

# SALVETE!

## Greetings from the Department of Classics at Holy Cross

“Salvete!” from the Department of Classics at Holy Cross! It has been another exciting year on Fenwick 4, and this week we bid “Valet!” to eleven graduating Classics majors, whom we profile on page two of this newsletter.

For more departmental news, please head to the HC Classics blog (<http://classics.me.holycross.edu/>). There you will find, from this past semester, a post by Charlie Schufreider '17 and Melody Wauke '17 about their trip to Heidelberg, Germany, to present their thesis research; links to the Holy Cross and Worcester *Telegram* stories about the 10-hour “Homerathon” that students held on April 21; a post by Kelsey Littlefield '17 on the “Archaeology & Time” class trip to an exhibit in NYC; news about the recent honors to Maureen Gassert Lamb '07; and a post by Hanna Seariac '20 on her presentation to a meeting of the Massachusetts Junior Classical League.

On the blog you will also find tributes from four alums to Ms. Toni Methe, who coordinated her last Classics Day this April (the 27<sup>th</sup> Classics Day that Toni has organized!). The tributes to Toni were read during a ceremony honoring Toni.

Toni’s farewell to Classics Day was joined this spring by Prof. Blaise Nagy’s retirement after 40 years of teaching at Holy

Cross. On May 10 students, faculty, alums, and family gathered to toast Prof. Nagy and thank him for his career of extraordinary *cura personalis*. Below are pictures of Prof. Nagy, accompanied by some of his grandchildren (photo by Prof. Ellen Perry); and of the larger celebratory group (photo by Prof. Mary Ebbott).



## VALETE to the Class of 2017

**Julianne Booth** was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as well as the Gamma Kappa Alpha Italian honor society. She will work this summer in the Curation Department at the Everson Museum in Syracuse, NY. In August she will move to Washington, DC, to begin a graduate program at the Catholic University of America. She will be working on her Masters in Library and Information Science with a concentration in Cultural Heritage Information Management, which focuses on rare books and special collections.

**Michael Daskalakis** has taken a job in data analysis in the Boston area.

**Hannah Gabriel**, a double-major in Classics and Theatre, will begin work this summer as an intern in Costuming at the Glimmerglass Opera Company in Cooperstown, NY.

**Kelsey Littlefield** was involved with the Health Professions Advisory Program in addition to being a Classics major. After graduation she is seeking a career in the communications industry and hopes to write for health care related publications. In the near future Kelsey hopes to attend graduate school to receive a master's degree in journalism.

**Stephanie Neville**, who was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, will attend the George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, VA, in the fall. This summer she will continue working in the technical writing internship that she has held in Worcester for the past year.

**Charles Schufreider**, who completed the Health Professions Advisory Program along with the Classics major, was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu and Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded the Philip A. Conniff, S.J., Prize for excellence in the study of Latin. In the spring of 2016 Charlie won the Rev. John F. Redican Medal, which is given to a third-year student who has made a unique contribution to the College's intellectual life. This spring Charlie completed a senior thesis in the College Honors Program titled "On the Format of Scholia to the *Iliad* in the Venetus A manuscript," under the direction of Prof. Neel Smith. Charlie presented some of the results from that thesis at the "Digital

Classics III" conference in Heidelberg, Germany earlier in May. In August Charlie will begin studies at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, IL.

**Jason Steranko**, a double-major in Classics and Economics, completed a thesis in the College Honors Program titled "Methods of Persuasion in Josephus's *Against Apion*" under the direction of Prof. Timothy Joseph, as well as a final paper in the Economics major titled "Democracy and Economic Growth in the Long 21st Century (1991-Present)." Jason writes: "I intend to get a graduate degree in classics in the coming years so that I can share my love of Greek and Latin with students at the secondary or college level."

**Anne Thompson** was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and completed a senior project titled, "Caesar's Wars: A Computational Linguistic Analysis." Anne writes that she is "grateful to Professor Martin for his generous patience and for his expertise" on the project. Anne plans to work for the next year while applying to graduate school programs.

**Drew Virtue** will work this summer at the Norfolk District Attorney's Office at Quincy District Court. In the fall he will begin attending the Northeastern University School of Law.

**Melody Wauke** was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and won the Rev. Robert F. Healey, S.J., Greek Prize for excellence in the study of Ancient Greek. She completed a departmental thesis titled "Alexandrian editors and the scholia of the Venetus A" under the direction of Prof. Neel Smith. She was able to present much of her research at the "Digital Classics III" conference in Heidelberg, Germany, this May. Melody won a Fulbright Fellowship to teach English in Athens, Greece, next year; and she intends to pursue an advanced degree in Classics the following year.

**Sarah Zatoonian**, a double-major in Classics and Economics, will begin work after graduation as an Investment Fellow in the Holy Cross Investment Office.

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