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Cover Photo: Looking back on 150 years of St. Francis College.



Message from President Macchiarola

## Dear Alumni and Friends:

This issue of the *Terrier* marks the beginning of what will be a festive celebration of a milestone in St. Francis College history.

In 2008, 150 years will have passed since two Brothers from the Roundstone Monastery in Ireland arrived at the invitation of the Most Rev. John Loughlin, the bishop of Brooklyn, to establish an academy to educate disadvantaged youth in the diocese. After one year of preparation, the first Catholic school in Brooklyn, which would eventually become St. Francis College, opened on Baltic Street.

Much has changed at St. Francis during the past 150 years. Our city of Brooklyn has long since become a borough of New York City. Our campus has moved from South Brooklyn to Brooklyn Heights, where it has grown tremendously. The breadth of majors we offer has steadily expanded to meet the demands of an ever more complex society. The classroom experience has evolved from a traditional passive experience of listening to a lecturer in front of a blackboard to an interactive approach where our professors make full use of the power of new educational technologies and the Internet to engage students in their studies. By creating dozens of endowed scholarship funds, we can now extend the opportunity a

St. Francis education offers to more young men and women, regardless of their financial circumstances.

What I believe is the greatest cause for celebration, however, is what has not changed: the enduring strength of our Franciscan Tradition. The same values that inspired Bishop Loughlin in 1858 to create the school that would become St. Francis College continue to guide us today. We continue to succeed with educating students from underrepresented communities, as underscored by the fact that black and Hispanic students graduate at a rate that is virtually equal to their white peers. We continue to educate youth who have a wealth of talent and desire, but can rely on only limited financial and social advantages. We also continue to emphasize to our students that knowledge should not be pursued as an end in itself, but rather as a tool that enables one to make a meaningful contribution to the Common Good of society.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming months at a variety of events that will celebrate 150 years of Franciscan education in Brooklyn. Now is an excellent

time to reflect on St. Francis' past and its meaning to our lives and those who came before us, to rejoice over the College's renewed vitality today and what that means for our current students, and look confidently toward the future as St. Francis College remains an effective means to social and economic ascent for ambitious young men and women in the next 150 years.

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season and a prosperous 2008, I remain

Sincerely in St. Francis,



**Frank J. Macchiarola, '62**  
President

# St. Francis College in the Media

The College's recent accomplishments attract attention from local and national media outlets.

## Garcia's tenure turns historic

By Greg Dohmann  
USA TODAY

Irma Garcia had no idea she was making history. She had spent a good portion of her life in the athletic department at St. Francis College (NY) as a travel coordinator and administrator. The next day she was named the new athletic director.



St. Francis College  
Garcia: Division I's first Hispanic female AD.

But when university President Robert Garcia named her the athletic director, it was a historic moment. Garcia, 49, was an obvious choice for the job because of her long-standing place at the college. She started at St. Francis as a student in 1980, then returned to coach the women's basketball team. After retiring from coaching in 1998, she took on several roles in the athletic department, including associate AD when Ed Aquilino was interim director while he searched for a permanent replacement. Garcia said, "I had a chance to know what my purpose was." Aquilino campaigned hard for Garcia, and she was named director.

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"To me, it's not about being Hispanic," Garcia said. "It's about being out there to inspire other women, to take on this role. If I can inspire one person, it makes it so much easier, so much better, so much sweeter."



## St. Francis Spices Up Water Polo Team With Europeans



By JOSHUA ROBINSON  
Published: September 19, 2007

The trip to Kennedy Airport has become a rite of passage for St. Francis College's water polo team. For 32 years, the team has been coached by Carl Quigley. But for the recruits he usually goes to their homes, and the sticky floor of Terminal 4 has ever tread.



From left, Steven Garcia, Steve Pucarevic, Nikola Djuric and Paolo Prasin are five of the eight Serbs on the 13-man water polo team at St. Francis.

and made the Final Four in the water polo powerhouse.

## The New York Times

From 1998 to 2001, the team was an academic national champion, meaning its players had the highest average grade point average of any water polo team in Division I. "When you consider Brown, Harvard and M.I.T., that's pretty good company," Coach Carl Quigley said.

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## St. Francis readies its first grad students

By Thomas Conroy

For the first time in the school's 150-year history, seven students are expected to earn graduate degrees at the end of this academic year.

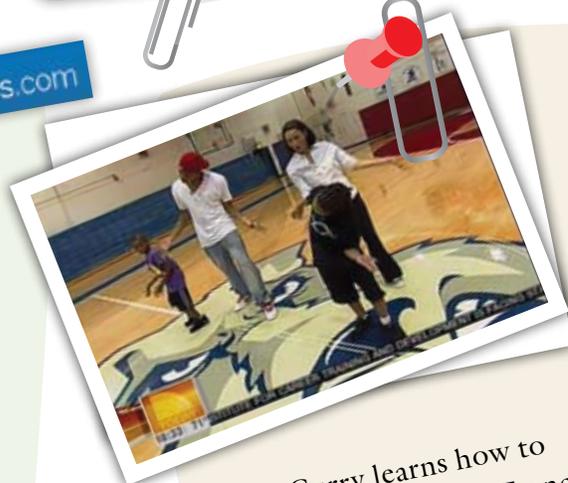
Seven students are expected to complete the school's first master's and master's degree program in accounting.

Brooklyn Heights-based St. Francis launched the program in 2001. These rules will require all accountants to earn 150 on public practice examinations had only needed a bachelor's degree to remain the case for students wishing to work solely in private industry.

St. Francis is one of the city's least expensive private universities with a tuition average around \$14,000 each year.

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For the first time ever in its 150-year history, St. Francis College will be awarding graduate degrees at the end of this academic year to students in its accounting department.



Ann Curry learns how to hip-hop dance at St. Francis College with choreographer Brandon Shaw for a Today Show segment on September 26.

# St. Francis Launches Emergency Notification System

## SFC Alerts Sends Immediate Text, Phone and Email Messages

In the continuing effort to keep St. Francis a safe and welcome environment, the College unveiled a new emergency notification system. In the event of an emergency, the system, run by the company 3n, allows St. Francis to contact each student and employee immediately in up to seven ways including text, voice and instant message, as well as email. Each person selects the best way for them to be reached in an emergency.

“We chose this system because it will keep sending students a message in various ways until they confirm they received the information,” said President **Frank Macchiarola '62**. The College’s Vice President for Finance and Administration, **June McGrisken '76**, added “It’s really only in the last year that the increased popularity of text messages has made an emergency notification system like this workable. We saw a system like this work effectively at St. John’s earlier this year and are confident that if we need to use it, ours will be effective as well.”

The 3n system is part of the latest security plan that the College has been working on for more than a year and includes emergency drills with the New York City Office of Emergency Management, check-in procedures at the main entrance and training for various staff.

## Discussing Ethnicity and Influence in 20th Century New York

President **Frank J. Macchiarola '62** joined the author Pete Hamill and former Mayor Edward Koch in a lively panel discussion on how the Italian, Irish and Jewish communities in New York obtained, held, and divided power, and how the shifting dynamics of law, religion, and ethnicity influenced local politics.

The event, which was organized by the Museum of the City of New York, was moderated by Joshua M. Zeitz, author of *White Ethnic New York: Jews, Catholics and the Shaping of Postwar Politics*.



Frank J. Macchiarola '62 with fellow panelists, Ed Koch (left) and Pete Hamill (center).

“LET ONE LOVING HEART SET ANOTHER ON FIRE.”



## The St. Clare Society of St. Francis College

### Advancing the Educational Mission and Securing the Future of St. Francis College

Bequests, gifts of life insurance proceeds, the remainder of retirement funds—and other gifts planned now but not available until some future time—are vitally important to future generations of students who come to St. Francis College.

Individuals who have made provisions for St. Francis College in their wills or estate plans are invited to become members of the St. Clare Society, a recognition society named after St. Clare of Assisi, devoted follower and longtime friend of St. Francis.

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# High-tech Campus Additions Continue with New Psychology Lab

The study of psychology at colleges and universities across the United States has changed dramatically in recent years, as a greater emphasis is now placed on experimental approaches to study.

To ensure that psychology students at St. Francis have the tools to excel in their experimental courses the College recently opened a new, state-of-the-art psychology lab in a former classroom on the fifth floor of the science building.

“The lab really opens up whole new areas of study and research for our psychology students,” said **Dr. Michele Hirsch**, one of the professors teaching classes in the lab. “One of the projects we have planned will use stimulus pads to measure muscle memory as it relates to sports psychology. It’ll take a look at how effective it is to mentally visualize your actions before you do it, like how a diver will picture themselves tumbling and twisting before jumping off a diving board. Another will gauge the value students put on information depending on where it comes from. Are people more likely to believe words on a web page than a photocopy? Is it easier or harder for people to tell the difference between bias and constructive criticism when they’re online?”

The new lab, largely funded by the

George I. Alden Trust, holds 22 student computers that run advanced programs such as “Superlab,” enabling students to conduct classic psychological experiments first-hand instead of just studying them in textbooks. Students also have access to SPSS, a top statistical software program that will help students greatly cut down the amount of time it takes to analyze research. The lab includes an interactive Smart “whiteboard,” which allows for interactive text, photos and video to be shared with the class and an observation room with a two-way mirror that lets students study experiments involving both individuals and groups.

“It was vital for us to put our students on par with leading undergraduate psychology programs across the country,” said Vice President for Academic Affairs **Timothy Houlihan**. “The field as a whole is now putting great emphasis on experimentation. In fact, all our psychology students are required to take experimental psychology. Now our students will graduate from St. Francis with the tools and experience they need to move on to graduate school or careers in psychology fields.”

Another benefit is that students can work on research projects that they will be able to present to peers from other colleges and



*Dr. Michele Hirsch and students in the new psychology lab.*

universities and at major conferences across the country.

“Over the past five years, students have won four research awards for posters they have presented at local and regional conferences,” said Professor Hirsch. “That’s a pretty impressive number for a small school like ours. And now with the new lab, so many more of our students will be able to compete on a regional and national level.”

“We have made huge strides in the past few years in adding to and upgrading our facilities here at St. Francis,” said President **Frank Macchiarola '62**. “We owe it to foundations like the Alden Trust and our very generous alumni who make these great projects possible.”

A banner for St. Francis College's website. The top part features a navigation menu with links: ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, STUDENT LIFE, ALUMNI, ATHLETICS, and ABOUT SFC. Below the menu is a large image of a city skyline at night with the text "FULFILLING THE DREAM". To the right of this image is a call to action: "UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN SFC GEAR BY LOGGING ON TO: stfranciscollege.edu/alumni". The bottom part of the banner is a blue bar with the text "STAY CONNECTED TO ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE BY VISITING THE NEW stfranciscollege.edu". On the right side of the bottom bar are three small images: a basketball player, a water polo player, and a basketball player.



Don Aldo Brunacci reminisces in Assisi with the printing press he used to create false documents to help Jews escape Nazi persecution.

## Remembering Franciscan Bravery and Kindness in the Face of Evil

As part of this year's Franciscan Week events, St. Francis College hosted the exhibit, *Memoria: Assisi and the Jews 1943-1944*, in the Callahan Center.

The exhibit, which was organized by St. Bonaventure University, featured original documents and photographs from the personal archive of Don Aldo Brunacci, a Franciscan priest who helped organize a secret network to save Jews from across Europe who sought refuge in Assisi, the city of St. Francis, during World War II. Assisi pilgrims from St. Francis College will fondly remember Brunacci as the founder of Casa Papa Giovanni (Pope John XXIII House), which has been an Assisi destination for pilgrims worldwide.

The period between September 1943 and June 1944 was a perilous time for Jews in Italy. Following the fall of the Mussolini government, the Nazi's established a puppet government in the north as they tried in vain to halt the Allied advance from the south. During these nine months, efforts to arrest and persecute Jews living in Nazi occupied Italy were intensified.

Despite the immediate threat of Nazi retribution, Brunacci, in concert with fellow clerics and Assisi residents, organized a network to help Jews in Assisi evade persecution. They hid, clothed, fed and educated approximately 300 refugees in local houses and monasteries. In addition to arranging safe housing, Brunacci arranged for a

local printer to create false identification papers, which were essential to avoid arrest and escape to Allied controlled territory.

As a result of this secret operation, not a single Jewish person was captured by the Nazis in Assisi.

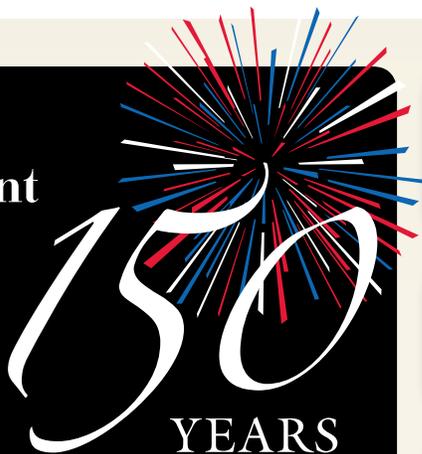
Brunacci's bravery and devotion to the Franciscan ideals of kindness and social justice nearly cost him his life. In May 1944, upon returning home from mass, he was arrested by the Nazi occupiers and sent to a concentration camp. Fortunately for the Jewish family that was staying with him at the time, the officials who arrested him never bothered to investigate his house and was thus spared deportation. Brunacci's detention in the camp was short lived fortunately, as Italy was liberated by the Allied forces in June 1944.

Brunacci's selflessness during the darkest days of the Holocaust subsequently attracted worldwide recognition. He was awarded the Medal of the Righteous Gentile by the State of Israel and he was conferred the Knight of the Great Cross by the president of Italy. In 2002, St. Francis College honored him with the St. Clare Medal at its annual Yom Hashoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day) event.

Don Aldo Brunacci passed away in Assisi on February 2, 2007 at the age of 92.

# Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Present

## A Timeline of St. Francis College History



**1888**

Tuition is set at \$15.00 per quarter. This charge remains until 1927, when it is changed to \$5.00 per credit hour

**1892**

St. Francis College confers its first bachelor of science degrees.

**1896**

St. Francis fields the first collegiate men's basketball team in the city.

**1899**

A total of 30 students (all of whom were of Irish descent), comprise the St. Francis College student body.

**1858**

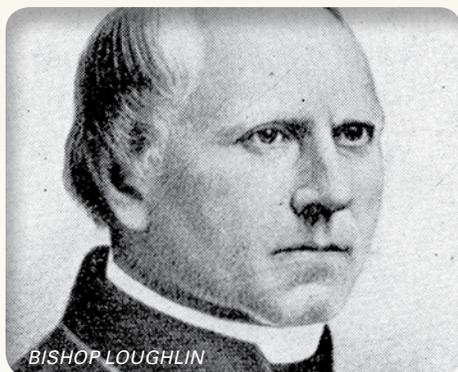
At the behest of the Most Rev. John Loughlin, bishop of Brooklyn, Bro. John McMahon, O.S.F. and Bro. Vincent Hayes, O.S.F. arrive from the Roundstone Monastery in Ireland to begin work on establishing an academy dedicated to educating underprivileged youth in the diocese.

**1884**

On May 8, the New York State Legislature passes an act to amend St. Francis' original act of incorporation, which empowers its trustees to "Establish a literary college in the City of Brooklyn under the title of St. Francis College, with the same powers to confer diplomas and literary honors possessed by the universities and colleges of New York State."

**1885**

St. Francis College confers its first bachelor of arts degrees.



BISHOP LOUGHLIN



BALTIC ST. CAMPUS



SFC GRADUATES CIRCA 1899

**1859**

In October, St. Francis Academy, the first Catholic school in Brooklyn, opens its doors at 300 Baltic Street. The school opens with 30 students and six Brothers.

ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

# Presidents

1858 – PRESENT YEARS



1858-62  
Brother  
John McMahon,  
O.S.F.\*



1862-63  
Brother  
Cyprian O'Beirne,  
O.S.F.\*



1863-66, 1875-76  
Brother  
Paul St. Leger,  
O.S.F.\*

### 1902

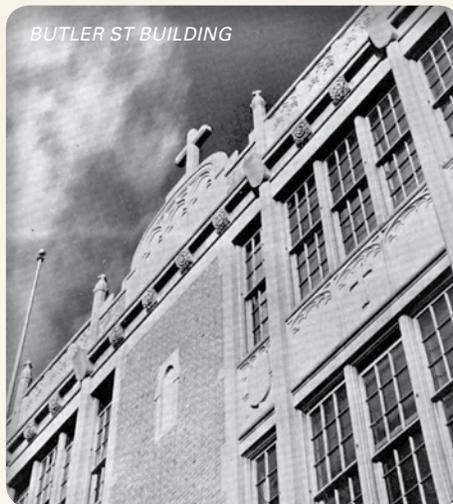
St. Francis Prep receives its charter from the State of New York in May. From this time on, the College's curriculum offers only a post-secondary course of study.



SFC STUDENTS, CIRCA 1902

### 1926

Following the conclusion of the "Great Drive," a fundraising campaign that raised nearly \$250,000, a new addition to the campus opens on Butler Street. Bishop Thomas E. Molloy '04, president of the College's Board of Trustees, dedicates the new building.



BUTLER ST BUILDING

### 1935

The Duns Scotus Society is formed by the Rev. Dr. James A. Sullivan, to encourage the love and desire for excellence in scholarship and service to the College.

### 1939

The St. Francis College student handbook, "The Cord," is published for the first time.

### 1941

As the U.S. moves closer to its entrance into World War II, 240 students are enrolled at St. Francis. While the student body remains largely Irish, the changing demographics of working class Brooklyn are reflected by the growing number of Italian-American students. By the spring semester of 1944, when the war was at its peak, the number of students enrolled dropped to 45. Most of those still enrolled were members of religious order and exempt from military service. (12 SFC students gave their lives to the war effort.)

### 1917

Approximately one half of St. Francis students suspend their studies to enlist in the armed services as the U.S. enters World War I.

### 1933

The "Terrier" mascot is officially adopted by the Athletic Association.

### 1924

The *Voice*, the St. Francis College student newspaper, begins publication.



TERRIER MASCOT



SFC STUDENTS CIRCA 1947

### 1925

The "Troupers" hit the stage at the Brooklyn Academy of Music for the first time in May with an original play entitled "Adam & Eve."

### 1947

With victory in World War II complete and with the passage of the G.I. Bill of Rights, which paid tuition for returning soldiers, enrollment at St. Francis swells to 878.



1866-72, 1876-94,  
1897-1900  
Brother  
Jerome Magner,  
O.S.F.



1872-75  
Brother  
Peter Frewen,  
O.S.F.\*



1894-97, 1906-09  
Brother  
Vincent Mulcahy,  
O.S.F.



1900-04  
Brother  
Raphael Breheny,  
O.S.F.\*



1904-06  
Brother  
Linus Lynch,  
O.S.F.

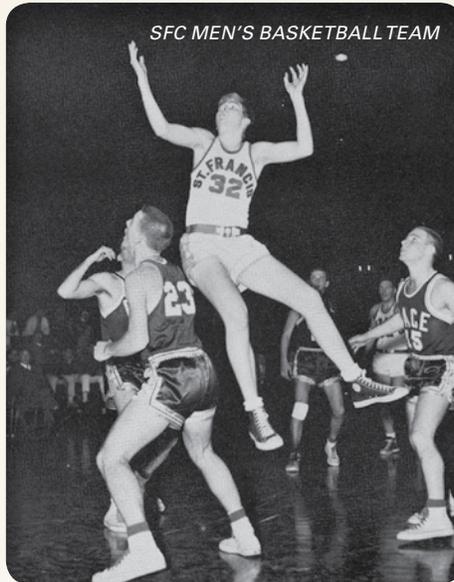
# 150 YEARS

## Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Present

A Timeline of  
St. Francis College History

### 1949

The St. Francis Men's Basketball team becomes the first collegiate program in the metropolitan area to have its games televised. The Terriers made their debut on WPIX-TV (channel 11) a memorable one by defeating Seton Hall 69-58.



### 1953

Evening session opens. Nuns enroll at the College for the first time. Tuition is set at \$12.00 per credit hour.



### 1957

The College is granted a new charter by the State of New York in April, making it a separate legal entity from the St. Francis Monastery. The new corporate status enables students to qualify for federal financial aid for their studies at St. Francis.

### 1959

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education accredits St. Francis College.

### 1963

St. Francis College relocates to its current location after purchasing the former headquarters of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company on Remsen Street.

### 1968

The Brothers' Residence opens on Joralemon Street. The Science building opens. The first members of the St. Francis College Red and Blue Hall of Fame are inducted in May.

### 1969

Lay women are admitted to the College for the first time. Enrollment exceeds 3,000 students. Bro. Donald Sullivan begins his 26-year tenure as president, the longest in SFC history.



### 1971

The Generoso Pope Physical Education Facility (which houses the gymnasium and pool) opens.

### 1973

Women's intercollegiate athletics begins at St. Francis College as the Women's Basketball team takes the court for the first time.



1909-11  
Brother  
Stanislaus  
Ryan, O.S.F.



1911-19, 1922-25  
Brother  
David McPartland,  
O.S.F.



1919-22  
Brother  
Jarlath Phelan,  
O.S.F.



1925-34, 1936-52  
Brother  
Columba Reilly,  
O.S.F.



1934-36  
Brother  
Capistran Cusack,  
O.S.F.



SFC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM 1973-74

### 1975

Academic computing at the College consists of a single IBM 1130 computer facility. Students who have had courses in electronic data processing, mathematics and business, or are engaged in directed research in science, are the primary users.



IBM 1130 COMPUTER

### 1977

The *Montage*, the St. Francis College literary magazine, is published for the first time.

### 1980

Tuition is set at \$90 per credit hour.

### 1984

In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of St. Francis receiving its charter as a college, a comprehensive fundraising campaign is launched. The campaign supports renovations to the McGarry Library and Founders Hall, as well as the creation of the McArdle Student Center. An aggressive effort to create new endowed scholarships to benefit deserving students is also launched. Since then, the College has established 180 fully and partially endowed scholarships. The Honors Program, which provides students with unique abilities and motivation the opportunity to reach their potential, accepts its first class.



SFC GRADS CIRCA 1984

### 1992

The Lee & Peter Callahan Center, a multipurpose special event facility, opens on the site of the former first floor study lounge.

### 1994

A total of 2,257 men and women attend St. Francis. The student body reflects the diversity of Brooklyn as 44 percent of the students are African American or Hispanic.

### 1996

Frank J. Macchiarola '62 is selected as the first permanent lay president of St. Francis College.

### 2003

The Anthony J. Genovesi Center, a facility designed to accommodate athletic and large community events, opens in October. The "Campaign for Big Dreams," the most ambitious fundraising drive in the College's history, which will raise \$40 million to support improved campus facilities, scholarships for deserving students, and academic and community service programs, is publicly announced.

### 2004

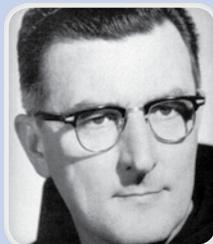
St. Francis College receives approval for its combined B.S./M.S. degree in accounting. The first graduate degrees will be conferred in the spring of 2008.

### 2006

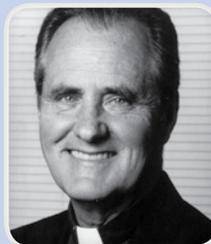
The New Academic Center opens on the site of the McGarry Library. The seven-story state-of-the-art building houses a new library, 14 smart classrooms, an HD television studio and a 90 seat theater. For the third consecutive year, St. Francis College is ranked among the best comprehensive colleges in the north by *U.S. News & World Report*.



1952-58  
Brother Jerome Roesse,  
O.S.F.



1958-69  
Brother Urban Gonnoud,  
O.S.F.



1969-95  
Brother Donald Sullivan,  
O.S.F.



1995-96  
Dr. John K. Hawes



1996-PRESENT  
Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola '62

# SFC Professors' Research on Cranberries and Concord Grapes Could Prevent Thousands of Deaths Worldwide

Every year, millions of people across the world are infected by intestinal viruses that cause debilitating diarrhea. Fortunately, new research into the preventative powers of cranberries and Concord grapes by St. Francis Biology Professor **Dr. Steven M. Lipson** and Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Studies **Dr. Allen Burdowski** shows promise to help fight these viruses, which could shorten tens of thousands of hospital stays in the United States and possibly prevent thousands of deaths worldwide every year.

In experiments on lab mice, the professors found that by inoculating mice with cranberry juice, and to a lesser extent Concord grape juice-bovine reovirus suspensions, clinical signs of intestinal disease were reduced to non-detectable levels. The bovine reovirus used in these studies is similar to those viral strains causing diarrhea (intestinal disease) in humans.

"The most dangerous part of intestinal viruses is that they cause serious dehydration which leads to countless other serious and life-threatening problems," said Professor Burdowski. "Cranberry and grape juices appear to reduce reovirus infection thereby

preventing the effects of dehydration."

"We were actually surprised at just how effective cranberry juice was in both preventing the virus from establishing a foothold and inhibiting the virus from producing disease in the mice," said Professor Lipson, the principal investigator of the study. "We've had great success in test tube experiments, but to replicate and exceed our findings in live mice shows great promise to treat millions of people throughout the world who commonly suffer from the ill effects of intestinal disease."

The study, funded by the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists (MACUB) and faculty research grants from the College, was presented in May at the 107th General Meeting of the American Society of Microbiology.

In the United States, intestinal viruses that cause diarrhea are responsible for about 55,000 hospital visits a year, mostly among infants and toddlers. Worldwide, such intestinal viruses cause as many as 600,000 deaths a year, mostly in poorer countries, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

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## New Appointments

St. Francis College welcomes the following full-time faculty:

**Jennifer Wingate, Ph.D.** Stony Brook Univ.  
Fine Arts

**Starr Eaddy, Ph.D.** Texas Women's Univ.  
Health Promotion

**John Lennon, Ph.D.** Lehigh Univ. English

**Scott Weiss, Ph.D.** Brandeis Univ.  
Communication Arts

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## Notable Achievements

**Dr. James Smith** (director SFC Library) completed his Ph.D. in Information Studies from LIU/CW Post in May 2007.

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## Department News

**Sociology, Criminal Justice & Social Studies** hosted the 55th Annual Meeting of the New York State Sociological Association (NYSSA) in October. The theme of the conference was, "Sociology and the Real World: Activism, Advocacy, Research and Social Policy."

The department is pleased to announce the creation of a local chapter, Iota Mu, with the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha

Phi Sigma. This summer, seven students were awarded membership in the society.

## Publications & Presentations

**Ghazala Afzal** (Academic Enhancement) participated in a live discussion on Ravi TV in June. She was one of two presenters speaking on domestic abuse in South Asian immigrant communities. Ghazala also appeared on a show regarding battered women's survival strategies on ARY TV. She was interviewed by the *Voice of America's Asia Service* both as an educator and a volunteer working on issues concerning immigrant lives, particularly those of women.

**Professor Robert Bove** (English) published his essay, "A Right Retreat? Has the Religious Right Stopped its Assault on the Constitution?" in the *Mail & Guardian* magazine. His poem, "If a Young Girl Cuts You Off on the Highway," appeared in *New English Review* as did his short story, "The Very Air," and, "What I Forgot Not to Pack," which included three poems. His review of the book, *Dove Descending*, appeared in *First Things*.

**Dr. Filomena Califano** (Chemistry & Physics) has been named to the board of directors of the National Council for Innovation (NCI). The council is a Washington, DC based organization that works to improve America's image by establishing a major international student scholarship/

fellowship fund for foreign national females and minorities in science, technology, engineering and math fields. The organization also strives to eliminate prejudice and discrimination, and provide suitable, positive workforce integration services.

Under the tutelage of Dr. Califano SFC biology majors Nertila Canka and Tara Glover presented posters at the Columbia University Undergraduate Research Symposium in April.

**Dr. James E. Corrigan** (Biology) presented a three-hour seminar at Pfizer's global headquarters in September to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). The topic of the presentation was "The Differential Between the use of Chemical-Biological Warfare Agents in Situations of Military Confrontation and Terrorist Activities." The various chemical agents, nerve, blister, blood, respiratory and incapacitating agents, as well as biological agents, bacteria, rickettsia, virus and biotoxins were discussed, as well as some new agents that have been developed in recent years. The modes of agent delivery, meteorological conditions and locations, detection mechanisms/procedures, and medical treatment of casualties were also discussed.

**Dr. John Dilyard** (Management) participated in the inaugural meeting of the Five-Diamond Conference and BRICs Executive Development program at Columbia University. This event was

sponsored by Columbia's Program on International Investment, Fundacao Dom Cabral, and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of the United Nations Development program. The purpose of this meeting was to organize the first Five-Diamond Conference, which will address public policy and firm-level issues associated with increasing business activity from the major emerging markets of Brazil, Russia, India and China, as well as the formation of an executive development program for professionals in those countries that would be coordinated by major business schools.

In addition, Dr. Dilyard coordinated and chaired a workshop at Columbia University sponsored by Columbia's Program on International Investment in which scholars from business schools in emerging markets met to discuss the creation of lists that would rank companies located in emerging markets by their level of foreign investment.

**Professor Timothy Dugan** (Communications) published a review of *A Short Introduction to the Ancient Greek Theater*, revised edition, by Graham Ley in the August posting of *The Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (BMCR).

**Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty, Esq.** (International Cultural Studies) was the guest speaker of the American Bar Association and the International Bar Association joint meeting in Prague, Czech Republic in July. He addressed the gathering on the "Enhancement of the Rule of Law through Mass Legal Education," with a focus on access to justice, particularly in the Arab and Muslim world. Dr. El-Ayouty was also made fellow of the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics at the Fordham University School of Law.

**Dr. Richard A. Giaquinto** (Education) completed a review for a new textbook in effective teaching entitled, *Teaching Strategies: A Guide to Effective Instruction*, which is published by the Houghton-Mifflin Company.

Dr. Giaquinto published an article in the May edition of *The Teaching Professor*, entitled, "Inspiration from Renaissance Beauty," which recounts the trip to Italy that he took with twenty SFC students, which included stops in Florence, Assisi, Rome and Pisa.

**Dr. Uwe P. Gielen** (Psychology) presented, "Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum," at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. Dr. Gielen also published an article, "The APA Division of International Psychology Book Series and Book Award," in *Psychology International*. Dr. Gielen joined the International Advisory Committee of the Third International Conference on Teaching of Psychology, which will meet next year in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Dr. Gielen, along with Michael Parker, an intern at the SFC Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology, authored an article

entitled "Recent Developments in the Study of Prejudice." They also presented, "The Cross-Cultural Study of Prejudice," at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association.

**Dr. Emily Horowitz** (Sociology & Criminal Justice) co-authored an op-ed piece that appeared in the *New York Times* on the need to record police interrogations. Dr. Horowitz also received a \$25,000 grant from the New York City Council to analyze enrollment projections and over-crowding in the city's public schools. In August she presented a paper and moderated a panel at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). At the meeting, she was presented at the awards ceremony with the Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for her paper on civil commitment laws.

**Dr. Vincent Lee** (Management) gave a talk on the, "Interaction between Railroad and Marine Transportation in the North River Portion of the New York Harbor During the 20th Century," at a meeting of the Tristate Railway Historical Society at the Honeywell Bossidy Learning Center in Morristown, NJ.

**Dr. Steven M. Lipson** (Biology) was interviewed for the "MicrobeWorld" radio program following his research presentation at the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) meeting in June. The piece should air as a segment on national radio programs by November 2007.

Dr. Lipson presented his research as an invited speaker on "The Antiviral Effects of Cranberry and Grape Chemical Extracts" at the annual International Food Technologists (IFT) meeting and Food Expo last July in Chicago. The symposium was attended by over 300 researchers and industry administrative personnel.

Dr. Lipson's research has also appeared in a number of publications. In *Phytomedicine* his work was cited as one of the top ten medical studies in the field of berry research following a review of more than 300 publications on the subject. His experiments at St. Francis College were noted in Current Topics, "Antimicrobial Fruit Juices...Pathogens" in the journal *Microbe*. Dr. Lipson's article, "A Grape a Day Keeps Nasty Bugs Away, SFC Professor Pioneers Research into Virus-Fighting Properties of Juices," was featured in various publications of Currier Life, such as the *Brooklyn Heights Courier*, the *Kings Courier*, and other local newspapers throughout Brooklyn and Queens. These studies were performed in collaboration with **Dr. Allen Burdowski**, along with current and former students, Patrice Cohen, Julia Zhou, Joseph Burdowski, Maria Andragna, and Angelica Sorbillo.

**Dr. Ian Maloney** (English) participated in two events for the *Walt Whitman Project* ([www.whitmanproject.org](http://www.whitmanproject.org)). He read selections from *Specimen Days* at the fourth annual Walt

Whitman Birthday Bash held at Theater Ten on Park Avenue in May and he also read from Whitman's *Calamus* poems at Freebird Books in June.

Dr. Maloney provided the introduction to the recently published edition of Walt Whitman's *Specimen Days* (Barnes and Noble).

**Dr. Jaskiran K. Mathur** (Sociology & Criminal Justice) represented the Institute of Social Studies Trust at the 60th annual United Nations DPI/NGO Conference on, "Climate Change: How It Impacts Us All," in September. Dr. Mathur was among 60 representatives who contributed to the scripting of the "Comprehensive Consensus Declaration," following three days of roundtables, workshops and panel presentations by experts and activists.

**Professor Terry Quinn** (English) wrote the libretto for *John Adams in Amsterdam: A Song for Abigail*, which was presented at the Brooklyn Historical Society in May. This dramatic song cycle for solo voice and string quartet featured renowned baritone Richard Lalli, who created the original role for the world premiere of this work at the Concertgebouw, in Amsterdam.

**Dr. Erez Shochat** (Mathematics) along with Dr. Rehana Patel of St. John's University co-organized the second New York Graduate Student Logic Conference, which was held at St. John's Manhattan campus. The conference featured 24 graduate student speakers, as well as distinguished professors from institutions across the United States and Europe.

**Dr. James Smith** (SFC Library) presented research he co-authored with Dr. Maureen Mackenzie of Dowling College on "Library Management Education," at the annual American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) conference in Milwaukee and the annual Northeast Business and Economics Association (NBEA) conference in Hartford.

**Dr. Gregory F. Tague** (English) has been invited by the publication, *College Literature*, to join its panel of peer-review referees. *College Literature* is a quarterly journal of scholarly criticism serving the needs of college and university professors by providing access to innovative ways of studying and teaching new bodies of literature and experiencing old literature in new ways.

**Dr. Marilyn Verna** (Education) was accepted into the 2007-2008 edition of *Who's Who in American Education*, and also into the 11th edition of *Who's Who among American Teachers and Education*.

Dr. Verna presented a paper entitled, "Equity Factors that Contribute to the Long-term Productivity of American Olympians," at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, which was held in Chicago.



## Irma Garcia '80 Named Director of SFC Athletics

### First Hispanic Woman in USA to Lead a NCAA Division I Program

St. Francis College made collegiate athletics history when it named alumna **Irma Garcia '80** as Director of Athletics. Garcia's appointment marks the first time in NCAA Division I history that an athletic program is being run by a Hispanic woman. Garcia was appointed when fellow St. Francis alum **Edward Aquilone '60** retired following six years at the helm of the Terrier's athletic program.

"I didn't even know I had achieved this accomplishment until I went to a conference a few weeks ago and they told me," said Garcia. "I knew ever since I was a little kid that this is what I wanted to be. I never thought about racial or gender barriers, I just wanted to run a sports program. I come into work everyday with a smile on my face because this really is a dream come true."

Garcia's Terrier career began as a student-athlete on the Women's Basketball Team. She was appointed coach only eight years after graduating. Under her leadership, the Terriers excelled on and off the court. Twelve of her players were honored on post-season Northeast Conference (NEC) teams, five are now in the College's Athletic Hall of Fame and one player, **Carolyn Harvey '99**, is the first St. Francis woman to



*Irma Garcia '80*

play pro ball. In the classroom, Garcia's teams finished fourth and 23rd in the country in combined grade average out of 300 Division I teams.

"Academics has always been a strong focus for us here at St. Francis, I intend to keep it that way," said Garcia. "We have 11 student-athletes with a 4.0 GPA and our student-athletes actually have a higher average than the rest of the student population here. It's something we take a lot of pride in."

Before becoming AD, Garcia served as Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator, building up solid experience in managing large parts of the athletic department.

"I have to give thanks to my family for their support all these years, people like Mr. Aquilone who mentored me and to associations like the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA) for inspiring me and other woman to take that next step up the ladder," said Garcia.

"If my becoming AD serves as inspiration to even one other woman," added Garcia, "then that makes taking this position even more important to me."

## A New Era Dawns for Men's Soccer Team



*Tom Giovatto*

The 2007 Men's Soccer season began with former Assistant Coach **Tom Giovatto's** promotion to head coach, while the new Aviator Sports complex at Floyd Bennett Field became the team's permanent home. "I'm thankful for the opportunity given me by St. Francis College," said Giovatto. "We have a great group of young athletes here."

As assistant coach, Giovatto helped recruit many of the current and new players who comprise the core of the young Terrier squad, which is built around **Anthony Matos**, named to the All-NEC second team and **Javier Gonzalez**, who played for the Under-20 Venezuelan National Team last January.

"Tom is an excellent coach who will be at the helm of a program that is really clicking on all cylinders this year," said Athletic Director **Irma Garcia '80**.

# Women's Golf Tees off for Inaugural Season



SFC Women's Golf Team

The number of intercollegiate opportunities for women athletes at St. Francis expanded this fall with the addition of a golf team, which brings the number of intercollegiate women's sports teams to 10.

In their first match at Dyker Beach golf course in Brooklyn on September 25, the women performed impressively against a very good Fairleigh Dickinson University team, before coming up short by a score of 326 – 400. Freshman **Teresa Dillilo** shot a team-best 95, while her classmate **Emily Wisener** shot a 99 and **Ashley Yelverton** fired a 102. Junior **Tonianne Campuzano** carded a 104. "We had a good first outing," said head coach **Julio Campuzano**. "Opening the season with FDU was good for us. We saw the competition level we will be facing and this will make us work harder for the upcoming matches."

The team participated in its first ever tournament on October 13 and 14 at the Hofstra Invitational on Long Island. The Terriers finished in fifth place with a score of 799.

## A New Internet Mecca for Terrier Sports Fans

Everyone from the die hard Terrier enthusiast to the casual fan can now get closer to the action with a new athletics website that was launched in time for the fall 2007 season.

The new site features free close-up coverage of Terrier sports, including:



Podcasts of interviews with Terrier student-athletes and coaches via the new Terrier Sports Network.



The ability to receive score updates via cell phones and email (at the completion of contests).



A weekly newsletter.



Live broadcasts of selected games and events. (fans will need QuickTime audio in order to hear the transmission, which can be downloaded from the Stretch Internet website, [www.stretchinternet.com](http://www.stretchinternet.com).)



[www.sfcathletics.com](http://www.sfcathletics.com)



# Alumni News

## Profile of a Terrier

**Lorraine M. Lynch, CTP '91**

**Vice President, US Treasury, National Grid**

For many young men and women, a small college such as St. Francis is the perfect place to prepare for success in a large organization. This was certainly the case for Lorraine Lynch '91, a business management major and Bay Ridge native.

As the Vice President of U.S. Treasury for National Grid, Lynch plays a key role in the financial management of a major international energy delivery enterprise, having responsibility for all treasury activities that are conducted in the United States. In this role she oversees cash management, treasury bank relationships, capital markets and compliance, commodity and credit risk management, and pension and 401K investment management.

She is also taking part in the integration of KeySpan and National Grid, which merged in August 2007, on both a domestic and international level; a process she considers both challenging and exciting. It is challenging because helping facilitate such a large merger requires her to step outside her comfort zone, and exciting because it presents the opportunity to work with a number of astute and driven business people on both sides of the Atlantic.

The magnitude of Lynch's professional responsibilities is underscored by the sheer size of National Grid, which employs more than 18,000 people and has a market capitalization of over \$45 billion. National Grid is a Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) 100 company and one of the world's largest utilities. The company is the second largest utility in the United States.

Lynch's path to success in business began after graduating from Bishop Kearney

High School in 1987. St. Francis' intimate campus setting and strong community made choosing a college easy for her. She remembers, "I wanted to attend a college where I would know the professors and they would know me. As a quiet and somewhat shy person, I wanted a college where I would not merely be a student ID number in a lecture hall. It is not a college where you can get lost in the crowd."

Like most St. Francis students, the greatest challenge Lynch faced during her years on Remsen Street was balancing the demands of work while going to school. While juggling classes and work made for many a long day, she was able to see an opportunity through this challenge, as her busy schedule helped her develop the necessary time management skills one needs to succeed in today's fast paced workplace.

St. Francis' tight-knit community made the challenges Lynch faced as a student easier. The College's career placement center, led by **James Gallagher '70** and **Bro. John Hoffschmidt, O.S.F.**, offered invaluable assistance as she charted her career path. Gallagher and Bro. John worked tirelessly on her behalf, helping her develop a resume and prepare in advance for tough job interview questions. Accounting professor, **Dr. Sylvester Marino**, provided her with advice that helped her get where she is today by encouraging her to continue taking additional accounting courses that benefited her professionally in the long run.

As an aspiring businesswoman, St. Francis offered not only a caring and supportive place to learn and grow; it also offered a strong business program with faculty who understood the value of bringing the real world into the classroom. She believes that her professional success owes much to professors who could "take a textbook concept and make it come alive



by applying it to actual business problems."

After graduating in 1991, Lynch's career began only one block from campus at the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, which was then located on Montague Street. She handled a series of assignments in the treasury, accounting and tax areas of the organization. As a young professional she was able to turn to a number of fellow St. Francis graduates for guidance as she made her steady ascent up the corporate ladder. She is particularly indebted to **Gayle Lombardi '83, Ken Daly '88, Ron Jendras '69, Mike Taunton '81, and Bob Moore '70.**

Despite the considerable demands Lynch must fulfill at National Grid, she is again balancing both work and school as she pursues an M.B.A. in finance at Pace University. In addition to spending her leisure time with her husband, Arthur Swaine, and her 13 nieces and nephews, she remains active in the St. Francis community. She serves on the Alumni Board of Directors and participates in special events such as the College's annual alumni networking night. She has arranged dozens of internships for St. Francis students at KeySpan and plans to continue do so with National Grid. For Lynch it is rewarding to give "back to the college that gave so much to me and make a difference in the life of today's students, just as prior alumni made in my life."

## Brother Urban Gonnoud, O.S.F. Memorial Golf Classic

**September 18** – St. Francis’ annual Brother Urban Gonnoud, O.S.F. Memorial Golf Classic took place at the Dyker Beach Golf Course. Following a day on the links, the golfers enjoyed a buffet dinner at Sirico’s Caterers.



*Pictured right (L-R): Brian L. Raimondi '95, President Frank J. Macchiarola '62, Victor J. Masi '89 and Bro. George Larkin, O.S.F. '60. Pictured below left (L-R): Gerard Trapp '78, Raymond Dowling '78, Thomas Dowling '75 and James P. Barrett. Pictured below right (L-R): Thomas Conlon '70, John J. Paguaga '82 and Mark Ferro '83*



## Eileen C. Dugan Memorial Run/Walk

**October 7** – St. Francis alumni joined current students in the annual Eileen C. Dugan Memorial Run/Walk, benefiting the Circle of Hope Cancer Foundation. The late Ms. Dugan, the sister of **Brendan J. Dugan '68**, chairman of St. Francis’ Board of Trustees, represented Brooklyn’s 52nd assembly district in Albany.

## Alumni Networking Night

**October 18** — Dozens of alumni were able to make new professional connections at St. Francis' Networking Night, which was held at the American Management Association (AMA), in midtown Manhattan. The event was sponsored by **Edward T. Reilly '68**, president and chief executive officer of AMA.



The event featured speakers Michael A. MacIntyre '97 (left), senior vice president of corporate and professional services, HSBC Bank USA; Lorraine M. Lynch, CTP '91 (middle), vice president U.S. Treasury, National Grid; and Louis G. Pastina '79 (right), executive vice president of operations, New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

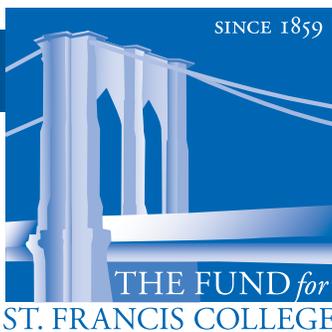


Thomas B. Gillespie '89, Marion F. Dwyer White '78, Edward T. Reilly '68 and George Sands '79



## Senior Orientation Members of the Class of 2008

**October 1** — The Office of Alumni Relations hosted an orientation seminar for students scheduled to graduate in 2008. The soon-to-be alumni received advice and take-home information about what to expect during their last year at St. Francis.



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# We Remember

The following alumni and friends of St. Francis College recently passed away. We pray for the repose of their souls. *Requiescant in Pacem.*

## St. Francis College Alumni

**Donald F. Bellantoni '78**

**Edward G. Dunn '44**

**David Geiffuss '83**

**Bro. Edwin Gill, O.S.F.**  
**(Honorary Degree)**

**William L. Johnson '79**

**Lawrence L. Lynch '63**

**Joan V. Mardiney '77**

**Timothy A. Mitchell, Ph.D. '66**

**Bernard T. Rahill '64**

**Alfred Wolf '50**

**Maryanne D. Zimmerman '76**

## Friends of St. Francis College

Carmela Carrano, mother of **Rev. Michael A. Carrano '66**

John Casey, father of **John B. Casey '77**

Francis Collins, brother of **James Collins '76**

Thomas Delaney, grandfather of **Margaret M. Curtin '07**,  
father-in-law to **Thomas J. Curtin, Jr. '70**

Marge Dietl, wife of **John J. Dietl '58**

Mary Frances Dunleavy, mother of **James Dunleavy '79**

James Ercolaro, brother-in-law to **James F. Dougherty '66**

**John Faitakes**, former operator of the St. Francis College Cafeteria

Rosemary Flannery, mother of **Margaret M. Alaimo '87**

Robert Galoppi, brother-in-law to **John S. Pereira '66**

**Prof. Matthew Kerner**, faculty

Ethel M. King, mother of the **The Honorable Peter T. King '65**

John W. Lavelle, New York State Assemblyman,  
former St. Francis student and friend to **James E. Russell '70**

Eileen Lavin, sister of **Thomas N. Jones '63**

Lena Mazzei, mother-in-law to **Thomas J. Volpe**,  
Chairman Emeritus of the St. Francis College Board of Trustees

Bernice McHugh, wife of **James McHugh '50**

Paul Miscione, husband of **Renee Miscione '75**

Brian Murphy, father-in-law to **Joseph White '86**

Michael J. O'Beirne, father of **Patrick O' Beirne '79**,  
father-in-law to **Geraldine O' Beirne '81**

Kathleen Carroll Patton, wife of the late **Frank X. Patton '57**

Marianne Russo, mother of **Robert Russo '67**

Ann S. Soave, mother of **Ronald Soave '78**

Nunzio Sorrentino, father of **Dr. Frank Sorrentino**, professor of history

*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you  
and learn from me, for I am meek and humble  
of heart; and you will find rest for your souls.*

— Matthew 11: 28-29

## 1930s

**Carl W. Dengel '39** recently celebrated 92 years of good health and has been enjoying his retirement for over 15 years.

## 1940s

**Rev. James A. Thompson '40** has spent 63 years as a priest in the Diocese of Trenton and is Chaplain for a group of Sisters at Emmaus House in Ocean Grove. He has fond memories of St. Francis College and always keeps its community in his prayers.

**Phil Harris, Ph.D. '48** is pleased to announce the launch of his new website, which can be accessed at [www.drphilipharris.com](http://www.drphilipharris.com). He is also nearing the completion of his 37th book, *Space Enterprise*, which should be released next year.

**Thomas F. Cullen '49** is in bed-rest after having his leg amputated. He asks his fellow alumni to pray for him and his recovery.

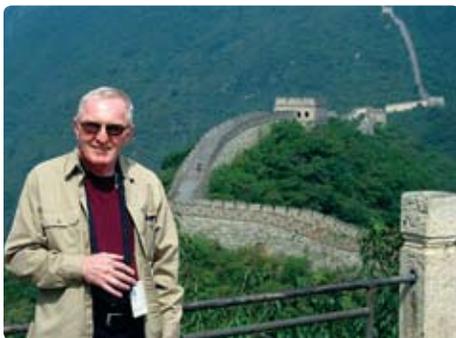
## 1950s

**Joseph E. Castana '51** is happy that the College is doing so well, and attests that its current motto, "The Small College of Big Dreams" is correct since his "big dream" was made possible by the "small college."

**Anthony Mercogliano '51** recently celebrated the birth of his 6th grandchild, Thomas Joseph Crowley.

**Joseph C. Asta '58** is the proud grandfather of two-year-old Joseph and one-year-old Gabriella.

**John J. Dietl '58** recently had the opportunity to visit China, where he was able to visit Shanghai harbor, as well as the Great Wall.



John Dietl '58

**Charles A. Ludlow '58** has retired from Mack Trucks, Inc. and Raritan Valley Community College. He resides in Bridgewater, NJ with his wife, Marie. The couple has four grown sons as well as 13 grandchildren. He sends his regards to all his 1956 and 1958 classmates.

**F. Peter Foti '59** is the proud grandfather of eight future Terriers.

## 1960s

**James J. O' Donnell '60** reports that since graduation, he has been keeping busy and healthy, having taught high school for 30 years, served as a police officer for 15 years and an investigator for 5 years. He is now a deputy sheriff and is happy to still be working.

**William Robertson '60** spends most of the year in Louisiana and summers in Rockland, Maine. He teaches business courses at Delgado Community College and is on the board of directors of the Lower Nine Organization, dedicated to training residents and volunteers in rebuilding homes and restoring social services in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, LA.

**Richard A. Dreyer '61** recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with wife Lisa by visiting Assisi, Florence and Rome, Italy.

**William P. Morris '61** is enjoying his retirement and credits his success to the great education he received at St. Francis College.

**George P. DeGeorge '63** spent 16 years at the Connecticut State Department of Education as an education consultant prior to retiring in 2003. He is now a docent at the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art in Hartford, CT.

**Thomas P. Napier, Jr. '63** is very proud of his son, Kevin, who produced and directed the film, *Ex-Pats: Bangalore*, which was shown at the New York Television Festival this past September.

**Charles A. Bennett '65** was re-elected to the Board of Directors of Advantage Consumer Counseling Services. He has also received an excellence in teaching certificate from Gannon University, as well as a certificate of recognition from the National Council of Economic Education, for his 30 years of service to the council's Mini-Society® program.

**Thomas M. McShane '65** recently published *Stolen Masterpiece Tracker*, a memoir of his adventures as an FBI agent investigating and

recovering stolen works of art. Thomas retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2003, after 35 years of service.

**Rev. Paul F. Rahilly '66** pastor of St. Joachim parish in Cedarhurst, NY was conferred the papal honor of monsignor by Pope Benedict XVI.

**Sister Margaret Faherty '68** retired this past June, after having been in education for 51 years. She last served at Msgr. McClancy High School in Queens, NY.

**Rev. Thomas F. Mulvanerty '68** diocesan vicar for senior priests and administrator of St. Pius X Residence in Uniondale, NY was conferred the papal honor of monsignor by Pope Benedict XVI.

**Thomas J. Killeen '69** was recently elected chairman of the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation and is a member of the Hofstra University Honor's College advisory board.

**Bro. James McVeigh, O.S.F. '69** has been appointed Co-Vicar for Religious for the Diocese of Rockville Center. He also serves as Franciscan mission coordinator at St. Francis Preparatory School. Prior to this appointment, Bro. James has been a teacher, elementary and secondary school administrator, regional school supervisor and assistant superintendent. He has also served as Vocation Director and Director of Temporary Professed for the Franciscan Brothers and has been a member of the community's formation team.

**Francis Milano '69** recently retired after having worked in Catholic education for the past 38 years as a teacher and guidance counselor.

## 1970s

**Bro. Leonard Conway, O.S.F. '71** celebrates 25 years as principal of St. Francis Preparatory School in Queens.

**Thomas B. LoSquadro '71** currently owns Thomas B. LoSquadro Real Estate, which is based on Long Island.

**Patrick B. McGovern '71** is proud to announce that his daughter is now at St. Francis College

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## St. Francis College Alumni Reunion Dinner

Anthony J. Genovesi Center, St. Francis College  
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as a member of the Class of 2011. He recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with wife Patricia and his 40th anniversary with Brown Brothers Harriman and Co.

**Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez '71** has accepted a joint tenure track appointment in the Graduate Department of City and Regional Planning and the Latino Studies program at Cornell University. He earned his doctorate at Columbia University in 2003.

**Ernest V. DiFranchi '72** is the proud grandfather of four: Aaron, Noah, Hayden and Colin.

**Bernard J. Dillon '73** recently celebrated his 20th anniversary with the New York State Banking Department.

**Dennis P. Keating '74** and wife **Elizabeth Arre '74** are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Meredith, to Gerard Hughes, which took place in August. Present at the wedding were, **Elizabeth Keating '74, William J. Biesty '72, Catherine M. Biesty '06**, (standing) **Glenn R. McCartney '05, Dennis Keating '74, Dennis McDermott '74**, director of alumni relations, **Catherine B. McDermott '74, Joseph Friesen '73** and **John F. McCue '74**.

**John J. Ferrante '76** recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary in June by going on a cruise to Nova Scotia with his wife. They have three married children and four grandchildren.

**Michael Terino '76** has retired from the Brooklyn Supreme Court where he served as senior court clerk. He now resides in Syracuse, NY.

**M. Christine Avilez-Cusanelli '77** misses her classmates Carl, Sophie, Audrey, Alex, Silvia and Maryann. She remembers George Foster, and has fond memories of her time at the College.

**Lucy Curci-Gonzalez '77** was elected chairwoman of the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries.

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## 1980s

**Mary E. Callahan '80** retired from Major Risk Management in 1999 and relocated to Ocala, FL where she is active in the community.

**Madalyn M. Hanley '80** was appointed as head of information systems, transmission for National Grid.

**Kathleen M. Boily-Purdy '84** recently celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary with her husband, Mike. They reside in Monroe, NY with their two sons, Michael and Robert. She teaches Aquatics at Newburgh Free Academy in Newburgh, NY.

**Vincent Randazzo '84** has been promoted to senior vice president of operations at the Irvine, CA based MyPrint Corporation. In this role he will oversee the company's manufacturing, procurement, fulfillment and distribution activities.

**Diane M. Hopkins '86** has been selected as one of the "2007 Women of Achievement" by the *Staten Island Advance* for her continuous work and contributions to the treatment of cancer patients. Diane and the other honorees will receive their awards at a gala dinner later this year.

**Joseph J. Belmonte '88** (originally from the Class of 1965) has been retired from the workforce since 2005 after having received spine surgery. His father passed away that same year, while his partner of 38 years crossed over the following year. He is now pursuing a degree in Nursing from LaGuardia Community College.

**Matthew P. Kerrins '89** thanks **Bro. George Larkin '60** and the Franciscan Brothers for showing him how to live the Franciscan prayer, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

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## 1990s

**Andrew J. Mayo '96** has been admitted to Teachers College, Columbia University, where he will pursue a teaching degree in English.

**Anna L. Mavrianos '97** sends her regards to her classmates, **Michael D'Amato '96, Eumelia Gonzalez '97** and **Gerard Tanella '96**. She also wishes to congratulate her fellow 1997 graduates on their 10th anniversary.

**Mary Ellen Gambino-Mannino '98** is married to Cesare Mannino. They have two children, Ariana and Alfonso.

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## 2000s

**Anthony J. Kurtin '00** has been named Assistant Director of Athletics for Business and Administration at St. Francis College.

**John J. Gillen '01** has served as Youth Minister for St. Claire's Parish of Staten Island, NY since 2004. He holds a master's degree in school counseling from Brooklyn College.

**Monica Michalski '01** has been named Assistant Dean for Freshman Studies and Academic Advisement at St. Francis College. She is also the co-chair of the College's Retention Working Group.

**Yadira Moran '02** has been named Assistant Director of Human Resources for St. Francis College. She recently became engaged to **Eric A. Ulrich '07**. The couple plans to wed in September of 2009.

**Maria Caramico '03** has been promoted to Student Loan and Systems Administrator for the Student Financial Services office at St. Francis College. In her new role, she will be responsible for overseeing the federal and private student loan programs that help students finance their education at St. Francis.

**Melissa Softy '03** has been promoted to Senior Accountant for St. Francis College's Financial Affairs Department. She is also currently pursuing her CMA certification.



## Keep in touch through St. Francis College e-mail updates

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**Ann Marie (White) Vega '03** recently wed and now resides in Far Rockaway, NY. She continues to feel gratitude for the education she received at the College.

**Joseph J. Williams '03** is a school counselor at Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn. He holds a master's degree in school counseling from Fordham University and is an adjunct professor at St. Francis College. He is now in the process of obtaining his licensure as a mental health counselor.

**Lisa Esposito '04** has been promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions for St. Francis College. In addition to coordinating the recruitment activities for St. Francis College, she will be responsible for coordinating the admission and enrollment process for all new students.

**Charles A. Giardino '04** received his M.B.A. from Dowling College in May.

**Danny Plaza '05** has been promoted to Senior Accounting Systems Analyst in St. Francis College's Financial Affairs Department. He is also currently pursuing his M.B.A. at Long Island University.

**Vanessa Rivera '06** has been promoted to Registrar Services Advisor at St. Francis College.

## Weddings & Anniversaries

**Kim M. Visvardis '87** recently wed John Esposito at the Old Bermuda Inn in Rossville, NY. She is a para-professional at Susan Wagner High School in Staten Island, NY.

**Robert W. Immella '98** was married this past summer at a ceremony in Cape May, NJ. He resides in Cape May with wife Annette.



Robert '98 & Annette Immella

**Roseann Gerratano '99** is now married to Ralph Aiello, Jr. The couple resides in Edgewater, NJ.

**Jennifer Gallo '02** recently wed Frank Ragucci at St. Stephen R.C. Church in Brooklyn. She is an assistant account executive with De-Witt Stern Group.

**Nancy M. Marano '03** recently wed Michael Blair Lunsford at Cherrydale United Methodist Church in Arlington, VA. The couple resides in Arlington, VA where she is in her second year at George Mason University School of Law.



Nancy Marano '03 & Michael Blair

**Robert E. McKenna '05** recently wed Svetlana Toston at St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral in Minneapolis, MN. He is a third year law student at St. Thomas University School of Law in Minneapolis and was recently named to the National History Honor Society.

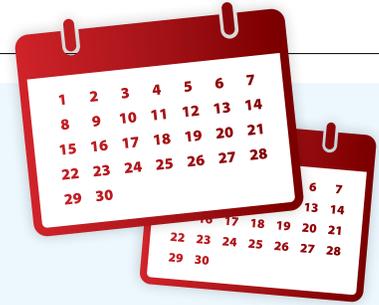
## Births

**Daniel Nigro '95** and wife **Annamaria Nigro '96** are proud to announce the arrival of Jason Mark, baby brother to Daniel Jonathan.

**Jennifer A. Valentine '95** and her husband are the proud parents of baby Jenay Sonia, born this past October.

**Myrna E. Rivera-Nieves '97** and her husband, Jon, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Lucia, baby sister to Aaron and Gabriel, ages five and four, respectively.

**Erez Shochat '97** and his wife, Rosalin, are happy to announce the arrival of Michael Aaron, baby brother to Elijah.



## Mark your calendar!

Upcoming  
St. Francis College  
Alumni Events

**Saturday, January 19, 2008**

**Caribbean Club Alumni Reunion**  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m. @ St. Francis College

Attendees are welcome to attend the Women's and Men's Basketball games vs. Monmouth University at 2 p.m. & 4 p.m., respectively.

**Saturday, February 2, 2008**

**Alumni Memorial Mass**  
11 a.m. @ St. Francis College

**Saturday, February 23, 2008**

**1973 & 1978 Alumni Reunion**  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m. @ St. Francis College

Attendees are welcome to attend the Women's and Men's Basketball games vs. Fairleigh Dickinson University at 2 p.m. & 4 p.m., respectively.

**Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

**47th Annual Charter Award Dinner**  
6 p.m. @ Cipriani 42nd Street

**Friday, April 25, 2008**

**Charter Day**  
3 p.m. @ St. Francis College  
Annual Duns Scotus Honor Society induction and award of honorary degrees.

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