As I write, I was reminded of this opening line of a sonnet of Gerard Manley Hopkins. A Jesuit, Hopkins explores the beauty and manages the challenges of life seeking God in all things, and his poetry certainly reflects this. Likewise, even as Worcester and our campus were pummeled by an unprecedented winter and record-setting cold and storms, the College community was regularly reminded that God is with us: in the quiet beauty of snowfall, in the incredible efforts and generosity of Holy Cross staff who plowed, cooked and cleaned to keep our campus safe and passable, and in the many gifts visiting artists, performers and lecturers brought to our community through our Arts Transcending Borders initiative.

Our campus, still punctuated by piles of snow, in protected corners also reveals emergent signs of spring. And as an Easter people, we hope that they will triumph soon!

Hopkins saw in spring "a strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning In Eden garden," and similarly I am very aware of two milestones central to the academic year life cycle: admitting the newest class of Holy Cross students and sending our graduating seniors out to make a difference in the world. The high school students from across the country and around the globe who have accepted our invitation to become the Class of 2019 will make their decision by May 1; and three weeks later we celebrate the Commencement of the Class of 2015. The four years that separate those two classes are distinguished by a powerful and unique approach to educating young women and men.

The United States is home to 4,500 colleges and universities—and the diversity among public universities, research institutions, private liberal arts colleges and community colleges is the envy of the world. What Holy Cross offers, of course, is unique among the many—a top-ranked liberal arts undergraduate college where opportunity to explore and live one’s faith is not only welcomed but encouraged. The positive and meaningful outcomes of a Holy Cross education are limitless, as you see in the stories of the graduates in this issue—from the feature beginning on Page 28 highlighting alums who are leaders in American institutions of higher education to the Class Notes news items about our graduates and their public, professional and family lives. They reveal what we know so well: Four years on Mount St. James changes us and changes our world.

As a final note, I want to share how the values that distinguish Holy Cross are being currently reflected in a student-driven initiative. Last fall and winter, the Black Lives Matter movement revealed points of pain on our campus and consequently inspired groups of students, faculty and staff to create HC in Solidarity, an initiative that you can read more about at holycross.edu/hcinsolidarity. The difficult discussions and thoughtful conversations that have resulted—in and out of classrooms—reflect our desire to be an inclusive community where we celebrate our diversity and stand in solidarity not only with those who live on Mount St. James, but with our sisters and brothers in other parts of the country and the world who experience racial injustice, violence and poverty. Maybe in HC in Solidarity, spring began to arrive as we drew together in hope.

Very truly yours,

Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., President
Pat Brekka ’15 plays “All Along the Watchtower” by Jimi Hendrix outside St. Joseph Memorial Chapel.
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Some students use their laptop lids as mini billboards, decorating them with decals and stickers—a glimpse, perhaps, into their busy lives and interests. Check out the decked-out laptops we spotted this spring on campus.

Read “God’s Choice,” the poem retired Holy Cross chaplain Rev. Catherine Reed (left) composed in honor of current assistant chaplain Rev. Virginia Coakley’s recent ordination.

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COVER STORY

Rev. Joseph Bruce, S.J., ’73 splits his time between serving parishes in Rhode Island and curating the Catholic Deaf Archives at Holy Cross. In "Meet Fr. Joe" (Pages 36–43), he shares the story of being the only Deaf student at Holy Cross, and later becoming the first American Deaf Jesuit. For our cover image, Fr. Joe posed at his home church, St. Charles Borromeo, in Woonsocket, R.I. PHOTO BY TOM RETTIG
Dear HCM,

Sanctae Crucis Honoree
Thank you for the most recent, uniformly fine issue of Holy Cross Magazine. I am always impressed by the recipients of the Sanctae Crucis awards (“The 2014 Sanctae Crucis Awards,” Page 24, Winter 2015). While all the honorees deserve our recognition and gratitude, I am personally gratified to see that Dennis C. Golden ’63 was among them.

“While all the honorees deserve our recognition and gratitude, I am personally gratified to see that Dennis C. Golden ’63 was among them.” – Patrick W. Higgins ’65 Seattle

History Department Fixture
I was glad to see an item in the last issue about Rev. Vincent Lapomarda, S.J., and his retirement after 50 years of teaching in the history department (“Five Decades on the Hill,” Page 23, Winter 2015). Fr. Lapomarda was a powerful force in our department. He taught courses on important subjects, such as heroes and the Holocaust, and was beloved by many students. As a colleague, he was generous—for example, he carefully read newspapers and shared his findings with us by putting clips relevant to our research and teaching in our mailboxes. In history department meetings he often said what needed to be said to move our discussions along. And he is fondly remembered by many old timers for calling the end—at just the right moment—to seemingly endless College faculty meetings. I appreciated his humor and reminders to keep on smiling. We miss him and are glad he is still on campus.

Karen Turner
Professor of History

Enjoying the Magazine
While I always enjoy Holy Cross Magazine, two articles in the Winter 2015 edition attracted my attention on a personal level.

The first was a description of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land by members of the Class of 1972 (“A Journey 40 Years in the Making,” Page 32, Winter 2015). My wife and I have traveled to some interesting destinations but saved the best for the fall of this year. Since I am close to 80, we decided to travel to the Holy Land while we were both physically able to do so. I discovered a Catholic tour company called Regina Tours and have booked our Holy Land tour for October of 2015. We will be joined by my wife’s brother and sister-in-law. It was particularly interesting to compare the itinerary described in the Magazine with the itinerary that we will enjoy and find many similarities. We look forward to experiencing some of the same profound spirituality in following in the footsteps of Jesus as did the members of the Class of 1972.

The second article of personal interest addressed the number of Holy Cross graduates serving as judges in the Connecticut judicial system (“All Rise,” Page 40, Winter 2015). I retired in 1997 after serving as a trial judge in the Massachusetts judicial system for just over 25 years. After retirement, my wife and I moved to Orleans on Cape Cod. There are three District Courts on Cape Cod located in Orleans, Barnstable and Falmouth. At one point during our Cape residency, the presiding justice of each of these courts was a graduate of Holy Cross. In addition, the longest serving judge in the Superior Court on the Cape at the time was a Holy Cross graduate. While I do not know the numbers that exist currently, I suspect that Holy Cross is well represented on Massachusetts courts.

I was saddened to read of the death of my good friend Joe Reilly ’55. Joe and Evelyn often vacationed in Orleans and were daily communicants.
at St. Joan of Arc Church on those occasions. Rest in Peace, Joe.

Hon. John F. St. Cyr ’57 (retired)
Norton, Mass.

The Cape Cod Contingent
I read with interest the article on Connecticut judges from Holy Cross. I thought your readers might enjoy the fact that simultaneously, at one time, on Cape Cod in Barnstable County, Mass., I was the First Justice of the Barnstable District Court, Hon. Robert A. Welsh Jr. ’59 was the first justice of the Orleans District Court, Hon. Richard Kelleher ’52 was the first justice of the Falmouth District Court, Hon. Bob Terry ’63 was the first justice of the Probate and Family Court and the late Hon. Gerald O’Neill ’53 was the senior justice of the Barnstable Superior Court. The late Hon. Edward Farrell ’58 was the senior justice of the Barnstable Superior Court. The late Hon. Edward Farrell ’58 was a probate and family court associate judge who regularly sat in Barnstable. All, except Bob Terry and Ed Farrell, were graduates of Boston College Law School. Holy Cross was well represented in all of the Barnstable County Courts. Bob Welsh, Bob Terry and I share another bond: We are all past presidents of the Holy Cross Club of Cape Cod. Keep up the good work!

Hon. Joseph J. Reardon ’58 (retired)
Centerville, Mass.

Hon. James Higgins ’52
I read with special interest the article “All Rise,” by Mark Sullivan in the recent issue of Holy Cross Magazine. I practiced law in Connecticut for more than 40 years prior to my retirement and had the privilege of meeting several of the Holy Cross jurist alumni mentioned in the piece. Judge James Higgins of the Connecticut Superior Court, who died in 2001, was a 1952 graduate. Judge Higgins was an outstanding jurist and was helpful to a multitude of young lawyers. He participated in more than one precedent-setting trial. After graduating from Holy Cross, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. After law school he started his own law office before becoming an assistant attorney general for the state of Connecticut.

He has a special place in my heart. In the early 1990s I played softball for our local barristers team. Judge Higgins was a spectator at every game. At our season ending banquet, he presented me with the “Most Valuable Barrister” award, a plaque I still have and cherish.

Philip F. Karpel ’64
Middletown, Conn.

Hon. Brian T. Mahon ’70
As a practicing attorney in Connecticut, I enjoyed reading your recent article “All Rise.”

I write to recognize another alumnus who has faithfully served citizens of Connecticut in the role of a judge. My father, Hon. Brian T. Mahon ’70, has served as the judge of probate in Meriden, Conn., since 2004. Unlike superior court judges who are nominated by the governor and confirmed by the legislature, probate judges are elected to office in local elections. Nevertheless, like superior court judges, probate judges serve an absolutely vital and indispensable role in Connecticut’s judicial system. They are responsible for probating estates, appointing conservators for the sick and disabled and adjudicating complex guardianship issues involving minor children—and this is just a small sample of what they do. I am proud that my father and mentor has added to the rich tradition of Holy Cross graduates to ascend to the bench in Connecticut, and I hope he receives the recognition he deserves.

Colin P. Mahon ’02
West Hartford, Conn.

Kind, Caring Priest
I’d like to thank you for the photo and info on Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J., vice president emeritus (“Golden Anniversary for Student Affairs,” Page 18, Winter 2015). Back in my day, Fr. Dunn was the imposing Dean of men (his Student Affairs title came later). While his job was to be the disciplinary arm of the Jesuits, he actually had a wonderful caring heart (even if he did sometimes have to assign my classmates to “dawn patrol”). Congratulations to this kind, caring priest, for the award he received for 50 years of service to student life at Holy Cross.

Frank Reed, M.D., ’68
Deland, Fla.

EDITOR’S NOTE
HCM echoes Dr. Reed’s congratulations to Fr. Dunn, who, along with Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., ’53, received honors from Jacqueline Peterson, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, for their decades-long contribution to student life when the division celebrated its 50th anniversary in October. And for younger readers who never experienced “dawn patrol,” it was the dreaded punishment for missing curfew, creating a disturbance or skipping Mass, which until the late 1960s was mandatory for students and confirmed with a pew check. The dawn patrolers had to punch in at a time clock in Kimball once an hour, every hour during the wee hours of the morning for a specified number of days. A record of the transgression and the subsequent dawn patrol punishment was then sent to the student’s parents.

Surprise Meeting
While attending a funeral earlier this winter for a dear friend at West Point, I ran into the Holy Cross women’s basketball team in the lobby of Thayer Hotel where they were spending the night prior to playing Army on the next day. What a fortuitous surprise! They were delightful
and very kind to this ancient warrior. They even smiled politely as I gave them a “choo choo rah rah!” Seeing their fresh, smiling faces so full of life was an antidote for the solemn but magnificent sadness earlier. Keep up the good work at Holy Cross.

John J. Meyers ’60 (above, with members of the women’s basketball team) Sarasota, Fla.

Remembering Classmates
The posting of photos from the Purple Patcher yearbook with the obituaries of Holy Cross alumni is great. While many of the deceased were advanced in years, the pictures of them as college students jog the memories of classmates and personalize their memorial.

Joseph “Jay” Howard ’68
Palmyra, N.J.

Remembering Terri Priest
I was very saddened to hear that Associate Professor emerita Terri Priest had passed (“Holy Cross Remembers Terri Priest,” Page 83, Winter 2015). At Holy Cross, I was a psychology major who took as many art classes as I could. It was my luck to have Terri Priest as a professor for many of these classes. Two memories stand out: Jennifer Horgan ’90, Betsy Cracco ’89 and I put together an installation piece called “Copy Art.” Professor Priest gave over the whole design studio for our crazy idea and just let our creativity run wild. It was only later that we discovered we had created a huge bill in the printing department—which she paid out of her own pocket.

Paula Kelleher Ryan ’90
New Rochelle, N.Y.

The Light of Joe Reilly ’55
The passing of Joe Reilly ’55 has touched the Holy Cross community deeply (“Holy Cross Remembers Joe Reilly ’55,” Page 83, Winter 2015). Like many, I owe Joe a personal debt of gratitude. In the mid-1990s Joe, along with Dave Doern ’62 and [the late] John Becker ’48, convened a meeting on campus with African-American alumni from around the country to discuss increasing diversity on campus in general, and black enrollment in particular.

After that meeting, I developed a renewed commitment to the Cross, which has not waned to this day. I have Joe to thank for that. Indeed, a bright light has dimmed on Mount St. James. But as long as students walk along Linden Lane or Easy Street, grab a meal in Hogan or watch a game on Fitton Field, Joe’s light will never be extinguished. A true son of Holy Cross, he epitomized what we all hope to be: “men and women for others.”

Ron Lawson ’75
Chair, Bishop Healy Committee Bronx, N.Y.

Erratum
In our piece about new NROTC commanding officer, Capt. Vernon P. Kemper, USN, (“Officer on Deck,” Page 12, Winter 2015), we referenced his assignment with the U.S. Joint Forces Command as commanding officer of the Naval Submarine Support Center in Bangor, Maine. That facility is actually in Bangor, Wash. Thanks to eagle-eyed reader Joe Closs ’73—who has visited both Bangors—for spotting the error.

Your Favorite Films
EDITOR’S NOTE
At the end of Louie Despres’ interview with Hollywood history expert Frederic Lombardi ’71, above right, (“Rediscovering a Legend,” Page 46, Winter 2015), we shared Lombardi’s must-see flick picks, and asked you to do the same. Paul F. Healy III ’96 was the first to respond. His Top 5? Field of Dreams, Lincoln, Star Wars Episode 4, Raiders of the Lost Ark and Rocky. Bill Borst ’65 sent us an email just moments later with his favorite movies: Eye of the Needle, Three Days of the Condor, What About Bob?, Sleepless in Seattle and A New Leaf. Healy and Borst each received a gift from the Holy Cross Bookstore.

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EDITOR’S NOTE

Let Us Introduce You

I will not write about the snow. I will not write about the snow. I will not write about the snow.

That’s what I’ve been thinking for the past few days while contemplating this issue’s Editor’s Note—because when you work on top of a hill in 2015’s second snowiest city in the country, it’s hard not to be consumed by snow talk.

Fr. Boroughs definitely has the right idea in his letter to you on the first page of this issue: Let’s shift our focus to the beautiful renewal of spring.

On campus, of course, thinking of spring means looking ahead to Commencement. I’ve overheard some soon-to-graduate students talking about their Holy Cross bucket lists—the things they’d like to do before finishing their student days. “Be in Holy Cross Magazine” is one that pops up frequently, and we are quite flattered by that.

The pages that follow will introduce you to several young people deeply engaged in the transformative experience of being a Holy Cross student. On Page 56, Meaghan E. Sullivan ’15 from Brockton, Mass., a two-sport athlete, describes how one professor triggered her passion for accounting.

You’ll also meet Emily Vigliotta ’17 from Long Island, N.Y., a student in the College’s Deaf Studies program and an intern with Rev. Joseph Bruce, S.J., ’73 on his Catholic Deaf Archives project.

She told us, “As a Catholic, seeing Christ through the eyes and hands of the Deaf has inspired me and my faith in more ways than I could ever articulate.” Vigliotta is part of a moving story of love and perseverance, “Meet Fr. Joe,” which starts on Page 36.

In the Campus Notebook section, where we always try to give you a slice-of-life view of what’s currently happening on campus, you’ll find a Q&A with Matthew Wasser ’15. A theatre studies/physics double major, Wasser describes the work he is doing with Associate Professor of physics Tomohiko Narita to build a telescope that can see cosmic rays.

Sometimes the students I interview for the Magazine have insights and stories that don’t fit in the space set aside for them. Such is the case with the “Alternative Spring Break” photo and caption on Page 17. Happily, I have some space right here to share what trip leader Ashley Dhaim ’15 from Massapequa Park, N.Y., told me about leading nine fellow students on a six-day service visit to Appalachia.

“We went to the small town of McKee in Jackson County, Ky.,” Dhaim explained. “There we immersed ourselves in the community by living in solidarity with the people of the town while also doing small projects for them such as painting and laying floors.” At first glance, McKee, a town with one gas station, didn’t seem to have much to offer, “but they offered us more than we could ever ask,” Dhaim said. “We learned so much about life and love from these people, and how to enjoy the little things in life.”

During her first year on the Hill, Dhaim saw a poster about the College’s spring break immersion program and “impulsively signed up not knowing what I was getting myself into.” That year, after a weeklong trip to Independence, Va., she was hooked. Each year since, she has gone on an immersion trip to different areas of Appalachia.

“I can honestly say that there is something new I learn and take away from each trip about myself, the people I travel with, the community I stay with and the power of love,” she told me.

All the best from Mount St. James,

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Thomas Landy, director of the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, explained the Catholics & Cultures initiative at its Feb. 4 launch event. The presentation included images Landy had taken of modern Catholic faith in action in Brazil, Argentina, Ethiopia and India (below).
eskel feasts in Ethiopia. Charismatic worship in Jamaica. Easter carpets in Brazil.

“In almost every country I visited, there’s been something that really surprised me,” reflects Thomas Landy, director of the College’s Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture.

Over the past two years, Landy has traveled to 17 countries to gather information on the religious life and practices of lay Catholics around the world for the McFarland Center’s new Catholics & Cultures initiative, which comprises web-based resources, scholarly conversations, international conferences and the forthcoming Journal of Global Catholicism, to be edited by Mathew N. Schmalz, associate professor of religious studies at the College.

At the center of this ambitious initiative is the Catholics & Cultures website (catholicsandcultures.org), which features articles, demographic data, videos, photographs and interviews that highlight contemporary Catholic life across the globe. Users can search content by both country and theme—such as shrines, feasts and family—and the site will continually be expanded as scholars around the world engage in the study of lived Catholicism.

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., president of the College, officially introduced the initiative to the College community and the public at a launch event and reception on Feb. 4 in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom. The event featured viewing stations, and an opportunity to explore the range of content from countries including Sri Lanka, Jamaica, Ireland and Ethiopia. “Catholics and Cultures offers scholars, students and the general public an opportunity to explore the practice of Catholicism as it is experienced around the world,” Fr. Boroughs said at the event, which also featured a sampling of foods and teas from around the world. “As a global faith community, the sacramental and devotional life of Catholicism is expressed in a multitude of ways reflective of the distinct countries and cultures in which the faith community resides. As this web resource grows and develops, I look forward to seeing how it will help shape and deepen people's engagement with Catholicism.”

Catholics & Cultures grew out of Landy’s personal experiences teaching about global Catholic life and culture, and finding very few resources available about contemporary practice. He was also looking to expand on the McFarland Center’s philosophical discussion on the meaning of religion and culture.

“I really wanted to find a way to make part of our Center’s mission to explore, in concrete ways, what that connection is between faith and culture among Catholics around the globe,” he explains.

So Landy set out to discover and document the myriad ways in which Catholics practice their faith today. All along the way, he encountered experiences that challenged his assumptions.

For example, in Limache, Chile, he expected to witness a traditional Marian devotion at the Feast of the Virgin of the 40 Hours. You can imagine his surprise when the feast culminated in a procession to the city prison, where prisoners—through open, barred windows—were included in the devotion. They said prayers, gave speeches and even presented a gift they had made to the Virgin.

“I met a woman who’d been coming to the feast for 65 years, and it didn’t occur to her that this was unusual by someone else’s standards,” recalls Landy.

By making practices like this Chilean feast accessible to all, Landy hopes that Catholics & Cultures will encourage people to rethink their basic beliefs of what it means to be Catholic.

“I think this initiative has the capacity to change the way we teach about Catholicism,” he says.

Catholics & Cultures held its first conference earlier this year in India. The next one is planned for January 2016 in the Philippines, where scholars will be looking at lived religious practice across the life cycle.

Looking ahead, Landy plans to continue traveling and chronicling the varying ways in which Catholicism is lived around the world over. He sees promising opportunities for collaboration with scholars and students. And he hopes to establish a fellowship program that will enhance the College’s teaching and research capacities.

“We have a great opportunity to put Holy Cross at the very center of a global conversation about Catholic life and practice,” he says.

Have you ever experienced Catholicism in another culture or country, in a manner unlike your own? We’d like to hear about it. Write to us at hcmag@holycross.edu and share your story.
Architects for New Performing Arts Center Revealed

On Jan. 15, Holy Cross announced that the new performing arts center, funded in part by a record-setting gift from alumnus Cornelius B. Prior Jr. ’56, will be designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro, an internationally acclaimed design firm known for its vibrant, interdisciplinary approach.

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., president of the College, made the announcement at an event in the lobby of the newest academic building on campus, the Linda and Park B. Smith Laboratories, which opened in 2009.

“We envision the new Center as a meeting ground for thought leaders across campus,” founding partner Ric Scofidio said at the event. “Opportunistic overlaps of social spaces will nurture exhilarating and unforeseen forms of expression. Through its flexibility, the Center will be equipped to excel these constantly evolving needs.”

The performing arts center is the first project for DS+R at Holy Cross—but not the firm’s first in New England or for a college or university. The New York-based firm is responsible for the design of the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston (2006), Brown University’s Creative Arts Center (2011) and the University of California at Berkeley Art Museum (now under construction). Among the firm’s other completed projects in New York City are the renovation and expansion of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and the High Line Park.

March for Life

On Jan. 22, 22 Holy Cross students traveled to Washington, D.C., to protest abortion at the annual March for Life. Led by the College’s Students for Life group, Holy Cross students have participated in the march for 14 years.

Accompanied by Rev. James Hayes, S.J., ’72, associate chaplain for mission and adviser to Students for Life, the Holy Cross contingent arrived in the capital the day before the event, when they gathered with other marchers at the Life is VERY Good Evening of Prayer, sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington, Va.

“I was able to see God, feel His presence and prepare my heart for the day and the events to come,” reflects Sloane Burns ’15.

The next morning, the Holy Cross group gathered with more than 500 students from Jesuit high schools and universities for the annual Jesuit Mass and Rally for Life at St. Aloysius Church. Then they joined the March for Life, which proceeded up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill.

“It was inspiring and encouraging to march with hundreds of thousands of other peaceful protestors all bearing witness to the same cause, the dignity of all human life,” explains Marian Blawie ’16.

“It is so powerful to see all of these young people participating in something they believe in,” reflects Fr. Hayes. —Rebecca Smith ’99

CROSS NOTES

KING’S LEADERSHIP  The Office of Multicultural Education and the Hate: Not Here! Committee welcomed Edward Augustus, city manager of Worcester, as the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon on Jan. 19. The event encourages the development of leadership and activism modeled by Dr. King who began his social activism as a college student.

CAREER PREP  The annual Nonprofit Careers Conference was held Jan. 12-16 for students considering careers in nonprofit and community-based organizations, activism, public service and social change. The program is taught by alumni, faculty and staff working in a nonprofit or public service setting.
Know Me, Know My Laptop

Melbey Flores ’17 listens to music as she works on her stickered-out laptop in Rehm Library.

The decaled laptops of Holy Cross students display everything from decorative patterns (like the blue floral favored by Amanda Crowley ’15, left) to Purple Pride (as shown by the “I Love HC” sticker that Vanessa Moscatello ’15 put on her machine, right). But the most fun are pop culture references (looks like Caroline Shannon ’17 is a fan of Ron Burgundy, Prestige Worldwide, Michael Scott and Patrick Star, left).

Troll through any of the study hotspots on campus and you’ll see students’ faces illuminated by the glow of their open laptops, the tops of which serve as mini billboards for the personalities and causes of the people behind the screen. Enjoy a peek at the stickers and art that decorate current students’ computers. ONLINE ONLY Visit this issue’s Web Exclusives at magazine.holycross.edu to see even more!

ALL FAITHS Community members of several faiths and beliefs gathered in Mary Chapel for the fourth annual Multifaith Community Prayer. The prayer, led by Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., president of Holy Cross, and local faith leaders, featured readings and musical performances.
CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

Celebrating with Joy  BY PAMELA REPONEN

Family, colleagues and students gather for the ordination ceremony of Assistant Chaplain Virginia Coakley

On a day that Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, director of the Office of College Chaplains, described as a “wonderful affirmation of her ministry at Holy Cross and beyond,” Virginia Coakley, director of Protestant and ALANA (African-American, Latin American, Asian-American, and Native American heritage) ministries at Holy Cross, was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Boston—one of the 22 presbyteries, or groups, within the Presbyterian Church’s Northeast synod.

With permission from Robert J. McManus, Catholic bishop of Worcester, the service was held Feb. 8 in the Mary Chapel of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel where members of the Presbyterian Church communities, the Holy Cross community and Rev. Coakley’s family and friends gathered, again in Kearns-Barrett’s words, to “witness and celebrate in a spirit of ecumenism and joy.”

Following a welcome by College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., and Rev. Dr. R. Ward Holder, recently the moderator of the Presbytery of Boston, Rev. Hurmon Hamilton preached and presided at the ordination.

Rev. Hamilton, who had served as senior pastor of the Roxbury (Mass.) Presbyterian Church, when Rev. Coakley was discerning God’s call to ministry, recalled a conversation with Rev. Coakley. “I am sure that God has far more choices than me,” he said she mused at the time. “Well, today,” Rev. Hamilton told the assembly, “we see that God could find no better choice than you—and we are all so blessed.”

Worship leaders also included Rev. Bart Kelso, retired of the Presbytery of Boston, who guided Rev. Coakley’s work as a youth minister and liturgist at the First United Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Mass., Rev. Liz Walker, current senior pastor of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church and veteran television journalist, and Rev. Catherine Reed, retired assistant chaplain at the College, who read a poem she composed in Rev. Coakley’s honor, titled “God’s Choice.” Special moments in the service included the “Presentation of Symbols of Ministry,” by members of Rev. Coakley’s faith communities and her daughter, Jayla. The gifts included a new robe, stoles, Bible and other items.

Commenting on the celebration, Rev. Coakley said: “My colleagues across campus have affirmed and supported my call. They have come to churches where I have been preaching, they have shown up and supported me in my call.”

MEET OZ  “At Holy Cross, I’ve always felt accompanied on the route we travel toward success,” says Oswaldo “Oz” Subillaga ’16 in a student profile video. Learn more about this bilingual political science major, the moment during orientation that gave him goose bumps and how his grandfather fueled his passion for health care by visiting holycross.edu/hcm/oz

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at home with food while I sat for my exam, they have brought bags of snacks to my office when they knew I was preparing to go sit for an exam. It is these colleagues and friends who have laughed with me, cried with and for me, and have prayed without ceasing for me.”

Music at the ceremony had special significance for Rev. Coakley. “When I was in my second year of seminary, I heard the song ‘The Summons’ for the first time,” she says. “The words struck a chord in me for they bespoke my life and the journey that I was currently on. I had given up my life as I knew it to attend graduate school full time as a single parent—to follow the voice that asked me go where I didn’t know, to let his love be shown and to use the faith I’d found to reshape the world around me.

“I said to my daughter on that day and many occasions after, ‘We are going to sing that song at my ordination service.’ Well, it took 12 years, but we got there and sang it with great gusto!” The College interdenominational praise team, directed by Nicholas Cormier ’15 and praise and worship leader Ambar Sabino ’15, led the singing for worship; and Normand Gouin, assistant chaplain and director of liturgy and music at Holy Cross, was pianist.

Cormier, a biology and sociology double major and this year’s Fenwick Scholar, says, “One of the most meaningful parts of the service for me was being able to look across the Mary Chapel and see Chaplain Virginia smiling back at all of us – her students, her praise leaders—all there in the front row cheering her on. She has been here for us for so many years, and it was a rewarding feeling to be able to give back the gift of music in celebration of her ordination.”

An assistant chaplain at Holy Cross since 2008, Rev. Coakley leads the weekly Sunday interdenominational worship service in the Mary Chapel and a weekly Bible study in Campion House; she provides pastoral counseling and sits on several campus committees, and is a member of the College’s Diversity Leadership Team. Founder of Rites of Passage, a religious and cultural ceremony marking the major life transition of college graduation for ALANA students, she serves alongside religious leaders of various faith traditions at the annual Multifaith Community Prayer Service.

**DANCE!** On Jan. 24 and 25, approximately 150 students, staff and alumni danced the night away in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom and raised $30,755 for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. The annual fundraiser was hosted by the student group Holy Cross Dance Marathon.

**GET YOUR MATH ON** William Hallahan ’15, Gopal Yalla ’15, Marcus Antonellis ’15, Kenneth Goettler ’15, Melissa McGuirl ’15 and Jessie Delacruz ’15 presented posters of their work at the Joint Mathematics Meetings, the “largest mathematics meeting in the world,” held Jan. 10-13, in San Antonio. The event was co-hosted by the Mathematical Association of America and the American Mathematical Society.
CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

Holy Cross Announces Commencement Speaker

Bryan A. Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Ala., will receive an honorary degree from Holy Cross and address this year’s graduates during the College’s Commencement ceremonies on May 22.

Stevenson is the widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults. Stevenson has successfully argued several cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, and recently won a historic ruling banning mandatory life-without-parole sentences for all children 17 or younger as unconstitutional.

In addition to Stevenson, the College will award honorary degrees to Ella Baff, longtime director of Jacob’s Pillow international dance festival; P. Kevin Condron ’67, former Holy Cross board chair and community leader; and Worcester physician Richard Sacra, who contracted Ebola while caring for those stricken in Liberia.

T he man Sports Illustrated has called the best offensive coach in college basketball has been named the new head coach for men’s basketball at Holy Cross. Bill Carmody, who becomes the 17th head coach in the history of the program, has 32 years of Division I coaching experience. Most recently, during the 2014-2015 season, Carmody served as a special assistant/adviser to the head coach at Fairfield University.

“I am excited about the opportunity to become the head coach at Holy Cross, and I look forward to bringing the program back to the top of the Patriot League,” Carmody said just prior to the March 19 announcement. “I would like to thank Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., and director of athletics Nathan Pine for their confidence in me and for allowing me the opportunity to lead this storied program. I cannot wait to start working with our impressive student-athletes, who represent the College with pride and honor both on and off the court.”

OFFLINE ONLY Visit holycross.edu/commencement for more details about the 2015 Commencement events.

Welcome, Coach Carmody

JAVA TALK  Professor of history Stephanie Yuhl kicked off the new Agape Latte speaker series, giving a reflection on her spiritual journey, then inviting students to reflect on their own faith lives in a social, coffee-and-dessert-laden environment. In March, Professor of psychology Dan Bitran was the featured guest speaker.

WE ALREADY KNEW THAT  Citing the College’s “top-notch” Career Planning Center and Summer Internship Program, as well as faculty attention and a generous financial aid policy, The Princeton Review named Holy Cross one of the nation’s best in its new book, Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Best Value Colleges and What It Takes to Get In.
The Claire B. Burns Award Honorees

The College honored five employees with the 2014 Claire B. Burns Award. Now in its 17th year, the annual awards program was established and endowed in 1997 by Donal J. Burns ’49 in honor of his wife Claire, an alumnae of the Class of 1990, who passed away in November 2010. The awards are given to non-exempt employees of the College, currently working or retired, who in the fulfillment of their responsibilities have demonstrated, fostered and promoted the spirit of family, which is a treasured characteristic of the Holy Cross community.

The recipients honored in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom on March 10 were Francine Buck (16 years in dining services), Marilyn Casello (24 years in the health professions office), Agnieszka Macko (nine years in facilities/environmental services), Noriah Nor (10 years in career planning) and Tomi Progri (17 years in facilities/environmental services).

Rose Marie Caranci, administrative assistant in student affairs (above, with husband Bob), was singled out to receive The Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J., Award. This award was established to honor Fr. O’Halloran’s long years of service to the College, his closeness to non-exempt employees and his contributions to the Claire B. Burns Employee Award Program.

Women Capture ECAC Open Title

Auren Abbenante ’18 of Cranston, R.I., Kara Violette ’18 of Biddeford, Maine, Mary Klimasewiski ’15 of Cochester, Conn., and Isabela Bagi ’17 of Branford, Conn., each posted goals to lead the Holy Cross women’s hockey team to its first ECAC Open title since 2011 on March 1, defeating Franklin Pierce 4-1. Alexandra Stevenson ’15 of Norwood, N.Y., had 23 saves for the Crusaders. Holy Cross wrapped up its season at 18-7-3.

Alternative Spring Break

Ten students spent Spring Break in McKee, Ky., where most of the 850 residents live below the poverty line. The group, led by Ashley Dhaim ’15 (who snapped the photo, above), helped residents with projects, including painting and laying floors. “From the people in McKee we learned how to take a step back from our busy lives,” Dhaim says, “and build relationships with people and to find joy in each other’s company and genuineness.”

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday Masses were held in Mary Chapel and St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. In addition to services, there were a number of reflection opportunities sponsored by the Vice President for Mission, the Office of the College Chaplains and the Holy Cross Jesuit Community. Each program provided a way to enter into the sacred season of Lent in the midst of everyday life.

ISIS ESSAY

“The Phony Islam of ISIS,” an essay in The Atlantic by Islamic studies expert Caner Daglı, associate professor of religious studies, countered the magazine’s cover story “What ISIS Really Wants” by Graeme Wood. On Feb. 27, the day the article was posted, it was the second most popular article on theatlantic.com, after the original cover story.
At the same time difficult conversations about race were taking place across our nation—including the lack of indictments in the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, and the Black Lives Matter movement—they were also happening right here on campus. From a learn-in in Rehm Library to a campus-wide invitation to dress in black as a sign of solidarity, the members of the College community began a dialogue on race, social justice and equality last semester. During the spring semester, Holy Cross launched a series of events, called HC in Solidarity, with the goal of opening up discussions with students, faculty, staff and alumni. HC in Solidarity kicked off at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Jan. 20. Bob Credle ’65 (above, lower left) was among the speakers offering personal reflections about solidarity at the breakfast, sponsored by the Diversity Leadership Team. Credle is the director of community programs at Urban Edge, which works to develop and sustain stable, healthy and diverse communities in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, Mass. The breakfast also included reflections from Vicmarys Brito ’15 (above, right) and a musical interlude from André Isaacs ’05, assistant professor of chemistry, who sang, “A Change is Gonna Come” by Sam Cooke.

Those attending the breakfast were the first to see the new “Faces on the Hill” video project begun last semester during Unity Week. Students, faculty and staff were asked, “How do you define yourself?” The seemingly simple question resulted in a series of compelling images of community members holding up statements showcasing the diversity found throughout our campus.

Online Only View the “Faces on the Hill” video at holycross.edu/hcm/faces. And to see all the HC in Solidarity event information, photos and videos, visit holycross.edu/hcinsolidarity.

YUM! On Feb. 7 students competed in the second annual Inter-University Iron Chef Competition. Gabriella Fletcher ’17, Mae Hougo ’18, Lance Madden ’18 and Matthew Whalen ’18 competed against teams from UMass Amherst, Yale University (which took home the grand prize), McGill University, the University of New Hampshire and the University of Ottawa. The Holy Cross dishes included herb roasted chicken with maple-apple-cranberry chutney and a gluten-free chocolate brownie with espresso cream.
No More Snow!

Boston’s record snowfall may have gotten all the national headlines this winter, but Worcester was walloped as well. At press time, Worcester was named the second snowiest city with 115.6 inches (Beantown came in 5th with 108.6 inches). That meant a lot of shoveling, sanding and plowing for the work crews (and some student volunteers) on Mount St. James. By the time this issue is in mailboxes, we hope to be seeing green grass from the HCM office windows.

LECTURE Carolyn Dinshaw, chair of social and cultural analysis at NYU, delivered the Thomas Grace, S.J., Memorial Lecture, entitled “I’ve Got You Under My Skin: The Green Man, Trans-Species Bodies and Queer Worldmaking” on March 18.


STUDENT LECTURER Jacob Medina ‘16, the recipient of the Vannicelli Washington Program Award (Fall 2014), gave a lecture titled “The Golden Door?: Unaccompanied Alien Children in America’s Immigration System” in Rehm Library April 8.
ATB Fills Spring Semester with Rich Arts Offerings

The Spring semester calendar has been dotted with events prepared and hosted by the year-old Arts Transcending Borders (ATB) initiative at Holy Cross. ATB Director and Professor of Theatre Lynn Kremer and her team conceive events throughout the academic year to enhance the role arts play in a fully developed liberal arts education.

In February, ATB’s 2014 artist-in-residence Cristina Pato presented a work-in-progress inspired by the intense, spiritual Camino de Santiago pilgrimage and her Galician roots. “The Camino Experience: Making the Way” brought together the College Choir, theatre department faculty, students and the Cantor Art Gallery in an exploration of the Camino in words, images and music.

“Latinidad from Page to Stage,” a conversation with award-winning playwright Melinda Lopez, brought students and faculty together to hear about Lopez’s process of creating historical dramas that feature the inter-relationship between Cuba and the United States. Drawing from her bi-cultural background as a Cuban American, Lopez strives to model a new vision of Latinas onstage, and described the process of moving from inspiration and ideas to the technical needs of a stage play, through the surprises and compromises of production.

 Appropriately, “Under the Icy Sky,” an ATB exhibit featuring two video installations by artist Georgie Friedman, took place outside. The videos, projected on the façade of the Integrated Science Complex, aimed to re-contextualize natural elements in relationship to the architecture of the Complex. “The Building Storm” slowly progressed from a light snowstorm to an intense blizzard with lightning, and “Shifting Ice” focused on the sculptural shapes and the movements of small icebergs in a glacial lagoon.

Rounding out the February events, ATB brought “Tari Aceh,” a music and dance troupe from Northern Sumatra, to campus for a four-day residency, capped with a performance in Brooks Concert Hall. Nine female performers shared ancestral dances with stunning synchronicity and rhythmic body percussion, along with songs of both Islamic liturgical and folk texts.

March brought the music department’s artist-in-residence concert with Jan Müller-Szeraws (cello) performing Bach, Britten and the U.S. premiere of Assistant Professor of Music Chris Arrell’s soundtrack for “Creme 21,” a film by Austrian filmmaker Eve Heller, who discussed her work and introduced the event.
Three more ATB events are slated for the current semester, and all are free and open to the public:

**BOSTON MUSICA VIVA**
Mon., April 13 at 8 p.m. in Brooks Concert Hall

This program will showcase the world premiere of Professor Shirish Korde’s “Kala-Chakra” (Cycles of Time), which fuses Chinese, Indian and other cultures and instruments with the help of three international soloists. The global immersion continues with music by Chou Wen-chung, Franco Donatoni and Sebastian Currier.

**GONZALO GRAU & THE PLURAL COMBO**
Wed., April 22 at 5 p.m. in Hogan Ballroom

Building on last year’s popular Academic Conference kick-off with Cristina Pato & the Migrations Band, ATB is partnering with the Conference once again to bring Venezuelan multi-instrumentalist Gonzalo Grau and his Plural Combo to campus. Grau brings his own twist to Afro-Cuban classics, and Worcester’s own Manolo Mairena will bring soulful boleros to the high-octane rhythms of salsa and timba.

**BRENTANO STRING QUARTET IN OPEN REHEARSAL**
Fri., May 1 at 1 p.m. in Brooks Concert Hall

Get an insider’s view of how the Quartet prepares three works (Béla Bartók’s “String Quartet No. 3,” James MacMillan’s “String Quartet No. 2,” and Franz Schubert’s “Death and the Maiden”) in front of an audience for a concert they will be performing the same evening as part of Music Worcester’s concert series.

For more information on the ATB initiative, artists and events, visit http://academics.holycross.edu/atb.
Psychology Professor Wins Early Career Award

For assistant professor Stephanie Chaudoir, research and practice go hand in hand. The psychology professor, whose work focuses on concealable stigmatized identities, was recently honored by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) as a co-recipient of the Michele Alexander Early Career Award For Scholarship and Service. The award recognizes excellence in academic scholarship that contributes to the psychological study of social issues in conjunction with service work. On campus, Chaudoir marries her scholarship and service through her involvements, which include serving as a member of the Sexual Assault Facts, Education, and Response (SAFER) committee.

“It’s a tremendous honor to be recognized by my colleagues at SPSSI—a professional organization filled with researchers dedicated to using psychological science to improve the human condition,” says Chaudoir. “In all of my work, I aspire to ask questions that are of both theoretical importance to the field of psychology and practical importance in solving the enduring and emergent social issues that face society.”

—Evangelia Stefanakos ’14

CBL Director’s Book Studies Paradox in Higher Ed

The State of Developmental Education: Higher Education and Public Policy Priorities (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), coauthored by Michelle Sterk Barrett, director of the College’s Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning, Tara L. Parker and Leticia Tomas Bustillos, is the first comprehensive book to consider state policy in developmental education, a field that integrates academic courses and support services for underprepared college students.

“Developmental education represents a central paradox within American higher education,” explains Sterk Barrett. “Public colleges and universities are caught in a quandary as they struggle to maintain access as a means to greater social and economic opportunity for citizens, while also facing pressure to increase graduation rates, prestige and perceptions of academic quality. The debate surrounding this paradox has intensified in recent decades, yielding policies that have curtailed and eliminated developmental education from some postsecondary settings.”

Based on three years of research, The State of Developmental Education analyzes these policies in five states, from the point of creation to the point of implementation, through interviews with 100 higher education leaders, policymakers, administrators and faculty members.

According to Sterk Barrett, overall, the following factors “demonstrated promise in improving developmental education presently and, hopefully, eliminating its need in the long term”: better coordination between the secondary and postsecondary educational systems; consistent policy application in terms of assessment, placement and delivery; effective collection and utilization of data; availability of funding to support effective practices; and increased collaboration between policymakers and institutional actors.

—Rebecca Smith ’99
Observing an Expat Phenomenon

Patricia Bizzell

With English-teaching positions becoming an increasingly popular postgraduate option for students, Distinguished Professor of English Patricia Bizzell shares her personal intersection with the phenomenon in her new book, Thirty Countries by Age Thirty: Expat English Teachers in South Korea. In the book, Bizzell offers the stories of 26 young expats living and teaching English in South Korea, whom she met while teaching at Sogang University, the Jesuit School in Seoul, in 2011.

For Bizzell, the main takeaway of her book is twofold, informed in part by her perspective as a scholar interested in the spread of English as a global language, and also by her role as a surrogate parent to the young men and women she met in South Korea.

“The first major takeaway from my book is that as English spreads, it becomes a language of the countries to which it spreads, and they are increasingly making their own decisions about how to use it. They ‘own’ it,” says Bizzell. “Secondly, these young expat teachers are not slackers! They may seem to their parents to be taking an inordinate time to transition to adult commitments, but I have faith that they will make those transitions eventually, as their stories indicate. Perhaps more provocatively, some will forge a new adult pathway that consists in becoming a global citizen who won’t settle back down in the country of origin, but make a life on the move.”

Bizzell’s book, which discusses different elements of the expat story, sheds a new light on this increasingly common experience. “So far, little scholarly attention has been paid to expat English teachers, even though their impact on the spread of the language is huge. I also wanted to make a book to do justice to the stories confided in me. My young friends wanted people to know about their experiences and opinions.”

—Evangelia Stefanakos ’14

Research Team Looks at Cosmic Rays

The student-faculty research taking place at Holy Cross is one of the College’s biggest attractions to scholars. Meet the physics team taking a closer look at cosmic rays.

TOMOHIKO NARITA, Associate professor, physics department since 2001

MATTHEW WASSER ’15, Physics and theatre double major from Jackson, N.J.

Why did you come to Holy Cross?

MW I’d originally been planning to go to architecture school, but a timely discussion with a Latin teacher in high school explained what a liberal arts school was, and I applied. There were a few things that drew me to Holy Cross—namely the classics department, the science programs and the student-run Alternate College Theatre.

How did you become involved with the project?

MW Two summers ago, I began working on this project as a volunteer. I was on campus as a Summer Mellon Fellow for the theatre department and had some free time to work with the physics department. I’ve worked on it consistently since.

Could you briefly explain your research in layman’s terms?

MW We’re building a telescope to detect cosmic rays! Cosmic rays themselves are high-energy particles from outer space originating, by and large, from supernovae. When they strike the atmosphere, they create showers of secondary particles and radiation that follow the trajectory of the original cosmic ray, and those are what we detect.

How is your research practically applicable and important?

TN The current thinking is that cosmic rays are produced in star explosions or other exotic events. Since we can’t duplicate these in a lab, physicists study cosmic rays to get insight into the exotic workings of our universe.

What were the main findings of your research?

MW So far, we have sought to develop and test a reproducible telescope design, which has been successful. We have one working telescope and are in the process of building a second.

What is the future of this research?

TN The project will be picked up by two or three research students this summer. We plan to build one or two more telescopes and demonstrate that they can work together. Since the telescopes are portable, we’ve also talked about taking data at different altitudes, for example, comparing the cosmic ray intensity at sea level versus on top of Mount Washington in N.H.

—Evangelia Stefanakos ’14
English Department Makes National List

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SA Today reported this winter that Holy Cross ranks ninth in the top 10 places to get an English degree in the United States. The list, generated by College Factual, is a ranking of colleges based on their overall quality and offering a strong education that focuses on English language and literature.

According to the article, small class sizes at Holy Cross ensure that students have the opportunity to work closely with faculty, while cultivating intellectual dialogue. Students in the program focus on analyzing written texts, developing strong writing abilities and building communication skills. Students are immersed in classes that discuss literary techniques and genres while teaching them how to express their own thoughts.

“My appearance on the list affirms something Holy Cross students and alumni have known for a long time—that the quality of the teacher-scholars working in our department is first-rate,” says Jonathan Mulrooney, associate professor and chair of the English department. “Teaching is a central concern for every English professor here, and all the work we do as researchers and creative writers comes back to that. The result is an undergraduate experience that rivals any in the country.” The English faculty includes six of the College’s Distinguished Teaching Award honorees, more than any other department on campus.

The department’s well-known alumni include Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Edward P. Jones ’72, Tony Award-winning director Bartlett B. Sher ’81, Chair of the Board of Trustees John Mahoney Jr. ’73, marketing pioneer J.D. Power III, ’53, former Poet Laureate Billy Collins ’63 and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas ’71.

Faculty in the Media: Victor Matheson

While we all count down to the excitement of the Super Bowl, the World Cup or the Olympics, Economics Professor Victor Matheson is focused on the economics surrounding these major sporting events. His sports economics research dispels the notion that these huge games provide large economic dividends for their host cities.

Matheson, who was quoted in more than 1,500 media outlets and stories across the country in 2014, has become a widely sought-after expert on sports economics as a result of his more critical stance. In the past year, he has addressed a breadth of topics in the media, including the Sochi Olympic Games, the FIFA World Cup in Brazil and LeBron James’ return to Cleveland.

Most recently Matheson has taken on the 2024 Olympics in Boston and offers a critical perspective. “Boston is well positioned to make a bid that makes economic sense, but any bid that makes economic sense is unlikely to win at the international level, and any bid that would win at the international level is unlikely to make economic sense,” he was quoted saying in a CNBC.com article. While direct, Matheson’s expertise is often matched with a sense of humor. In a New York Times article on the Boston Olympics, he was quoted saying, “It’s like a wedding. It won’t make you rich, but it may make you happy.”

The quotable economist, who also specializes in public finance, the economics of lotteries and gambling and natural resource economics, has provided expert commentary to dozens of major media outlets—including The New York Times, National Public Radio, The Boston Globe, ESPN, the Associated Press, “CBS Evening News” and CNN.

—Evangelia Stefanakos ’14
In December, Ben Kain, assistant professor of physics, and coauthor Hong Y. Ling published “Nonequilibrium States of a Quenched Bose Gas” (Physical Review A, vol. 90, issue 6) about their research on ultracold atoms. “Certain atoms, when cooled to temperatures a fraction above absolute zero, can enter a strange state of matter,” explains Kain. “We studied what happens to this state after receiving a strong jolt.”

When asked about the significance of his research, Kain observes, “The hope is that our work, and work like it, will help us better understand the basic building blocks of our universe, offer insight into the new terrain of ultracold atoms, and lead to interesting applications for ultracold atoms—such as building a quantum computer, which is a computer based on the principles of quantum physics.”

And how might others make use of his research? “We hope our findings push the [physics] community toward a better understanding of how systems with ultracold atoms change when subjected to a brief but strong kick to the system parameters,” Kain replies. “Our work was an initial analysis that we hope motivates deeper analyses and new ideas.” —Kim Staley ’99

His winter the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery exhibited artwork created by full and part time faculty members of the visual arts department.

The exhibition, “Pulse: New Work by Faculty Artists,” featured drawing, installations, photography, painting, printmaking, sculpture and video by Amy Archambault ’08, studio supervisor and lecturer; Michael Beatty, associate professor and division studio head; Rachelle Beaudoin ’04, lecturer; Matthew Gamber, assistant professor; Randy Garber, visiting lecturer; Cristi Rinklin, associate professor and chair of visual arts; Susan Schmidt, associate professor; Leslie Schomp, lecturer; Marguerite White, lecturer and Amy Wynne, visiting lecturer.

Working professional artists who balance their own art making with teaching at Holy Cross, the faculty is featured in exhibitions mounted by the Cantor Art Gallery every three years. Roger Hankins, director of the Gallery, says that the visual arts faculty is a strong and diverse group, exploring a range of traditional and contemporary mediums and themes. “Pulse” represents what these artists are currently working on, their dedication to creating artwork that is visually compelling as well as intellectually challenging,” Hankins says. “They bring a lot to the table in terms of their professional engagement in the Boston area and beyond.”

April 23 through May 22, the Gallery will host the annual exhibition of artwork by graduating seniors. In the Senior Concentration Seminar, this year taught by Schomp and Beatty, students explore issues of artistic professionalism while working throughout the academic year toward developing a cohesive body of work.

The Cantor Gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, visit holycross.edu/cantorartgallery
By encouraging students to bring snacks, even meals, to class, Assistant Professor Ellis Jones creates an atmosphere where discussion is free-flowing, much as it would be around the dinner table at home. “Students respond to that kind of open conversation, and new ideas are shared more readily,” says Jones, who often has students over for end-of-the-semester dinners.
Utopian & Dystopian Worlds

with Assistant Professor Ellis Jones, Sociology and Anthropology  BY PAMELA REPONEN

DESCRIPTION
Examination of current pressing social issues through the deconstruction of fictional accounts of humans’ imagined futures. Utilizing sociological methodologies and perspectives, students analyze works of science fiction from different media to consider how issues of race, class, gender, religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation are presented in narratives depicting a range of utopian and dystopian worldviews.

OBJECTIVES
Students learn, through sociological analysis of science fiction narratives, what popular culture can reveal about society’s accepted beliefs, and understand how an author’s personal history and era influence the depiction of social issues in fiction. Considering how futuristic stories reflect hopes and fears experienced in contemporary culture, they recognize how grappling with fictional challenges serves as preparation for the creative problem solving of complex, present-day social issues. Students also gain skill in analyzing various media forms from a sociological perspective.

SAMPLE CLASS MATERIALS

SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT
Prior to each class week, students submit a three-to-five page paper containing key points from a particular sociological perspective (race/ethnicity, individualism/collectivism, class/status), focusing on what it brings to light about the book/film under review. They come to every class drawing on their individual research to contribute to the class discussion, explaining how and, to what extent, the lens they utilized reveals yet another facet of the utopian/dystopian world being examined.

REQUIREMENTS
Analysis-discussion papers; scholarly attitude (measure of students’ development of intellectual curiosity and engagement with the ideas presented in the course); research presentation; and final paper (10-to-15 page analysis of a work of science fiction, involving a utopian/dystopian vision of the future, not reviewed in class).

ON THE DAY HCM VISITED CLASS
Having viewed the movie The Matrix, read academic analyses, and conducted Internet searches to understand how the film has been integrated into popular culture, the students analyzed themes, plot and character development through varied social lenses to grasp the complex depiction of contemporary problems and issues in the setting of an imagined future. Points of consideration related to the narrative: the accuracy/distortion of the depiction of contemporary culture and values; the effectiveness of implicit and overt messaging in shaping understanding about the role of the individual in society; the use of religious, political, philosophical and literary symbols to convey significant messages; the influence of the media in constructing social realities; and the responsibility of the individual to challenge distorted institutional systems and social injustices.

PROFESSOR BIO
Receiving his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Colorado-Boulder, Assistant Professor Ellis Jones specializes in the fields of ethical consumerism, corporate social responsibility, mass media, social movements, sustainability and peace and conflict studies. Joining the College faculty in 2009, he first taught Utopian & Dystopian Worlds in 2013. Author of The Better World Shopping Guide and co-author of The Better World Handbook, he has given numerous academic and public presentations on topics that include ethical consumerism, global citizenship and social responsibility. A member of the community-based learning, peace and conflict studies and environmental studies advisory boards at Holy Cross, Jones has also taught two courses in Montserrat, the College’s first-year program.

PROFESSOR QUOTE
“As a sociologist, I’ve always wanted to create a capstone course that would crystallize students’ ability to see the world from a sociological perspective,” Ellis observes. “As a self-identified sci-fi geek, I have spent decades exploring science fiction, being particularly fascinated by the ethical choices people face in these imaginary worlds. In this course, I have students practice utilizing a different analytical lens each week (race, class, gender, economics, religion) to discover what these imagined futures reveal about how we engage with the social problems and global challenges we face in our own world. My hope is that in the process students become better critical, and more creative, thinkers.”

STUDENT QUOTE
“One of the best aspects of the books and films we’ve examined, and of science fiction in general, is the genre’s ability to take society’s ‘unspoken beliefs and attitudes’ and project them in a fictional world,” says Karl Beckman ’16, of Okemos, Mich. “Difficult aspects of our reality are put on display and made visible in science fiction, allowing the viewer to reckon with what is often unseen or ignored in our society. … This makes it easier to apply social theory to analyze issues and beliefs … that may otherwise be difficult to identify. Analyzing science fiction allows us to be critical of our own assumptions about the world, which opens up the possibility to improve ourselves as individuals, and society as a whole.”
Holy Cross alumni hold the top leadership positions at five colleges and universities across the country. And though their institutions are about as different as they can be, the challenges they face in America’s higher education landscape are quite similar.

They came to Mount St. James at different times from different places. One was a self-described “paperboy from Walpole” who arrived at the College focused on getting into medical school. One was planning to enter the Jesuit order, but then, he says, “the Sixties hit.” Another followed two sisters from Connecticut to a recently transformed coeducational Holy Cross and, looking back, admits to being lured by more than a quality education: “I was attracted to the emphasis on social justice—and I really liked the social life.”

After graduation, they all went on to further study—advanced degrees from top Ivy League universities in a few cases—and, despite a detour here and there (like producing a movie or two), gravitated back to higher education, first to teach and later becoming administrators. Today, these five Holy Cross alums have one particular thing in common: each holds the top job at a college or university.

Again, there are differences. The institutions range from a $1 billion medical research and education complex just five miles from Holy Cross, to a small urban art institute near the shores of Lake Erie, to a bucolic hillside campus for women tucked into the Tinseltown sprawl of Los Angeles.

What they share now is more than bachelor’s diplomas with In Hoc Signo Vincens embossed on them. This winter, Holy Cross Magazine reached out to the five presidents (one is officially a chancellor) to discuss the common concerns facing leaders in higher education today. They are Michael Collins, M.D., ’77, chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester; James Donahue ’69, president of Saint Mary’s College of California in Moraga; Ann McElaney-Johnson ’79, president of Mount Saint Mary’s University in Los Angeles; James Mullen Jr. ’80, president of Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.; and Grafton Nunes Jr. ’72, president of the Cleveland Institute of Art in Ohio.

Of course, there are many pressing issues in higher education today, but perhaps none is more at the forefront in the minds of students and their parents—the consumers—the problem of affordability and the question of return on investment.

“We’re on a spiral that we simply can’t continue,” says Grafton Nunes, referring to many institutions like the Cleveland Institute of Art that serve students from a wide socioeconomic range and depend heavily on tuition income and not endowment revenue. “There’s just so much that the market can bear, and we’re approaching that point.”

The four presidents, who are running what are private and primarily four-year undergraduate schools, all talk of pressures to find funds to help their students afford tuition—which, at their colleges, are in a fairly narrow range, roughly $35,000 to $41,000 annually. At Nunes’ arts school, a need-blind admission policy [see box on next page] is standard, because, he says: “We’re looking for talent. And then we work to put together a package that will enable the student to come to our school. It gets harder and harder.”

At the two Holy Cross alumni-led Catholic colleges in California, James Donahue and Ann McElaney-Johnson see the admission of students with financial need to be part of their traditional mission. Saint Mary’s, founded in 1863 near San Francisco, is rooted in the tradition of the de La Salle Christian Brothers, whose Brothers’ Rule is “to provide a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor.” Mount Saint Mary’s was founded in Los Angeles in 1925 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, whose original mission included “serving all persons without distinction.”

Both colleges have high percentages of minority students (particularly Latino), many of whom are in the first generation in their families to attend college. Providing access to underserved populations “is part of the DNA of Mount Saint Mary’s,” says McElaney-Johnson.
who grew up in an upper middle-class family in Connecticut and majored in French at Holy Cross. She went on to earn a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin and taught French language and literature before becoming a college administrator.

“A lot of colleges and universities around the country are thinking now, ‘How will we educate the next generation of students who are coming to us?’” she adds, “Because we know that there will be a majority minority in the United States around 2040. In California, that has already happened. We are all trying hard to keep our costs down, because our students just don’t have the capacity to pay large tuition. We do it through a lot of different partnerships, and our students depend on our assistance and the support of the state and federal government.” Mount Saint Mary’s is preparing to begin a campaign to double its scholarship endowment.

Across the country, in Meadville, Pa., James Mullen at Allegheny College is engaged in the same kind of fundraising project. “We take pride in the work we do with scholarships,” he says. “If you’re a student who we believe will benefit from an education here and will contribute to the quality of life while you’re here and be successful after graduation, we’re going to make sure you can afford to attend Allegheny.”

The question of success after graduation—the expectation of practical return on investment—is one that Mullen hears more frequently and at louder volume lately, and he is certain his colleagues are having the same experience. “The value proposition—that’s a conversation that all of us are hearing as college presidents,” says Mullen, who entered Holy Cross on a premed track but became interested in history. He went on to earn a master of public policy degree at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., and a doctorate in higher education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He recently completed his term as chair of the board of directors of the American Council on Education, the major coordinating body for the country’s colleges and universities. “I believe,” Mullen says, “the evidence is there that the liberal arts

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Being Need Blind

Holy Cross, like the Cleveland Institute of Art in Ohio, follows a “need-blind” admissions policy. But what exactly does that mean? Simply put, it means that no student is denied admission due to a lack of financial resources. Only a handful of colleges and universities offer this policy, but those that do reap the benefit of bringing the very best students into their classes, regardless of their ability to pay. At Holy Cross, more than half of the students receive some form of aid, and the average need-based award is $25,000.
preparation is in many ways the best preparation for leadership and success in any walk of life.”

Dr. Michael Collins, the self-described “paperboy from Walpole,” was always on track to become a doctor—he earned his medical degree at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. He now has somewhat different concerns running a medical school, graduate nursing program and a graduate school devoted to biomedical science, but he had intimate experience with the undergraduate liberal arts ideal while serving as a member and, eventually, chairman of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees. Dr. Collins says he is still impressed by the liberal arts grounding of Holy Cross graduates who apply to the medical school.

At the Cleveland Institute of Arts, even though the vast majority of graduates will embark on careers in design, “We teach in the liberal arts tradition,” says Grafton Nunes, who originally came to Holy Cross from a Jesuit high school in Maine with the idea of becoming a Jesuit himself. “As an artist or designer, they’re looking at the world around us and reinterpreting that world,” he observes. “I believe that people need to have a strong foundation in the liberal arts because they provide the lenses with which to see reality and the perspective with which to look at the world around us and understand it.”

For James Donahue, who studied theology and ethics in graduate school at Princeton, taught for many years at Georgetown, and previously led the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., that understanding comes through questioning. “I learned at Holy Cross that critical inquiry resists and avoids easy solutions, easy reductionism and easy polarizations. That’s a cultural problem I see everywhere these days,” he says. “And it’s a really important contribution of places like Saint Mary’s College and Holy Cross to create graduates who understand and are committed to understanding the complexity of the issues we face.”

Those issues are unlikely to get any less complex. If anything, the globalization of business and culture presents whole new challenges for young people to develop fluid thinking, and a tolerance for and comfort with diversity. For Mullen, those lessons began in Worcester, and he does his best to transfer them now to his small residential college in western Pennsylvania.

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— James Donahue ’69, President of Saint Mary’s College of California in Moraga

Strong System, Under Scrutiny

The Holy Cross alumni profiled in these pages both represent and acknowledge two indisputable facts about American higher education today.

First, our nation has an extraordinary range of post-secondary education opportunities and options for students of all ages—public universities, research universities, liberal arts colleges, women’s colleges, community colleges, faith-based schools, specialized training institutes and more—and strong research and funding have helped make American colleges and universities among the world’s most prestigious. That said, higher education is facing remarkable challenges. Questions about college cost, value and return on investment are discussed and debated in Congress as well as around the family dinner table. Technological developments such as MOOCs (massive open online courses) are variously praised and feared. Overall, national graduation rates at colleges and universities are falling, with widening gaps between rich and poor families. Many students are graduating with skyrocketing debt.

With both variety and sobering trends populating the higher education landscape, what Holy Cross offers today—and will offer tomorrow—is increasingly important. The College is committed to its policy of admitting students blind of need and covering 100 percent of their demonstrated financial need. Our graduation rate is among the highest in the nation, and we boast an outstanding 94 percent first-year retention rate.

In upcoming issues, we will be reporting on the College’s financial standing—which has never been stronger—and taking a detailed look at how the years to come will be shaped by “Become More: Campaign for the Future of Holy Cross.”
“For me,” Mullen says, “Holy Cross was the defining example of what a liberal arts residential community can be. I was a young man from Western Mass. My dad died when I was young, and my mother raised me. I was not in any way a worldly person. And I arrived at Holy Cross and the community embraced me, and it opened the world to me. I believe that that's what the liberal arts should do—an open the world to you.”

While they remain steadfast in their support of the liberal arts, none of the leaders foresees a letup in the questioning by students and their parents of the practical value of higher education, particularly one based in the liberal arts. All the colleges track their graduates closely to determine success in obtaining jobs and what kind of jobs they find.

Nunes can quickly tick off statistics for his institution—93 percent of graduates with jobs in their field within six months of graduation. He worries, though, that the idea of tracking graduates’ success through salary levels is misdirected.

“What does that do to people who are going to go into teaching?” asks Nunes, who studied film in graduate school and spent some years producing movies. “Or social work, or the clergy? We’re a holistic society that needs a number of different skills and ambitions and ideals to thrive. Everybody can’t be just making the most amount of money. If I’d stayed a film producer I’d certainly be making a lot more money than I am now as the president of a small college of art and design. But it makes me very happy and very fulfilled to do this.”

Even Dr. Collins, whose medical students graduate into what has long been one of the nation’s highest paid professions, sees what he calls a “dissonance” around this issue. “I think the return on investment is pretty clear for every one of our students,” he says. “But we have really, really smart students going to medical school for a reason that’s way beyond making a living. If you took the brainpower of a medical school class and sent them to Wall Street, those people would be really successful over time. But they choose to do something different.”

The fact that consumers of higher education increasingly demand some measure of accountability has become an accepted part of life for these college leaders. But there is another development in progress that concerns all of them: the specter of the federal government getting more involved in measuring educational outcomes and regulating schools through control of accreditation and financial aid funding. That idea was first launched by the Obama administration early in 2013, and late last year the Department of Education released some early draft proposals of the kind of measurements it might use.
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— Ann McElaney-Johnson ’79, President of Mount Saint Mary’s University in Los Angeles

Ideas floated by the Education Department included judging schools on graduation and retention rates and, particularly, the average number of years it actually takes students to earn a traditional four-year degree. Other measurements could include the ability of graduates to pay back their student loans, and the schools’ accessibility to low-income and first-generation students. Reaction from the higher education community, which came within weeks, ranged from disagreements with the utility and fairness of specific metrics, to broad philosophical objections to the whole idea. The Holy Cross alumni in the midst of this debate share a concern about the ability of the federal government to appreciate the nuance needed in measuring what makes a quality education.

The most outspoken is Nunes, who says, “The problem is that government solutions tend to be large and ham-fisted. One of the glories of American higher education has been its diversity—diversity of approach and diversity of size. You’ve got to be very careful of the unexpected consequences of any uniform system of measure that is applied across the board.”

For his part, Allegheny’s Mullen says, “I understand the intention of what the government is seeking to do: ensure that colleges are doing what they say they should do.” Like Nunes, Mullen worries of the “unintended consequences” of trying to address some of the recent abuses—mostly from for-profit colleges—in higher education by using the same broad brush for everyone.

“The notion of accountability and measure of outcomes is essential,” says Donahue. “Metrics and outcomes are essential—period. The question is, what type of freedom will we have and what type of collaboration will be allowed in creating metrics and measures of accountability? No one wants the federal government to regulate this in an overly rigid way.”

Donahue spent many years serving on a higher education accrediting commission in California. “The federal government,” he believes, “is never going to be nuanced in the ways it develops standards.” He has been spending time talking to various elected representatives about the proposed oversight. “No one in higher education wants the terms of their existence to be dictated by the federal government,” he says. “There will be some kind of regulatory oversight. And I guess I welcome accountability on one level. But I just want to make sure there’s some discretion and some nuance in what those regulations really come to look like.”

Career Leaders in Higher Ed

With Holy Cross graduates in campus leadership positions across the country—from academic deans to administrators in finance, student affairs, admissions and more—the careers nurtured on Mount St. James are shaping both higher education standards and students’ lives.

Just last year, two Crusaders with distinguished resumes in higher education left their offices.

Dennis C. Golden ’63 exited Fontbonne University in St. Louis, after 19 years as president, and 48 consecutive years in higher education. He was the first male, married, and lay president of the Catholic university sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. A football standout at Holy Cross, Golden received a master’s in guidance and psychology from Assumption College in Worcester, and a doctorate in higher education administration from Boston College. He taught and worked in student affairs at Holy Cross, Framingham State, Duquesne University and University of Louisville. He coached football on the Division I and III levels for 13 years. At Fontbonne, he increased enrollment to an all-time high, and oversaw a record-setting comprehensive campaign and $32 million in capital improvements. Holy Cross honored him with the Sanctae Crucis Award in 2014.

Sociologist James McCarthy ’71 stepped down as ninth president at Suffolk University in Boston. Before taking the helm at Suffolk in 2012, McCarthy was provost and senior vice president at City University of New York’s Baruch College, where he had served since 2007. Previously dean of the School of Health and Human Services at the University of New Hampshire, he also served as director of the Center for Population and Family Health at Columbia University and professor in Columbia’s School of Public Health. McCarthy has worked and conducted research in Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the United States and has published widely on community, adolescent and reproductive health issues.
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At the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Dr. Collins is used to “a lot of accountability” because of the special licensing requirements placed upon young doctors and nurses entering the field and the prevalence of federal scientific research funding.

“There always has been,” he says, “and we’re OK with that. But when I’m with my fellow chancellors there’s a lot of talk about drift in students at the undergraduate level, students going from this major to that major and a lot of kids working now. I think at a place like Holy Cross there’s an expectation that it will be a four-year experience. But in public education the expectation has become that it’s not a four-year experience. And when you’re in a school with 30,000 students it’s tough to get the individual advising touch you might have at a small liberal arts school. I think it’s incumbent upon us to find a better way to advise students to get their degree done in as efficient a way as possible.”

In Los Angeles, where Mount Saint Mary’s admits many low-income students and has an active program for adults returning to college, McElaney-Johnson welcomes the push toward accountability, but states firmly that the “the metrics proposed by the government aren’t the right metrics.”

“With the rating system that has been proposed,” she adds, “there could be some real harm done to the reputation of colleges, particularly those that serve a lot of low-income students, and students who have been traditionally underrepresented in higher education.”

McElaney-Johnson recently joined the Holy Cross Board of Trustees. “Holy Cross,” she says, “put its mark on me in terms of how I believe education is most meaningful. So at Mount Saint Mary’s I try to create the same commitment to the development of students, the same commitment to supporting them, the same real care. We really believe in this transformational opportunity that students have here. And everything we do is about that.”

McElaney-Johnson’s use of the Holy Cross experience as a lodestar for her current career is not unique. Though they have traveled a number of different routes to the top jobs in their institutions, all the alumni credit their years on Mount St. James with giving them a sort of compass that they have used throughout their lives.

Working just across town now, Dr. Collins still senses that “there’s a little bit of magic up on that hill,” and he says the Holy Cross graduates who apply to the medical school he oversees “are really great candidates who have received a really great education.”

Educating artists now in Cleveland, Nunes believes that during his four years in Worcester, “I was able to pack so many things into my suitcase that I’m continuing to unpack and use as I go on in my life.” For instance, he adds, “the concentration on service— that you must not just achieve and acquire, but also give and share.”

Allegheny’s President Mullen says, “Everything I do here in my life, but
Maintaining Catholic Identity

As presidents of Catholic institutions, James Donahue ’69 and Ann McElaney-Johnson ’79 have as a part of their work the task of fostering their schools’ Catholic identity. Saint Mary’s College of California’s Lasallian mission includes the Christian Brothers’ Rule “to provide a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor.” And at Mount Saint Mary’s College, “serving all persons without distinction” is part of the tradition of its founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

HCM asked how these two alumni meet the challenge of keeping Catholic identity at the core of their colleges’ work.

JAMES DONAHUE ’69
“I think it’s very important that we understand that our responsibility is to enable our students to understand and articulate what it is to be Catholic in this day and age. There are enormous generational differences in the Catholic conversation. Obviously, there’s an intellectual tradition that we seek to impart. But the real issue to me is making sure that every one of our students is asked to engage in fundamental questions about what they believe about God, what they think of the life of faith, and what they think their purpose in the world is—what they’re called to be and do. These are profound theological and vocational questions.

The exciting thing about being a Catholic institution in this day and age is that we have the opportunity to really engage these questions with our students. ‘What’s the relevancy of Catholicism in the lives of our students?’ Our students are asking that. I think it’s a mistake for us to think that we are only here to transmit a tradition. Yes, we do that; we transmit the best insights of the past and what the Catholic tradition—and the Church—have offered. At the same time, we are providing a context for our students to understand what all that means to them at this particular time. That’s very exciting.”

ANN MCELANEY-JOHNSON ’79
“As a lay president of a Catholic university, I actually have the ability to lift up our founders [the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet] and speak about their vision in founding the college and the contributions they’ve made and continue to make.

The president of a Catholic institution has to be the public face of that Catholic mission—the chief mission officer. Absolute commitment to social justice is at the core of who we are. Serving all people without distinction.

Across my career, that has attracted me to colleges and universities that have similar values. But it has been particularly rewarding being at a Catholic university—to be able to talk in very overt ways about those values and how they come from a shared faith. To participate in the spiritual life of this community as well as the academic life—that’s been very meaningful to me.

How we live out our mission is very life giving. As a Catholic institution we have the opportunity to be inclusive and inviting and help people experience Catholicism at its best. Our emphasis on social justice, beauty and community enriches who we are and enriches everybody who works here and goes to school here.”

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—James Mullen Jr. ’80, President of Allegheny College

particularly in my vocation as college president, has been framed by the wonderful lessons I learned at Holy Cross. I see the possibilities of what we can do for young people through the lens of my own experience. Holy Cross made me a better president of a liberal arts college.”

“One of the powerful things that stayed with me from my time at Holy Cross is the asking of real substantive questions of meaning, value, purpose and belief,” Donahue says. “I was fortunate enough to translate that into my life in higher education.”

Rev. Joseph Bruce, S.J., ’73, known to all as “Fr. Joe,” has never met an obstacle he couldn’t topple, earning him the title “trailblazer” among his friends. America’s first deaf-born Jesuit priest continues his pioneering work on the Catholic Deaf Archives at Holy Cross.
Growing up in Springfield, Mass., in the early 1950s, little Joseph Bruce wanted to be an altar boy at the church his family attended faithfully, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish. But Latin, or any language for that matter, didn't come easily to him. Joseph had been born deaf, and dealt with the speech and language delays those with hearing issues often face. His younger brother, Andy, had been an altar boy for three years when the pair decided it was time for Joseph to have his chance. Andy spent a summer teaching his brother the Latin phrases he needed for the job, and by the time the leaves turned, both Bruce boys were serving at Masses.


Entering Holy Cross in 1969, Joseph Bruce (now Rev. Joseph “Joe” Bruce, S.J., ’73) had no formal support from interpreters, real-time captioning or operator-assisted relay services that today are commonplace under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Instead, he relied on his classmates, some of them among 25 alumni he knew from Cathedral High, to take notes on carbon paper that his mother bought.

Discerning his path at the College was a new hurdle. He had done well on standardized math tests, but didn’t enjoy the subject. He looked into majoring in Spanish, but the modern languages department decided his deafness would impede the study of another language. He opted instead to pursue an English major, and while tackling the intense reading and writing requirements, found himself buoyed by a group of new friends, the
ALONE, BUT NOT ALONE, ON THE HILL

he Cleveland bunch included (below, left to right) Patrick Jones ’73, Scott McGuirk ’73, Samuel Mullin ’73 P10, brothers Robert ’73 (not pictured) and Daniel Sweeney, M.D., ’73, Richard O’Connor ’73, Steve Foley ’73 and Leonard Supp ’73. This crew of friends and roommates ate dinners, took trips, attended games, smoked cigars and went to parties together. McGuirk recalls his friend Joe’s perseverance and optimism, but most of all, his sense of humor. “I remember Fr. Joe sharing funny stories with the guys, like the time he was first told that ‘the drinks were on the house.’ He thought the drinks were literally on top of the house.”

Jones was impressed by Bruce. “He was motivated, energetic and assertive,” Jones says, adding that the group learned ways to make their deaf friend more comfortable; making sure everyone made eye contact and faced him when they spoke, for example, so he could more easily read their lips.

“I remember being impressed with his ability to lip read,” Mullin says. “It wasn’t easy. Just as kids mumble, they also don’t always bother to look at you when they talk. But Joe had a remarkable ability to determine what was said.” He also had an advantage at crowded parties or noisy bars—able to follow the conversation while others struggled.

But even with good pals and good fun, being the only Deaf student at Holy Cross was not easy.

The late Rev. Joseph LaBran, S.J., ’38 (above right), then a College chaplain, lived on Bruce’s floor in Clark, and became an important mentor. Fr. LaBran grew up in Lynn, Mass., where his mother had rented rooms and houses to Deaf workers and their families in the city’s well-known shoe factories.

“But the Study Abroad Committee threw him a curveball when it notified him he could not return to complete his senior year if he elected to follow this plan.

He turned to his mentor for advice. Fr. LaBran picked up the phone and spoke with the College’s president, Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, who invited Bruce for breakfast in Loyola Hall to hear the young man’s dilemma. As was his way, Fr. Brooks made short work of solving the problem, telling Bruce, simply, “Don’t worry.” He was soon on his way to Ireland, where he studied Anglo-Saxon English and Middle English.

“Joe was very determined and independent, and he did not let what other people thought about him deter him from pursuing his objectives,” remembers Mullin, who studied in Ireland his junior year as well.

Fr. LaBran helped his protégé in another, even more meaningful way. He suggested that Bruce think about becoming a priest, despite the fact that the Church did not allow Deaf priests. Fr. Joe recalls his mentor saying, “God is full of surprises. He can change things whenever he wants to,” and so the seed was planted as he graduated with honors in 1973, not knowing where his path would take him—or that it would one day lead him back to Worcester.
Bruce began inquiring about joining the priesthood, and contacted the Springfield, Mass., Diocese, the Franciscans and the Dominicans. "The diocese and the Franciscans wrote a letter back saying that they could not send me an application because I had an impediment—deafness," Fr. Joe says. "The Dominicans never responded to my two letters. Only the Jesuits sent me an application."

So, fittingly, the Jesuit-educated young man took the steps to join the Society of Jesus. He earned his master's degree in special education for the Deaf at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., where he learned American Sign Language (ASL) for the first time. Then came the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., for his M.Div. in theology. Rev. William Barry, S.J., ’52, who was the director for Jesuits in formation at the time, recalls that the dispensation process of ordaining Fr. Joe required special approval. Canon Law requires a priest to be physically capable to perform all duties, and deafness was considered prohibition to the priesthood. "I sent over a statement from people who said Fr. Joe should be ordained," says Fr. Barry, now living at the Campion Center in Weston, Mass. "They also wrote about his abilities in reading and preaching the Word."

Approval came from Rome, and, on June 20, 1981, at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, Fr. Joe was ordained as the first American Deaf Jesuit priest. "At Fr. Joe’s Mass, I felt moved by how he brings God’s presence in the room through sign language and his voice," Fr. Barry recalls.

“Fr. Bruce is a strong and tough advocate who I never thought would become a priest, but who, when he did, made the Catholic tradition even more admirable.” — Steve Foley ’73

“I had the honor of having Fr. LaBran vest me during the ordination Mass,” Fr. Joe says. Mentor and mentee, now brother Jesuits, would get together at least once a month for a meal, he recalls. Dino’s was one of their favorite spots.

“When signing became part of his life, Fr. Joe was able to interact more deeply with the Deaf community. And as his academic work progressed, he began collecting materials that would become the Catholic Deaf Archives, housed since 1990 in Holy Cross’ Special Collections. Initially, two women guided him into the study of Deaf Catholics. In 1974, Mary Garland was the first to give Fr. Joe a box of Deaf Catholic materials when he visited her as part of Archdiocese of...
Boston’s Deaf ministry program. Garland also introduced Fr. Joe to the International Catholic Deaf Association. In 1976 he visited Sister Elizabeth Kass, an American Deaf nun in The Sisters of Our Lady of Seven Dolors in Montreal. She gave him five boxes of Deaf Catholic newsletters, and shared her knowledge of Catholic Deaf history.

Fr. Joe’s Jesuit life took him to South America, including Bolivia, where his earlier plan to learn Spanish finally came to fruition at the Instituto de Idiomas de Maryknoll in Cochabamba. He offered services to both hearing and Deaf people in Guatemala—in ASL, spoken English, spoken Spanish and Guatemalan Sign Language.

Sister Carol Lareau, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph (SSJ), who established and ran a Deaf ministry in Springfield, Mass., from 1982 to 2012, worked with Fr. Joe in the late 1980s. “He was always willing to do anything to help with the Deaf ministry,” she says, “planning visits to nursing homes, social events for Deaf people and religious education programs for Deaf children.” He also gave comfort to those who had a death in the family, offering help for weddings or wakes when ASL was needed.

Sister Lareau remembers her colleague saying how much he enjoyed signing with her. “But you can lip read well, Fr. Joe,” she said. His reply? “Yes, but I lip read all day and my eyes become tired. Signing makes communication easier.” All the while, wherever his work took him, Fr. Joe continued collecting materials relating to the education of Deaf Catholics for the Catholic Deaf Archives. Today, it contains newsletters, educational manuals, scrapbooks, photographs and pamphlets dating back to the early 20th century. Some items showcase how far Deaf education and culture have come, including copies of *The Catholic Deaf-Mute*, a magazine from the early 1920s, and typewritten sign language books with no photos or illustrations, only written descriptions of how to make signs.

“What I find most rewarding about the Archives,” Fr. Joe says, “is the discovery of so many Jesuits who started Deaf ministry in so many cities, including Boston, Worcester, New York, Philadelphia, Toledo and Chicago.”

Accounting major Emily Vigliotta ’17, from Long Island, N.Y., and philosophy major Maggie George ’17, from West Hartford, Conn., are students in the College’s ASL and Deaf Studies program, as well as Fr. Joe’s interns in the Archives.

George, who first became interested in Deaf culture (continued on Page 42)
Deaf Studies At Holy Cross

In the 20 years since American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Studies became a permanent fixture at the College, the robust program has grown to include approximately 130 students, a minor in Deaf Studies and—just introduced this academic year—a tenure-track faculty position.  

According to the Modern Language Association, ASL studies are growing in popularity among U.S. college and university students, despite lower language enrollments overall. In fact, according to the association’s 2013 study, ASL is the third most-studied language (after Spanish and French) nationwide.

For MacKenzie Bozel ’16, of Hunt Valley, Md., an ASL course she took her first year inspired her to pursue further study of Deaf culture at Holy Cross. Her studies have not only enhanced her sociology major, but also broadened her perspective.

“The most interesting thing we talked about is the concept of ‘Deaf gain’ and the advantages that come from being Deaf,” Bozel says. “This really struck me because society usually views Deaf people as unable to do certain things because they can’t hear. [My studies] made me look at deafness as a privilege rather than a disadvantage.” (The term “Deaf gain” is defined as a reframing of “deaf” as a form of sensory and cognitive diversity that has the potential to contribute to the greater good of humanity, according to Gallaudet University’s Deaf Studies Digital Journal.)

According to John Pirone, director of the College’s ASL/Deaf Studies Program, Bozel’s acknowledgment is not uncommon among Holy Cross students.

“Students who take ASL or Deaf Studies tend to come in with a mindset that Deaf people have a disability, and they’re going into this field to help them,” Pirone explains. “However, after taking some courses, they realize that’s not the case at all. Deaf people are in a cultural minority group, and it’s about equality. It’s a positive realization for students, one that helps to build stronger bonds between the hearing and Deaf communities.”

“Being educated on Deaf culture has made me more aware and encompassing of diversity, which is an integral part of a Jesuit liberal arts education, as we strive to live in a community where we can be accepting and appreciative of unique cultures,” says economics major Louis Marello ’16, of Westchester, N.Y.

Outside the classroom, the program gives students opportunities to put theory into practice through the College’s Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning (CBL). By working in the Deaf community, at such organizations as schools, agencies and nonprofits, students gain a deeper understanding of their subject matter and make lasting connections in the community. Some students are able to combine a study abroad experience with their Deaf Studies work. Accounting major Emily Vigliotta ’17 from Long Island, N.Y., plans to study in Dublin this fall to learn Irish Sign Language at Trinity College. “I’ve gotten a lot of exposure to the Deaf community through my classwork, and now I have an appreciation for Deaf culture,” Vigliotta says.

Other experiential learning opportunities in the ASL/Deaf Studies Program include conducting research on Deaf topics; in fact, last year, Pirone accompanied two students to the Deaf Studies Today! conference in Utah, where they presented their findings to Deaf professionals and scholars. Students can also opt to spend a semester studying at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., where they can experience total immersion in the language and culture of Deaf people. What’s more, students can develop a multidisciplinary major combining Deaf Studies with other disciplines within the College—and Pirone has his sights set on establishing a Deaf Studies major down the road.

Pirone leads a five-person program that includes teaching assistants Sara Reid and Kendra Timko-Hochkeppel, visiting assistant professor Ying Li and assistant professor Octavian Robinson.

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—John Pirone, DIRECTOR OF HOLY CROSS’ ASL/DEAF STUDIES PROGRAM

“I would like to see our program be one of the best Deaf Studies programs in the nation,” says Pirone. “And with our new tenure-track professor, Octavian Robinson, and growing class sizes, we are now building to that.” ■ —with reporting by freelance writer Megan Clancy

EDITOR’S NOTE Are you an alumnus or alumnna of the Deaf Studies program at Holy Cross? We’d like to know how your training in Deaf culture and ASL has had an impact on your work or personal life. Please email hcmag@holycross.edu.
when a teacher introduced a little sign language into her Spanish and French lessons in elementary school, considers Ephpheta, a Prayer Book for the Deaf, written by Rev. Michael McCarthy, S.J., one of the collection’s “great treasures.” It contains the story from Mark’s gospel about Jesus healing a Deaf man with the word “ephpheta,” which means, “be opened” (Mark 7: 31-37). Fr. McCarthy, who is buried in the Jesuit cemetery at Holy Cross, worked with the Deaf in New York in the late 1800s.

Vigliotta says one of her favorite items in the collection is an old confessional card. “When the Deaf were unable to communicate with hearing priests, they would write their confessions on one of these cards,” she explains. “I love this because I have loved learning about how Deaf Catholics have adapted to practicing the faith in a way that best suits their needs.”

“It is important to save things for the Catholic Deaf Archives, because we need to preserve our history,” Fr. Joe says. “It is important for people who do research for their theses, articles or books.”

“I am working with Fr. Joe to create a PowerPoint presentation about the contents of the Archives,” Vigliotta says.

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— Emily Vigliotta ’17

“He has collected more than 90 boxes relevant to Deaf Catholics, and we want a way to convey to the general public all of the resources he has made available in his unique and thorough collection. We want more people to know about the Archives, because the history of the Catholic Deaf is amazing.”

Vigliotta believes her mentor is amazing as well. “Fr. Joe is incredibly humble, and I have been privileged to hear just an iota of the lifetime of stories he has to share,” she says. “He has encountered many obstacles along the way, but he is still overflowing with joy and compassion. He is one of the people through which I truly see the face of Christ on a regular basis—working with him is such a privilege.”

Today, at 66, Fr. Joe swims almost every morning to stay in shape near his Jesuit residence, St. Charles Borromeo rectory, in Woonsocket, R.I. He splits his time between his Archives work at Holy Cross and celebrating Masses at St. Charles Borromeo, St. Jean’s in Warren, R.I., and other parishes as he is needed.

“As Deaf studies continues to grow, I hope people can come to understand the beauty within the Deaf community,” Vigliotta says. “As a Catholic, seeing Christ through the eyes and hands of the Deaf has inspired me and my faith in more ways than I could ever articulate. Yes, the Deaf experience challenges, but they also practice the faith in beautiful ways. Watching a deaf priest sign the consecration is one of the powerful things I have seen.” —with reporting by freelance writer Megan Clancy
Fr. Joe signs Jesus (top) loves (middle) you (bottom). The sign for Jesus is actually a two-part motion, placing one’s middle fingers on the center of each palm.
The stamp-filled passports of seven alumni—who all worked overseas for the same private bank—testify to both the adventurous spirit and the corporate success of Holy Cross graduates.

By Laura (Bass) Cote ’05

(opposite, from left) Careers with Brown Brothers Harriman have taken Tim Cote ’03, Meghan McDonough ’05 and Laura (Bass) Cote ’05 all over the world.
It was during a dinner party in Krakow, Poland, not long ago, that the conversation turned to how many Crusaders were currently living abroad on work assignments for Brown Brothers Harriman (BBH), a privately-held financial institution that will celebrate its bicentennial in 2018.

We quickly tallied seven—Catherine Dawson ’98, Wally Barys ’04, Meghan McDonough ’05, Jane Webster ’06, Brendan Akashian ’08, my husband, Timothy Cote ’03, and me, Laura (Bass) Cote ’05. We realized that this is a remarkable statistic, given BBH has approximately 5,000 employees worldwide but only about 25 employees who live and work overseas on long-term assignments at any one time. Our little group of seven has all sorts of interesting ties. Tim met Meg in Deaf studies classes at Holy Cross. Wally is a friend from my first year at Holy Cross. Meg and I share the same Holy Cross graduation year, and both Meg and Jane lived down the street from Tim and me when we all worked in Poland. Cate lived on our street when Tim and I were posted to Luxembourg. And all seven of us started in the same division at BBH, working in the bank’s Boston office.

Most of us were recruited as students. Each of us—for varying reasons—then said "yes" when the company tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to leave our friends and family behind for new adventures overseas. We all agree that working in Europe and Asia has been personally and professionally rewarding.

The number of Holy Cross students who go abroad for a job, fellowship, graduate school or service program has steadily risen in the last three years. In the data she collects on newly graduated Crusaders, Amy Murphy, the director of the College’s Career Planning Center, shows that about 7 percent of the Class of 2014 list an overseas address as their “first destination” after leaving the Hill.

Still, it isn’t always easy to pick up and move to a new country with a different culture and, sometimes, a foreign language. Collectively, my colleagues and I agree that it’s important to go outside of our comfort zones, allowing us to grow as people—not just for our careers but for ourselves as well. We’d like to share here how our Holy Cross experiences have influenced our career and life voyages, and what sparked us to reach for that "stretch assignment"—job opportunities that were unfamiliar and challenging, but pushed us to grow in ways we couldn’t imagine.

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— Jane Webster ’06

Before many Holy Cross graduates think about taking on a job in a foreign land, they experience new cultures through the College’s popular Study Abroad program. About 210 students participate in a Study Abroad program each year, which includes full calendar year, academic year and single semester programs, as well as month-long summer sessions and faculty-led study tours during school vacations.

Holy Cross holds the number one ranking among baccalaureate institutions in the United States for long-term study abroad programs, according to a report released by the Institute of International Education in December 2014. This is the sixth straight year that the College has held one of the top two positions on the list.

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**NATURAL CURIOSITY**  
**CATHERINE A. DAWSON ’98**  
**MAJOR**  
Art History  
**FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS**  
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg (15 months) and Krakow, Poland (3+ years)

The Holy Cross network helped Dawson land a job after graduation: Her friend and BBH employee Jon Panagrossi
’97 set her up with that all-important first interview. “I grew up outside of Boston, so when I graduated I wanted to move into the city to be near my friends and family. I didn’t really know what I wanted to pursue, so I took an opportunity with a great company, which surprisingly has lasted more than 16 years,” says Dawson, a senior member of the technology services department.

In 2011, she was approached with an opportunity to relocate to Luxembourg, her first time living overseas. “It’s definitely an exciting opportunity,” says Dawson, who has since travelled to France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Hungary, Ukraine, Sweden, Croatia and more. “You learn a tremendous amount about yourself and your friends and family, and about your values and home culture. It’s an interesting revelation. Your frame of reference changes quite a bit.”

Immediately after her assignment in Luxembourg, she took a second overseas assignment to help open a new office in Poland, where she currently resides. “It’s an interesting time to live in Poland, 25 years after the fall of Communism, and to see how they are growing as a country and as a culture,” says Dawson, who established a women’s networking group in Poland that helps develop female business leaders through mentoring, coaching and training. “Not counting our technology and systems teams, women make up more than 70 percent of our business-related workforce in Krakow.”

Having a liberal arts background has been a plus in her job, says Dawson. “At Holy Cross, we studied literature and philosophy and arts and science, and that cross-discipline thinking is very useful,” she says. “It prepared me to be able to draw connections from multiple areas and see how different lines of business intersect.” What prompted her to leave her family and friends—twice—to go overseas? “Natural curiosity that’s piqued at Holy Cross and a continuous desire to learn about yourself and your culture,” she says. “That stays with you even after you leave the Hill. So when these opportunities present themselves, you take them.

“Plus, as an art history major,” she adds, “I get to see all the things I studied at Holy Cross in person.” One highlight: seeing Johannes Vermeer’s “Girl with a Pearl Earring,” which is her favorite painting. “I was very fortunate because the Mauritshuis museum in The Hague, where it is normally housed, was being refurbished,” she says. “There was a smaller temporary Dutch exhibition that was displaying the painting as well as some other Vermeers at a local school, and I was able to experience the painting in a much more intimate setting without the usual crowds.”

REACHING FULL POTENTIAL
BRENDAN AKASHIAN ’08
MAJOR
Economics
FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT
Gurgaon, India (6 weeks)

After three years playing professional baseball with the Philadelphia Phillies, Akashian was ready to join a corporate business team. As part of BBH’s corporate actions department,
he headed to India. “Playing baseball professionally, I got to go all over the United States for three years, which was great,” he says. “But when you get to experience such a different culture like India’s, that’s a truly unique travel experience. India was eye-opening in regard to so many things.”

Although he was sure to visit historic sites such as the Taj Mahal, it was the everyday experiences that had the most impact on him. “I rode public transit to get as much of an experience as I could in India,” he says. “I felt connected to the Indian team I was working with. We talked about what they were doing on the weekend, how they’re getting into work on the unreliable public transit that is in India.” Experiencing life without the basic, everyday amenities he took for granted in the United States—pasteurized milk, clean tap water and roads without elephant-sized potholes—was a fundamental change for him. “The infrastructure we are accustomed to is unfortunately not close to what is experienced in India on a daily basis,” he says.

Akashian believes that at Holy Cross, students are exposed to finding themselves through others—and that the best way to do this is to experience other cultures. “Holy Cross pushed me to reach my full potential in many areas,” he explains. “Whether in academics, athletics or faith, the College challenged me to grow in multiple areas.”

Akashian’s ties to Holy Cross remain strong. “I’ve stayed very involved with the Holy Cross baseball team—we currently have five people from the team who work in my department,” he says. “We’ve built a pipeline between Holy Cross and BBH. And what we’ve seen is that the individuals I’ve helped explore career opportunities at BBH, are now helping the next generation.”

EYES OPENED
WALTER “WALLY” BARYS ’04
MAJOR/MINOR
Economics/Philosophy
FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT
Hong Kong, China (9 months)

While attending graduate business school at Suffolk University in Boston and working at BBH, Barys had an opportunity to take a short trip to China for both work and study. “That opened my eyes to the office there and to Asia,” he says. “It’s a faraway place, but when the opportunity came later to move to Hong Kong, I was all over it.”

The experience proved invaluable. “I made friends from so many different cultures and backgrounds,” he says. “Today, I still keep in touch with friends and colleagues in pretty much all of the countries I travelled to. Should I return to any one of them—which I have—I have someone to call to meet for a beer or go on a hike with. You really learn so much about yourself and the world, whether it’s about food, sports, conversation, family life or history.”

He also learned how small the world really is. “The fact that one can travel from New York City to Hong Kong in a little over half a day is mind-boggling, given the fact that only 100 years ago it would take months to accomplish such a journey,” he observes.

Barys has taken advantage of that fact. “Since leaving Hong Kong, I have travelled to 19 new countries for both work and pleasure, bringing my total number of countries traveled to 40. My friends and family are stunned whenever I share these numbers with them, especially at the age of 32. Without that Hong Kong experience, I don’t think the opportunity or the personal desire for such travel would be there.”

Barys, who has since left BBH, says his experience in Hong Kong hasn’t left him. “Overall it was amazing,” he says. “Quite frankly I didn’t want to come back.”

MAKING UP FOR MISSED OPPORTUNITIES
JANE WEBSTER ’06
MAJOR
Economics
FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT
Krakow, Poland (10 months)

As a key member of the Holy Cross rowing team, Webster chose not to move away from campus to study abroad. So this experienced employee in BBH’s corporate actions department didn’t think twice about accepting an offer for a live/work assignment in Poland. “It seemed like a perfect opportunity to do something out of my comfort zone,” says Webster, who had never lived outside of Massachusetts. “It was fun to experience it as an adult.”

Webster was charged with training the company’s new employees, but found she had many lessons to learn herself. “I’ve done a decent amount of traveling, but Poland was the first time I completely immersed myself in a culture and didn’t speak the language,” she says. “I thought it would be a complete culture shock, but I had a very supportive work network, and my Polish counterparts were incredibly welcoming and eager to
ease my transition."

Her Polish colleagues jumped in to help. "After each day’s training was finished, my team spent time teaching me Polish—the alphabet, numbers, phrases and, most importantly, pronunciation," she says. "They also went out of their way to include me in traditional Polish customs—bringing in dozens of donuts (pączki) on Fat Thursday, the last Thursday prior to Lent, and taking me to local cemeteries on All Saint’s Day to honor the deceased with candles and flowers, a beautiful tradition. While my Polish was in no way perfect, and I was an unworthy competitor in donut-eating contests on Fat Thursday, the team’s enthusiasm for teaching and sharing their language and culture made Krakow a second home for me in those 10 months I was away."

Webster appreciates the Holy Cross alumni network she has found within the company. "Every alum I’ve encountered is genuinely interested in having a conversation and is always willing to offer advice or provide assistance," says Webster, who participates in recruiting fairs on Mount St. James and loves to have students reach out to her for career advice. "I believe this is the primary reason why we have such a strong contingent of former Crusaders here at BBH. Additionally, in my experience interviewing, managing and working with Holy Cross grads, I am consistently impressed at how well-rounded, mature and hard-working former Holy Cross students are. It’s definitely a testament to the College and how well it prepares graduates."

"London is impressive. Paris is stunning. But Eastern Europe is a hidden gem."
— Meghan McDonough ’05

Meghan McDonough ’05 has satisfied her wanderlust with visits to (from left) Vatican City, Rome, Switzerland, Poland’s Tatra mountains, Budapest and Paris.
in Poland, she grabbed the opportunity. “At the time, I’d never lived outside of the Boston area,” she says. “I grew up in Boston, spent summers on the Cape and went to Holy Cross, so the idea of going to a country where I didn’t remotely speak the language was overwhelming. But I embraced the unfamiliarity and fell in love with it.”

In fact, she was so taken with the country that she returned to Poland in September 2014 for another year. “I wanted to broaden my horizons, and this was the perfect juncture to do that,” she notes.

“Holy Cross gives you a unique perspective on education as it supports individuals to become lifelong learners,” says McDonough, a member of the corporate actions department. “By having this type of mindset, it allows individuals to be more comfortable in taking risks outside of their comfort zones in order to develop themselves, both personally and professionally.

“In any traveling you do, whether it is for work or leisure, there is always something to learn,” she says. “I admit, Poland was not at the top of my list of places to visit, but I am glad it is where I landed. London is impressive. Paris is stunning. But Eastern Europe is a hidden gem, rich in history and culture.”

That goal was soon achieved. Cote joined BBH after graduation and, in 2011, was posted to Luxembourg for a year. Cote’s success in Luxembourg prompted the company to move him to Poland, where he helped take the head count at the new Krakow office from zero to more than 700.

“We’ve loved every aspect of the Luxembourg and Poland assignments,” says Cote. “My wife, Laura, and I have a bit of a travel bug, and we’ve never missed an opportunity to travel.”

Although Cote says his Polish has improved “exponentially” since living abroad, he confesses that learning a Slavic language would have come in handier at times than the language he chose to study at Holy Cross: American Sign Language.

“I wanted to be a little different,” says Cote, who had Deaf teammates on his baseball team during high school and skied at Holy Cross with a friend who was Deaf. “I loved it. It was one of the best courses and disciplines I took.”

Another bonus: It was in that class that he met fellow BBHer Meghan McDonough ’05.

INSPIRED BY HOLY CROSS
STUDY ABROAD
TIMOTHY COTE ’03

MAJOR
Economics

FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg (1 year) and Krakow, Poland (3+ years)

On 9/11, Tim Cote ’03 was studying at the University of Melbourne, Australia, during his junior year. Given the upheaval in the world at the time, he came home after one semester instead of staying full year—and that left the flame burning for a possible return to overseas life at a later date. Working internationally became one of Cote’s career goals.
I’m a classics major who works at a bank, and I love to tell this story. During my first week at BBH, I went to a training class, a one-week introduction to securities. I remember being embarrassed to introduce myself because everyone else was saying, “I have an economics degree,” or “I have a math degree.” And I thought, “What are they going to say when I say, ‘I’m a classics major, Latin and Greek and art?’” I got up and introduced myself, and the instructor stopped the class. And he said, “I’m so glad we have a classics major. We want that kind of broader perspective at BBH.” I’ve been happily working here ever since.

I married Tim ’03, a fellow Crusader-BBHer, in 2010 (see previous page). When an opportunity to work in Luxembourg was presented to him, I didn’t think twice about the international move. I was also keen to take part in a global assignment and felt my time spent studying abroad in Italy during my junior year would offer a fair assessment of how quickly I would be able to acclimate to my new country and work assignment. Luckily, that assumption held true and has helped me with transitions to Luxembourg and Poland in various departments.

My junior year abroad experience with the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies (ICCS) in Rome, a program offered to Holy Cross classics students, gave me confidence and strengthened my independence. I grew academically and personally, with a different approach to my studies and an increased appreciation for other people and cultures.

While on foreign assignment, I’ve returned to the Eternal City and revisited museums, monuments and art studied, which reignited fond memories of ICCS professors and coursework, as well as the Holy Cross classics program.

Yes, there are many perks of living overseas, including the ability to travel easily to experience new cultures and countries. From a professional standpoint, having this global experience has also helped me to grow, in much the same way as my study abroad experience. But the greatest gift just might be the opportunity to share these experiences with other Crusaders.
“To me, the differences of how to do business in a number of countries was the most remarkable observation during my time working in Asia,” says Wally Barys ’04. “I travelled on business trips to 10 different countries, ranging from Vietnam to India to South Korea. I found that each country requires distinctive business etiquette, techniques and strategies. A challenge was visiting multiple countries in one trip, where I was forced to switch gears every couple of days to ensure I was adhering to the customs of the varying cultures.” Here are some of the lessons our Crusaders learned while working overseas.

“In Luxembourg, friends greet one another by lightly kissing on the cheeks three times starting with the left cheek and alternating. This has translated to business etiquette and is done between women and between men and women. Men never kiss other men; they always shake hands. An extra level of diligence is required when greeting multiple people in a business setting from different countries, say from Luxembourg and the United Kingdom. You have to kiss the ones from Luxembourg three times and the ones from the United Kingdom two times.” — LAURA (BASS) COTE ’05

“Don’t put your hands in your pockets or rest your ankle on your knee when conducting business in Poland as it’s considered disrespectful.” — LAURA (BASS) COTE ’05

“In Hong Kong, business cards are exchanged after introductions and are presented with both hands holding the card at the top corners with the writing facing the recipient. When receiving a business card, study it and then place it on the table in front of you or in a folder or notebook. Don’t fold it, write on it or put it in your pocket or wallet.” — LAURA (BASS) COTE ’05

“In France, people do not discuss their personal lives with colleagues or acquaintances. This includes small talk—even casually asking if the person had a good weekend can be seen as intrusive. This type of conversation is often reserved for close friends and long-time business partners.” — CATHERINE DAWSON ’98

“The saying in India that all you need to be a good driver is ‘a good bumper, a good horn and good luck’ is 100 percent accurate.” — BRENDA AKASHIAN ’08

“When the power unexpectedly goes out in India, the generators will keep your computer on and nothing else. Get comfortable working in the dark for about 20 minutes a day!” — BRENDA AKASHIAN ’08

“In India, it is rude to jump right into business discussions immediately when you are at a meeting, whether you’re in the office or at a lunch or dinner. You should ask about your colleague’s interests and family before starting any business conversation.” — WALLY BARYS ’04

“It is very common, believe it or not, in India for your counterparts not to show up for meetings—and it is not to be looked at as insulting. If something more important comes up, Indians may miss your meeting without any notice.” — WALLY BARYS ’04

“At business meetings in the Philippines, the culture is to provide a continuous stream of appetizers, and it’s very rude to refuse, even if you just ate.” — WALLY BARYS ’04

“When traveling with business colleagues to a meeting in South Korea, always introduce the others with you before introducing yourself. Also, of all the countries I travelled to in Asia—more than 10—South Korea had the biggest ‘gift’ culture. That is, you should always have a gift (typically something from your company, like a tie with the company logo on it) to give to the folks you are meeting with, especially if they are more senior.” — WALLY BARYS ’04

“Don’t be late! In Poland, people pride themselves on punctuality and structure. When I worked in our Boston office, it was quite common to show up five minutes late to most meetings. When I first moved to Poland and started off in my old Boston ways, I realized I was actually offending people by not being on time or a couple minutes early.” — TIMOTHY COTE ’03

“Lunch is important. I found in the United States that many days I grabbed something to go and rarely sat down at a restaurant for a lunch with colleagues. In Poland, and Europe in general, lunch is an essential part of the working day. It is very common to schedule lunch with your peers or other people in the office for both business and social reasons. In many ways, it’s a daily networking exercise.” — TIMOTHY COTE ’03
“Keeping Her Memory Alive”

BY REBECCA SMITH ’99

Husband establishes scholarship to honor his late wife, former assistant professor of chemistry at the College

Keeping Her Memory Alive

e were soul mates,” reflects Francis “Fran” Edwards (above) on his late wife, Gail Lambert-Edwards, former visiting assistant professor of chemistry at Holy Cross.

“She was thoughtful, smart, ethical and genuine. There was nothing phony, nothing false, no pretenses,” he adds. “That’s probably what I liked the most.”

When his best friend and wife of 26 years passed away in June, after a 15-year battle with cancer, Fran ensured that her name—and her spirit of
sincerity—would live on at Holy Cross by establishing the Dr. Gail J. Lambert-Edwards Scholarship Fund. This endowed gift will provide scholarship assistance annually to a chemistry student with financial need.

GOOD CHEMISTRY

ran and Gail met through a mutual friend when they were in their 40s. It was a first marriage for both of them—and it was love at first sight for Fran. Friends describe them as a perfect match, with similar interests and principles. They shared a love for train travel, an enthusiasm for astronomy and a deep appreciation for education.

For Fran, a retired engineer who resides in Lancaster, Mass., his self-described “thirst for knowledge” emerged when he enrolled in school at age 29. “We couldn’t afford school when I was a kid,” he recalls. “And I didn’t take school seriously until I was older. But, then, as I took courses, everything fell into place, and I thought, ‘This is beautiful!’” Fran earned his master’s degree in engineering science when he was 60. “I guess I’m what they call a ‘late bloomer,’” he remarks.
Gail, however, was taught to prize education from an early age. Her father often told stories about how his cousin had founded Central Catholic High School (CCHS) in Lawrence, Mass., and, upon their passing, Gail’s parents requested that some of their money be used for scholarships. Her personal desire to help students with financial need have the same opportunities she had motivated Gail to expand on her parents’ wishes and establish two endowed funds in their names: one at CCHS, and one at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), where Gail earned her Ph.D.

A chemist and patent liaison in the dye and pharmaceutical industries for many years, Gail discovered her passion for teaching late in her career—and in a fortuitous manner: The company she worked for went out of business, and she came across an advertisement for the position at Holy Cross. The job aligned perfectly with her personal and professional values. In fact, she often said her one regret in life was that she did not start teaching sooner.

From the beginning of her career on the Hill in 2001, Gail knew she had found her place. She quickly established a reputation in Haberlin Hall as an uncompromising yet supportive professor who spent countless hours at night and on weekends—leaving Fran home alone with a TV dinner—leading extra-help sessions for her students. And when her cancer came back, and throughout her treatments, she remained determined to see them succeed.

“Gail was devoted to our students, and her kindness and patience helped many Holy Cross students on their paths to careers as chemists and doctors,” reflects Kenneth Mills, professor of chemistry.

According to Ronald Jarret, associate dean of the College and professor of chemistry, based on Gail’s “special ability to reach students who struggle with the material,” she was asked to develop a course for students who were looking to return to organic chemistry after a first attempt that was unsuccessful. “We all appreciated her insights, collegiality and dedication to providing a quality education for hundreds of students,” adds Jarret.

When Gail’s five-year position came to an end, the College asked her to stay on for two more years. According to Fran, there was nowhere she would have rather been. “Holy Cross is a superior school,” he says. “Everything about it appealed to her: the students, her fellow teachers, the beautiful campus. Everything is so well done here.”

“She felt so strongly about these scholarships that I felt there could be no better way to honor her and to keep the memory of her alive.”

— Fran Edwards

It was Gail’s love for Holy Cross, combined with her high regard for education, that inspired Fran to establish a scholarship fund at the College in his late wife’s memory. In addition, Fran has worked with Holy Cross’ gift planning office to ensure that the value of his wife’s scholarship fund will increase on his passing. “She felt so strongly about these scholarships that I felt there could be no better way to honor her and to keep the memory of her alive.”

Concludes Kevin Quinn, associate professor and chair of the chemistry department: “Gail’s caring personality, patience and approachability made her a special teacher for many of our students and a valued member of the department for many years.”

**A NOTE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID:** Currently, 60 percent of Holy Cross students receive need-based financial aid. But percentages cannot tell the life-altering impact that financial aid has on its recipients. Sustaining a financial aid budget that meets the needs of Holy Cross families is central to the College’s mission—and is one of its greatest challenges. Gifts like this one from Fran Edwards help make Holy Cross accessible to all admitted students.
The Power of One

Lt. Jeanne M. (Coppa) Freeman ’09, USN

“At Holy Cross] I was able to pursue courses that broadened my view of the world in a way that has helped me in all the different jobs I have had in the Navy.”
Name
Lt. Jeanne M. (Coppa) Freeman ’09, USN

Hometown
Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Family
Husband, Keith Freeman

The working life
“I have been in the Navy since graduating from Holy Cross. I am stationed in upstate New York and work as a shift engineer at one of the Navy’s Nuclear Power Training Units. We train enlisted sailors and officers in the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program to operate nuclear reactors. I am also pursuing a master’s degree in engineering management at Old Dominion University. Being in the Navy I’ve been challenged in ways I never imagined and have gained a wealth of experience. At 22 years old I was driving a warship pursuing pirates in the Gulf of Oman. I’ve been to 12 different countries and have worked with some awesome people. I’m grateful every day for what the Navy has given me, but I am also looking forward to transitioning to the reserves and starting my civilian career.”

Memorable Holy Cross people
“The late Kim McElaney ’76, director of the Chaplains’ Office, was by far one of the most influential people I met at Holy Cross. Kim was like my Holy Cross mom, always there when I needed advice or someone to talk to. I had the privilege of going on a Mexico immersion trip with her. The experience was life-changing. Kim had a heart of gold and an amazing spirit. Her life was inspiring, and it was a great honor to have her in my life.”

What she did at Holy Cross
“I spent a lot of time involved with activities sponsored by the Chaplains’ Office. I was a liturgical coordinator, retreat leader and taught RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). I also participated in the Magis program through the Chaplains’ Office. I started Navy ROTC during my second year, I was on the novice crew team my first year and played rugby my senior year.”

How Holy Cross affected her life
“Besides the obvious of providing a great education, Holy Cross has had a lasting impact on my life. I still keep in touch with many of the friends I made, even the girls who shared the fourth floor of Hanselman with me freshman year. Academically, I was able to pursue courses that interested me and broadened my view of the world in a way that has helped me in all the different jobs I have had in the Navy. The mantras of “men and women for others” and A.M.D.G. have become part of who I am (literally and figuratively—I have an A.M.D.G. tattoo) and help me strive to be better every day.”

Why she stays connected to Holy Cross
“I stay connected because I bleed purple. I will be the first to admit that I love Holy Cross and everything it stands for. I have seen the change that happens as you go through your four short years there. I loved having professors who actually knew who I was and being able to have a casual conversation with President McFarland before Mass on Sunday evening. The community on the Hill is like no other and is something that we all miss when we leave.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross
“I give because I believe in what the College does and because I wouldn’t be where I am today without Holy Cross. I owe much of my success to Holy Cross.”

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Giving Made Even Easier
Holy Cross’ new monthly giving program allows donors to space out their giving over several months, dividing it into more manageable monthly payments. Many donors find that they can join President’s Council or increase their support for Holy Cross by giving less, more frequently.

Benefits
Maggie Hayden Bramley ’98, director of the Holy Cross Fund, explains that monthly giving helps you maximize your gift to Holy Cross while minimizing the impact on your personal life by incorporating it into your monthly budget. “Choose an amount that fits easily into your budget and it is automatically charged to your credit card,” she says. “And, when you make recurring gifts to Holy Cross, you are opted out of all future paper, email and phone solicitations for the duration of your gift.”

Getting Started
To get started with a recurring gift, visit holycross.edu/give. You can also call the Fund office at 877-497-4438, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The staff there will walk you through the process and answer any questions you might have. Want to email for more information? Send a message to hcfund@holycross.edu.
Off the Course with Meaghan E. Sullivan ’15
A two-sport athlete, Meaghan E. Sullivan ’15 of Brockton, Mass., let HCM pepper her with some rapid-fire questions before getting into deeper waters about lasting friendships and the professor that influenced her the most.

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Mac or PC?
MEAGHAN SULLIVAN  Mac

HCM  Coffee or tea?
SULLIVAN  Neither

HCM  Dogs or cats?
SULLIVAN  Dogs

HCM  You’re not just a golfer, you also play ice hockey. Is it fair to ask you which one you love more?
SULLIVAN  It is hard to say because they are so different, but hockey has always been my greatest passion. I have played on the ice hockey team at Holy Cross since freshman year, and I have been playing the sport since I was 6 years old. It was always a dream of mine to play at the collegiate level. My teammates on the hockey team are some of my closest friends on campus, and my experience at Holy Cross would not have been the same if it weren’t for the relationships I have made with my teammates.

I joined the Holy Cross golf team in the spring of my junior year. Aside from playing on my high school golf team, golf has always been a way for me to spend time with my dad and grandfather. For the past eight years my dad and I have played in the Massachusetts Father & Daughter Championship. We have played some great courses, and it is always a lot of fun to spend the day with him playing a game we both love. But it has been fun to get back into a competitive mindset on the course. It has also been a great getting to know a group of girls that I would have not otherwise met.

HCM  What is your major? Why did you gravitate toward it?
SULLIVAN  I will graduate with a double major in accounting and mathematics. When I came to Holy Cross I had no idea what I wanted to study so my goal was to take classes in as many areas as possible. I always enjoyed my math classes throughout high school so I decided to stick with it once I got to Holy Cross. I took my first accounting class in the spring of my freshman year. At the time my brother was studying accounting and he encouraged me to try it out. I’m glad he did because I ended up loving it!

HCM  Is there a favorite class at Holy Cross that you’d happily take again if given the chance?
SULLIVAN  My favorite class at Holy Cross was Intermediate Accounting I with Professor Nancy Baldiga. It was one of the more challenging classes I have taken at Holy Cross, but I would gladly take the class again. It made me realize I had selected the right major and that I wanted to pursue a career in the accounting profession. Professor Baldiga is incredibly passionate about what she teaches and is engaging in the classroom—the class was very fast paced and interactive, which pushed me outside of my comfort zone. I am taking Corporation Finance with Professor Baldiga this semester, and I am glad I was able to take a second class with her before I graduate.

HCM  During finals, where are we most likely to find you studying?
SULLIVAN  During finals you can find me in my room or in a study room in Figge Hall.

HCM  In a little over a month, you’ll be graduating. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the most excited you could possibly be, where are you right now?
SULLIVAN  I would say that I am at an 8. I cannot believe how quickly four years have gone by! The part I’m looking forward to least is leaving my friends and finishing my collegiate athletics career. But at the same time I am ready to venture out into the real world and start my career.

HCM  And where will that be?
SULLIVAN  After graduation I will be working as an audit assistant for Deloitte Consulting in Boston.

HCM  What is the best place in Worcester to take the family for a nice Commencement Weekend dinner?
SULLIVAN  Dino’s!

HCM  What would you say to a high school student who is deciding whether or not to attend Holy Cross right now?
SULLIVAN  I would tell that student that the community at Holy Cross is incredible. When I was looking at colleges I knew that I wanted to attend a small school. I love that I recognize so many faces when I walk around campus. I also love the relationships that I have with my professors because they know me on a personal level and want me to succeed.

HCM  In 2011, your hometown of Brockton, Mass., set the world record for the most Santa hat wearers in one place at one time with 1,792 people in downtown Brockton wearing hats. Did you participate in that event?
SULLIVAN  Unfortunately, I did not because I was playing in a hockey tournament at the time. But my sister was there with my aunts and cousins.

HCM  If not Santa hats, then what world record would your friends say you would be most likely to break?
SULLIVAN  My friends would say that I would be most likely to break the record for the most amount of fruit consumed in a day.

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Mystery Photo
Anyone recognize these six Dapper Dans on the steps of Dinand Library? The back of the photo gave us no clues at all. Share your thoughts with us at hcmag@holycross.edu. (And thanks to those who shed light on the last issue’s Mystery Photo, see Page 65.)
A Message from Colleen

Engaging alumni for life. That is the HCAA’s mission.

I first became “engaged” with Holy Cross and, in turn, the Alumni Association (although it was then called the General Alumni Association) as a toddler. I have early memories of attending Homecoming events with my father, David A. Doern ’62 P91, 89, and I recall a basketball game down at Madison Square Garden, which my family is still talking about. Now you can stream those games online or get instant updates through Twitter and Instagram—connecting with people has never been easier.

I haven’t stopped engaging with Holy Cross alumni since those childhood days, and not just those in my own family or class. I nod to people wearing Holy Cross clothing or wave at cars that have a Holy Cross bumper sticker. That is one of the things that make the Holy Cross community unique. We seek each other out. We engage with each other.

So engage with your fellow Crusaders. Join us at an event. Follow us on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook or LinkedIn.

I welcome your suggestions on how we can better engage with you.

Colleen M. Doern ’89
President, HCAA
coldoern@yahoo.com

HCAA Announces Board Nominees

The Holy Cross Alumni Association has announced the names of those alumni nominated to serve as officers and members of its Board of Directors. Kristyn M. Dyer ’94 has been re-appointed executive secretary. Michael H. Shanahan ’78 has been re-appointed treasurer. Alumni Association bylaws do not require yearly nomination to these offices. Nominations for the board were selected in accordance with the Alumni Association bylaws, which allow for no more than 12 alumni to be chosen annually for three-year terms, with 10 of them from class year groupings and two representing regional clubs.

Although this slate of candidates represents the choices of the HCAA nominating committee, it should be noted that any member of the HCAA may be nominated in accordance with Article VII of the bylaws, as follows: “Any member of the Alumni Association may be nominated for director by a petition containing the signatures of 20 alumni with the executive secretary no later than May 1.” Any member of the HCAA who would like to be so nominated should submit a petition to Kristyn Dyer by May 1, 2015. If any petition should be received, a ballot will appear in an issue of Holy Cross Magazine so that alumni can vote for the candidate(s) nominated by petition.

PRESIDENT Kimberly A. Stone ’90
Kimberly A. Stone currently serves as president-elect of the HCAA as well as a member of the Executive Committee. A Board member since 2006 and vice president from 2013 to 2014, she co-chairs the Book Prize Committee and sits on the HCAA Dinner, Spirituality, Budget & Finance and Nominations & Elections committees. She has also served on the Mission Statement and Strategic Planning committees. From 1998 to 2002, Stone served as secretary, treasurer, vice president and president of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester. A litigation attorney with Counsel on Call in Boston, she resides in Worcester with her husband, Patrick Jones ’92, and four children. Stone is the daughter of John Stone ’68.

PRESIDENT-ELECT Bryan J. DiMare ’06
A member of the HCAA Board of Directors since 2008, Bryan J. DiMare has served as vice president since 2013. A former chair of the Young Alumni Committee, DiMare has also chaired the HCAA Dinner Committee and co-chaired the Strategic Planning Committee. He currently chairs the Ad hoc Committee on Infrastructure and sits on the Executive, Budget & Finance and Nominations & Elections committees. DiMare, a class agent, was a member of the 5th Reunion Gift Committee. He is a consultant with Cutter Associates in Hingham, Mass., and resides in Boston with his wife, Katy.

To view all the HCAA Board of Directors’ candidates, please visit http://alumni.holycross.edu (and click on “Alumni Association Board Nominations 2015.”)
For more than four decades, alumni, regional alumni clubs and friends of the College have sponsored the Holy Cross Alumni Association (HCAA) Book Prize program for outstanding high school juniors at nearly 400 high schools across the nation. Book prize recipients are selected at their schools for their high academic achievement and deep concern for others. Since the prize was created in 1973, recipients have been awarded embossed desk sets that include a dictionary and a thesaurus. That’s about to change.

In this digital age, the desk sets are out. Instead, this year’s recipients will be presented with the most recent edition of The Purple, the Holy Cross student-run literary journal, and the book Questions About Angels by former poet laureate Billy Collins ’63, who edited The Purple as a senior. HCAA Book Prize Committee co-chairs, Kim Stone ’90 and Brian Duggan ’96 (above), worked with Admissions Director Ann McDermott ’79 to update the award to represent more accurately today’s Holy Cross.

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“The Book Prize Committee recognized, as we did, that a thesaurus and a dictionary are somewhat outmoded in this day and age,” McDermott says. “While the book set was beautiful, we think that now it simply takes up space on the recipients’ bookshelves. We wanted to have a prize more representative of Holy Cross today. It was time to modernize what had been given out for decades.”

The book prize committee co-chairs and McDermott considered many options before deciding to pair Questions About Angels, which won the 1990 National Poetry Series Book Award, with the 2014 edition of The Purple. “It became clear that this was a brilliant pairing, especially because Billy Collins had written the introduction to the 2014 Purple,” Stone says. “The new book prize shows what you can do as a student, as well as what you can do with your Holy Cross education after graduation.”

The two publications create a lovely bridge between student work and the celebrated poet, McDermott says, noting, “The new prize represents the best of our literary work.”

Duggan was a book prize recipient as a high school junior. “I still have the desk set actually,” he says, adding, “Kim and I are working closely with the College graphic arts department to create a presentation for the new prize that is as distinctive as the previous embossed enclosure. We’re also looking for new alumni sponsors, especially for ‘orphan’ schools where we’d like to give the prize but need a sponsor. Just $125 covers a three-year sponsorship in a high school where Holy Cross already has a presence.” The list of schools needing sponsors is available online at http://alumni.holycross.edu/hcbookprize

The value of such sponsorships to the College cannot be overstated. “The goal of the program is to increase the number of highly qualified juniors who apply to Holy Cross and to increase the percentage of recipients who enroll in the College after their acceptance,” Stone says. “It’s a great outreach program that also offers an opportunity to help increase current admissions.”

The recognition the prize brings to the College at awards ceremonies is invaluable, McDermott adds. “You have prestigious awards being given by very good schools. To have our name in that mix conveys the sense of Holy Cross being a strong, competitive academic institution.”

For more information regarding HCAA Book Prize sponsorship, contact Kim Stone ’90 at stonejones@charter.net.
Regional Clubs Volunteer Award

The Holy Cross Alumni Association has announced the 2015 recipient of its Regional Clubs Volunteer Award, which recognizes outstanding service to alma mater through the Holy Cross Regional Clubs Program: **Thomas F. McCabe ’65 P96**

Tom McCabe (above) has served as the president of the Holy Cross Club of Cape Cod since 2013, and has played a key role in growing the Cape into one of the College’s most active and engaged regional clubs. The Club is indebted to Tom’s commitment, humor, collaborative spirit and leadership. His enthusiasm and encouragement to test ideas for new events and varied venues, coupled with an exceptional Board of dedicated volunteers, has been a winning recipe. Tom notes that “the increased membership orchestrated under my predecessor John Switzer ’62 enabled much of our recent success. Further, every Board director contributes in a significant way; each has a role to play and they consistently deliver!”

A devoted Class Co-Chair for ’65, Tom majored in economics/accounting. Retired, living in Dennis, Mass., with Ginny, his “incredibly supportive spouse of 48 years,” they are the proud parents of Moira, Patrick, Sean ’96 and Sheila, and immensely enjoy their eight grandchildren.

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Spotlight On...

Stretching from Buzzards Bay to the tip of Provincetown, Mass., the Holy Cross Club of Cape Cod serves more than 1,000 alumni, parents, widows and friends. The apparent disparate demographic profile of the Club’s membership—young alumni, retirees and everyone in between—requires a diverse slate of programming, so the Club organizes close to 10 events and gatherings each year, making it one of the most active and progressive regional clubs in the Holy Cross network. With the help of the HCAA, the Club also sponsors summer internships for current Holy Cross students to obtain summer employment while experiencing real-life challenges in a professional work environment at Cape nonprofits.

Year-round, part-time seasonal and occasional visitors are always welcome at the Club’s events, which you can follow on Facebook: facebook.com/CapeCodCrusaders.

(clockwise from top) Rev. John Savard, S.J., rector of the Holy Cross Jesuit community, leads the faithful in prayer at the Cape Cod Club’s annual November Memorial Mass at Wequassett Inn in Harwich, Mass /// Pat Switzer, Club director Bob Lynch ’79, and former Club president John Switzer ’62 (from left) enjoy the sights during the Club’s sunset dinner cruise leaving Sesuit Harbor last July /// Mandee Blair, wife of Club director Justin Blair ’03, along with daughter Sadie Mae, awaits Santa’s arrival at the Club’s annual “Mingle and Jingle” Christmas Social at Wimpy’s in Osterville, Mass., in December 2014 /// Tom Derry ’61, Jim Delehaunty ’67 P90, Kathy Delehaunty P90 and Carole Derry (from left) prepare coconut fiber for the new hydroponic growing system during “Holy Cross Cares Day” at Cape Abilities Farm in Dennis, Mass.
The Holy Cross Alumni Association (HCAA) supports alma mater in its Catholic, Jesuit mission by bringing together the diverse talents, experience and knowledge of Holy Cross alumni. We accomplish this by engaging alumni for life through our reunions, regional clubs, community outreach and intellectual and spiritual formation programs. By these means, we nurture our love for and dedication to Holy Cross, its students and its alumni as men and women for others.

When Heather Raftery ’97 saw the “It’s a Small (Purple) World” photo of three alumnae who work at MassGeneral for Children at North Shore Medical Center in Salem, Mass., in our last issue, she sent in this shot from the Cornelia Connelly Center, an all-girls Nativity school on the Lower East Side of New York City. “Here is a photo of five Holy Cross alumnae who work together at the school,” she tells HCM. “Also pictured is an alumna of our school who is currently in her second year at Holy Cross.” They are (from left) Cara Joyce Blanchette ’09, Isamar Checo ’12, Raftery, Genesis Torres-Alcantara ’17, Brittany Sachs ’10 and Margaret Molloy ’11.

Raftery, who started at the Cornelia Connelly Center 12 years ago in fundraising and now serves as the school’s executive director, maintains a strong connection to the Hill. “I have always stayed connected to Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84 in the Chaplains’ Office ... she continues to send us amazing candidates year after year for our intern program,” she says.

Sachs serves as the dean of school culture. Blanchette, formerly the school’s assistant principal, is now working at a school in Boston. Molloy was the lead English teacher until recently beginning the teacher education program at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Checo received her degree in sociology from Holy Cross and returned to the Center. “Isamar was an 8th grader when I started here,” Raftery adds, “and went to Holy Cross mostly because I nudged her in that direction—she got a full scholarship—and now she works here as our graduate support intern.” Torres-Alcantara, the Center’s second graduate to attend Holy Cross, is pursuing psychology and sociology majors, works as a tutor in the Writer’s Workshop, serves on the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) board and volunteers at Nativity School of Worcester.

The Cornelia Connelly Center, named for the mid-19th-century founder of The Society of the Holy Child Jesus, accepts at-risk middle school girls and works to empower them throughout their school years, college and beyond. “The best part of working here is seeing our graduates go off to amazing high schools and colleges and accomplish great things,” Raftery says. “My first 5th graders will finish college this year, which brings tears to my eyes every time I mention it. Statistically speaking, only 8 percent of low-income students finish college. Our success rate is 65 percent so far.”
By James M. Lyons ’68
iUniverse

Peace Meets the Streets chronicles the grassroots economic work to support peace and reconciliation in Ireland preceding the Good Friday Agreement from the perspective of one of the United States’ key contributors to the conversation, James M. Lyons ’68. From 1993 to 2001, Lyons first served as President Clinton’s U.S. Observer to the International Fund for Ireland—and was later appointed by the president to a second role as special advisor to the president and secretary of state for economic initiatives in Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic of Ireland. Lyons explains his work in the gritty, sectarian neighborhoods of Belfast and Derry and in the rural towns and villages of the 12 counties. Peace Meets the Streets revolves around the people and leaders in those neighborhoods, cities and towns—both Catholic and Protestant. He tells of the painstaking effort to build trust in both communities and the key players with whom he worked, trusted and came to befriend.

WHAT OTHERS SAY “The role of the United States in the Irish peace process was essentially at two levels, helping advance reconciliation at the grass-roots level through the strategy for economic regeneration of the International Fund for Ireland, a body substantially financed by the United States, and, at the highest political level, through decisive initiatives and interventions by President Clinton. Jim Lyons’ fine book tells this story at both these levels. It is a compelling and essential read for all who wish to understand the unique and proud role of the United States in helping to deliver peace in Northern Ireland, and with it, a new and greatly enhanced relationship between Britain and Ireland.” —Dermot Gallagher, Secretary General, Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, 2001-2009, and Irish Ambassador to the United States, 1991-1997

Sand Opera
By Philip Metres ’92
Alice James Books

The latest work by Philip Metres ’92, professor of English at John Carroll University in Cleveland, offers political poetry from a silenced Arab-American perspective. He uses polyvocal poems, arias and redacted text to speak for the unheard, showcasing the world’s common humanity while exposing the dehumanizing perils of war. Metres, who notes that “were it not for the Ellis Island effect,” his last name would be “Abourjaili,” has received many awards, including two NEA fellowships, two Arab American Book Awards, the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, the Beatrice Hawley Award and the Creative Workforce Fellowship. His writing has appeared in The Best American Poetry, and his poems have been translated into Arabic, Polish, Russian and Tamil.

WHAT OTHERS SAY “Philip Metres transforms our prostrate sorrow and
gracious rage against the banal evil of the administered world into aria and opera. The architecture of horror is brought down to its knees. In Sand Opera we encounter the poet’s inventive vision of art, and also his unforgettable tenderness: his songs to the world of children and to the children of the world. Would Abu Ghraib be possible were we able to truly love our kids? Metres is not interested in the unanswerable. His love speaks for itself.” —Physician and award-winning poet Fady Joudah, M.D.

Kaufman’s Hill
By John C. Hampsey ’76
Bancroft Press

John Hampsey’s memoir tells a tale of boyhood in the early to mid-1960s in Pittsburgh. Set in a middle-class Catholic neighborhood, the narrative begins just before the heavy influences of the counterculture take hold. The book explores Hampsey’s journey with religion, identity and his coming of age against the background of social struggles, racial animosity and racially-related urban violence of the times, shining a historic mirror on current affairs. Hampsey, a professor of literature at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif., who has had more than 30 stories and essays published, is currently working on a mystery novel, Soda Lake.

WHAT OTHERS SAY “Kaufman’s Hill is among the most touching, sensitive and spellbinding memoirs I’ve encountered in many years. Beautifully and exactly written, this book will surely reach into the hearts of its readers. I was deeply moved.” —Tim O’Brien, author of The Things They Carried

If you have authored a book, HCM would like to know about it. Please send a copy to Editor, Holy Cross Magazine, One College St., Worcester, Mass. 01610-2395. (Items will not be returned.)

Carlin 2, 1968

Though the deadly collapse on April 16, 1968, did not involve any Holy Cross students, the accident drew attention from campus because of the thunderous boom of the girders hitting Southbridge Street below and the explosion from a fuel truck that was carrying 2,000 gallons of gasoline.

But what of the runners? “As a past captain of the track team and part of the last group ever to train on what we called The Green Monster I can say with some certainty that the photo does NOT show a track practice! The group is running the wrong way!” Mark Connolly ’87 tells us. “This rubber track was located between Carlin and the stadium where the parking garage now sits.” Connolly recalls that the track team had some “great runners” in his era and that this banked, oval, 220-yard track was state of the art despite being outdoors. “The green surface was a high-tech rubber and may have been laid down in the 1970s,” he says, adding, “I ran on it from the fall of 1983 until spring of 1986.”

Bob Shannon ’71 gave us the final word on the mystery, “Those were the boys from Carlin 2, probably taken in early 1968. It was a staged photo for the yearbook.” Shannon explains that Holy Cross was transitioning from the days of suits and ties to a less formal look at that time. A tighter crop on a shot from the same photo shoot appears on Pages 110–111 in the 1968 Purple Patcher, and shows significantly less formal attire on the band of merry hallmates mugging for the camera—everything from terry cloth robes to shorts and baseball jerseys.
WINTER HOMECOMING

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Another snowstorm in a record-breaking winter didn’t stop hardy alumni from returning to campus Feb. 14 for Winter Homecoming.

Families enjoyed an open swim and skate at the Hart Center. Later in the morning, alumni and their families gathered in Kimball Hall for brunch followed by a free screening of The Lego Movie in Seelos Theater.

More than 200 alumni parents, grandparents and students attended the annual Legacy Luncheon, and about 20 alumni, students and friends produced one-of-a-kind masterpieces at a new activity called “Holy Cross Paints!”

The day’s busy schedule also had opportunities for spiritual exploration and athletic celebration.

The men’s basketball team toppled Lehigh 58-52 before the largest home crowd of the year—2,137. The Holy Cross men’s ice hockey team split the weekend series with RIT as they won on Friday night by a score of 3-1, and fell to RIT 2-0 on Saturday.

For more information about Winter Homecoming and to see the full photo gallery, visit holycross.edu/hcm/winhomecoming15
Katie Boland ’01, Chris Tracey ’01 and Annie Tracey ’01 at the 2014 New York City Marathon
How Then to Live

BY CHRIS TRACEY '01

I developed a late-night habit by my senior year at Holy Cross. To maximize time spent with the people I met on the Hill, I would study after everyone went to sleep. It was a well-intentioned habit born out of a desire to experience all that college life offered. My friends and then-girlfriend found me asleep with my head next to my primitive laptop on occasion.

Ten years after graduation, I found myself spending late nights amidst the glow of my iPad while my now-wife, Annie, and newborn son slept. This new late-night habit of scouring medical websites started after I had casually mentioned at the end of a routine physical examination that my right hand felt weak. It was a seemingly inconsequential comment that commenced a life-defining journey.

That day, my doctor introduced me to rudimentary neurological tests—touch your nose, now touch your finger; make the "OK sign" with your hand faster, and faster still—that I have performed countless times since. The look of puzzled concern on the face of the doctor debunked the theory that I had just been working too hard.

The days that followed were sprinkled with specialist visits and increasingly odd tests. My nights were spent searching for answers. By the time I arrived at a neurologist’s office, I was exhausted and scared, but armed with a list of explanations gleaned from my own research. The neurologist performed some particularly medieval tests, then stared directly at the ground and said, "I think you have Parkinson’s disease."

Parkinson’s disease was not on my list. The late nights grew later. I learned that Parkinson’s disease, a neurodegenerative condition affecting 1 million Americans, was exceedingly rare in one’s early 30s. While the odds were in my favor, I had common early symptoms: I had noticed a loss of my sense of smell, and my right arm did not swing well when I walked.

Rather quickly, I isolated myself. I shied away from friends and family, while befriending more late-night research, in an effort to somehow gain control of a life that seemed to be slipping from me. As I retreated, it was almost as if I could feel my condition advance, slowly taking more and more from me. A snapshot from that time stands out in my memory. I was at the annual Christmas gathering of my Holy Cross friends in New York City, hoping no one would notice my hand’s slight tremor. A friend had to help me as I fumbled unsuccessfully with my Metro Card on the way home. I sat quietly on that train ride, wondering if anyone had noticed the direction my life had taken.

My research found that the only thing proven to delay the advancement of Parkinson’s disease was high-intensity exercise. Taking no chances, I registered for a race to provide motivation to start exercising. I was not a runner, but it seemed like I had better become one. I had chosen a solitary sport, but I reached out to friends and family to see if anyone would run with me.

Weeks later, I sat in a restaurant in Falmouth, Mass., the night before the Cape Cod Marathon. I had become a runner of sorts and had been formally diagnosed with Young-Onset Parkinson’s disease. Slowly, friends started to stream into the dining room. Most were from Holy Cross. Nearly all would not call themselves runners. That night we ate, we drank and we split into relay teams that would run the marathon the following morning in support of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research. We celebrated as we watched donations register on our online fundraising site.

When I look back on that weekend—our first annual fundraiser, which became known as Race with Trace (to Cure Parkinson’s)—I remember a feeling of gratitude watching relay teams of inexperienced runners leave their comfort zones to support our family by completing marathons. Most often, though, I reflect on the night preceding the race at that restaurant in Falmouth. My friends and family taught me a lesson that night that would shape my journey with Parkinson’s.

A parent of a Holy Cross friend summarized that lesson in a beautiful note that I received as we prepared for our second fundraiser this past fall. He surmised that our group of friends had asked and answered the question, "How then to live?"—a philosophical inquiry that Holy Cross had posed to us many times—by choosing a positive response to an unexpected challenge.

That night was not just about battling Parkinson’s disease. Rather, everyone in that restaurant had faced unique challenges on their path there. Yet, each person there had chosen to live well in spite of those challenges. Each example provided a lesson that only that person could teach.

Michael J. Fox has said that for everything Parkinson’s takes away, something of greater value is always given in return. Until that night, I did not believe that this was true. Each day, it becomes clear to my wife and I that the gifts that we have received on our journey with Parkinson’s greatly outdistance what we have lost. Our friends and family have lined our journey, supporting us. They have run to raise awareness and have raised tens of thousands of dollars to support Parkinson’s research. They even braved frigid temperatures to buoy me across the finish line of the New York City Marathon. But, above all, they have taught us that we choose the path of our life’s journey, and that we can live well in spite of any challenge. That lesson is greater than anything that Parkinson’s could take away.

To contact Team Tracey, the group Chris and Annie started to advance a cure for Parkinson’s, email letscurepd@gmail.com.
### IN MEMORIAM

**HOLY CROSS MAGAZINE** publishes In Memoriam to inform the College community of the deaths of alumni, Trustees, students, employees and friends. Featured obituaries are provided for faculty, senior administrators, Jesuits, honorary degree recipients and Trustees. Obituary content is limited to an overview of an individual's life accomplishments, including service to alma mater and a survivors' listing. Portrait photos from The Purple Patcher appear as space permits and at the discretion of the editor (photos provided by the deceased’s family are not accepted). 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 email AlumniRecords@holycross.edu, attaching a copy of a newspaper obituary, if available.

#### 1939

**Richard K. Tobin**

Richard Tobin, of Winter Park, Fla., died Aug. 11, 2014, at 96. An investment counselor for 26 years in New York City, Mr. Tobin worked for A. Vere Shaw & Co. and, then, Neville, Rodie & Shaw, Inc., retiring in 1985. From 1946 to 1958, he operated the D.H. Kelly Company, a plumbing and heating company founded by his grandfather in Derby, Conn. Receiving his MBA in 1941 from Harvard Business School in Boston, Mr. Tobin subsequently worked two years for the DuPont company. An Army Air Corps veteran, he served in the Pacific theater during World War II. Mr. Tobin is survived by two daughters; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

#### 1942

**Philip J. Mylod**

Philip Mylod died Aug. 5, 2014, at his home in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. A longtime attorney, Mr. Mylod served in the State of New Jersey Office of the Attorney General and the Passaic County (N.J.) Prosecutor’s Office before entering into private practice with his father, the late Judge James P. Mylod; at the end of his career, he served as of counsel in the firm, in practice with his son Philip G. Mylod. A longtime permanent deacon in the Diocese of Trenton, N.J., Mr. Mylod served at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Seaside Heights; The Church of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Avon-by-the-Sea; and St. Peter’s Parish, Point Pleasant Beach, among other ministries. A retired Marine Corps major, he was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his service with the Sixth Marine Division in Okinawa during World War II. Mr. Mylod is survived by his wife, Marie; three sons; three daughters; three stepchildren; their spouses; 15 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

#### 1943

**Wallace F. Haley Jr., M.D.**

Wallace Haley, M.D., of Wellesley, Mass., died Sept. 3, 2014. A 1946 graduate of Harvard Medical School in Boston, Dr. Haley maintained a psychiatric practice for many years in Boston. During the Korean War, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Dr. Haley is survived by his wife, Rosamond; three sons; a daughter; their spouses; the widow of his late son; and two grandchildren. His father was the late Wallace F., Class of 1912; his son was the late Robert H., D.D.S., ’70; and his brother was the late Bernard J.’42.

#### 1944

**Paul E. Soulliere**

Paul Soulliere died July 23, 2014, at his home in Westborough, Mass., at 92. Active in the insurance industry for many years, Mr. Soulliere joined his father at the Brown & Soulliere Insurance Agency in Worcester in 1948, following graduation from Harvard Business School in Boston. He later also owned a commercial acceptance corporation, became president of the Bancroft Drug Co., which operated a Liggett Drug Store—and owned and operated numerous commercial and residential real estate properties throughout the Worcester area. Mr. Soulliere’s civic involvement included serving as a member of the Worcester City Council and the Worcester City Retirement Board and, in the 1970s, as a director of the Worcester Public Library. A corporator of Bay State Savings Bank, he had been active as well in many community and professional organizations, including the Harmony Club of Worcester and the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents. Mr. Soulliere was a Navy veteran, serving three years in reserve and active duty during World War II; based with PT boats on several Pacific Islands, he was awarded two battle stars. Returning to Bayonne, N.J., in August 1945, Mr. Soulliere was released from active duty in 1946, as a second lieutenant. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Soulliere is survived by a son; two daughters; and six grandchildren.

**John W. Nolan**

John Nolan, most recently of Madison, Conn., died July 14, 2014, at 92. During his 35-year career as an educator in Waterbury, Conn., Mr. Nolan had been an elementary school teacher and, at the time of his retirement in 1983, principal of the Sprague School. A native and longtime resident of Waterbury, he volunteered in many community and church activities throughout his lifetime. Serving as a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy in World War II, Mr. Nolan saw action in Iwo Jima and Okinawa. After the war, he completed his undergraduate degree at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, his master’s degree at Fairfield (Conn.)
University and his sixth-year diploma at the University of Connecticut. Mr. Nolan is survived by five sons; four daughters; their spouses; two sisters; a brother-in-law; 19 grandchildren, including John W. ‘18; 11 great-grandchildren; many nephews and nieces; and two cousins. His father was the late Thomas F., Class of 1913, and his brother was the late Joseph T. ‘42.

1946
Raymond S. Borowicz
Raymond Borowicz, of Fruitland Park, Fla., died June 26, 2014, at 93. An educator, baseball coach and professional baseball player during his career, Mr. Borowicz taught and coached at Huntington (N.Y.) High School; coached at SUNY-Buffalo; and served as a pitching coach for the Burlington (N.C.) Indians, a former minor league baseball team affiliated with the Cleveland Indians. He had been a member of the varsity baseball team at Holy Cross. Mr. Borowicz was a Navy veteran and member of The Catholic Community of St. Paul, Leesburg, Fla. He is survived by a son; two daughters; their spouses; and two grandchildren.

John F. Merrigan
John “Josh” Merrigan died Aug. 22, 2014, in Livingston, N.J., at 90. During his career, Mr. Merrigan was the business administrator of the former Essex County Geriatric Hospital in Belleville, N.J., and the former Essex County Hospital Center in Cedar Grove, N.J.—as well as personnel director for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Prior to his retirement in 1991, he had been the administrator of the Morris View Healthcare Center in Morristown, N.J. A 1948 graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., he received his master’s degree in public administration in 1977 from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. An active member of St. Joseph’s Church in West Orange, N.J., he had also been involved, for many years, in community theater. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Merrigan was born in Jersey City, N.J., where he was a track star at St. Michael’s High School. He is survived by his wife, Bruna; two sons; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

Robert J. Molloy, M.D.
Robert Molloy, M.D., of Harwich, Mass., and, formerly, of West Hartford, Conn., died Sept. 5, 2014 in Harwich, at 90. A 1948 graduate of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City, Dr. Molloy maintained a private practice in Hartford, Conn., and served as a member of the department of medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, from 1954 until his retirement in 1993. A member of many hospital and departmental committees during his career, he served as the chairman and president of the medical staff’s executive committee and, also, as a member of the hospital’s board of directors. Dr. Molloy was a fellow of the American College of Physicians. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he served on active duty as a Navy medical officer, from 1950 to 1952. Dr. Molloy had been a Holy Cross class agent and a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. His interests included history, particularly of the American Revolutionary and Civil wars; tennis, golf and gardening. Dr. Molloy was a graduate of William H. Hall High School in West Hartford. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; four sons; four daughters, including Katherine Spencer-Molloy ‘77 and Elizabeth E. Molloy ‘80; their spouses, including Frank B. Spencer-Molloy ‘75; a sister; a brother-in-law, Robert W. Abbot ‘49; a sister-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. His brother was the late William D. ‘42.

1947
Monsignor James J. Markham
Monsignor James Markham, a longtime priest of the Diocese of Manchester, N.H., died July 15, 2014, at 91. Ordained to the priesthood in Rome in 1951, Monsignor Markham had been an associate pastor at parishes in Manchester, Somersworth, Wolfeboro, Concord and Goffstown. His duties also included serving as vice officialis and notary of the diocesan marriage tribunal; assistant chancellor, with residence in St. Joseph Cathedral; vice chancellor for the military ordinariate and with Catholic Relief Services, both in New York City; and chaplain of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Newington, Conn. Named a papal chamberlain in 1955, Monsignor Markham completed his ecclesiastical studies at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., earning a baccalaureate degree in canon law in 1955, a licentiate in 1956 and a Ph.D. in 1957. He retired from active ministry in 1989. Monsignor Markham was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, a former auxiliary chaplain at the Grenier Air Force Base in Manchester and a member of the National Association of Priest Pilots. He was also past secretary of the Canon Law Society of America. Monsignor Markham was born in Lowell, Mass., where he served for several years on the school committee. He is survived by a sister-in-law and several nephews.

1948
John R. Driscoll
John “Jack” Driscoll died July 9, 2014, in Belmont (Mass.) Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, at 90. A longtime agent with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Mr. Driscoll had also been an assessor, for many years, in Northbridge, Mass., and the Massachusetts state representative for the 9th Worcester District, from 1975 to 1992. Following retirement, he worked for several years as a “good will” ambassador at the Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in Northbridge. Mr. Driscoll was a longtime resident of Whitinsville, Mass., where he had been an active member of St. Patrick’s Parish. A World War II veteran, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. Mr. Driscoll was survived by a son and his partner; a daughter and her husband; a brother; many grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and...
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many nephews and nieces.

Roy W. Riel

Roy Riel, of Santa Barbara, Calif., died July 7, 2014, at 89. A retired engineer, Mr. Riel had worked 29 years for the Raytheon Company; he subsequently taught in the evening division of Santa Barbara City College. Mr. Riel was a past president of the Santa Barbara Astronomy Club, an instructor in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons and an active member of St. Barbara and San Roque parishes in Santa Barbara. A Navy veteran, he served as an aviation electronics technician in World War II and the Korean War. Mr. Riel is survived by his wife, Constance; a son; two daughters; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His brother was the late Arthur R. Jr. ‘40.

Robert S. Manogue, M.D.

Robert Manogue, M.D., most recently of Haverford, Pa., died June 25, 2014, at 90. A 1954 graduate of the New York Medical College, Valhalla, N.Y., Dr. Manogue joined an obstetrics and gynecologic partnership in Utica, N.Y., in 1961. During his 40-year medical career, he had been president of the Oneida County Medical Society and Planned Parenthood of Utica, and a member of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct and the Utica Medical Club. Closing his practice in 1992, Dr. Manogue continued working as an attending physician at the Masonic Home in Utica, until his retirement in 1996. A veteran, he had served in the Army Air Corps, training as a pilot in Panama City, Fla., and flying the B-24 “Liberator.” Dr. Manogue, whose interests included sports and gardening, had been a member of the Yahnundasis Golf Club in New Hartford, N.Y. He was born in Haverhill, Mass. Dr. Manogue is survived by his wife, Madeline; two sons, including Christopher J. ’89; three daughters; their spouses; and 13 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Thomas.

1949

Philip J. Joyce

Philip Joyce, a lifelong resident of Clinton, Mass., died Aug. 7, 2014, at 88. Mr. Joyce worked 30 years at the Framingham (Mass.) Post Office as a postal clerk, retiring in 1999. He was a 1943 graduate of Clinton High School and a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Joyce had been a member of Saint John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish in Clinton. He is survived by two sons; their spouses; a sister; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. His brother was the late Thomas J. ‘48.

1950

Thomas P. Carney

Thomas Carney, formerly of Worcester and a longtime resident of Vienna, Va., died Aug. 25, 2014, in Arlington, Va., at 88. During his career, Mr. Carney served 31 years with the CIA as a case officer in Europe and Asia; following retirement, he worked 24 years with the agency as a consultant. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, Mr. Carney later served in the U.S. Naval Reserve as an ensign. He was a graduate of North High School in Worcester. Mr. Carney is survived by a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a sister-in-law; two nephews and nieces.

William E. O’Neil

William O’Neil, of Westwood, Mass., and Naples, Fla., died Aug. 3, 2014, at 87. During his career, Mr. O’Neil had worked as a real estate attorney. He was a graduate of Boston College Law School. An Army veteran, Mr. O’Neil served with the 2nd Infantry Division, 9th Regiment Fox Company during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Marie; a son; four daughters; a sister; and 11 grandchildren. His brother was the late Joseph F. ’50.

1951

Nolin J. Bilodeau

Nolin Bilodeau, of McLean, Va., died on Sept. 2, 2014. Mr. Bilodeau is survived by two sons; two daughters; their spouses; the widow of his late son; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Thomas F. Hewes, M.D.

Thomas Hewes, M.D., formerly of Needham, Mass., died Dec. 29, 2014, at his home in Little Compton, R.I., at 85. A 1954 graduate of the Tufts School of Medicine in Boston, Dr. Hewes practiced for 37 years at the American Hospital of Paris in France, serving as longtime chief of medicine and president of the medical board; he retired in 1998. Undertaking his residency in Rochester, N.Y., Dr. Hewes subsequently practiced at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Roxbury, Mass., and at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. A veteran, he served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in France, from 1956 to 1958. Dr. Hewes was a graduate of Boston College High School. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons; two daughters; 10 grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

James J. Doherty

James Doherty, of St. Louis, died July 16, 2014, at 84. During his
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John E. Reilly
(1928–2014)


A longtime educator and literary historian, with a special interest in 19th-century American literature, Professor Reilly taught 22 years at Holy Cross and, during his tenure, served as English department chair; he retired in 1990. Prior to joining the College faculty, Professor Reilly had taught 10 years at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Receiving a bachelor's degree from New York University (NYU), a master's degree in English literature from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and a Ph.D. in English and American literature from the University of Virginia, he had also taught on occasion at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Assumption College. In addition, Professor Reilly offered courses for 20 years in the Worcester Institute for Senior Education, a lifelong learning program open to older adults in Central Massachusetts, sponsored by Assumption College, and led colloquia on the poetry of religious experience at parishes in the Diocese of Worcester.

The author of many publications—primarily on poet Edgar Allan Poe and his circle—Professor Reilly had also been a member of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester and The American Literature Association; a lifetime member of the Modern Language Association; an honorary member of The Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore; and a co-founder and an honorary member of the international Poe Studies Association. He belonged as well to the editorial boards of the journals Poe Studies/Dark Romanticism and The Edgar Allan Poe Review.

Professor Reilly had been an active parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Church and St. Catherine of Sweden Church, both in Worcester; North American Martyrs Church in Auburn, Mass.; and St. Joseph's Church in Charlton, Mass. He was also an elected member of the Auburn Democratic Town Committee and a Town Meeting member.

Born in New Rochelle, N.Y., Professor Reilly lived in the Worcester area for more than 40 years. Prior to earning his bachelor's degree, he served in the military in Germany.

Professor Reilly is survived by three sons, John J. '78, Edward M. '79 and Frederick C. '80; two daughters-in-law, including Michele E. McKewon '81; a brother; and six grandchildren, including Emma F. '10.

Following are remembrances of the late Professor John E. Reilly, by current members of the Holy Cross English department:

Noting that Professor Reilly welcomed him to the English department in 1977, Professor Richard E. Matlak writes: “He was a mentor to me and offered his guidance with wit and wisdom, and without expectations. He had a vision for the English department that President John Brooks (the late Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ‘49) had for the College, which was to make it among the best in the quality of teaching and scholarship among our peers.”

Recalling that Professor Reilly was always supportive of her work in American literature, Patricia L. Bizzell, Distinguished Professor of English, observes: “When I came into the department, he was the senior Americanist and a well-known expert on Edgar Allan Poe, but he encouraged me to explore new pathways. My recollection is that I taught the first department course on women's literature at his urging.” ▪
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career, Mr. Doherty worked for Monsanto in Boston, transferring to St. Louis in 1956. He volunteered for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and prison ministry. Mr. Doherty was born in Lincoln, N.H. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Doherty is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons; four daughters; sons-in-law and daughters-in-law; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; three great-grandchildren; and extended family.

Thomas J. Donnalley

Thomas Donnalley, of Cherry Hill, N.J., died May 20, 2014, at 87. Mr. Donnalley is survived by his wife, Theresa Alice; a son; four daughters; their spouses; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

John E. Fenton Jr.

John Fenton, of Andover, Mass., died Aug. 24, 2014, at 83. A longtime judge, Mr. Fenton served as associate justice of the Massachusetts Land Court, from 1974 to 1990; administrative justice of the Land Court, from 1990 to 1992; and chief administrative justice of the Trial Court, from 1992 to 1994. His judicial committee work included serving as chairman of the Advisory Committee to Study the Rules of Evidence. At Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Mr. Fenton was dean and professor of law, from 1994 to 1999, and a distinguished professor of law, from 2000 to 2013. Receiving his juris doctor, in 1954, from Boston College Law School and his master of laws, in 1955, from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., he had been associated with the Lawrence, Mass., law firm, Fenton & Elias, from 1954 to 1974, except for a time of military service; an Army veteran, he served 27 months as a first lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Among his community service endeavors, Mr. Fenton held leadership positions with the Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen, Mass., and affiliated corporations. The recipient of numerous awards at Suffolk University, including an honorary degree in 2011, he was recognized by the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce in 1974 with its Ralph B. Wilkinson Good Citizen Award. In 2000, the new courthouse in Lawrence was named the “Fenton Judicial Center,” in honor of Mr. Fenton and his late father, John E. Fenton Sr. ’20, a longtime Massachusetts Land Court judge. He was a 1947 graduate of Lawrence High School. Mr. Fenton is survived by his wife, Theresa; a nephew; a niece; their spouses; and five great-nephews and nieces.

William E. Kendall

William “Bill” Kendall, of Windsor, Conn., died July 26, 2014, at 87. Prior to his retirement in 1991, Mr. Kendall had been the office manager of A.H. Harris & Sons, Inc. in New Britain, Conn., for more than 25 years. At the start of his career, he worked for the state of Connecticut and, then, for the Service Bureau, a subsidiary of IBM. Following retirement, Mr. Kendall had been employed by H&R Block for many years, at its offices in Fort Myers, Fla., and Bloomfield and West Hartford, both in Connecticut; he also worked at the Duncaster retirement community in Bloomfield, in the transportation department. Mr. Kendall was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Tariffville, Conn. A Navy medic in World War II, he served in the Navy again during the Korean War—and, upon completion of military service, pursued postgraduate studies at the University of Connecticut. Born and raised in Bristol, Conn., Mr. Kendall lived in Bloomfield for 42 years before relocating to Windsor 12 years ago. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Kendall is survived by his wife, Jean; three sons; two daughters; their spouses; two sisters-in-law; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Benedict B. Landry Jr

Benedict Landry, of West Hartford, Conn., died on Aug. 17, 2014. Mr. Landry was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by four sisters; nephews and nieces; and great-nephews and nieces.

Edward R. Reilly Jr.

Edward Reilly, of Tenafly, N.J., died Aug. 25, 2014, at 85. A graduate of the Fordham University School of Law in New York City, Mr. Reilly subsequently joined Edward R. Reilly & Co., an independent property insurance adjusting firm founded by his father in the 1930s. Active in the insurance industry for many years, Mr. Reilly assumed a leadership role in the company, developing it into a family business that continues today. Involved in many professional organizations during his career, he served as president of the New York Association of Independent Adjusters, Inc., The National Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters and the International Institute of Loss Adjusters—as well as membership chairman, for 30 years, for the Loss Executives Association, among other endeavors. Mr. Reilly had been an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Tenafly. Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he attended Brooklyn Preparatory High School. A Navy veteran, Mr. Reilly served as an ensign aboard the USS Howard D. Crow. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Reilly is survived by his wife, Patricia; four children; three daughters-in-law; five grandchildren; and a large extended family.

1953

John A. Case

John Case, formerly of Worcester, died July 4, 2014, in South Dennis, Mass., at 83. A longtime educator, Mr. Case began his career as a social studies teacher at West Boylston (Mass.) Jr.-Sr. High School, from 1960 to 1964. He then joined the staff of St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, Mass., where he taught U.S. history and American government for more than 30 years. Also serving as the head baseball coach at St. John’s,
Francis T. Dyson
Francis “Fran” Dyson, of Westborough, Mass., died June 28, 2014, at 85. During his career, Mr. Dyson taught physical education at Worcester State University (WSU) for 33 years and, during his tenure, coached baseball and basketball; he was inducted into the WSU Hall of Fame in 1992. Serving as the head softball coach at Holy Cross from 1993 to 1997, Mr. Dyson was named Patriot League Coach of the Year in 1995 and inducted into College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. He played varsity basketball and baseball at Holy Cross—and first base for the 1952 NCAA championship team. A 1947 graduate of South High in Worcester, Mr. Dyson completed a postgraduate year at Worcester Academy before attending the College. He was an Army veteran, serving two years overseas in the Korean War; upon discharge, Mr. Dyson completed advanced graduate studies at Boston University. In addition to sports, his interests included travel and furniture making. Mr. Dyson is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son; a daughter, Jennifer R. O’Toole ’90; a son-in-law; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Francis X. Kett
Francis Kett, a longtime resident of Plantation, Fla., died July 29, 2014, at 82. Mr. Kett operated a real estate company in Plantation for more than 40 years. He was also a graduate of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Mr. Kett’s interests included sports, scuba diving and birding. He is survived by his wife, Katherine; four sons; a daughter; their spouses; and nine grandchildren. His brother was the late Stephen T. Jr. ’56.

William E. Russell Jr.
William Russell died July 16, 2014, at his home in Andover, Mass., at 82. A longtime educator, Mr. Russell began his career at Christopher Columbus High School in Boston and later taught science at Tewksbury (Mass.) Memorial High School. Prior to his retirement in 2000, he had been a teacher at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., for more than 30 years. Mr. Russell earned his bachelor of arts degree at Boston College and his master’s degree during the College’s 1984 Commencement exercises.

Mr. Cuomo was born in Queens, N.Y., where he was a 1949 graduate of St. John’s University School of Law, also in Queens. A 1956 graduate, he later joined the Brooklyn, N.Y., law firm Corner, Weisbrod, Froeb & Charles.

Named New York secretary of state in 1974, he ran unsuccessfully for mayor of New York City, in 1977. The following year, Mr. Cuomo was elected lieutenant governor of New York and, in 1982, the governor. Upon completion of three terms as governor, he joined the New York City law firm Willkie, Farr & Gallagher.

Mr. Cuomo served as an honorary doctor of laws degree during the College’s 1984 Commencement exercises.

He is survived by his wife, Matilda; two sons, including Andrew M., currently serving his second term as the governor of New York; three daughters; and 14 grandchildren.
degree in education at Boston University. He is survived by his wife, Judith; a son; two daughters, Suzanne M. ’84 and Donna M. Meuth ’88; a son-in-law; and three grandchildren.

1954

Arthur R. Fitzgerald

Arthur Fitzgerald died Aug. 17, 2014, at his home in Strongsville, Ohio, at 82. A 1962 graduate of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University, Mr. Fitzgerald served many years in public service, retiring as chief assistant general counsel for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; in retirement he was legal counsel for the Ohio Turnpike Commission. Raised in Lakewood, Ohio, Mr. Fitzgerald was a 1950 graduate of Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland where he later received the Cardinal Robert J. Bellarmine, S.J., and Rev. Gerald B. Garvey, S.J., awards. Mr. Fitzgerald had been active in several parish communities, including St. Joseph Church, Strongsville, and in the Stephen Ministry at Southwest General Hospital, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, among other volunteer endeavors. Prior to beginning law school, he served as a naval officer. Mr. Fitzgerald had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Mercita; four sons, including Kevin M. ’79; two daughters; their spouses; 20 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

William H. Harrison II

William Harrison, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died Aug. 13, 2014, at 82. During his career, Mr. Harrison worked for Grey Advertising and Franklin Simon & Co. as an accountant—and then taught computer technology and accounting at William Cullen Bryant High School, Beach Channel High School and LaGuardia Community College, all in New York City. In addition, he had been a volunteer for Airline Ambassadors International; a teacher-leader for the People to People Student Ambassador Program; an avid Rotarian; and a member of St. Clement’s Roman Catholic Parish in Saratoga Springs. A star athlete in track events, Mr. Harrison had been a member of the track team of his alma mater Brooklyn (N.Y.) Preparatory High School and, later, at Holy Cross. He earned a master’s degree at New York University. A veteran, Mr. Harrison had been a paratrooper in the Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Maria; a son; three daughters; two stepsons; their spouses; eight grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

1955

Gordon A. Cronin

Gordon Cronin, of Northampton, Mass., died July 4, 2014, at 80. Mr. Cronin had been an antiquarian book dealer for many years. Undertaking postgraduate studies at the University of Massachusetts early in his career, he later became a college professor. Mr. Cronin was born in Boston and raised in Worcester, where he had been a member of St. Peter’s Church. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a brother and his family; and two grandchildren.

Thomas J. Reid

Thomas Reid, of Syosset, N.Y., died Sept. 17, 2014, at 81. Earning a master’s degree in business administration, Mr. Reid had a 34-year career with Grumman Aerospace Corp., Bethpage, N.Y. He served as a naval aviator in Anti-Submarine Squadron 27, followed by his service in the Naval Air Reserve on Long Island, N.Y., and in New Jersey. Mr. Reid is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two sons; three daughters; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and 10 grandchildren. He was the son of the late Richard A., Class of 1918.

1956

Robert L. Mainzer

Robert Mainzer died Aug. 19, 2014, at his home in Tinton Falls, N.J., at 79. Mr. Mainzer served as an investment adviser with Smith Barney for more than 40 years. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Holmdel, N.J., where he had been active in the religious education program. Mr. Mainzer was an Army veteran. A member of the Class of 1956, he received his degree from Holy Cross in 1957. Mr. Mainzer had been a member of the President’s Council at the College. He is survived by his wife, Katherine; five daughters; their spouses; 13 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Aldo D. Pellini Jr.

Aldo Pellini, a resident of Walpole, Mass., for the past 35 years, died Aug. 15, 2014, at 80. Active for many years in the publishing field, Mr. Pellini had worked for Academic Press and Plenum Publishing Corp. before becoming a freelance advertising agent. He also produced a newspaper for about five years, titled Manhattan Park West, in New York City. Mr. Pellini was a 1951 graduate of Walpole High School and an Army veteran. He is survived by two brothers; a sister; and many nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.

1958

Albert J. Coursey

Albert Coursey, of Manchester, Conn., died July 19, 2014, at 78. Mr. Coursey, who was born in Worcester, is survived by his wife, Carol; a son; two daughters; and two grandchildren.

1959

Richard J. McGovern

Richard McGovern died Sept. 1, 2014, at his home in Auburn, Mass., at 77. Owning and operating Dymco Associates for many years, Mr. McGovern had previously been a partner with JCL Associates and general manager at ECC Corp. in Holden, Mass. A member of NROTC at Holy Cross, he served as a Navy lieutenant and chief engineer aboard the USS Shenandoah. Born and raised in Worcester, Mr. McGovern was a resident there before moving to Auburn. He is survived by his companion, Jane I. (Berthiaume) Sloan McGovern; two daughters; four stepchildren; their spouses and companion; two sisters; eight grandchildren; a great-
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Kathryn A. McCarthy (1924–2014)

Kathryn McCarthy, former Holy Cross Board Trustee and 1978 honorary degree recipient, professor emerita at Tufts University, and longtime advocate for women in science, died Dec. 24, 2014, at Brookhaven in Lexington, Mass., at 90.

Ms. McCarthy had served as a Trustee from 1980 to 1988 and from 1989 to 1997; she was the Board vice chair from 1991 to 1997. Ms. McCarthy received a doctor of science degree from the College during Commencement exercises held on May 26, 1978. She had also been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross.

At the time of her retirement in 1994, former students and friends established the Kathryn A. McCarthy Lectureship in Physics at Tufts, “in recognition of her roles as a mentor, friend and advisor to a generation of students, and as a champion of women in science.”

Ms. McCarthy is survived by her cousin, Claire McCarthy.

Following is a remembrance of Kathryn McCarthy by Matthew B. Koss, professor of physics at Holy Cross and her former student at Tufts University.

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The Johns Hopkins Textbook of Dyslipidemia. Born and raised in Danville, Pa., Dr. Kwiterovich was a graduate of Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda. He had been the president and vice president of the Roland Park Civic League. In 2005, Holy Cross honored Dr. Kwiterovich with its Sanctae Crucis Award. He is survived by his wife, Martha; their two daughters, including Kris A. Oursler, M.D., ’88; two sisters; and five grandchildren.

1963
Gregory S. Lukowski, D.D.S.

Gregory Lukowski, D.D.S., of Noank, Conn., died July 3, 2014, in Seattle, at 72. A 1967 graduate of the University of Maryland, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Dr. Lukowski practiced dentistry in Mystic, Conn., for more than 40 years. An avid fly fisherman, sailor and traveler, he had been a member of several professional associations and local organizations during his career, including the Ram Island Yacht Club in Groton, Conn. Dr. Lukowski was a veteran, serving in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a 1959 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, New Britain, Conn. Dr. Lukowski is survived by his wife, Ruth; five cousins; and many nephews and nieces.

1964
John N. Mackessy II

John “Jack” Mackessy, of Chatham, N.J., died Aug. 22, 2014, at 72. Mr. Mackessy had most recently served as the president of JNM Associates, a real estate consulting firm in Short Hills, N.J. After Holy Cross, he studied at the Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and undertook research in molecular biology at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia. Born and raised in Elizabeth, N.J., Mr. Mackessy lived several years in Rosemont, Pa., before raising his family in Mendham, N.J.; he lived in Chatham since 2006. Mr. Mackessy is survived by his wife, Lillian; two sons; two daughters; their spouses, including Douglas R. Rutherford ’92; 12 grandchildren; and cousins.

1970
Kenneth F. Witham

Kenneth Witham, of Lawrence, Mass., died July 11, 2014, at 65. A graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Mr. Witham, an attorney, worked for more than 30 years at the Lawrence (Mass.) District Court. He was a veteran, serving four years in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Born in Cambridge, Mass., and raised in Tewksbury, Mass., Mr. Witham was a graduate of the Keihl Academy in Lowell. He is survived by three brothers; a sister; and many nephews and nieces.

1973
Neil M. Manning

Neil Manning died on July 15, 2014. During his career, Mr. Manning was the former proprietor of the Stockyard Restaurant in Brighton, Mass. He had been a resident of Newton—where he was a longtime member of the Elks and a graduate of St. Sebastian’s School—and Humarock, both in Massachusetts. Mr. Manning is survived by his companion, Sally Hanke; his mother; a brother; a sister; their spouses; and many nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.

1982
William C. Bibaud

William Bibaud died Aug. 24, 2014, at 54. During his career, Mr. Bibaud had been co-owner of the family business, Kangaroo Crossing, a former footwear and apparel store located in Worcester. He had also been involved in real estate development and investment. Mr. Bibaud was a graduate of St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, Mass. He is survived by his mother; two brothers, including Timothy M. ’81; their spouses; three nephews; a niece; his former wife, Kelly Jancaitis; and his companion, Kelly Nelson.

FRIENDS
Kathleen Abolin, mother of Ron Montague, information technology services; Isabel F. Bergin, wife of Joseph W. Jr. ’49; Edward P. Binnall, husband of Eleanor, retired, library, and grandfather of Michaela Caporello ’16; Arthur E. Chase, friend of the College; Walter J. Conlan, father of Rev. Walter J. Jr., S.J., ’70; Margaret T. Daly, wife of the late Stephen L., M.D., ’39, mother of William C., M.D., ’73 and Robert B., M.D., ’74, mother-in-law of Margaret Dubois Daly ’76, and grandmother of James J., M.D., ’08 and Robert B. Jr. ’16; Pauline J. (Kelley) Dolan, wife of the late John B. ’42; M. Frances Earls, wife of the late Kevin M. ’43, mother of Marian F., M.D., ’76, and grandmother of Naomi Earls Leslie, M.D., ’00; Michael X. Garrity, father of Michael X. ’93; Eleanor George, mother of Ellen, senior vice president’s office, and grandmother of Kevin Blanchard, grounds department; Beatrice “Betty” McLeod Gralton, wife of the late Richard T. ’54, mother of Kathleen M. ’79, John P. ’81 and Maureen Gralton Bowman ’83, and grandmother of Connor S. Bowman ’12; Ellen M. Harrington, wife of Edward
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Galway Kinnell
(1927–2014)

Award-winning poet Galway Kinnell, former poet in residence and honorary degree recipient at Holy Cross, died Oct. 28, 2014, at his home in Sheffield, Vt., at 87.

Poet, essayist, translator and teacher, Mr. Kinnell published numerous volumes of poetry from 1960 to 2006, with his Selected Poems winning the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry and co-winning the National Book Award in 1983. His other collections include Body Rags (1967), The Book of Nightmares (1971) and Mortal Acts, Mortal Words (1980).

Professor and director of the creative writing program for many years at New York University, Mr. Kinnell was a poet in residence at Holy Cross during the fall 1977 semester. A visiting professor and poet in residence at numerous colleges and universities during his career, he also undertook teaching assignments overseas, in France, Iran and Australia, among other locations.

A 1948 graduate of Princeton (N.J.) University, Mr. Kinnell received his master’s degree in English the following year from the University of Rochester in New York. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Born in Providence, R.I., and raised in Pawtucket, R.I., Mr. Kinnell had attended Wilbraham (Mass.) Academy.

He was also author of a novel, Black Light (1966) and a children’s book, How the Alligator Missed Breakfast (1982)—and published translations of the works of several poets, including the 15th-century French writer François Villon.

The Vermont state poet laureate from 1989 to 1993, Mr. Kinnell received the Wallace Stevens Award in 2010 from the Academy of American Poets; he had served as a chancellor of the academy from 2001 to 2007.

A longtime social activist, Mr. Kinnell had been a field worker for the Congress of Racial Equality in 1963.

He received an honorary doctor of literature degree from the College during the May 24, 1985 Commencement exercises.

Mr. Kinnell is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son; a daughter; and two grandchildren.
The 84th Commencement

When Robert “Bobby” Kennedy III ’96 returned to Holy Cross last year for a position as the lab supervisor in the Integrated Science Complex, he didn’t just bring his own memories back to campus. He came back with the memories of his grandfather, the late Robert “Bob” Kennedy Sr. ’33. A chemist with a penchant for genealogy, Bobby keeps several mementos of his grandfather, who passed away in 1984, including his 1933 Commencement program (above). More book than program, it is wrapped with a deeply embossed leather cover, bound with three ties and embellished inside with decorative vellum sheets. It is a stately reminder of the young men in starched collars and wool suit vests who walked Linden Lane during the Hoover administration. Or, in the case of the elder Kennedy, “roared up” Linden Lane. When HCM met with Bobby to see the rare program, he pulled Bob’s 1933 Purple Patcher from his satchel. Smiling, he opened it to the page where the editors described his grandfather as a fast driver who had “drawn scores of friends” and alarmed many pedestrians. “Once out of the driver’s seat,” the text notes, “Bob is no longer a madman, but a sane, likeable human being. He had no superior in catch-as-catch-can argument, as many of us learned to our sorrow in those lengthy bull sessions of Alumni, Beaven and Loyola.”
Summer Issue in Mailboxes Late June 2015

Irish Author Kevin Barry

We'll have a wee chat with award-winning Irish writer Kevin Barry—author of *There Are Little Kingdoms*, *Dark Lies the Island* and *City of Bohane*—about his life, his work and his visit to the Hill.

Also

Reunion jubilation • Steve Stack, M.D., ’94 and his new role as president of the American Medical Association • How one group of alums is reaching those who need care in Mexico • The art of Bang Luu ’14

If you're planning any travels this summer, take *Holy Cross Magazine* with you. We'd love to see photos of readers holding up this issue in exotic (or even not-so-exotic) locales. Our favorite will receive a token of our appreciation (most likely a fun hat from the Bookstore)!

The *Holy Cross Magazine* team is gathering names of alumni to be part of an upcoming feature on “Second Acts.” Are you someone who made a drastic career change after many years? Or who started a new career after retiring? Tell us a little bit about your experience.

If you are coming to reunion and have a class ring, please bring it with you! *Holy Cross Magazine* will be having a photo shoot during both reunion weekends to showcase the changing look of Holy Cross rings.

Quick Poll

Was part of your Holy Cross experience working in Kimball? Let us hear your tales of being part of that storied crew for an upcoming feature on the hallowed dining hall.

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“Tari Aceh,” a performance of music and dance from Northern Sumatra presented by the College’s Arts Transcending Borders (ATB) initiative, enlivened the campus in February. See upcoming ATB events on Page 21.