth year at the school, he admits, “I’ve really found my home here.”

3:35-5:15 P.M. SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES
At a time when most schoolchildren are heading home and being left to their own devices, Sam and his schoolmates ride a bus to Mount St. James. There, Nativity’s cross country team takes a run, a group of boys play flag football on the Hart Lawn, and Sam practices with the Nativity soccer team on Freshman Field. This day, Sam tries his hand at goalie. He is unfazed by the heat and humidity, as he effortlessly blocks shots from his teammates.

Through its after-school program, Nativity Worcester offers a number of character-building sports programs and exciting activities, such as cooking club, Boy Scouts and mock trial.

“It’s a well roundedness that’s important,” explains Weiss. “We don’t want the arts or sports or any of that to be viewed as a tier down from math. All of these things are part of one’s life and need to be supported and studied and built upon.”

And this is not the only time Nativity Worcester students are seen atop Mount St. James. From attending a nighttime football game under the lights on Fitton Field, to playing a scrimmage during halftime of a men’s basketball game at the Hart Center, to performing holiday songs with the College Choir on the steps of O’Kane.
Hall, they’re on campus throughout the year.
“My favorite thing about Nativity is the activities because there are different things to try,” says Sam.

5:15-6:30 P.M.
EVENING STUDY
Back at the school, the boys devour a quick snack before Evening Study. In Room 106, Sam takes advantage of the time—and quiet—to work on his language arts homework. His school day ends 11 hours after his arrival, when his mom picks him up and drives him home.

Held three nights a week at the school, Evening Study time gives students the opportunity to complete their homework and, in some cases, explore advanced areas of study. During this time, the Nativity students work one-on-one with Holy Cross students, who, in addition to providing individualized academic instruction, serve as valued mentors and role models.

“As an alumnus, it makes me so proud to see Holy Cross students come down and engage with the boys at the school,” reflects Collins. “There’s this fellowship that’s integral to the school and the College.”

Each week, close to 70 Holy Cross students can be found volunteering at Nativity Worcester, through Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD), the Noyce Scholars Program and the Office of Community-Based Learning. Holy Cross students also have opportunities to intern at Nativity Worcester during the summer, thanks to the College’s Summer Internship Program, Noyce Scholars Program and work-study program.

“We have such an incredible relationship with Holy Cross,” says Maloney. “The people there are so generous with their time and talent, and we wouldn’t be where we are today without them.”

“Nativity Worcester and Holy Cross are brothers in mission,” explains Zequeira. “We’re a great example of what higher education can do to make a difference and have a real and lasting impact in the community.”

Rebecca Smith ’99 and Kimberly Staley ’99 work together at the copywriting firm, SmithWriting (smithwriting.com).

“WHAT I DID IN SUMMER SESSION”

Each July, students at Nativity School of Worcester attend a three-week summer session, during which they hone their reading and math skills and engage in service learning activities across the region. During a recent visit to the school, HCM asked students, “What’s the best part of the Summer of Service?” And here’s what they had to say (right).

EURY R.
GRADE 8
“You get to help people and do things you’ve never done before.”

EMMANUEL S.
GRADE 8
“Trips on Mondays! We went swimming and on boat rides. We went whale watching in Boston.”

VINCENT H.
GRADE 7
“We went to Rainbow [Child Development Center] and sanded and painted the playground so it was safe for the kids.”
Contact with the families is very important,” says Nativity Worcester Principal Sean Dillon ’04. “We want the families to feel comfortable [sending their child here], and we want to keep them as informed as possible.”

From getting their child to school on time every day, to attending mandatory parent-teacher conferences, to participating in PTA-sponsored events and fundraisers, Nativity families are expected to be directly—and very actively—involved in their child’s education.

“Every chance I got, I was there,” says Ola Evans, whose grandson Lance was a member of the Ignatius Class of 2006 and currently attends Emmanuel College in Boston. “It was a way for me to get to know the teachers, the other parents and form relationships with them.”

Indeed a lot is asked of Nativity parents and guardians, but they will be the first to tell you how much more is gained as a result of their child’s enrollment at the all-boys middle school. “For me, it was life-changing,” says Parlee Jones of her son Born’s experience at Nativity Worcester. “It is his foundation. It is what he carries with him today.” As an advocate at Abby’s House, a shelter for homeless and battered women and their children in Worcester, Jones knows all too well the outcomes for at-risk young men, and she praises the school for keeping her son from entering the “school-to-prison pipeline.” Born, who graduated from Nativity Worcester in 2012, currently attends Worcester Technical High School.

Like many parents, Irene Baddoo, mother of eighth-grader Samuel, first heard about Nativity Worcester through word of mouth. And she knew the school was right for her son the moment she stepped inside. “You enter the school and you feel it in your spirit,” she describes. “I knew that if he’s here, he’ll come out successful, and there’s no way he’ll fail.”

For giving their boys an opportunity of a lifetime, the parents and guardians of Nativity Worcester students are exceedingly grateful to the entire school community.

“The teachers and staff who guide and support them, the tutors who help them and make sure they’re doing the right thing—we have to thank them,” says Baddoo. “We, especially mothers, have to thank them. I will never forget this place. Never.” —Rebecca Smith ’99 and Kimberly Staley ’99
On Saturday, Oct. 19, Nativity School of Worcester hosted its 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration at Worcester’s Mechanics Hall. The black-tie event sold out, with 450 attendees enjoying cocktails, dinner, dancing, and, of course, a birthday cake. Proceeds from the gala benefitted the school—more specifically, its students and graduates—directly. The once-in-a-decade event, which included a “raise the paddle” in support of Nativity Worcester, raised funds for the school’s programs. “Because of Nativity School of Worcester, 56 boys and 101 graduates from the most at-risk neighborhoods in the city of Worcester are realistically envisioning the attainment of a college degree and a financially stable future,” says Patrick T. Maloney ’02, the school’s director of advancement. “We were all thrilled that so many people came to help celebrate a school that was just a dream 10 years ago.”

Worcester’s Mechanics Hall set the grand backdrop for Nativity School of Worcester’s 10th-year anniversary gala. Nativity Worcester staff (who gathered for a group shot, top right), current students, benefactors, friends and graduates sharing the evening, were welcomed by J. Christopher Collins ’80 (top left), Nativity School of Worcester board chairman. Former Holy Cross president and inaugural supporter of the school, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., who returned to Worcester to attend the event, chats with William Mosakowski P08 (above left). Graduates of Nativity Worcester attended as well (left, bottom): Jacob Kelley, Class of 2006 and a fourth-year student at Providence (R.I.) College; Lewis Hazard, Class of 2010 and a senior at Worcester’s St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School; Herb Woodard III, Nativity Worcester’s director of graduate support; and Lance Evans, Class of 2006 and a fourth-year student at Emmanuel College in Boston.
Summer is six months away, but mid-winter is prime time for Holy Cross students to explore the many offerings of the College’s Summer Internship Program (SIP).

**Internships are often** the first step on a career path for college students, and Crusaders are no exception. *HCM* asked SIP director, Pamela L. Ahearn, to shed some light on this important experience that more than 1,500 students have shared since the program began in 2000.

**HCM** How does the Summer Internship Program (SIP) work?

**PAM AHEARN** SIP is a competitive process whereby second- and third-year students in good academic standing apply for admission with a cover letter, resume, transcript and interview. If admitted, students are required to attend an Orientation to the Summer Internship Program and meet with SIP staff to debrief their application and interview. Students are then eligible to apply to the internships housed within the program.

**HCM** Who makes the hiring decisions?

**PA** Students apply to the internships that interest them, and then employers select students for interviews and make the hiring decisions.

**HCM** How did the program go last year?

**PA** There were 417 students admitted to the program for the 2012-2013 academic year and 168 secured SIP internships last summer.

**HCM** What are the most popular fields you have seen in recent years among Holy Cross students?

**PA** Fashion, magazine publishing, financial services, medical, media, legal and environmental internships have all been highly coveted by our students.

**HCM** Why are internships particularly valuable for liberal arts students?

**PA** At a liberal arts institution, a student’s major does not dictate a specific career. Internships allow students to gain some contextual experience and apply what they are learning in and out of the classroom to a professional setting. Internships also allow students to “test drive” a potential career or industry to see if it is something they want to pursue beyond graduation.

**HCM** What makes the Summer Internship Program at Holy Cross unique?

**PA** First, our alumni were critical in helping to establish the program—money they raised and continue to raise funds a large portion of internship opportunities. That is quite remarkable and unlike most colleges and universities. In addition, the College stepped up by making internship stipends once funded by the Lilly Foundation permanently funded by the College. Finally, we have some endowed money through generous alumni and parents that is earmarked specifically for internships. The Atchinson family and the Powers family are two shining examples of this generosity.
And what do alumni and parents who partner with SIP gain from the experience?

First, it’s important to note that alumni are the most natural resource when creating internships for SIP—they understand the value of a Holy Cross education and want to give back to Holy Cross undergraduates. Those who have experienced having our students as interns are consistently pleased with the enthusiasm, work ethic, professionalism and quality of work of the Holy Cross intern. They find that their intern can oftentimes complete projects that have been on the back burner and can provide a fresh perspective to the organization. Intern supervisors comment that Holy Cross students can speak articulately on a wide range of subject matters and solve problems independently.

How do the two Holy Cross Leadership Councils (in New York and San Francisco) help SIP?

The Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York was key to the immediate success of SIP. It funded 10 of the 13 internships we offered that first summer in 2000. To date, 329 students have interned at a New York Leadership Council site, and its budget for internships has grown from $60,000 to $185,000. That money allows the student to complete an internship that would otherwise be unpaid—the stipend can really level the playing field and give options to all students regardless of geography.

And on the West Coast?

In 2011 the Bay Area Leadership Council modeled itself after the New York Leadership Council and began to raise funds for internship stipends. It is a very motivated group that is passionate about Holy Cross and has implemented targeted marketing and fundraising campaigns to reach alumni in the Bay Area and spread the word about the mission of the Council. In a short time, the Bay Area Leadership Council has been able to fund three student interns, and momentum is growing.
How does president and CEO of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. Brian P. Kelley ’83 take his coffee? HCM asked that ... and a lot more.

By Michael J. Cullity ’94

In a Holy Cross classroom more than three decades ago, a professor introduced Brian P. Kelley ’83 to the concept of aggressive humility.

The professor, Rev. John J. Paris, S.J., used the term to illustrate physicians’ constant desire to conquer disease even as they acknowledged the limits of their knowledge, Kelley recalls. Although he never became a doctor, Kelley loved the concept and has applied it to building a successful business career.

“There’s this aggressiveness that you have to have in order to win, but you have to be humble enough to know that there are many things you don’t know, and you have to make sure that you are listening and relying on others and constantly improving,” says Kelley, the president and CEO of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. (GMCR), a leader in specialty coffee and coffee makers founded in Vermont and known for its single-serve Keurig brewing technology. “It certainly frames a lot of what I’ve done in business, and it frames the way I think in many ways,” he observes.

Since majoring in economics at Holy Cross, Kelley has worked at well-known companies such as Procter & Gamble, General Electric, Ford Motor Co. and Coca-Cola. He joined GMCR in December 2012, just a few months after being named president of Coca-Cola Refreshments, the beverage icon’s North American bottler.

Although GMCR’s revenues are a fraction of Coke’s, Kelley relished the chance to lead a company with strong growth potential. “We’ve really just begun,” he says. “We’re only in the U.S. and Canada today—and only in about 13 percent of U.S. households. And we’re only in coffee and tea today. We can grow our beverages, we can grow geographies and we can grow our technology.”

Founded in 1981, GMCR sources and roasts a variety of coffee and tea,
including organic, fair trade and specialty gourmet coffees largely for use in its Keurig brewers. The company also partners with well-known beverage brands, including Starbucks and Dunkin’ Donuts. Publicly traded since 1993, GMCR began investing in Keurig Inc. in the late 1990s and acquired it in 2006. Since then, GMCR’s revenue has grown by 19 times, Kelley says.

“It’s a strong trend that this company is tapping into what’s going on around the world—to take great products that consumers love and premium experiences that they have outside the home and bring them into the home,” he says. “You can create a beverage experience inside the home that’s as premium as going to a high-end store to buy a great drink.”

Noting that the Keurig delivers that experience in less than a minute, Kelley points out that the company is aiming to expand beyond coffee and tea with new beverage systems, including a single-serve brewing system for cold beverages such as juices, sodas and energy drinks. “Our goal is to fundamentally reinvent how consumers drink beverages in their home,” he says.

While overseeing GMCR’s innovations—which include the Keurig BOLT Carafe Brewing System, a commercial-grade product introduced last July that brews a 64-ounce pot of coffee in approximately two minutes—Kelley is also chief steward of its commitment to sustainability. Recognized as the world’s largest buyer of fair trade coffee—or coffee purchased at a premium to help traditionally disadvantaged farmers attain a dignified livelihood while fostering community development in their home countries—GMCR is devoted to creating a sustainable supply line and engaging in business practices that protect the environment.

“This isn’t something we’ve added because it’s politically correct,” says Kelley, who is committed to the company’s ongoing effort to make its single-serve K-Cup coffee and tea packs more widely recyclable. “This is the way the company was founded. It’s as authentic as any company I’ve ever seen.”

The son of a salesman and an elementary school teacher, Kelley grew up the third of seven children in a Cincinnati household. After graduating from Elder High School, he enrolled at Holy Cross on a football scholarship. “I chose Holy Cross because it had this perfect combination of great academics, challenging athletics and really good people,” he says. “As a kid from Cincinnati, Ohio, it was a long way away, but I felt instantly at home, and I still feel that way today.”

Upon his recent return to New England—Kelley and his wife, Michelle, now share residences in Burlington, Vt., and Boston, one close to GMCR’s Vermont headquarters and the other close to the company’s major research and development center in Massachusetts—Kelley has become a Holy Cross Trustee, an opportunity he eagerly embraces as a way to give back for all he has gained from his liberal arts education.

“I can’t imagine being capable of doing what I’m doing today without having that background,” he says. “I certainly benefited from the breadth of the education at Holy Cross, the intellectual challenge, the ability to see a variety of academic subjects and find real areas of interest for me.”

**QUICK QUESTIONS**

**HOLY CROSS MAGAZINE** How much coffee do you drink?

**BRIAN KELLEY** A few cups a day.

**HCM** What’s your favorite flavor, and how do you take it?

**BK** Green Mountain Nantucket Blend, black.

**HCM** How often do you sample your competition?

**BK** Constantly.

**HCM** What was your favorite class at Holy Cross?

**BK** I think my favorite course would have been Social Ethics with Fr. [John] Paris, S.J.

**HCM** Where did you live at Holy Cross?

**BK** I lived three years in Alumni and then my senior year in Healy. John Schroder, M.D., ’83 and I were roommates for four years. We didn’t know each other prior to Holy Cross, but we both played football, and so they put us together and we hit it off instantly.

**HCM** What were your favorite moments with the Crusader football team?

**BK** I’d say when we beat Harvard at Harvard my junior year. They were really strong that year. Beating Villanova when [future NFL standout] Howie Long was on the team there. We had a big win against Colgate that was on national television. And we beat Army twice at West Point.

**HCM** What sports teams do you root for?

**BK** I’m a die-hard Cincinnati Bengals and Cincinnati Reds fan.

**HCM** Who are some business leaders you admire or look to for inspiration?

**BK** I got to work for Jack Welch at GE for quite a while, and he’s somebody I admire immensely. I admire Jacques Nasser [formerly president and CEO] at Ford Motor Co. Dave Cote, who’s the CEO and chairman of Honeywell, is one of my favorite people, probably the best boss I’ve ever had. And Mark Ciccone was a terrific leader at Procter & Gamble. I’ve been really fortunate to work with a lot of very, very good leaders, and I think I’m better for it.

**HCM** What are your favorite leisure-time pursuits?

**BK** I love to play golf, I love to work out and exercise, I love to travel and I like to read.

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**Birthplace** Cincinnati  
**Major** Economics  
**Current Position** President & CEO, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.  
**Family** Wife, Michelle; daughters Erin, 24, and Gwen, 22  
**Crusader Sibling** Brother Kevin Kelley ’86
BASEBALL RETURNS TO WORCESTER

And Holy Cross helped move it around the bases

(From left) Worcester City Manager Michael V. O’Brien; FCBL owner John W.S. Creedon Jr.; College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.; Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce President Tim Murray and FCBL Commissioner Christopher Hall


The Futures League, founded in 2011, provides student-athletes from New England and New England colleges the opportunity to compete against and play with the elite players from across the country and promote themselves to major league organizations. Each roster must contain at least 13 players from New England or from a New England university or college.

Fr. Boroughs and Creedon—who is the vice president of Creedon and Co. Inc., a catering and tent rental company located in Worcester and grandson of the late Chandler P. Creedon ’50—signed a memorandum of understanding during the press announcement. More than 1,000 ideas for the new team’s name poured in as the naming contest began. From the five finalist names, fans voted for the Worcester Bravehearts, selecting that name over the Worcester Canal Diggers, the Worcester Freight Trains, the Worcester Mighty Caseys and the Worcester True Blues.

Opening day for the inaugural 2014 season is June 5.

“This partnership will create a wonderful destination for enjoying baseball, beginning next season,” says Fr. Boroughs. “It is another example of how we strive to be an integral part of the community of Worcester and become actively engaged—particularly with our nearest neighbors on College Hill and in South Worcester—in making our city an even better place to live, work and raise families.

“We are very excited about the Future League’s plans for Fitton Field during the summer, and look forward to working ... to make this enterprise a great success.”

Worcester will be the 10th city to field a Futures League team. Other participating locations are Brockton, Mass.; Martha’s Vineyard, Mass.; Nashua, N.H.; Lynn, Mass.; Old Orchard Beach, Maine; Pittsfield, Mass.; Portsmouth, N.H.; Torrington, Conn. and Leominster, Mass.

“The Futures League is run as professionally as any minor league in the country,” says Creedon. “League players represent all-star caliber athletes from around New England and across the country. These players are hustling every play, looking to impress the several major league scouts who regularly attend Futures League games looking to sign the next rising stars in baseball.”

Creedon commented that his family is humbled to be the stewards of the national pastime in “our beloved city,” adding, “We are really excited to bring baseball back to Worcester with a Futures League franchise. The Bravehearts will provide affordable, family-friendly, fun entertainment in the context of top quality baseball games.”

—Cristal Steuer
Those close to Bob Cousy ’50 knew of his wife Missie’s decline into dementia, and how the Crusader and Celtics legend cared for her—solo—for the past 12 years. When his bride, as he always called her, died in September, Cousy granted an interview to the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and discussed the love Missie and he shared for 63 years. “Most couples have the most intensity in the beginning,” he told the Telegram. “But I was always working. So we had the best and most romantic part of our marriage at the end. We literally held hands for the last 20 years.”

Then the tale of Bob and Missie’s old-fashioned love story reached the world in a new-fashioned way: It went viral. Twitter and Facebook users drew attention to the column, written by Dianne Williamson, which blazed across the Internet as fast as the Houdini of the Hardwood could run the court. As of mid-November the column had generated 408,056 page views, according to Noah R. Bombard, digital editor at the paper.

—with Sara Bovat ’14

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OFF THE COURT WITH JOAN SHIZURU ’15

BY HANNAH JANIS ’14
A middle hitter for women’s volleyball, Kamele Shizuru ’15, (Joan to her friends), hails from Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii. HCM asked Shizuru, who is a history major, about making the transition to New England and her life on campus when she’s not spiking the volleyball or taking notes in the classroom.

Q Other than the obvious (weather!), what is the biggest difference between Worcester and Kailua?
A There are many differences. Kailua is a small flat town near the beach while Worcester is a big inland city with giant freeways running through it. Also, many people come to Kailua to vacation, and I’m not sure many people come to Worcester to vacation, but I really do love both places nonetheless.

Q Have you noticed any differences in the way volleyball is played in New England vs. Hawaii?
A I have noticed some differences. In Hawaii everyone seems shorter. So the focus is more on being really scrappy on defense and shotty on offense, rather than getting 10-foot line kills or straight down blocks.

Q Who or what has influenced you the most at the College?
A My team. I spend the most time with them and can always turn to them for anything.

Q What has been your favorite memory with your teammates?
A I have many great memories with my team both on and off the court. My freshman year, on our way to an away game at Army, we got stuck in a really bad snowstorm and ended up spending 17.5 hours on the bus together. While it was happening, we weren’t very thrilled, but it was a great bonding experience.

Q So, if you had to be trapped on campus somewhere for 24 hours, where would it be?
A It would have to be with my roommates in Carlin Hall’s common room. All I need is food, good company and a nice pink futon.

Q Where is your favorite place to eat on campus?
A Honestly, I like eating anywhere on campus. My two favorite dishes are mac and cheese from Crossroads and chalupas from Lower Kimball. I also love caramel fries from Cool Beans! They always cheer me up and wake me up.

Q If you could excel in a sport other than volleyball, what would it be?
A Water polo. It’s the most aggressive contact sport available for girls. I actually played in high school, and I definitely didn’t excel in it.

Q Which one of your classes would you recommend to incoming first year students?
A It would definitely be Environmental Science with Associate Professor William Sobczak. It’s a good introductory science class, and he really emphasizes learning life skills in his class, like how to be alert and awake at 8 in the morning.

Q Do you have any other favorite classes?
A I really liked Age of Jackson with Rev. Anthony Kuzniewski, S.J., because he teaches history as if he was present for all of the historical events. He approaches it like it’s one big story, and I really enjoyed how passionate he was throughout the semester.

Q As a first-year student, you won the Raising the Bar Award for improvement in the weight room. How did you reach this goal?
A When I came in as a freshman, I really had nowhere to go but up. Being one of the weaker ones on the team, I was just always focused on getting stronger and better so that I could keep up with everyone else.

Q When you’re not on the court or in the classroom, how do you have fun?
A I am involved in Students for Responsible Choices (SRC) and the Holy Cross Dance Marathon Steering Committee. For fun I also enjoy watching Duck Dynasty and Law and Order SVU.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to Andrew J. “Andy” McElaney Jr. ’67, P02, 02 of Hingham, Mass., for being the first reader to correctly answer all five of the Hall of Fame Trivia posed in our last issue. McElaney will be receiving a fine T-shirt from the Holy Cross Bookstore. In case you missed the quiz in the Fall issue, here are the questions (now with the answers revealed).

1 This Hall of Famer was Babe Ruth’s roommate while they were teammates on the Yankees. Answer Joseph A. “Jumping Joe” Dugan ’20, inducted in 1970 (baseball)
2 This Hall of Famer was immortalized in the TV series Seinfeld. Answer John H. Peterman ’63, inducted in 2009 (baseball)
3 This person was the first female athlete ever inducted into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame. Answer Callie M. Taffe ’81, inducted in 1988 (swimming and diving)
4 This men’s basketball forward scored 999 points in his College career, narrowly missing the exclusive “1,000 Point Club.” Answer Richard J. Murphy ’66, inducted in 2002 (basketball)
5 In her valedictory speech at Commencement, this Hall of Famer referenced the fact that the 9/11 terrorist attacks happened just 18 days after her class moved onto campus, saying: “We quickly gained a sense of perspective, one that forced us to recognize that we are part of a bigger, more complex world that exists beyond the manicured hilltop of Mount St. James and beyond our individual lives.” Answer Mary Beth Ryan ’05, inducted 2012 (softball)

Thanks to James A. Maloney ’69 of the Holy Cross Varsity Club for providing the trivia questions. Don’t forget, nominations for the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame are due Dec. 31, 2013. Get more details—and see all the inductees from past years—by visiting holycross.edu/hcm/hof
At its 50th reunion, the Class of 1963 showed its deep gratitude to Holy Cross—and to Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J.

Communicate, communicate, communicate. That was the mantra of the Class of 1963’s 50th reunion planners and class gift committee members when they jump-started preparations 18 months prior to their June 2013 reunion. Their communication and organization paid off with enormous success. Attendance was very strong. They established ambitious goals, and they set significant 50th reunion records. Additionally, they honored Rev. Charles J. Dunn, S.J., former dean of men, now vice president emeritus.

“We had four primary goals,” says Dennis “Denny” Golden ’63 P89 (top left), chair of the gift committee. “First, we set a class participation goal of 75 percent, and we reached 77 percent—a record high with 251 donors. Second, we committed to an ambitious goal of $750,000 for unrestricted annual giving, and the Class gave $844,240—a new record for both the 50th reunion and all reunion classes. Third, we sought an overall total class gift goal of $2.5 million. The final gift total far exceeded that goal and came in at $5.9 million, the second highest class gift ever in the history of the College. Fourth, and finally, we wanted to have a special honor for Fr. Dunn. That was accomplished by seeking and receiving permission from College president, Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., to name the Dunn Reception Room in Hogan in honor of Fr. Dunn.”

Every member of the gift committee was fully committed to these four goals and contacted classmates through phone calls, letters, emails, handwritten notes and personal contact, Golden says. “It was a collective labor of love, and a grand thank you to Holy Cross—and to Fr. Dunn—for the excellent education we received on Mount St. James.”

Hugh McCormick ’63 (third from right) and Michael “Mike” Toner ’63 (second from right) shared duties as the 50th reunion planning chairs. McCormick asked Golden to chair the reunion gift committee. After agreeing to do so, Golden immediately contacted Robert “Bob” Morrison ’63 (second from left), who agreed to serve as vice chair.

“Bob Morrison is a marvelous person, a highly decorated U.S. Marine Corps officer, an extremely successful businessman and a distinguished member of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees,” Golden says, adding, “Bob deserves tremendous credit for the overall success of ’63.” Both Golden and Morrison praised the reunion planning committee for reaching out to the spouses and family members, particularly the special efforts made to include the wives of their deceased classmates.

As a Holy Cross Trustee, Morrison developed an even greater appreciation of the College. “Getting involved with the board reminded me of what a wonderful place Holy Cross is, and how important strong alumni support is,” he says.

The opportunity to team up with Golden on the 50th reunion gift initiative appealed to Morrison. “Denny and I both felt that we had the best class in the College’s history and we wanted our reunion gift goals to reflect this. Denny was an icon in our class and has kept up with many of our classmates. He, Charlie Buchta and Mike Toner have been wonderful advocates for the Class and for our continued engagement with the College.”

Many of the committee members wore several hats. Edward “Ed” Weil ’63 (third from left) and his committee were relentless in their pursuit of biographical information and photos, which are beautifully chronicled in the epic, full-color, reunion yearbook.
Attending the 50th reunion celebration was a back-to-the-future experience for Golden. “When you saw people, you had instant recollection of times shared together. I got a real kick out of a conversation where one classmate said to another, ‘You still owe me $5 on the Red Sox/Yankees game.’”

“The cohesiveness of the Class has strengthened over the decades,” Toner says. “There has been a very special bond among all of us since our student days. It was exciting to be there and we had a good time. Charlie Buchta is a major reason that the Class stays together. Back in the ’70s, Charlie and I took over as class correspondents. Charlie started writing more letters, which helped tremendously to keep us close. Now with email it’s easier. The Class also has a special fund for classmates who need assistance, administered by Charlie.” Golden says that he was honored to follow in the “swift and sure” fundraising footsteps of Buchta, who was an inter-collegiate track star at Holy Cross.

“We understood the Jesuit motto, ‘Men and women for others,’ from way back in our education and upbringing,” says Philip “Phil” Martorelli ’63 (opposite right), who credits classmate Dave McMahon with helping to make the Class’s annual mini-reunions in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a success. “The diversity of excellence in our class is amazing,” Toner says. “We have guys who played professional football and we have Billy Collins, the U.S. Poet Laureate. Nobody takes themselves that seriously when we’re all together.”

That was obvious during the 50th Reunion celebration as the newest Purple Knights traded stories from their student years. “A guy challenged me to throw a pie in Kimball Dining Hall, so I did,” Toner says. “I got called to Fr. Dunn’s office. I was shaking in my boots because I thought I was going to be expelled. Fr. Dunn tells me to sit down, then he says, ‘A man can throw a hand grenade, so I suppose a man can throw a pie—but NOT in Kimball Hall.’”

Another story told with great animation featured Fr. Dunn ending the “March on Worcester” tradition because the marches often got out of hand. “We used to have a tradition during football season called ‘March on Worcester,’” Golden says. “After one rally, hundreds of students came down Linden Lane to march down Southbridge Street to City Hall in Worcester. We turned the corner and found Fr. Dunn standing in the middle of Cambridge Street beyond College Square. He said, ‘Gentlemen, please return to campus. There will be no March on Worcester tonight or any other night.’”

Fr. Dunn gained an important insight after the students returned to campus. “I realized from that incident how tenuous the string of authority is,” Fr. Dunn says. “The story has been magnified, but there’s no question that there were hundreds of students and they did turn back.”

“If anybody had any doubts about who was in charge, they got that clarified very quickly,” Weil adds. “At our reunion in June, we had this big banner that said, ‘March on Worcester.’ Fr. Dunn got a big kick out of it. He ended our marches on Worcester, but he taught us how to march through life.”

CLASS ACT
HONORING FR. DUNN

The Great Class of 1963, as they dubbed themselves, met Rev. Charles J. Dunn, S.J. (left column), at the start of their sophomore year. At the behest of President Rev. Raymond Swords, S.J., Fr. Dunn had been sent to Holy Cross in 1960 to begin his first year as dean of men. The spirited students in his charge quickly learned that they had met their match in the newly arrived Jesuit. “Fr. Dunn expected us to be gentlemen at all times,” said 50th Reunion Gift Chair Dennis “Denny” Golden ’63. “He was a model for me for personal conduct, leadership, management, astute observations and wisdom. He expected us to know the rules and to follow them. If you didn’t, you’d be called down to his office. There you found out exactly who was in charge. Fr. Dunn was in charge.”

In June, the Class of 1963 paid an extraordinary tribute to Fr. Dunn as an integral part of their over-the-top 50th Reunion class gift effort. The newest Purple Knights made certain that Fr. Dunn’s legacy at Holy Cross would be honored in perpetuity by naming a reception room in Hogan in his honor (bottom left). In advance of their 50th Reunion celebration, they presented their naming idea to Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J. The president swiftly approved their request.
Michele and David Joy ’74, P11, new co-chairs of President’s Council, served as hosts for President’s Council weekend Oct. 19-20. The Saturday evening dinner was a special celebration for the 350 Council members who attended. The newest members of the Fitton and Fenwick Societies were welcomed, and William “Bill” McCall ’55, P90, 90, 89 was honored as the newest inductee into the Cornerstone Society (lifetime giving $1 million). Eileen Moriarty and her family were recognized for their longtime friendship and support. The devotion of the alumni, parents and friends in the room reflects a shared history, common values and a commitment to excellence.

The College Choir provided entertainment and three Holy Cross students offered toasts to the College’s future as they shared their gratitude for their Holy Cross experiences. In his remarks at the dinner, Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., said: “... this College has achieved all that it has precisely because of your presence and support. Your example, your faith, your integrity and your sense of responsibility inspire our students and embody for them a model of active and generous alumni to which they can aspire.”
1 Sarah Jensen '08, Mark Thompson '08, Kate Thompson '08, Sarah Rendon '08, Jorge Garcia  
2 Karen Turpin, Francis Larkin '54 and his wife, Virginia P89  
3 Dan Wellehan '55, P88, new Cornerstone member Bill McCall '55, P90,90,89 and Bob Danahy '55, P86  
4 Eileen Moriarty (with flowers) and her husband, the late Donald Moriarty '52, and their family were honored for their many contributions to Holy Cross. (Left to right) Carolyn Moriarty, Frances Skakel, P. Kevin Condon '67, Bob Moriarty '83, Eileen, Don Moriarty '79, Eileen Moriarty Skakel, Lizzie Moriarty McDevitt '80 and Fr. Boroughs  
5 Courtney Joy '11 and Patrick Hingston  
6 Martha '76 and Charley Polachi '75, P11, 07  
7 Payton Shubrick '15 and Gary Acquah '14  
8 Joanne Chouinard and John Luth '74.  
9 Julia McCarthy '15 toasts the assembly Irish-style with “Sláinte.”  
10 Board Chair P. Kevin Condon '67, new Fitton Society member Susan Feitelberg '84 and Fr. Boroughs  
11 Stephen '83 and Deborah Reichheld P14  
12 Andy Lane '56  
13 Members of the Holy Cross College Choir provided musical selections for the evening  
14 Rose and John Mahoney Jr. '73, P13, 00  
15 Michele and David Joy '74, P11  
16 Friends from the Class of 1956 (from left): Jolyne Boyle P93,91, Lou Consiglio '56, Judy Beecher and Susie Bruttomesso
Judi Gonsalves ’94

Hometown
Randolph, Mass.

Family
Parents, Joe and Maryanne; grandfather, Anthony Colucci Jr. ‘32

What she did at Holy Cross
“As an economics/accounting major, I spent many nights working late in Dinand Library. The majority of my free time in the fall semester (and several mornings at 6 a.m. in the spring!) was spent on the practice field and Fitton Field as manager for the football team. I also served as a campus tour guide for the admissions office.”

How Holy Cross affected her life
“Holy Cross taught me how to think critically and develop strong writing skills. I always knew that I wanted a career in business, but a liberal arts education allowed me to study and appreciate disciplines that made me a more well-rounded person, like astronomy, medieval art and opera! The spirit of teamwork and the close supportive personal friendships were the personification of ‘men and women for others.’ I continue to carry those life lessons and values with me.”

Current Job
“I have been in the accounting and reporting field since 1994, spending the first 14 years of my career in the audit practice at Ernst & Young LLP in Boston and the last five years at Liberty Mutual Insurance, also in Boston. I am currently vice president and controller for our personal insurance business unit. I manage a team of 25 professionals and oversee the accounting and reporting efforts for the business unit. I have been fortunate to have challenging jobs at two companies that both stress responsibility and doing the right thing.”

Why she stays connected to Holy Cross
“Connection to the part of my past that helped shape my future remains important to me, and each time I step back onto the campus, I feel a sense of coming home.”

Why she believes in Holy Cross
“Holy Cross exceeded my expectations. So many of the experiences I had, the things I learned and the friendships I made stay with me to this day.”

Memorable Holy Cross moments
“I would count the undefeated ’91 football season, and the related sense of pride and accomplishment, among my most memorable moments. When I think back on my days at Holy Cross, it was not only the big moments, but also the little moments that were special ... late-night conversations in the dorm hallway, 10 p.m. Mass on Sunday nights, the first snow, lingering over weekend brunch in Kimball, Wednesday nights at the Pub, study sessions in the Blue Room in Dinand, the lighting of the Christmas tree in front of O’Kane, the first warm spring day on Easy Street ...”

Why she gives to Holy Cross
“It is important for Holy Cross to continue its pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning. Holy Cross grads, regardless of their chosen field, are sought-after candidates who make a difference both in their field and in their community. I was incredibly fortunate to be among those ranks, and if I can help future generations enjoy the same fortune, I am happy to be a part of it.”
Crusaders know how to tailgate! The Purple Pride and barbecue sauces were flowing before the football game against Harvard during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 4 and 5. The Crimson took the game 41-35 in a hard won victory.
HCAA President's Note

LIVE THE MISSION

St. Ignatius of Loyola implored that we must “live as men and women for others.” In his inaugural address on Jan. 20, 1961, President John F. Kennedy profoundly stated, “With good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead ... knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

While centuries have passed from the call to action by St. Ignatius, and Nov. 22, 2013, marked 50 years from the assassination of President Kennedy, time has not eroded the significance of their message. Our mission is to live as “men and women for others.”

The embodiment of this mission is manifested in core values that distinguish a Holy Cross education. In this edition of the Holy Cross Magazine you have read of the selfless dedication of Holy Cross students and alumni who support Nativity School of Worcester. This is but one illustration of how Holy Cross students and alumni live the mission. Each semester, hundreds of Holy Cross students are engaged in a variety of community outreach projects. During each vacation, scores of Holy Cross students travel throughout the United States and abroad, taking part in service projects. Many continue their service after graduation, through organizations such as the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Teach for America and Peace Corps.

Generations of Holy Cross alumni have heard the message and live the mission through their life’s work or commitment to volunteerism.

National Holy Cross Cares Day is an annual HCAA program that facilitates grass-roots community service projects through regional alumni clubs. In only four years, National Holy Cross Cares Day has been adopted by 20 regional alumni clubs across the country. Last March, more than 400 alumni, family and friends participated in community service from California to New Hampshire. The Alumni Association is committed to the continued expansion of National Holy Cross Cares Day, as an opportunity for all alumni to live the mission. Please join us in March 2014.*

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St. Ignatius of Loyola implored that we must “live as men and women for others.” In his inaugural address on Jan. 20, 1961, President John F. Kennedy profoundly stated, “With good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead ... knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

While centuries have passed from the call to action by St. Ignatius, and Nov. 22, 2013, marked 50 years from the assassination of President Kennedy, time has not eroded the significance of their message. Our mission is to live as “men and women for others.”

The embodiment of this mission is manifested in core values that distinguish a Holy Cross education. In this edition of the Holy Cross Magazine you have read of the selfless dedication of Holy Cross students and alumni who support Nativity School of Worcester. This is but one illustration of how Holy Cross students and alumni live the mission. Each semester, hundreds of Holy Cross students are engaged in a variety of community outreach projects. During each vacation, scores of Holy Cross students travel throughout the United States and abroad, taking part in service projects. Many continue their service after graduation, through organizations such as the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Teach for America and Peace Corps.

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FREE ONLINE CAREER SPEAKER SERIES IS HERE

To help you build a successful career and job search strategy, Alumni Career Services has introduced a new Career Speaker Series that will deliver the nation’s top career authors and experts right to your computer for live webinars, and at no cost to alumni. These monthly webinars are held on a weeknight from 8 to 9 p.m. EST/EDT. The next webinar is on Jan. 9, with Ben Casnocha, co-founder of LinkedIn. He’ll be speaking about career entrepreneurism. To learn more and sign up, visit alumni.holycross.edu/careerservices

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I remember the morning well. It was early November of 2012, and I was attempting to drop my 4-year-old off at preschool. An easy task for some, yet, in addition to my oldest child, I had a screaming, colicky 6-week-old and a 2-year-old still adorned in his police officer Halloween costume insisting on beeping the horn of our mini-van. Desperately needing to calm down, I found myself quietly praying the Hail Mary, and I quickly realized that I never needed prayer more in my life. Yet where and how was I, a working mother of three young children, going to find the time, the space or the quiet?

Margaret Silf, author of Close to the Heart: A Practical Approach to Personal Prayer, offers a beautiful and accessible approach to prayer in the midst of our lives, in the everyday. Rooted in the Ignatian tradition, Silf explains various approaches to prayer that are grounded in our world and in our reality. The purpose of the book is to “dispel fears that keep us at a distance from God,” and “to open up pathways to reveal specific ways of reaching into our hearts here and now, in the midst of everyday living.”

Silf breaks her book down into four parts that allow the reader to pick up and return to it at any point depending upon the reader’s wishes. The first part invites the reader to consider the importance of living reflectively and being attentive to one’s own desires. The second part offers specific and tangible suggestions for prayer. The third invites the reader to pray with Scripture. And the fourth invites the reader “… to make prayer become a way of life.”

Through her use of personal narratives, examples and step-by-step suggestions, Silf offers the reader tangible ways of deepening one’s relationship with God and understanding of prayer. For a busy, working mom of three with a desire for and a deep knowledge of my need for prayer in my life, Silf’s book is a wonderful resource.

REQUIRED

Associate Chaplain and Director of Retreats Megan Fox-Kelly ’99 shares a narrative that serves as a wonderful resource for those seeking an approach to prayer in everyday life—Close to the Heart: A Practical Approach to Personal Prayer

BEGOSH AND BEGORRAH!

There’s still a wee bit of time left to sign on for the HCAAs trip to Ireland: The deposit deadline is Dec. 27. Open to Holy Cross alumni, parents and friends, this unforgettable adventure will take place April 5–12, 2014. Land and air price: $2,299 per person, based on twin occupancy. The tour includes round-trip flights aboard Aer Lingus between Boston and Dublin, six nights hotel accommodation including a final evening at the beautiful Dromoland Castle, seven full breakfasts and four dinners. Special highlight: Holy Cross students studying at University College in Galway will join us for dinner!

For more information, visit alumni.holycross.edu/travel or call the Alumni Office at 508-793-2418.

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COMING HOME

Fall homecoming was packed with the annual Alumni Association Dinner and the presentation of the In Hoc Signo Awards, tailgating, a pep rally on the Hogan Courtyard, the first Alumni Authors panel, the BSU’s 45th Anniversary dinner, the LGBTQ Alumni Network reception and more.

1 Dean Esther Levine congratulated 2013 Young Alumni Leadership Award winner Cymetra Williams ’03 during the HCAA Dinner.

2 In Hoc Signo honoree Frank Stankard ’53 got a kiss from his wife, Elsa.

3 In Hoc Signo honoree Dave Martel ’65 (with boutonniere) and classmates.

4 In Hoc Signo honoree Brian O’Connell ’71
Fr. Boroughs and In Hoc Signo honoree Connie Eagan ’81

The Alumni Authors panel

Seniors who received the Patrick L. McCarthy ’63 scholarship gathered around the scholarship’s namesake after the HCAA dinner.

Art Martin ’70 with students at the BSU’s 45th anniversary dinner

See more photos at holycross.edu/hcm/homecoming
“Holy Cross on the Road” traveled this fall to the Paley Center for Media in New York City to showcase the best of the College’s arts programs. Local high school students interested in applying to Holy Cross, along with parents, teachers and New York-area alumni saw firsthand the work of current students and heard directly from alumni and faculty about the lasting value of a Holy Cross liberal arts education. Guests had the opportunity to meet Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., College president, as well as faculty from the departments of theatre, music and visual arts, and to talk with successful alumni from these fields. The program opened with a performance of the original multimedia dance-drama *Shackled Spirits*, directed by Lynn Kremer, professor of theatre, which made headlines this summer at the prestigious Bali Arts Festival in Indonesia. This performance showcased one scene titled “Hearing Voices 1,” featuring two alumni performers. Kody Onyiuke ’13 (performing with Shannon Locascio ’14, left) spoke about his experience: “Performing at the Paley Center in NYC was beyond spectacular, not only because we were able to perform in the theater capital of the world, but also because we were able to bring the message of *Shackled Spirits* (the hardships of mental illness) to an audience to emotionally witness,” he says. “Potential students saw us as current and former students of the Holy Cross community, being men and women for others by performing and bringing understanding to a serious topic. They can then arrive at Holy Cross with this experience, and develop and grow into men and women for others in their own ways and through their own journeys, not only through the coming four years at Holy Cross, but also throughout their lifetime and beyond.”

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1 Panelists (left to right): Bartlett Sher ’81, director, Lincoln Center Theater; artist Margaret Lanzetta ’79; composer Osvaldo Golijov, Loyola Professor of Music; and moderator, Steve Vineberg, Distinguished Professor of Arts and Humanities.  
2 Kurt Hultgren, costume designer at Holy Cross.  
3 College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.  
4 Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio and Golijov.  
5 Theatre Professor Lynn Kremer, with alumni guests.  

Online Only How does a liberal arts education enhance a career in the arts? Watch now: holycross.edu/hcm/artscareer
HCAA FAMILY FARM DAY

Crusaders big and small gathered at Honey Pot Hill Orchards in Stow, Mass., to enjoy a day full of quintessential fall activities—cider donuts, hay rides, farm animals and apple-picking!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOUR IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014
IN HOC SIGNO NOMINATIONS DUE
The Holy Cross Alumni Association invites nominations for the 2014 In Hoc Signo Award, the Association’s highest honor. Nominees must have performed “unusual service in the form of faithful and continued effort in maintaining class or other alumni organizations, active participation in alumni and College affairs or assisting directly in expanding the usefulness, influence and prestige of the College.” For details on eligibility and nomination forms, visit alumni.holycross.edu/ihs. Questions about the Award can be directed to the Office of Alumni Relations at 508-793-2418 or hcaa@holycross.edu.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014
WINTER HOMECOMING
• Family skating & swimming in the Hart Center
• Alumni Family Legacy luncheon
• Affinity gathering for Holy Cross alumni in education – NEW!
• Special family movie in Seelos Theatre, 1 p.m.
• Women’s Basketball vs. Lehigh, 3 p.m.
• Men’s Ice Hockey vs. UConn, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 16, 2014
CELEBRATING PARENTHOOD
The HCAA invites Crusaders to a Mass and reception celebrating the vocation of parenthood on March 16 at 1:30 p.m. in Mary Chapel. For more information, visit alumni.holycross.edu/parenthood

Saturday, April 5, 2014
THE 32ND ANNUAL CLASSROOM REVISITED 2014
Relive your Holy Cross classroom experience. Registration materials will be sent in February.
IN MEMORIAM

A Note about In Memoriam
Holy Cross Magazine publishes In Memoriam four times a year, in honor of College alumni, Trustees, students, employees and friends. Due to space constraints, obituary content is limited to an overview of an individual’s life accomplishments, including service to alma mater and a survivors’ listing. Tributes appear in the order in which they are received; due to the volume of submissions and Magazine deadlines, it may be several issues before they appear in print. For a list of recent deaths, visit offices.holycross.edu/alumni/services/memoriam. To notify the College of a death, please call the Alumni Office at (508) 793-3039 or send an email to AlumniRecords@holycross.edu, attaching a copy of a newspaper obituary, if available.

1937
Carlo A. Masiello, D.P.M.
Carlo Masiello, D.P.M., a lifelong resident of Worcester, died June 16, 2013, at 97. Dr. Masiello practiced podiatry in Worcester for 50 years, serving on the staff of the former Worcester City and St. Vincent’s hospitals. Earning his master’s degree at Clark University and his medical degree at Temple University in Philadelphia, he pursued postgraduate studies in foot surgery at Civic Hospital in Detroit. Dr. Masiello had been a charter member of the Worcester County Chiropodial Surgeons Association and the American Foundation of Research in Podiatry; a parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; and a standout athlete at North High School. An avid boater and pilot, Dr. Masiello taught pilot navigation at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a daughter; a son-in-law; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many nephews and nieces; and extended family.

1942
Joseph F. Meseck Jr.
Joseph Meseck, of Teaneck, N.J., and formerly, of Jersey City, N.J., died April 7, 2013, at 93. During his career, Mr. Meseck worked for the family business, Meseck Towing Line and, subsequently, for Moran Towing Corp., until his retirement in 1985. He was a parishioner of St. Anastasia Church in Teaneck for 65 years. Mr. Meseck had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by two sons; four daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Ann (Harrington).

1943
Monsignor Paul D. Gleason
Monsignor Paul Gleason died Feb. 27, 2013, in Manchester, N.H., at 91. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Portland, Maine, Monsignor Gleason had most recently served as pastor of St. Patrick Church in Lewiston, from 1971 until his retirement in 1991. Beginning his ministry as assistant pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Lewiston following his ordination to the priesthood in 1947, he subsequently served as pastor of St. Ambrose Parish in Richmond, and as rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. Active in diocesan affairs, Monsignor Gleason was also spiritual director and chaplain for various organizations and institutions, as well as a member of the Pastoral Care Board for the Central Maine Medical Center and board director of St. Mary’s Hospital in Lewiston. In 1968, he was named Honorary Prelate of His Holiness by Pope Paul VI. Monsignor Gleason is survived by several cousins.

1944
Daniel P. Weitekamp
Daniel Weitekamp, of Freehold, N.J., died April 14, 2013, at 91. Mr. Weitekamp worked many years for J.P. Stevens & Co. Inc. in New York City, retiring as deputy director of administration. During his career, he was also freshman coach at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and an FBI special agent. Joining the Marine Corps while in college, Mr. Weitekamp was training to become a pilot when World War II ended. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he raised his family in Rockville Centre, N.Y., and, following retirement, relocated with his wife to Ormond Beach, Fla.; a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Ormond Beach, Mr. Weitekamp was the longtime president of Family Renew Community, a non-profit organization assisting local homeless families. His wife and he moved to Freehold in 2002. Mr. Weitekamp had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by three sons; three daughters; 11 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1945
William R. Kilcourse
William R. “Bob” Kilcourse died May 14, 2013, at the Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno, Nev., at 91. During his career, Mr. Kilcourse worked in senior management for Northrop Aviation Corp., the University of
California, SUNY and Washoe County, Nev.; in retirement, he continued to serve on the county’s Personnel Committee and Board of Equalization.

A member of the ROTC program at Holy Cross, Mr. Kilcourse served 22 years in the Navy, retiring in 1963 as a commander in the Supply Corps; a radioman aboard the USS Vixen during World War II, he earned his MBA at Harvard Business School, Boston, in 1958. Mr. Kilcourse is survived by his wife, Marianna; four sons; a daughter; a brother; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Roland F. Largay

Roland Largay died May 13, 2013, at his home in Southbury, Conn., at 88. During his career, Mr. Largay founded and operated Largay Travel for many years. Recognized with many awards by Condé Nast for his expertise in the field, he was named “luxury travel advisor of the year” in 2008. Mr. Largay was also a founding member and chairman of the board of the Virtuoso Travel Group. A 1948 graduate of Yale University, New Haven, Conn., he had worked as a sales manager at Anchor Fasteners prior to opening the travel agency in 1969 in Waterbury, Conn. Mr. Largay served as an ensign in the Navy during World War II. His brother was the late Charles E. Sr. ’44.

Herman Wolff Jr.

Herman Wolff, of Lumberton, N.C., and, formerly, of Raleigh, N.C., died April 14, 2013, at 88. A 1951 graduate of The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C., Mr. Wolff maintained a private practice with the firm Poyner, Geraghty, Hartsfield & Townsend of Raleigh, entered private practice in 1963 and, subsequently, formed Wolff & Martin with Andrew S. Martin. Early in his career, he worked for the Secretary of Defense and served as assistant regional counsel for the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta. Mr. Wolff served in the Navy during World War II as an executive officer aboard a Landing Ship, Tank (LST) and, upon completion of military service, studied accounting at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. A member of several professional organizations, he was honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by former North Carolina governor, Robert W. Scott. Mr. Wolff had been a Holy Cross class agent. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh and, later, of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Lumberton. Mr. Wolff is survived by his wife, Carol; two sons; three daughters; their spouses; a stepson; two stepdaughters; a brother; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1946

Tobias Anthony

Tobias Anthony, of McLean, Va., died on Feb. 21, 2013. Mr. Anthony is survived by his wife, Ines; two sons; two daughters; their spouses; and 11 grandchildren.

Robert W. Ferris Jr.

Robert Ferris, a longtime resident of Ventura, Calif., died March 15, 2013, at 88. Mr. Ferris taught almost 40 years at Ventura High School, retiring in the late 1980s; he also coached and officiated at various sports in Ventura County. Active in the community, Mr. Ferris held leadership roles in the Boys and Girls Club and Elks Lodge in Paradise, Calif., among many endeavors. He received further education at the University of Southern California and Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., as a John Hay Fellow. Mr. Ferris was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by five children; three stepchildren; their spouses; a sister; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

John L. Hines

John “Jack” Hines, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., died April 11, 2013, at 89. Mr. Hines had been an active member of Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Mount Vernon. He is survived by a son.

Boyd McDowell II

Boyd McDowell, of Elmhurst, N.Y., and, formerly, of Naples, Fla., died June 9, 2013, at Seneca View, Montour Falls, N.Y., at 87. During his career, Mr. McDowell had served as president and, then, board chairman of the Chemung Canal Trust Co. in Elmira, from 1976 to 1991. Beginning college at Syracuse (N.Y.) University, he subsequently attended St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y., as a Navy officer trainee before joining the NROC program at Holy Cross. A 1950 graduate of Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N.Y., Mr. McDowell practiced law with his father for six years before joining the bank’s trust department. Active in civic and community affairs, he was board chairman of numerous organizations, including the Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital and Arnot Art Museum, both in Elmira—as well as board director of several business corporations, including Arnot Realty in the Southern Tier of New York and the Schweizer Aircraft Corp. in Horseheads, N.Y. In addition, Mr. McDowell was chairman of the New York Bankers Association trust division and treasurer of the association in 1979-80. He was a recipient of the Young Man of the Year award in 1960 and the Chemung County Distinguished Citizen award in 1986. Mr. McDowell is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons; a daughter; two stepdaughters; their spouses; a brother; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Francis X. McNamara Jr.

Francis McNamara died May 20, 2013, in Pasadena, Calif., at 88. During his career, Mr. McNamara worked 39 years for the United Way, serving as president of its local organizations in Haverhill, Mass.; Newport News, Va.; Rhode Island; and the United Way of Los Angeles. In addition, he was chairman of the Professional Advisory and Fundraising Committee of the United Way of America and a board member of United Way International. A graduate of the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Mr. McNamara served on the board of the Council on Social Work Education. He was a founding trustee of the Catholic Education Foundation, a member of the Knights of Malta and a consultant to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, among other endeavors. Mr. McNamara had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. A veteran, he served as a naval officer in World War II and the Korean War, attaining the rank of lieutenant. Mr. McNamara is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son; a daughter; their spouses; seven grandchildren; a niece; and extended family, including Holy Cross alumni. His father was the late Francis X., Class of 1910.

William B. Thany

William Thany, of Rochester, N.Y., died April 6, 2013, at 88. A graduate of the Aquinas Institute of Rochester, where he was a member of its Hall of Fame, Mr. Thany had also accepted a two-year appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; he pursued his MBA at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Mr. Thany had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; three sons, including Timothy P. ’80; their spouses; two sisters; their spouses; five grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

David M. Tormey, M.D.

David Tormey, M.D., of Burlington, VT., died Feb. 26, 2013, at 86. Associated for many years with the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington, Dr. Tormey had served as assistant dean of the college, associate dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, associate professor of family practice and chairman of the college’s Committee on Instructional Improvement and Curriculum. Associate dean for Alumni Relations for 11 years, he was recognized for his years of service to the College by the alumni association upon his retirement in 1991, with the establishment of the David M. Tormey Award for perseverance in the pursuit of medical education; Dr. Tormey continued to hold the position of associate dean for three years past his retirement. A 1948 graduate of the New York Medical College in Valhalla and an Army veteran, he was deployed to Korea, from 1953 to 1954, as commanding officer of the 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, and awarded the Bronze Star. Continuing his military service, Dr. Tormey held the posts of chief of outpatient service at the U.S. Army Hospital at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and assistant chief of the department of internal medicine at Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, Wash. Working in various capacities in the Office of the Surgeon General in Washington, D.C., from 1961 to 1965, he was subsequently named national coordinator for the U.S. Department of Defense program Medical Education...
Rev. Patrick E. Walsh, S.J.
Rev. Patrick Walsh, S.J., of Wauwatosa, Wis., died Feb. 6, 2013, at 89. Ordained to the priesthood in 1966, Fr. Walsh served as an associate at the Church of the Gesu, from 1962 to 2010. He is survived by a sister, nephews; nieces; and other family.

1949
William F. Goepfrich Sr.
William Goepfrich, of Philadelphia, died March 24, 2013, at 86. A longtime accountant, Mr. Goepfrich worked for Philco-Ford in Philadelphia after college and later joined the RCA Service Co. in Cherry Hill, N.J.; he had been associated with the company for more than 30 years, retiring in the 1980s. A graduate of St. Joseph’s Preparatory School in Philadelphia, where he played football for four years, Mr. Goepfrich coached youth sports teams in the 1960s and 1970s in northeast Philadelphia. A member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross, he participated in the 1946 Orange Bowl game against the University of Miami. Mr. Goepfrich had been a member and past treasurer of the Long Beach Island Fishing Club in New Jersey and a parishioner of St. Christopher Church in Philadelphia. He is survived by a son; four daughters; their spouses; a sister; and 12 grandchildren.

Robert F. Kiley, M.D.
Robert Kiley, M.D., most recently, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., died June 8, 2013, at 85. A 1953 graduate of the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn., Dr. Kiley joined the Hartford (Conn.) Radiology Group, which later became the Jefferson X-Ray Group; he had been a staff member of Hartford Hospital for 52 years. Dr. Kiley was a fellow of the American College of Radiology. An Air Force veteran, he served as a flight surgeon in North Africa. Dr. Kiley is survived by his wife, Sheila; four daughters; their spouses; and three grandchildren.

Edward Moran
Edward “Ned” Moran died April 27, 2013, in Clearwater, Fla., at 90. An executive in the maritime industry during his career, Mr. Moran worked for St. Philo Towing, Inc., and, later, Seabulk Towing, Inc., both in Tampa, Fla. A resident of Belleair, Fla., since 1959, he served as a town commissioner, from 1978 to 1986, and, as mayor, from 1988 to 1993. Mr. Moran had been a member of the Armed Forces in World War II, serving in the Battle of the Bulge. He is survived by his wife, Betty; a son; two daughters; their spouses; and three grandchildren.

Charles J. O’Brien
Charles O’Brien died March 27, 2013, at his home in Holyoke, Mass., at 89. During his career, Mr. O’Brien worked 39 years for Daniel O’Connell’s Sons, Inc., a construction company founded by his great-grandfather in Holyoke; he retired in 1989 as vice president and labor mediator. Mr. O’Brien was a star athlete at his alma mater Holyoke High School and an Army veteran of World War II. He belonged to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Holyoke and St. Martha’s Parish in Kennebunkport, Maine, where he spent summers at Goose Rocks Beach. Mr. O’Brien is survived by his wife, Mary Louise; 13 children; their spouses; 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1950
Joseph F. Hackett
Joseph F. “Frank” Hackett died Dec. 16, 2012, in Connecticut. Mr. Hackett is survived by his wife, Elizabeth “Betty”’; four children; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

William L. Keville Sr.
William Keville died July 13, 2013, at his home in Shrewsbury, Mass., at 86. During his career, Mr. Keville had been a teacher, a coach and an administrator for 37 years in the Shrewsbury public school system, as well as a football and baseball official for more than 25 years. Following graduation from Holy Cross, he taught and coached at his alma mater, St. Peter’s High School in Worcester, where he was inducted into its Hall of Fame in 1989 and, in 2012, honored with the school’s Guardian Shield Award for his educational and athletic contributions. A member of the varsity football and baseball teams at Holy Cross, Mr. Keville was recognized in 1955 by the Holy Cross Varsity Club for his achievements in high school coaching. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Keville is survived by his wife, Kathleen; a son; a daughter, Kathleen Keville O’Leary ’93; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law, Niccolyn B. Keville ’83; a half-brother; five grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces, including Holy Cross alumni. His father was the late George J. ’20 and his brother was the late Rev. Richard E. ’50.

John C. LaBossiere
John C. “Clenn” LaBossiere, of Tequesta, Fla., and formerly, of Malden, Mass., and Pompano Beach, Fla., died Feb. 20, 2013, at 87. Mr. LaBossiere was a graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston and a Navy veteran, serving aboard a destroyer escort during World War II. He is survived by his wife, D. Elea “Doris”; his daughters; a son-in-law; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Richard J. McNally
Richard McNally, of Manlius, N.Y., died April 16, 2013, at 84. During his career, Mr. McNally had been a commercial real estate broker with Eagan Real Estate in Syracuse, N.Y., for more than 40 years. An Army veteran, he served as an instructor at the Officer Training School in Fort Benning, Ga., attaining the rank of second lieutenant. Mr. McNally belonged to St. Ann’s Church in Manlius. He is survived by his two sons; five daughters; their spouses; a brother; two sisters; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

William I. Porter
William Porter, of Worcester, died May 15, 2013, at 85. During his career, Mr. Porter had owned and operated the William Porter Sales Agency for more than 50 years. A member of the Holy Cross varsity baseball team and team captain his final year, he played in the Braves farm system until 1955. Mr. Porter also had excelled in baseball at his alma mater St. Mary’s High School in Lynn, Mass. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Porter is survived by his wife, Shirley; two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; and two granddaughters.
James P. Sheehan
James Sheehan, of Chester County, Pa., died March 21, 2013, at 86. Mr. Sheehan had been employed by Owens-Corning Fiberglass until his retirement in 1984; early in his career, he worked for the CIA. Mr. Sheehan was an Army veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Lou; a son; four daughters; a sister; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

1951
John E. Carroll
John Carroll died June 6, 2013, in Westbrook, Mass., at 87. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Carroll served as executive vice president and treasurer of Country Bank. A longtime resident of Ware, Mass., he was a former auditor and treasurer of the Young Men’s Library Association, member of the Finance Committee and corporator of Country Bank and Mary Lane Hospital—as well as a member of All Saints Church. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Carroll had been a recipient of a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son; four daughters; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His brothers were the late James G. ’34 and Joseph D. ’42.

Robert J. Jachowicz
Robert Jachowicz died May 9, 2013, at his home in Framingham, Mass., at 84. A longtime educator and coach in the Framingham public school system, Mr. Jachowicz joined the faculty of the former Framingham Middle School in 1951 as an eighth grade teacher. He subsequently worked at Framingham High School and, then, Framingham South High School, teaching a variety of subjects during his career and retiring as the director of art. Mr. Jachowicz also coached football for 28 years, first, at Framingham High beginning in 1951, and, later, at Framingham South; he was named head coach in 1958. Mr. Jachowicz’s professional and community involvement included serving as president of the Framingham Teachers Association and South Middlesex ARC Inc., in Framingham. Inducted into the Massachusetts Coaches Hall of Fame in 1989, he received the Salute to Framingham honor in 2005, in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of education in the town. A standout football player at his alma mater Lynn (Mass.) English High School and an inductee of the school’s hall of fame, Mr. Jachowicz played varsity football at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; four sons, including Robert P. ’74 and John J. ’80; two daughters; their spouses; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

George J. Neubauer
George Neubauer died March 8, 2013, at his home in Westborough, Mass., at 85. Prior to retirement, Mr. Neubauer served for more than 30 years as the manager of the jet engine sales division for the Wyman Gordon Co. He was also a graduate of Boston University and the Program for Management Development at Harvard Business School in Boston. Mr. Neubauer was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He belonged to St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Westborough. Mr. Neubauer is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; a daughter; two brothers; three granddaughters; a great-grandchild; and several nephews and nieces.

Joseph C. Schediack Jr.
Joseph Schediack, of Lawrenceville, Ga., died May 6, 2013, at 83. Mr. Schediack worked for more than 50 years as a chemist and food scientist, specializing as a flavorist for foods, beverages and pharmaceuticals, as well as in fragrances for perfumes. He is survived by his wife, Myrié; two sons; a daughter; their spouses; a brother; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

1952
Donald E. Barton
Donald Barton, of Jacksonville, Fla., died June 8, 2013, at 83. A longtime movie producer, Mr. Barton had taken postgraduate courses in film production at Fordham University, New York City, in 1955 and, subsequently, formed the Russell-Barton Film Co. with Gorden Russell. Establishing his own film company a few years later, he won many awards for excellence in documentary production; his works included Jacksonville Story and Zaat. Mr. Barton was a co-founder of the Florida Motion Picture and Television Producers Association. Becoming vice president of marketing for St. Vincent’s Hospital, Healthcare, Jacksonville, in 1986, he later served as executive director of St. Vincent’s HealthCare Foundation. In retirement, Mr. Barton and his wife founded and administered Holy Spirit Communications. He was a member of St. Matthew’s Church in Jacksonville and an affiliate of the Daughters of Charity, among other endeavors. Mr. Barton had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; four sons; five daughters; their spouses; three brothers; a sister; their spouses; and 23 grandchildren.

1953
William F. Churchill Sr.
William Churchill, of Satellite Beach, Fla., and Somers, N.Y., died March 11, 2013, at 82. During his career, Mr. Churchill worked for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. He earned his MBA at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. Mr. Churchill had been a naval officer for five years. He was a longtime, active member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Indialantic, Fla. Mr. Churchill is survived by his wife, Therese; two sons; two daughters; their spouses; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1954
Norman H. Kary
Norman Kary, a longtime resident of Duncanville, Texas, died on July 28, 2011, at 84. Mr. Kary worked in Civil Service for the U.S. Border Patrol and, also, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as a federal agent for more than 30 years. He was a decorated Marine Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Kary is survived by a son; five daughters; two brothers; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Joseph M. MacDonald
Joseph MacDonald, of Cicero, N.Y., died May 24, 2013, in Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, at 79. During his career, Mr. MacDonald served as an English teacher and a certified counselor, from 1960 to 1988, in the North Syracuse (N.Y.) Central School District. He had been a member of St. Rose of Lima Church in North Syracuse and, in his youth, a tugboat captain on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Mr. MacDonald is survived by a daughter; a son-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; and six nieces.

John N. Shapley
John “Jay” Shapley died August 15, 2013, at a hospital in North Richland Hills, Texas. During his aviation career as an engineering flight test pilot, Mr. Shapley served as Federation Aviation Administration (FAA) manager of Flight Standards staff for the Southwest Region in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was responsible for aircraft certification and flight test activities throughout the world. Involved in flight test programs in Europe, Poland and Russia, he also presented papers at the European and U.S. Symposium for The Society of Experimental Test Pilots. Prior to working at the FAA, he was an engineering flight test pilot for the U.S. Army at Edwards Air Force Base in California and an experimental test pilot for Vertol Boeing in Morton, Pa. During his career, he was awarded the honors of Fellow in The Society of Experimental Test Pilots and the Frederick L. Feinberg Award from the American Helicopter Society, for the helicopter pilot accomplishing the most outstanding achievement during the preceding year. Mr. Shapley is survived by his wife, Dorothea; a son; three daughters; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter.

1955
John J. Casazza Jr.
John J. Casazza, of Sparkill, N.Y., and, formerly, of New York City, died Dec. 9, 2012. Mr. Casazza had been
a longtime professor at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, prior to his retirement. He is survived by many relatives.

**Joseph R. Driscoll**

Joseph Driscoll, of Napels, Fla., and, formerly, of Fairfield, Conn., died March 24, 2013, in his home, at 78. Active in the oil industry, Mr. Driscoll had worked for Getty Oil from 1958 to 1980, holding various sales and executive positions. Prior to his retirement in 1997, he was a gasoline distributor as president and co-owner of Buckley Gasoline Marketers, Inc., in Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Driscoll served in the Marine Corps from 1955 to 1958, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He had been a member of St. Pius X Church in Fairfield and, most recently, of St. Agnes Parish in Napels. Mr. Driscoll is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son; a daughter; their spouses; and eight grandchildren.

**Francis J. Prebenda**

Francis Prebenda, of Apopka, Fla., died June 10, 2013, at 78. A graduate of Notre Dame (Ind.) Law School, Mr. Prebenda practiced law in Detroit for more than 40 years. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Prebenda is survived by his wife, Ann; a son; two daughters; their spouses; and 13 grandchildren.

**Walter C. Reid**

Walter Reid, a longtime resident of Larchmont, N.Y., died June 6, 2013, at 78. Mr. Reid is survived by his wife, Millian; a son; two daughters; their spouses; and seven grandchildren. His brother was the late Joseph H. ‘27.

**Edward P. Healey, M.D.**

Edward P. “Ned” Healey, of Montville, N.J., and, of Naples, Fla., died June 2, 2013, at 80. Receiving his medical degree from McGill University in Montreal, Dr. Healey specialized in hematology and oncology-internal medicine during his career; he was affiliated with St. Mary’s, Passaic General and Beth Israel hospitals in Passaic, N.J., and St. Joseph’s Hospital in Paterson, N.J. Dr. Healey was recognized by the Passaic County Cancer Society in 1983 with its Man of the Year award and, more recently, by St. Mary’s Hospital, for his service of leadership. An Army veteran, he served at Fort Belvoir, Va., attaining the rank of major. A longtime resident of Cifton, N.J., Dr. Healey was an officer and a board member of the Boys and Girls Club and a member of St. Philip the Apostle Parish. He is survived by his wife, Dolores; two sons; a daughter; three stepchildren; their spouses; a brother; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; and seven grandchildren. His brother was the late Joseph E. ‘51.

**John J. Mulkerin**

John “Jack” Mulkerin, of Winchester, Mass., and, formerly, of Medford, Mass., died Nov. 1, 2012, at 76. Mr. Mulkerin is survived by a son; three daughters; their spouses; and eight grandchildren.

**Kenneth J. Nixon**

Kenneth Nixon, of Larchmont, N.Y., died April 5, 2013, at 76. During his career, Mr. Nixon worked more than 25 years for Merrill Lynch, retiring in 2005 as vice president and senior tax counsel; from 2002 to 2005, he was chairman of the Equity Commitment Committee. Mr. Nixon was a graduate of the New York University School of Law, New Rochelle, where he was a Root-Tilden Scholar. A veteran, he served in the Army from 1961 to 1962. Mr. Nixon had been an active member of Sts. John and Paul Church in Larchmont for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Sheila; a son; a daughter-in-law; his twin brother, and three grandchildren.

**Robert G. Clark III**

Robert “Bob” Clark, of Hingham, Mass., and, formerly, of Hingham, Mass., was born May 8, 2013, at 78. A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., Mr. Clark joined his father, the late Robert G. Jr. ‘23, and uncle, the late Frederick H. Balboni ’36, in their Brockton, Mass., law firm in 1962. An attorney for 45 years, he later took over the family practice and, partnering with Mark C. Gildea, formed the firm Clark, Balboni & Gildea, with additional offices in Mashpee, Mass., and Providence, R.I., following his retirement in 2007. Mr. Clark remained of counsel until his death. During his career, he was also town counsel for 24 years in his childhood community of Braintree, Mass. A veteran, Mr. Clark served two years in the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade. He is survived by his wife, Josephine; two daughters; a brother, Richard M. ’59; and many nephews, nieces and extended family.

**Howard E. Dalton**

Howard Dalton, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died April 23, 2013, at 75. A certified public accountant, Mr. Dalton had worked for Peat Marwick Mitchell/ KPMG and then joined St. Paul Companies, where he served as senior vice president and chief accounting officer. His community involvement included association with the United Way, Junior Achievement, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the Arizona State University Foundation. Born and raised in New York, Mr. Dalton lived many years in Saint Paul, Minn., prior to relocating to Scottsdale in 2002. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Dalton is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son; a daughter; their spouses; a sister; a brother-in-law; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and nephews and nieces.

**Joseph F. Hennessey, M.D.**

Joseph Hennessey, M.D., of Huntington Valley and Lake Ariel, Pa., died April 22, 2013, in the Regional Hospital of Scranton in Pennsylvania, at 75. A 1965 graduate of the Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Dr. Hennessey practiced pediatrics for 39 years, serving on the staff of St. Christopher’s, Holy Redeemer and Nazareth hospitals in the Philadelphia area. He had been a member of the Irish and American Paediatric Society. A veteran, Dr. Hennessey served in the Air Force as a physician in Orlando, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons; five daughters; their spouses; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

**John J. Scanlan**

John “Jack” Scanlan, of Philadelphia, died March 2, 2013, at 77. During his career, Mr. Scanlan worked 25 years as a certified addiction counselor for several organizations in the Philadelphia area, including the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, the Fairmount Behavioral Health System and Whittemar House. From 1957 to 1959, he served as a cryptographer with the Army Signal Corps in Paris. Mr. Scanlan had been a member of the varsity swim team at Holy Cross and winner of the Philadelphia diving championship in 1951 and 1952. He is survived by two sons; three daughters; a brother, Edmund A. Sr. ’66; two sisters; and four grandchildren. His brothers were the late Michael J. ’55 and Joseph D. ’58.

**Charles A. Rini Sr.**

Charles “Chuck” Rini died March 24, 2013, in Westlake, Ohio, at 74. Active for many years in the grocery industry, Mr. Rini began his career in the family business, Rini Brothers Supermarkets, in Cleveland. Later becoming president and chief operating officer of Stop-n-Shop, a local buying association formed in the 1950s by Rini Brothers along with other local family grocers, he oversaw the merger of his family’s business and two other companies in 1988, to form Riser Foods. After the sale of Riser Foods to the Pittsburgh-based company Giant Eagle Supermarkets in 1997, Mr. Rini operated the Cleveland area outlets until 2003 when he joined Rini Realty Co., a commercial project management
company founded by his uncles in 1960. In recognition of his contributions to the industry, he was named "Retailer of the Year" by the Cleveland Food Dealers Association, among other honors. A longtime member of St. Angela Merci Parish in Fairview Park, Ohio, Mr. Rini had been a member of the boards of many Catholic and community organizations, most recently serving as president of the Community West Foundation in Rocky River, Ohio. After college, he trained in the National Guard at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla., and Camp Grayling in Michigan. Mr. Rini is survived by his wife, Carol; three sons; three daughters; their spouses; a brother; a brother-in-law; 15 grandchildren; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

1961

C. Clark Hodgson Jr., Philadelphia

C. Clark Hodgson Jr., of Philadelphia, died in his home on April 15, 2013, at age 73. Mr. Hodgson was an attorney with the Philadelphia law firm of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP for more than 40 years, serving as chairman, head of litigation and senior counsel. A 1964 graduate of Villanova (Pa.) University School of Law, he served as the editor-in-chief of the Villanova Law Review. Following law school, Mr. Hodgson clerked for Chief Judge Thomas J. Clary for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In 1965 he joined Stradley Ronon, where his father was then a partner at the firm. His legal accomplishments included successfully defending Valley Forge Christian College before the United States Supreme Court, and defending Shearson Lehman Brothers, Inc. then the third largest investment bank in the country. Mr. Hodgson was elected a fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, as well as an elected fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Since 2004, he was consistently named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer. In addition, Mr. Hodgson was included in the 2007 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. He was active in the community serving on numerous boards, including: United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania; Saint John Vianney Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; the Attorneys’ Liability Assurance Society, Ltd., Bermuda; and his alma mater La Salle College High School in Wyndmoor, Pa. Following his retirement from the practice of law, Mr. Hodgson began a new career teaching Latin and Great Books at Regina Coeli Academy in Abington, Pa. He was also active in the alumni association at Holy Cross, serving as a member of the President's Council and, more recently, as a class agent. Mr. Hodgson is survived by his wife of 29 years, Denise Daher; a son; three daughters; a brother, Stephen J. ’68; and a sister. He was predeceased by his brother, the Honorable Richard J. ’70. His father was the late C. Clark, Sr. ’27.

Rev. David W. Howell

Rev. David Howell, a longtime priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., died April 4, 2013, in Stamford (Conn.) Hospital, at 73. Prior to his retirement in 2008, Fr. Howell had been the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Norwalk, for 22 years; previously, he served at St. Cecilia Parish, Stamford, St. Joseph Parish, Shelton, and St. Mary Parish, Greenwich. Ordained to the priesthood in 1965, Fr. Howell began his ministry as parochial vicar of St. Stephen Parish and faculty member of St. Joseph High School, both in Trumbull. Member of the Diocesan Priests' Council and auditor-instructor for the diocesan tribunal, he was also chaplain to the Norwalk Fire Department among other duties. Fr. Howell had been a member of the President's Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by a sister; a brother-in-law; two nieces; and extended family.

1962

Henry J. Fischer Jr., M.D.

Henry "Hank" Fischer, M.D., died March 5, 2013, at his home in Salt Point, N.Y. Receiving his medical degree in 1966 from SUNY-Downstate, Dr. Fischer had been a radiologist for 40 years in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; beginning his career at the former Vassar Brothers Hospital (now Vassar Medical Center) in 1972, he joined three colleagues the following year in a practice covering the mid-Hudson, N.Y., region that became Dutchess Radiology Associates. Board certified in nuclear medicine, Dr. Fischer oversaw the development of this subspecialty at Vassar Hospital. A member of many professional organizations, including the American Board of Radiology and Nuclear Radiology, The American Board of Nuclear Medicine and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, he served on the Pleasant Valley, N.Y., Planning Board and belonged to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, also in Pleasant Valley. Fr. Fischer is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Tibby"; a son; a daughter; and three sisters.

Edward J. Gallagher

Edward Gallagher, of Milbridge, Maine, died March 5, 2013. Mr. Gallagher is survived by his wife, Anne; a daughter; a son-in-law; several siblings and in-laws; two grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Rev. William P. Jones

Rev. William Jones, formerly of Wyomissing, Pa., died April 24, 2013, at Holy Family Manor, Bethlehem, Pa., at 72. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Allentown, Pa., Fr. Jones had served three years at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish prior to retiring in 1988; he had previously ministered at Sacred Heart Church, Miller Heights, S.S. Peter and Paul Church, Lehighton, and St. Bernard Church, Easton. Ordained to the priesthood in 1969, Fr. Jones taught two years at his alma mater the former Reading (Pa.) Central Catholic High School and then served as assistant pastor of St. Peter Church, Coplay, St. Patrick Church, Pottsville, and St. Canice Church, Mahanoy City. During his ministry, he also undertook various auxiliary diocesan assignments, including directorship of the Lehigh Valley Catholic Physicians Guild. Fr. Jones is survived by two sisters; a brother-in-law; a niece; two grandnieces; and a grandniece.

Anthony M. Wojcicki, D.M.D.

Anthony Wojcicki, D.M.D., of Amherst, N.H., died on May 1, 2013. Dr. Wojcicki practiced orthodontics and pediatric dentistry for many years in Nashua, N.H. Receiving his D.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in Philadelphia, he pursued postgraduate training in pediatric dentistry at Boston University, earning his master of science degree in dentistry—and, postgraduate training in orthodontics at the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston. Dr. Wojcicki held teaching positions at Boston University, Tufts University and Harvard University/Boston Children’s Hospital and had belonged to various professional organizations, including the American Dental Association, the American Association of Orthodontists and the Greater Nashua District Dental Society, where was past secretary and president. He is survived by his wife, Caroline; a son; a daughter; a sister; and a brother-in-law.

1963

Basil William Andrucow Jr.

Proto deacon Basil William Andrucow, of Saugus, Mass., and, formerly, of Worcester, died June 12, 2013. Serving at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Salem, Mass., Protodeacon Basil Andrucow received his undergraduate degree from Boston College, his master's degree from Holy Cross and his Ph.D. from Tulane University in New Orleans. He taught seven years at Holy Cross before joining the Norton Co. in Worcester, where he served 15 years as analytical laboratory manager. Prior to his retirement in 2007, Mr. Andrucow had been the quality assurance manager for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. He is survived by his wife, Mary Rose; two sons; two daughters; their spouses; two brothers; a sister; their spouses; eight grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Frederick W. Axley

Frederick Axley, of Wilmette, Ill., died March 18, 2013, at 71. During his career, Mr. Axley had been an attorney for 34 years with McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago. His community involvement included serving on the board of various organizations, including Business and Professional People for the Public Interest and Friends of the Chicago River. Mr. Axley received his master of arts degree in English literature from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1966 and his law degree from the University of Chicago in 1969. A veteran, he served as a lieutenant in the Navy. Mr. Axley had been a member of the President's Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross
class agent. He is survived by his wife, Cindy; two daughters, including Sarah A. Kendel ’94; their spouses; a sister; a brother-in-law; two grandchildren; and five nephews and nieces.

Robert H. Colopy
Robert Colopy died June 13, 2013, at his home in Akron, Ohio, at 86. A graduate of Boston College Law School, Mr. Colopy served 25 years as a judge for the Akron Municipal Court, retiring in 1996. At the start of his career, he held the post of assistant law director for six years in the Akron Law Director’s Office. A World War II Navy veteran, Mr. Colopy had been stationed at Treasure Island, Calif., serving as an electronics technician. He is survived by his wife, Conchita; eight sons, including Paul M., M.D., ’74; seven daughters-in-law; 16 grandchildren; and nine nephews and nieces.

Philip J. Matyi
Philip Matyi, a longtime resident of Wayland, Mass., died April 11, 2013, at 71. Beginning his career at Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City as a commercial loan officer, Mr. Matyi became the chief executive officer of Abt Associates, Cambridge, Mass., in 1968; he later served as vice president of investment marketing at Independence Investment Associates Inc., Civic Capital, Zacks Investment and Thunderstorm Capital, Boston. An active member of St. Ann Parish, Wayland, Mr. Matyi had also been involved in the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement with his wife for more than 38 years. Earning his MBA at New York University in 1966, he received the designation “chartered financial analyst” (CFA) in 2000 from the Association for Investment Management and Research. Mr. Matyi is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons; two daughters, including Lisa J. Whitaker ’85; their spouses; a brother; two sisters-in-law; three grandchildren; and several nephews; nieces, grandnieces; and grandnieces.

Joseph P. McMahon
Joseph McMahon died April 7, 2013, at his home in Alexandria, Va., at 72. Joining the FBI after receiving his degree from Albany (N.Y.) Law School in 1967, Mr. McMahon had worked in various cities during his career, including New Orleans, where he was supervisor of the political corruption desk, and Memphis, Tenn., where he was assistant special agent in charge of the FBI Field Office. Assigned, in 1987, to the National Security Division at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., he retired 10 years later as a section chief. From 1997 to 2011, Mr. McMahon worked as a contractor for the Center for Security Evaluation. He had been a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Virginia. Mr. McMahon is survived by his wife, Maureen; a son; a daughter; two sisters; and a granddaughter. His father was the late Joseph R. ’29.

1964
Richard G. Kerwin
Richard Kerwin died June 4, 2013, in St. Louis, at 70. Working his entire career for the Bunge Corp., a global agribusiness and food ingredient company, Mr. Kerwin had joined the company in 1969 as an auditor. Moving into commodities trading and, then, general management, he subsequently became a member of Bunge North America’s leadership team; appointed director, world grain, in 2002, Mr. Kerwin relocated to Geneva, where he was involved in transforming Bunge into a global leader in grain trading. Past president of the National Grain Trade Council and the Chicago and Kansas City Boards of Trade, he was honored for his contributions to Bunge in 2010, when the company named its training center in Miami after him. Mr. Kerwin had been a U.S. naval officer. He played varsity lacrosse at Holy Cross. Mr. Kerwin is survived by his wife, Anita; his former wife, Earline; a son; two daughters; a sister; four grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Kevin J. ’60.

1965
Patrick J. Kelly
Patrick Kelly died April 14, 2013, at 69. During his career, Mr. Kelly taught many years at Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; three stepchildren; their spouses; two brothers, Thomas E. ’67 and Terrence F. ’68, and their families; eight grandchildren; and a cousin.

1967
Francis J. Blanchfield Jr.
Francis “Frank” Blanchfield died May 12, 2013, at his home in Charlotte, N.C., at 67. During his career, Mr. Blanchfield practiced law for more than 30 years in Charlotte, associated with several regional, national and international firms, for which he founded, co-founded or held leadership roles; he retired from Mayer Brown LLP in 2010. Following graduation from the New York University (NYU) School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden Scholar, president of the Student Bar Association and a recipient of the Vanderbilt Medal, Mr. Blanchfield served as a first lieutenant and an instructor at the U.S. Army Military Police School in Fort Gordon, Ga.; upon completion of military service, he obtained his LL.M. in taxation in 1974 from NYU. Subsequently working four years in private practice as an associate and a partner in the Augusta, Ga., law firm of Hull, Towitz, Norman, Barrett & Johnson, Mr. Blanchfield then joined the tax division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he was employed three years and presented the U.S. Attorney General’s Medal. A fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, Mr. Blanchfield was selected by the late Justice Harry A. Blackmun to participate in the Aspen Institute Justice and Society Seminar. His community involvement included serving on the board of the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Dance Theatre and providing pro bono legal services to those in need. Mr. Blanchfield had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; a son, a brother; a sister; their spouses; and six nieces.

1968
Peter B. Collins
Peter Collins died May 19, 2013, at his home in Lexington, Mass., at 66. A graduate of Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Mr. Collins joined his father’s law practice in Waltham, Mass., and, subsequently, worked there for more than 40 years. He had been a member of the Army Reserve. Mr. Collins is survived by his wife, Joan; a son, a daughter; a daughter-in-law; three brothers; a sister; numerous in-laws; a granddaughter; and many nephews and nieces.

Joseph D. Murphy Jr.
Joseph Murphy, of North Falmouth, Mass., and, formerly, of Canton, Mass., died April 3, 2013, at 66. During his career, Mr. Murphy had been the treasurer of Northeastern University in Boston. He was a member of the Rhode Island National Guard from 1968 to 1974. Mr. Murphy is survived by his former wife, Claire (Phelan) Murphy; four daughters; three sons-in-law; a brother, William T. ’67; a sister, their spouses; eight grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. His father was the late Joseph D. ’33.

Anthony B. Murtha
Anthony “Tony” Murtha died May 8, 2013, at 69. Mr. Murtha served 24 years as the engineering manager at Conrac Corp. in Glastonbury, Conn.; he previously worked many years in retail operations and security management. Mr. Murtha was a medic in the Army Reserves and a volunteer firefighter in Avon, Conn. Also attending the University of Hartford in Connecticut, he was a graduate of Tunxis Community College in Farmington, Conn. Mr. Murtha is survived by his wife, Cyndy Levy, a daughter; a son-in-law; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; two grandchildren; four nieces; and several cousins.

1969
Edward J. Cooney
Edward Cooney died March 20, 2013, at his home in North Kingstown, R.I., at 63. During his career, Mr. Cooney served as the senior vice president of Nortek, Inc., in Providence, R.I., and, previously, as the executive vice president and chief financial officer of AMTROL, Inc., in West Warwick, R.I. He received his master’s degree in taxation in 1991 from Bryant University, Smithfield, R.I. Board member of several companies, including Gilbane Inc. in Providence and Leonard Valve Co. in Cranston, R.I., Mr. Cooney was also past chairman of the Greater
Maslen served as a corpsman from 1969 to 1971 during the Vietnam War. He belonged to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Newtonport. Mr. Maslen had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; two daughters, including Julia M. White ’03; their spouses; a brother; a sister; and four grandchildren.

1971
John F. Curran Jr.
John “Jack” Curran, of Stoughton, Mass., and, formerly, of Needham and Randolph, Mass., died on April 19, 2013, at 64. Receiving his master’s degree in social work from Boston College, Mr. Curran had worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Children and Family Services, retiring as area administrative services manager. He is survived by his wife, Janet, and two sons.

Gregory J. Knittel
Gregory Knittel died Feb. 5, 2013, at his home in Cleveland. Mr. Knittel taught Latin and Greek for 35 years at his alma mater St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and served as an adjunct professor of education at John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio, where he received his bachelor’s degree in arts and medicine in 1971. Founder of the soccer program at St. Ignatius, he was also an inductee of the school’s Athletic Hall Fame. Mr. Knittel earned his master’s degree in classics at the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 1974, and his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction, in 1991, at Kent State University in Ohio. The son of Roger F. and Anna Mary (deceased), he is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons; a daughter, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law; a brother, Thomas R. ’68; two sisters; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; members of his wife’s family; and numerous nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandchildren.

1976
Jean M. Tedaldi
Jean M. Tedaldi, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., died May 22, 2013, at 59. During her career, Ms. Tedaldi taught reading for more than 10 years at Fort Pierce (Fla.) Central High School. After receiving her degree from Holy Cross, she had worked in sales. Ms. Tedaldi is survived by two sons; her boyfriend, Frank Tarplee, and his daughter, her parents; a brother; two sisters; their spouses; and six nephews and nieces.

1978
H. Sean O’Connor
H. Sean O’Connor died Feb. 1, 2013, at 59. Mr. O’Connor is survived by his wife, Melissa Tanel; three children; his mother; three brothers, including Mark C. ’78 and Paul K. ’80; two sisters, Claire ’77 and Anne M. ’81. His father was the late Warren B. ’50.

1991
Thomas J. Weber, D.M.D.
Thomas Weber, D.M.D., of Gainesville, Fla., died April 5, 2013, at 44. A 1995 graduate of the University of Florida College of Dentistry, Dr. Weber practiced for six years in Jacksonville, Fla., before returning to Gainesville and opening his own dental practice. On staff at the North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, he was also team dentist for the University of Florida athletic department and a provider of pro bono dental care for the PACE Center for Girls Alachua. Dr. Weber belonged to several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and the Alachua County Dental Association, serving as a member of its ethics peer-review board. He was an active parishonier of St. Augustine Catholic Church and Student Center in Coral Gables, Fla., and chairman of the Stewardship Council. Dr. Weber had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Anne; a son; two daughters; his parents; a brother; a sister; their spouses; a mother-in-law; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; and nephews and nieces.

1992
Tom J. Thiel
Tom Thiel, of Loveland, Ohio, died on March 22, 2013. Mr. Thiel was a 1992 graduate of the University of Dayton in Ohio and a 1988 graduate of Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati. He is survived by his parents; three brothers; his spouses; seven nephews and nieces; and many cousins.

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YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT WANT TO DISOWN YOU

For the intermediate nonfiction course taught by Associate Professor of English Leila Philip, Alexandra Constantine ’14, of Commack, N.Y., wrote about telling her parents she would not be home for the holidays ... and the jacket that got her through it all.

Rain follows me. I am not from Seattle or Cardiff; I have never climbed Mount Waialeale or experienced Queensland during the rainy season.

But it drizzled in Prague.

Rained in Dublin.

Poured in Brussels.

Stormed in Rome.

And the first day I arrived, it snowed in London.

There’s this photo of my dad and me standing at a beach on the coast of Maine (above). Aside from my rather strained expression, you wouldn’t be able to tell how exceedingly cold it was that day — how I ran to the car with an infantile one-track-mindedness, my hands shoved into the front pocket of an oversized Holy Cross sweatshirt — or that it was even October. The sky is blue and the trees in the background are still topped with some green as the ocean recedes from a seagull’s feet on our right.

“We’re going to pass by the L.L. Bean outlet in Freeport on our way home,” Dad noted at some point on the trip, most likely in response to my echoing complaints of it’s … so … cold! “You want to look at jackets while we’re there?”

“Sure,” I must have said, though I was dubious, having never been a fan of the styles sold there.

My parents, however, have this terrible tendency to be correct in 99.9 percent of their statements. After taking a photo by the Big Boot (my mother’s idea) and quickly shuffling through the selection of rain-proof equipment, I found myself holding a gray and black “Three Season Jacket” with a removable fleece liner — a very expensive jacket, one that I compared to a lower-quality jacket several times with insistence.

“It’s called an investment,” my mother finally said, closing the deal with a dignity that only a mother knows best.

She was right. The rain did not hesitate the following year. Before classes started, I was locked down in my sophomore residence hall due to tropical storm Irene. It snowed the few days before Halloween that year, too, which also happened to be Family Weekend at Holy Cross. My parents were visiting, and at one point in the stormy weekend we found ourselves rushing into the dry haven of Red Robin at the nearby Blackstone shops. We would grab an early dinner and wait out the rain before they split, attempting to out-drive the snow.

“I’m … so … hungry!” I said as I shrugged off the outer shell of my black and grey rain jacket.

Though I usually sat beside either my mom or dad when we ate out, for some reason I was facing both of my parents this time. Looking back, I must have done this on purpose.

“So,” I said, “I’ve been thinking about study abroad.”

My parents looked at me attentively. We had been discussing this for a while now: the possibility of leaving for Strasbourg first semester of junior year, coming home for the holidays, then flying to Australia for School for Field Studies in the spring.

“It turns out that I can’t complete my English major if I go to Australia. But I’ve been talking with my professor, and he said that a lot of English majors do go to Dijon.”

A pause.

“So I’ve decided that I’m going to Dijon for the full year.” There was a nod, and a panicked “OK” slipped from someone’s lips.

I’m sorry. That was my first reaction. There was an overbearing sense of guilt, a cut to my gut as I watched the marble shine in my mother’s eyes once she realized that I had already made my decision — I would not just be abroad next year, I would be gone for Christmas, New Year’s, all of Winter Break. Without any other defense — a defense for them more than myself — I blurted out my reasons. Then my mother excused herself “to the bathroom for a moment,” and a burdensome anxiety enveloped me because I, only child and devoted daughter, had decided to tell my parents in the little time they were visiting that I would be leaving this country less than a year from today. It was tough.

Parents, your children do not want to disown you. Or hurt you, or abandon you for that matter. They want to make most of that support you gave them, that support that made them strong enough to leave home. And they want you to know that they’ll always come back.

People ask me if I was sad to come home ... if I miss France, if I wish I were there. The answer is always the same: “It was exciting and incredible to be there; it is exciting and incredible to come back.”

During the winter, it rained at least once a week in Dijon. And though I did not pack enough sweaters or scarves, my gray and black L.L. Bean jacket was one of the first items I had put in my suitcase. Its fleece lining made contact with the thorns, sand and temperate winds of the Côte d’Azur — and I trusted it above all other jackets when I snowboarded down the Jura Mountains.

So when I returned in May, and caught the attention of two very restless parents engrossed in the digital “Arrivals” board at JFK airport, I opened my two arms to the four that lifted me from the ground when I first started moving, the four that guided me until I moved too fast to catch up. My arms were lined in gray and black. ■
The Arrupe Courtyard of the Integrated Science Complex, where Beaven Hall and the Smith Laboratories building meet.
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