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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRENDAN J. DUGAN '68

As another academic year comes to a close here at the College we find ourselves in the midst of final exams and commencement preparations. At this time of year we take immense pride in the many accomplishments of our students.

For several years now, St. Francis College has been breaking new records for applications and enrollment with 2,600 full-time undergraduates and a growing number of graduate students.

We owe our success to our focus on two important words: Franciscan Education.

In the last issue we explored how the Franciscan ideal of serving others and the desire to do good fosters a strong sense of community at the College.

This issue of the *Terrier* continues to develop our important Franciscan principles and the significant role education plays in the growth of the whole person. There is a great deal of work being done by our professors, administrators, students and alumni, who share their knowledge and experience with each other as well as the world outside with a deep commitment to social responsibility and academic excellence.

Many of you may have visited us on Remsen Street recently and are aware of the many changes and improvements being made to our campus. Another important development that I am excited to share with you is the steps we are taking to grow the size and diversity of our graduate programs. These new programs; a Graduate Certificate in Project Management and a Five Year Combined B.A. / M.A. degree in Applied Psychology, are aimed at meeting the needs of a changing workforce and also help our students gain a competitive advantage (page 4). We expect more graduate programs to become available in the near future.

While expanding our programs at the graduate level we are also very aware of the technological advances that are happening around us and we are taking steps to keep pace. You can't go anywhere these days without seeing someone glued to a mobile device. The exploding number of applications for those phones and tablets has created a new computing field with seemingly infinite possibilities. Have you ever wondered how to break into that field? Well now, there's a class for that. Information Technology Professor **Esther Klein** just completed



teaching Brooklyn's first course on how to build applications for the iPad, iPhone and iPod touch (page 10). I'm sure our founding Franciscan Brothers would be shaking their heads in amazement but I am also confident that they would be pleased with our continuing focus of making our classes relevant to the population.

We have solid proof that our hard work, built on the vision of the Franciscan Brothers, is yielding positive results. One night in February, earlier this year, twenty recent Education majors returned to the College to talk to our current students. I am proud to say that every one of them who looked for a job, found one, and they are all now on track to help influence future generations of graduates (page 6).

More tangible evidence of what an education in the Franciscan tradition will produce is our profile in this issue of the *Terrier* of an alumna of whom we are proud — **Patti Moffatt Lesser '77**. Many of you will remember her as a fellow student, volleyball coach or protégé of **Bro. George Larkin, O.S.F. '60** in the Department of Admissions. Catch up with Patti, who is now Athletic Director for St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's on the Upper West Side (page 19) and get a deeper understanding of how far one can go with a Franciscan education.

As you read these stories, I hope you think about how important it is that we continue to pass along our Franciscan values of knowledge, morals and ethics.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a restful and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

**Brendan J. Dugan '68**  
*President*

# St. Francis College Celebrates Spring Commencement

## CBS 2 Anchor Maurice DuBois Delivers Commencement Address

The balconies of the Howard Gilman Opera House were bursting with pride at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) as more than 350 members of the St. Francis College Class of 2011 celebrated their graduation May 18.

CBS 2 news anchor Maurice DuBois delivered a motivating commencement speech detailing some of his career highs and lows. He said that among all the stories he's covered over the years, one of the most powerful was following Wesley Autry, the man who jumped onto the subway tracks to save a person having a seizure. DuBois said that while we all cannot and should not jump onto the tracks, "all he did was help a person



in need and we can all do that."

DuBois offered four basic principles for the graduates to follow, things he has learned through personal experience; "thinking before you talk; setting an example for your family; always having a Plan B and serving your community. I'm here to tell you it all works."

St. Francis awarded Mr. DuBois an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters as well as a Doctor of Laws to Kenneth R. Feinberg, former Special Master of the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund. Mr. Feinberg proudly accepted his degree.



Maurice DuBois and Chairman, Board of Trustees John F. Tully, Esq. '67

"I'm not sure all of you graduates fully appreciated the reputation of this gem of a school," said Mr. Feinberg. "It goes way beyond this borough. It goes down to Washington and around the country. And for me now to be given this honorary degree from this great school, this gem, means a tremendous amount to me."

Because of a series of hazardous winter storms in January, St. Francis was forced to cancel Winter Commencement and invite those graduates to the spring ceremony. That meant two valedictorians

took the stage; winter valedictorian **Robert de Gannes '11**, a Communication Arts major with a concentration in Advertising and spring valedictorian, **Chandra Persaud '11**, also a Communications Arts major with a concentration in Advertising and a minor in Sociology.



Gina Giles '11

## Kenneth R. Feinberg Meets With Prominent Legal Alumni

Former Special Master to the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, Kenneth R. Feinberg came to St. Francis the day before commencement to speak with prominent legal alumni at a luncheon hosted by **Joseph Philip Forte '69**. Mr. Feinberg is currently Administrator for the Gulf Coast Claims Facility in response to the Deepwater Horizon drilling disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. He said the legal system generally does a good job compensating victims for common accidents. A victim compensation fund, however, should only be used for what he calls "unique incidents" such as 9/11 and the drilling accident. Feinberg also stressed the importance of having a thick skin to deal with steady criticism, the outpouring of emotion from victims and their families as well as the hurt from those who were not eligible for compensation.



Far Left: Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty, Kenneth R. Feinberg, President Brendan J. Dugan '68 and Joseph Philip Forte '69

Near Left: St. Francis College valedictorian Class of 2003 Boriana Petkova '03 with Kenneth R. Feinberg

**WINTER VALEDICTORIAN  
ROBERT DE GANNES '11**



Winter valedictorian **Robert de Gannes '11** returned from Trinidad and offered a Salutation at the spring ceremony. He recently began working as chief digital officer of Tribal DDB Caribbean, a full suite digital advertising agency. De Gannes said he was surprised when he was told he earned the winter accolade because he enjoyed himself so much in Brooklyn. He thanked one of his final teachers for offering him valuable advice during one of his more stressful times. "He said to me, Robert, always remember work never dies, humans do. Make sure that you enjoy your life."

**SPRING VALEDICTORIAN,  
CHANDRA PERSAUD '11**



Spring valedictorian, **Chandra Persaud '11**, who moved to New York from Guyana when she was two, thanked her parents for instilling in her the value and importance of a quality education. "Like many other immigrant families, they viewed America as a place to accomplish what seemed impossible in the country in which they were born." She made the most of that opportunity, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA while also interning in the Web Strategy Department at National Grid for the last year.

## Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio Celebrates Baccalaureate Mass

On the eve of Commencement, hundreds of graduates as well as their friends and families flocked to St. Charles Borromeo Church in Brooklyn Heights where the Bishop of Brooklyn, Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass. Attendees in the packed pews were also treated to an organ concert by St. Francis professor **Michael Kaminski** and heard inspirational farewell remarks from outgoing Student Government Association president **Marcus Budig**.



*Nursing graduate Maria Donna M. Vinluan '11 with Bishop of Brooklyn, Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio*

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# Taking the Next Step: St. Francis College Sees Big Expansion in Graduate Programs

“If you like working as part of a team and really want to learn to lead one effectively, the graduate certificate program in Project Management is for you,” says **Dr. Barbara Edington**, professor of Management and Information Technology, who heads the new Center of Excellence in Project Management at St. Francis College. “There is a desperate need for quality, highly educated project managers and in just six months, we can bring students to that level.”

The Project Management certificate is the newest graduate program to be offered at St. Francis College. Several more are in the pipeline, including a combined B.S./M.S. in Psychology, which is scheduled to begin this fall.

“More and more, employers are looking for job candidates with graduate degrees, even for many entry-level positions,” said **Dr. Timothy J. Houlihan**, vice president for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean. “By offering more graduate level programs, we give people the opportunity to meet those requirements and add a valuable asset to their resumes.”

A recent study by the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that while, on average, a college graduate will earn much more over the course of a career than someone who has only a high school diploma, a person with a master’s degree can earn an additional \$400,000 over the course of his or her working life than someone with just a bachelor’s degree.

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## Demand is High for Project Managers

A combination of industry-wide retirements and growing demand for project managers has created a perfect opportunity for the next wave of professionals. The Anderson Economic Group forecasts an average of 1.2 million project-oriented job openings each year through 2016, while an Economist Intelligence Unit survey named project management the single most important management skill.



*Project Management Professors Barbara Edington & Sandra Westcott*

“In segments of the economy that are growing faster than others, qualified people are in high demand,” said **Dr. Allen Burdowski**, associate dean, who has been instrumental in designing and gaining approval for new and forthcoming graduate programs. “Having these programs here in Brooklyn provides a service not only to our students but society in general by making sure the best of the best are able to fill these positions.”

The initial offering of the Project Management certificate program will be Fundamentals of Project Management, offered in July and taught by Information Technology Professor Sandra Westcott. In the fall, three additional courses, Project Risk Management, Finance for Project Managers, and Optimizing Project Management Teams, will be available on Friday evenings and all-day on Saturdays, allowing students to maintain their current jobs and earn the certificate in one semester.

Plans are being developed to offer specialized workshops within the Project Management certificate program for specific concentrations such as law, theater and arts, marketing, and entrepreneurship. Dr. Edington is also planning to offer prep courses for students who take the PMP certification exam, a qualification that is essential for those who hope to rise through the project management ranks.

“The graduate certificate is just the beginning for the Center for Excellence in Project Management,” said Dr. Edington. “Our goal is to offer a stand-alone master’s degree program in Project Management, which is currently scheduled to be approved for fall 2012.”

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## Psychology Graduate Program Under Review

With an impressive track record in preparing Psychology majors for master’s and doctoral programs—and an indication from students that they would be interested in remaining at St. Francis College for graduate level coursework, the College is ready to add a combined five-year B.S./M.S. degree in Applied Psychology, which, pending approval from the State Education Department, will begin this fall.

“Psychology is an incredibly competitive field and this program will give our students an edge as they begin their careers,” said **Dr. Michele Hirsch**, chair of the Department of Psychology. “Providing the combined degree program allows us to build on our

success and help even more students achieve their dreams.”

The five-year program in Applied Behavioral Psychology offers two major paths. The first prepares students to take the GRE and apply to doctoral programs. Students choosing this direction will take part in a full year of advanced research.

The second path is a more immediate career track that places students in high-level internships in New York City and surrounding areas. Internships, which will be available to all students enrolled in the program, will be concentrated in agencies and organizations such as hospitals, counseling centers, weight loss programs and programs geared for those with developmental disabilities with a focus on behavior interventions.



Psychology Professors Michele Hirsch, Jennifer Lancaster, Renee Goodstein, Kristy Biolsi, Steven Anolik

Coursework will cover topics that include Group Theory and Counseling, Psychological Aspects of Disabilities, Behavioral Assessment and Intervention, and Learning and Motivation, all of which are crucial in teaching students to help people avoid and amend destructive or unproductive behaviors.

“The excitement among students and faculty is palpable,” added Dr. Hirsch. “The overwhelming feeling is that we are building something special.”

## Accounting Numbers Continue to Add Up

The first of St. Francis College’s master’s degree programs, the combined B.S./M.S. in Accounting, which graduated its fourth class in May, has added several new courses. That program and the recently initiated stand-alone master’s degree in Accounting,

continue to turn out exceptionally successful students.

“For years, St. Francis College students have earned spots in the city’s leading accounting firms as well as banks, private corporations, and nonprofit and government organizations,” said **Dr. Geoffrey Horlick**, program director. “The new two-year master’s degree in Accounting only enhances our standing and

gives a new crop of students the chance to learn and benefit from the tightly knit family of alumni that we have built here.”

The May 2011 graduating class includes **Bono Lee, Felisha Kernizan** and **Anthony Englese**, who accepted positions with PricewaterhouseCoopers; **Andre Perez**, who was hired by Deloitte; **Peter Szpyt**, who joins the office of the King’s County District Attorney; and **Ivette Vasquez**, who has accepted a position with Con Edison.

“We’re very proud of the graduate tradition at St. Francis College that began with the master’s degree programs in Accounting,” said Dean Houlihan. “We know that as we increase and enhance our graduate offerings, the pattern of success will continue. It’s great to watch our faculty nurture and grow all our graduate programs as they make a difference in our students’ lives.”

### Angelica Terepka and Christina

**Turcoane**, graduates of the class of 2011, are among the Department of Psychology’s most recent success stories. Both were accepted to Clinical Psychology Psy.D. programs: Angelica at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Christina at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

“St. Francis College has allowed me to grow both as a student and as a person by providing me with opportunities challenging the mind and enriching the spirit,” said Angelica who traveled with Christina to Assisi as part of the College-sponsored 2010 Student Pilgrimage. They also studied abroad through a program that took them across Spain, Portugal and Morocco. “I am truly going to miss everything about St. Francis College, especially the people who have prepared me for the next step in my academic career,” added Christina.



Christina Turcoane '11, Father Michael Della Penna, OSF, Angelica Terepka '11 with Assisi in the background.



Back Row: Daniela G. Garritano, Justyna I. Zuchmanska, Deirdre A. Turner, Stefania Pennetti, Professor Geoffrey Horlick, Professor Miriam Salholz, Professor John Lombardo, Professor Carmine Nogara, Renelle D. Julien, Daisy M. Quizhpi, Christina Ng, Felisha Kernizan. Middle Row: Teodor Panterov, Peter Radziwon, Omar A. Perez, Anca Popescu, Anthony J. Englese, Ahmad Saleh Al-Dulimi, Ronald A. Flood. Front Row: Daniel A. Da Silva, Jeffrey Garro, Bono Ho-Cheung Lee, Salvatore P. Demma, Jason M. Velardi, Daniel P. McLaughlin.

# A Touch of “Class”

## Preparation and Persistence Pay Off for New Teachers

**Be prepared, be aggressive and be present.**

Those were the keys to job-hunting success for a group of 20 recent St. Francis College alumni who returned February 8 to share their stories with current Education majors.

Despite the exceptionally tight job market for teachers, all of the participants are working in Education, except for **William Zanelli '11**, who deferred his job search to attend graduate school at Brooklyn College.

“Everyone talks about job freezes and layoffs in city schools but that doesn’t seem to apply to St. Francis College graduates,” said Education Professor **Peter Leibman**, who organized the event. “Our students work hard and the word is out that they’re good at what they do. Principals want them in their schools.”

A recurring theme to the graduates’ experiences is that there is no magic solution, just classic hard work. They sent out dozens of resumes, made countless phone calls and networked in every possible place with every possible contact.

“Volunteer for anything,” offered **Cristina Liberta '10**, a Math teacher at Boody Junior High School. “The more you are in front of the administration the better off you are when a job opens up. I volunteered to teach in the after-school program when I was working as a substitute and was the first person the principal called when a job became available.”

**Gary Gurreri '10**, a Physical Education teacher at Grace Church School, pointed out the importance of always projecting a professional attitude. “I coached some sports teams for Packer Institute and we played against Grace Church. Some coaches will jump up and down on the sidelines, but you can’t act that way,” he said. “When I went for my interview, they remembered my professionalism at the game and it definitely helped me get the job.”

Gary also credits having a comprehensive portfolio, something echoed by several other graduates, including **Xavier Torres '10**, who is a



*Celebrating the relationship between St. Francis College and P.S. 133 are Education Professor Peter Leibman, P.S. 133 Assistant Principal Deanne McGhie, Education Professor Marina Gair, P.S. 133 Principal Heather Foster-Mann and Education Department Chair Richard Giaquinto.*

**“Parents always tell me it’s wonderful that we’re partnering with the College. It fosters the expectation that our children will continue on to higher education,”** said P.S. 133 Assistant Principal **Deanne McGhie**. **“All the students tell me they want to go to St. Francis College.”**

dean at Sunset Park High School. “I’ve taught classes in four subjects so far, but not History, which is what I really want to teach,” he said.

**Francesca Clemente '10** had a similar experience. A Physical Education teacher at I.S. 72, Francesca also teaches Health classes. She suggested that all PE majors make sure they include Health lesson plans in their portfolios. “If you teach Physical Education, you will almost always teach Health, too.” Clemente also urged students to make sure they have all their certifications and pass all tests, “so if someone wants to hire you, you’re ready.”

That’s exactly what happened to **Jessica Schrank '09**. “I had a big vacation planned to San Diego, but Dr. Leibman called me and told me to go to an interview the next day,” said Jessica, an English teacher at the International Arts & Business High School. “I cancelled my trip and started working that Monday.”

One recent graduate, **Chris Mondella '09**, a dean and Social Studies teacher at Gateway Academy, offered praise for the direction of the entire Education program. “It’s amazing how much the department has grown in just the past couple of years. When we were student teaching there were only about 15 of us, now you [2011 student-teachers] fill this whole room.”

Chair of the Education Department **Dr. Richard Giaquinto** estimates that about 36 students were on assignment as student-teachers this spring in classrooms across the city. “We’ve built strong relationships with

schools across Brooklyn, including East New York Prep Charter School and P.S. 133,” he said. “As we develop these relationships further, it will be a plus for our students, the individual schools and most importantly, the kids.”

“The student teachers from St. Francis College do a really phenomenal job,” said P.S. 133 Principal Heather Foster-Mann. “They are always

sharing the latest education theories with our classroom teachers.”

A banner announcing the partnership with

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Recent Education alumni and new teachers who returned to SFC to offer advice to current students include (back row, from left to right) Gary Gurreri '10, Timothy Edwards '10, Argenis Arce '10, William Zanelli '10, Robert J. Grinewich '11, Francesca Clemente '10, Christopher L. Mondella '09, Xavier Torres '10, Lisa M. Paolucci '06, (front row from left to right) Cristina Liberta '10, Christina M. De Blasio '09, Amanda Krol '09, Jessica Schrank '09, Anne McCabe '10.

St. Francis College now hangs proudly outside P.S. 133. “This small sign means so much to so many people,” said Dr. Leibman. “We are invested in the future of this community. The parents and their children really appreciate that.”

St. Francis College is also building a relationship with I.S. 228 David A. Boody Middle School. I.S. 228 is one of only three public schools citywide using the new “School of One” program, which focuses on individualized instruction and tailors the learning process to concentrate on each student’s strengths.

“Our student teachers have been very supportive,” said Principal D’Angelo. “We’re very happy with the quality and the attitude of the St. Francis teachers. They are good, quality professionals with the right attitude and are making a difference in the delivery of instruction.”

Those connections are one of the most important pieces of the job search puzzle. “The education community is really not as big as you

### Job Search Tips

- Complete all Certifications and Tests
- Produce a Complete and Diversified Portfolio
- Look Into Special Education Certification
- Ask an Outsider to Edit Your Resume

think,” said Dr. Leibman. “Everybody knows everybody else and they all talk to each other.”

Xavier Torres found this out in a good way, when one principal he worked for referred him to another principal for a full-time position. Jessica Schrank told the group,

“My principal called Dr. Giaquinto because she liked my work so much she wanted to bring more St. Francis students to her school.”

“It is very rare to find a novice teacher like Jessica who emulates the ability, motivation and attitude necessary to be an excellent teacher,” said Sheila Hanley, principal of the International Arts & Business High School. “Yet even though Jessica possesses these traits, it takes an excellent teaching college to develop them. St. Francis College showed her that her vision of education had more to do with the youngster in front of her than the content and data.”

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER NEWEST PARTNER SCHOOL

St. Francis College and St. Francis Xavier School announced a new partnership on May 3 that will allow St. Francis College students to fulfill their student observation and teaching requirements at Xavier and expose Xavier students to academic, cultural and athletic events at the College.



St. Francis Xavier students with James Konkel '57, Retired Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited; Chair St. Francis College Education Department Richard Giaquinto; Principal St. Francis Xavier Sister Kathleen Sullivan, CSJ; Brooklyn Borough President’s Office Margaret Kelley; Pastor St. Francis Xavier Rev. William Rueger; President Brendan J. Dugan '68; Education Professor Peter Leibman; St. Francis College student Joseph Giamboni '12. SFC alumnus James Konkel '57 was instrumental in cementing this partnership.

# Cindy Luz Hernandez

**MAJOR AND MINOR:** Philosophy and Chemistry

**HOMETOWN:** Williamsburg, Brooklyn

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Williamsburg Charter High School

**PERSONAL AND CAREER GOALS:** One of my biggest dreams is to become a pediatrician. This was a goal even before a childhood health scare and I want to ensure to the best of my ability that no child will face the ordeal and pain that I experienced.

**OVERCOMING CHALLENGES:** I live with systemic lupus, which went misdiagnosed for more than seven years. When my condition was finally diagnosed, doctors told my family and me bluntly that within a year I would require a kidney transplant or possibly face death. Through determination and willpower I was able to lead myself through some dark hours, which included slow deterioration of my health and a neurological disorder that stripped me of basic motor and communication skills. I had to learn to walk and talk again. At age 14, I began to overcome some of these challenges and when I was 16,

I received a new kidney, donated by my mother. With home schooling I caught up to my peers academically and was able to skip the 9th grade. When I graduated I received an award from President Obama for maintaining a 3.96 grade point average throughout high school.

**ACADEMIC PURSUITS:** Originally, I declared a double major of Biology and Psychology. I recently changed my major to Philosophy, which was always an interest, after taking Philosophy courses with **Professors Gerald Galgan** and **Joseph Marino**. I found out you can declare any major and still apply to medical school, so I decided the best move was to follow my heart. I'm also interested in massage therapy school and the Biology courses coincide, so I really won't be missing anything when it comes time to prepare for the MCATs.

**ACTIVITIES:** I immediately got involved on campus with the Student Government Association as a senator. I was then elected Speaker of S.A.C.O.R., where I served as a liaison between clubs and the Office of Student Activities. I was in charge of more than 50 clubs, including an assortment of fraternities and sororities, monitoring their progress and giving advice. I also helped a number of clubs raise funds for different causes. My part-time job in Student Activities has been a privilege as has volunteer work at the Hospital for Special Surgery (under the guidance of my pediatric rheumatologist who looks after my lupus) and for an organization called Charla De Lupus, which provides support and inspiration to young adults who are newly diagnosed with lupus. Finally, through Campus Ministry I received the Sacrament of Confirmation last May.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI:** The experience of participating in the Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome over Christmas break is indescribable. I was oriented to Franciscan values and was able to walk literally in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. This gave me an opportunity to experience an environment completely different from what I know (it was the first time I traveled out of the country) and really evaluate who I am, what I've overcome and what I want to do in the future. Sometimes the hardest thing to

learn is who you are. It is a scary process that we sometimes try to avoid, and only when things become unbearable do we really think. During the pilgrimage, I was able to explore my heart and learned that it is really attainable to live the life of a saint. Our challenges sometimes seem overwhelming; I sometimes felt that I was a victim but I realize now that what I went through was a blessing. It made me a thousand times stronger and I know now that I can be an inspiration to others, because my faith is what got me through. I can only give to others what I received and that is continuous love, support and guidance from my friends,

doctors, family and my extended family that includes the faculty, staff, administration and students at SFC and, of course, God.

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT SFC:** I love everything about SFC. It's a small college, so you have one-on-one relationships with professors and faculty members. The services, such as the Career Center and Student Activities, are great. The diversity and opportunities make being involved on campus very enjoyable. For the past two years, I participated in open houses, orientations and Terrier Day for freshman because I feel strongly about other students being able to experience the greatness.

**SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT:** I'm grateful for my academic scholarship because it makes possible my ability to experience all SFC has to offer without financial worries. Two years ago, I would never have imagined being here, telling my story, and standing strong for the students of SFC. However, I'm here because of a sincere family support system and the generosity of supporters of the College who have made attending St. Francis College a reality.

**INSPIRATION:** This quote by St. Francis of Assisi has guided me throughout my college experience: "Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."



*Cindy Luz Hernandez '13 at the Charter Award Dinner with Chancellor Frank Macchiarola '62*



Learn more about Cindy and several of her classmates in this short video at [www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier)

# Summer Science Academy Brings Students Full Circle

As the St. Francis College Summer Science Academy embarks on its 11th season, an important aspect of the program's original purpose is being realized. Young people who participated in the Academy as high school students are pursuing careers in science.

"All those field trips to the New York Harbor Estuary, Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Brooklyn Bridge Park, American Museum of Natural History and similar places are paying off," said **Kathleen Nolan**, chair and professor of St. Francis College's Department of Biology and Health Promotion. "Knowing that students' experiences with the Summer Science Academy are sparking a long-term interest in learning and doing science is not only gratifying, but energizing—for the students, faculty and the College."

The program, which was funded originally by a grant from New York State, requires interested high school students from New York City to submit an application with an essay stating the reasons they wish to participate in this free program. With the end of public funding in 2010, private support for last summer's Academy came from Con Edison and the Laura B. Vogler Foundation.

For summer 2011, 30 local high school students (with 150 on the waiting list) will experience a combination of field work, hands-on laboratory experiences, and reading and interpreting scientific papers. Activities described by many who have gone before them, as eye-opening to the world of science

"The Summer Science Academy was my first exposure to anything college related; I certainly didn't know what my major was



*Students learn how to test fat content in ground meat.*

going to be," said **Michael Conenna '05**, a member of the very first Summer Science Academy in 2001, who as a result of his experience enrolled at St. Francis to study Biology and Chemistry. "In addition to introducing me to great wonders in the boroughs such as kayaking on the Hudson, learning about the significance of the estuary to New York City wildlife, seining in Jamaica Bay and discovering that turtles live in Brooklyn, the Academy taught me to properly conduct research in a college and professional setting while having fun."

After graduating and working for a while as a researcher, Michael discovered a passion for teaching during a stint as a graduate assistant and decided the classroom is where he needed to be. Now with a master's degree in Education completed and a second one in Administration forthcoming, Michael teaches

science at Abraham Lincoln High School in Coney Island.

"While I really liked research, teaching kids is really very satisfying," he explained.

Former participants are not the only ones choosing challenging science careers. For the St. Francis College students Dr. Nolan recruits as counselors, the direction of their careers is often shaped by their experience.

"When I entered St. Francis College in 2001 as a Biology major, I had planned to go to medical school," said **Athalie Alexander '04**, who earned a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling in 2005. "To my surprise through working with the Summer Science Academy, I developed an appreciation for the ways all living species influence and interact with one another, prompting a shift from medicine to public health and epidemiology, for which I plan to study further at the graduate level. I credit Dr. Nolan and the Summer Science Academy for challenging me and helping me to become a well-rounded science enthusiast."

To help support the 2011 Summer Science Academy at St. Francis College, please contact **Thomas Flood**, vice president for Development at [tflood@stfranciscollege.edu](mailto:tflood@stfranciscollege.edu) or **(718) 489-5443**.



## THANK YOU

St. Francis College would like to thank **Susan Messina** for her years of service to the College and contributions to this publication. She began working on the *Terrier* in 2004 when she served as the College's Director of Communications and is responsible for the transformation of the magazine into its current form. After moving out of New York, Susan continued to be a key contributor to the *Terrier*, reporting and conducting interviews and writing dozens of stories each year. She is now in charge of the alumni magazine at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina, among other responsibilities, and will no longer be able to devote the extensive amount of work it takes to publish the *Terrier*. We offer warm wishes to her for the future and another thank you for a job well done.

*Susan Messina at St. Francis College in 2004*

# Esther Klein—Looking for APProval

In her third year as Information Technology professor at St. Francis College, Esther Klein has crossed the digital divide from a lifelong PC user to being on the cutting edge of Apple technology. She now teaches students to program applications for the Apple iPad, iPhone and iPod touch.

“This is a skill that is very much in demand,” said Professor Klein who earned her doctorate in Computer Science. “To my knowledge, we are the only college in Brooklyn with a course that teaches students to program apps.”

Because students come to the class with different levels of programming experience, Dr. Klein starts the course with a very basic introduction to Objective-C, the programming language Apple uses for its apps.

“I found that students with no programming background adapted very quickly, while students with a few years of various training and skills took a little longer,” said Dr. Klein. “They had to unlearn some habits and follow the specific instructions that are used in Apple’s Software Development Kit.”

“It was not always easy to follow the pace of the course, despite the previous knowledge I have in programming,” said

**Rajko Kisdobranski '13** who

developed a classic pong video game for his final project. “It is a pleasure to be in this class and to learn Objective-C and Xcode which are not taught in any other IT courses.”

Over the course of a semester, the students first work on an assigned project that gets them acquainted with the motion, gestures, user controls and general interface needed to build an app. They also dissect existing apps and look at theories on development and practical issues like saving user data.

From there, the students are set free to design an app of their own. They use a virtual simulator on an Apple desktop that mimics how the app will look. Ultimately, they



Professor Klein demonstrates the iPad simulator.



Students working on their apps.

test it on their own devices.

“It’s interesting to see that even though all three products are using the same programming software, the applications can act very differently,” said Professor Klein. “So while it would be great to program one app for the iPad, iPhone and iPod touch, it’s not a one size fits all process.”

The idea came from associate dean **Dr. Allen Burdowski**, who recognized that the iPad could be integrated into the curriculum.

“We started planning for the iPad well before it became such a popular tool,” said Dr. Burdowski. “Dr. Klein’s course helps students build a strong foundation of leading edge skills, giving them the potential for big rewards.”

Students have also come together to form the SFC Apple Users Group where they can work together outside the classroom and share their programming knowledge.

The first meeting featured guest speaker Ontario Britton, whose app Paper Pilot reached number three on Apple’s App Store ranking last October.

A second level app course is now being developed, which is a step toward the IT Department’s eventual goal to build a complete Mobile Media program. There is also discussion about expanding the program to include programming for Droid phones and Microsoft based devices.

“The iPad is really a great place to start because it gives students almost immediate feedback,” said Dr. Klein, “as well as a real sense of accomplishment.”



Watch iPad app developer Ontario Britton’s presentation to the first meeting of the St. Francis College Apple Users Group online at [www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier)

# Author E.L. Doctorow Shares Secrets of Writing

2011 THOMAS J. VOLPE LECTURE SERIES SPEAKER MIXES WIT WITH WISDOM

On February 3, acclaimed author E.L. Doctorow addressed St. Francis College students, faculty and administrators as well as the greater St. Francis College community when he visited campus as the honored guest of the Thomas J. Volpe Lecture Series.

While discussing his boyhood in the Bronx and weaving lessons throughout about the creative process, Mr. Doctorow recounted a story about an assignment from a teacher at Bronx High School of Science that served as early inspiration for a writing life. Rather than conducting a real interview, he created a fictional character compelling his teacher to want to photograph the character and publish the story.

“It seemed to me so much better to make up...than go through the tedious business of interviewing someone,” Doctorow offered as his simple excuse for the deception.

The works of Mr. Doctorow, who holds the Lewis and Loretta Glucksman Chair of English and American Letters at New York University, include *Ragtime*, *The March*, *City of God*, *The Book of Daniel*, *Welcome to Hard Times*,



E.L. Doctorow delivering his lecture for the 2011 Thomas J. Volpe Lecture Series

*Loon Lake*, *World's Fair*, *Billy Bathgate*, *The Waterworks*, and *Homer and Langley*. A new collection of short fiction, *All the Time in the World*, was published in April.

“Just as in his novels, in person Mr. Doctorow offered the audience an enlightening look at his work and the craft of writing,” said Thomas Volpe, chairman emeritus of the St. Francis College Board of Trustees who endowed the speaker series. “He let us backstage in his mind to see for ourselves how he gets from idea to novel, from inspiration to completed work.”

Among Mr. Doctorow’s many honors are the National Book Award, two PEN/Faulkner Awards, three National Book Critics Circle Awards, the Edith Wharton Citation for fiction, the William Dean Howells Medal of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the presidentially conferred National Humanities Medal. In 2009 he was shortlisted for the International Man Booker Prize for Lifetime Achievement.

Guest speakers of the Volpe Lecture Series offer an international perspective in a variety of fields to the St. Francis College community, from business leaders to world leaders. Past speakers include Salman Rushdie, Russell Simmons, Mariane Pearl, Paul Rusesabagina, Lech Walesa and George Mitchell.

## New Leadership in Enrollment Management Services

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS MEET NEW FACES WHEN THEY APPLY

Joseph Cummings, assistant vice president of Enrollment Management Services, has been in his new role through a round of applications and several open houses for both undergrad and graduate students since moving over from his former spot as director of Student Financial Services.

“There’s much more to Enrollment Services than seeing students through the admissions process,” said Mr. Cummings, who has 22 years of higher education experience, including at Marymount Manhattan College and Pace University. “We’re committed to continuing improvements in retention and working with faculty and administration to strengthen the College’s commitment to a full array of student enrollment initiatives.”



Joseph Cummings (left) is working to make the admissions process quick and easy for all. Brother Dominic (right) is always ready for a guided tour.

He joins **Bro. Dominic Quigley, O.S.F. '71**, Franciscan admissions advisor, who came to St. Francis College last September from

Bishop Ford High School, where he served as director of Admissions for four years after more than 30 years at St. Francis Prep.

“Taking prospective students and their parents on campus tours while classes are in session gives them a realistic idea of the size and warmth of the College,” said Brother Dominic, who also teaches Italian and Spanish. “By observing the St. Francis community in action they get accurate information that helps guide their decision making.”

To learn more about the Admissions process at St. Francis College or for more information, visit [www.stfranciscollege.edu/Admissions](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/Admissions); email [admissions@stfranciscollege.edu](mailto:admissions@stfranciscollege.edu); or call (718) 489-5200.

# Concerts At Half-Past Twelve Celebrates 10 Years of Lunch Hour Culture

From baroque to bluegrass, and Beethoven to Bernstein, several times every academic year, beautiful music fills Founders Hall at lunch time.

Rare opportunities at any price; these concerts, whether classical, jazz, spiritual, opera or pop, just happen to be free.

Ten years ago, **Dr. Suzanne Forsberg**, professor of Fine Arts, initiated the series, Concerts at Half-Past Twelve. Since then, students, administrators, faculty and the community have experienced more than 50 concerts of the caliber enjoyed by audiences at fine music venues worldwide.

Several commemorative concerts have taken place as part of the series, including those honoring the work of Mozart and Bach, and one performed by pianist Jeffrey Swann to commemorate the bicentennial of composers Frédéric Chopin and Robert Schumann.

“These gifted and generous musicians fulfill the promise of a liberal arts education for our students,” said Dr. Forsberg. “It’s very gratifying to see that over time our audience—composed of students, faculty and the Brooklyn Heights community—has grown steadily and regularly to where we’ve outgrown our original performance space in the Fine Arts classroom and moved the concerts to Founders Hall.”

Despite the move to a larger space, students and musicians alike acknowledge that these performances have maintained an intimate



*The Voxare String Quartet performing at Carnegie Hall.*

“Exposure to a string quartet performance will hopefully pique students’ interest in a particular ensemble and they may be more willing to explore other opportunities to listen to classical music and the string quartet.”

—Emily Ondracek-Peterson, first violinist for the Voxare String Quartet

Her feelings were echoed by student **Jeannette Raymond ‘14**, who has enjoyed several performances. “The concerts give students a chance to hear and meet performers who are in a class all their own,” she said.

Concerts at Half-Past Twelve for the upcoming 2011-12 academic year will include performances by pianist Paul-André Bempecht and violinist Gregory Fulkerson, and a commemorative concert for the bicentennial of composer Franz Liszt by pianist Andreas Klein, among others. The entire schedule will be available on the College’s website in September; please visit [www.stfranciscollege.edu/Events](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/Events).

nature. Between the concert and reception afterward, students have a chance to discover what is unique about these opportunities, particularly, as explained by flutist April Clayton, the way performers and audiences are able to interact more personally.

“In this setting, there is a more immediate sense that the audience appreciates what they are hearing,” said Ms. Clayton who teaches at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and is director of chamber music for the European American Musical Alliance. “The audience feels different—more like it’s made of individuals and less like a crowd.”



*April Clayton, considered a leading flutist of her generation, recently performed at SFC accompanied by Jihea Hong-Park on piano. They presented a series of pieces spanning more than 300 years, including Bach’s Sonata No. 3 in A Major, BWV 1032, Schubert’s Der Lindenbaum (The Linden Tree), arranged for flute, and rapid-fire from contemporary Brooklyn-born composer Jennifer Higdon, recipient of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for her violin concerto.*

## SFC Professor Provides a Critic’s View of Concerts at Half-Past Twelve

“Dr. Forsberg delivers topflight concerts for the St. Francis community. It will be years, probably, before students recognize the level of talent and performance to which they had privileged access,” says **Dr. Scott Weiss**, professor of Communication Arts, who writes reviews for Concerts at Half-Past Twelve performances. “Faculty who are music fans and patrons of New York City music life, including at Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, the Metropolitan Opera, agree that the talent we experience in Founders Hall is no less.”

Read his reviews at [www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier)

# Campus Happenings

## CO-SPONSORED BY ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE AND THE MANHATTAN INSTITUTE

### APRIL 4

Social critic Kay S. Hymowitz, author of *Manning Up: How the Rise of Women Has Turned Men into Boys*, with chair of Psychology Department **Michele Hirsh** and History professor **Eric Platt** discussing the topic *What Happened to All the Good Men?* on the shifting role of men in American society.



### FEBRUARY 7

The symposium *Is The New York Times Good For Democracy?* explored the issue of editorial influence on news and how the rise of electronic news coverage has changed the perception and reception of the Times. The topic was debated by Michael Tomasky, editor of *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas* and American editor-at-large of *The Guardian* and William McGowan, author of *Gray Lady Down*. The event was also broadcast on C-Span.



## LITERARY EVENTS

### APRIL 11

Kate Christensen, author of *The Great Man, Trouble*, and *The Epicure's Lament* was the speaker for the 2011 Walt Whitman Writers Series. She read from *The Great Man*, for which she received the 2008 PEN/Faulkner Award as well as *The Epicure's Lament*, and answered questions from the audience on her work and the writing process. She also gave a preview of her new novel,

*The Astral*, about an everyman poet displaced by an irrationally jealous wife from his home of 30 years in the legendary, sprawling Astral Apartments in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.



### MARCH 30

St. Francis College and the *Arthur Miller Journal* celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Broadway premiere of Arthur Miller's *An Enemy of the People*, which was keynoted by University of Michigan professor Enoch Brater and featured a reading of *The Stockmann Brothers*, an adaptation of the Ibsen and Miller play written and directed by Professor **Timothy Dugan**. The cast included Dr. Dugan as well as fellow professors **James Turner** and **Martina Karels** with stage notes from student **Chelsea Clark '11**.



### MARCH 17

Nahid Rachlin, author of *Persian Girls: A Memoir*, appeared on campus for a reading and book signing. Rachlin, who grew up in Iran, discussed her early life and how she finally convinced her father to allow her at age 17 to study in America. None of her books, which have been translated into several languages and sold throughout the Middle East and elsewhere, have been published in Farsi, her native tongue. Rachlin explained that her decision to write in English and not in Farsi is emotional because she associates her native language with "taboo and fears" while in English she is free to write about anything.



## ACADEMIC EVENTS

### APRIL 28

A Yom Hashoah event: Father André Cirino gave a detailed account of the Three Heroes of Assisi in World War II who saved more than 200 Jews from the Holocaust by forging documents and hiding refugees in churches, monasteries and homes within the city walls.



### APRIL 8

Among topics explored at the symposium *International Psychology: Past, Present and Future* were the role of psychologists at the United Nation, dealing with global disasters and how international psychology has evolved in New York City. Speakers included John D. Hogan, St. John's University; Edwin P. Hollander, CUNY, Baruch College and Graduate Center; Florence L. Denmark, Pace University; and Judy Kuriansky, Columbia University Teachers College. The event was sponsored by The Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology and organized by St. Francis College Psychology professors **Uwe Gielen** and **Jennifer Lancaster**.



Uwe Gielen, Judy Kuriansky, Florence L. Denmark, John D. Hogan, Edwin Hollander & Jennifer Lancaster

### FEBRUARY 23

Paul Levinson, professor of Communication and Media Studies at Fordham University, presented *Marshall McLuhan at 100*, which outlined, among other things, how McLuhan's phrase, "the medium is the message," remains relevant in the age of social media and was a cornerstone of the uprisings across the Muslim world. The symposium was hosted by the St. Francis College Communication Arts Department.



### JANUARY 20

Michael Oppenheimer, one of the world's foremost global warming experts and member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that won the Nobel Peace Prize with Vice President Al Gore, addressed an audience at St. Francis College with facts about global warming. He outlined evidence that explains the existence of global warming and differentiated climate conditions that are and are not caused by it. The lecture was part of a series coordinated by the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice and supported by the New York City Council and New York State Legislature and funded by the New York City Department for the Aging.



For video on all these events, go to [www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier) or scan the QR code at left with your smartphone QR reader app.

# 127th Anniversary of St. Francis College's Charter Observed

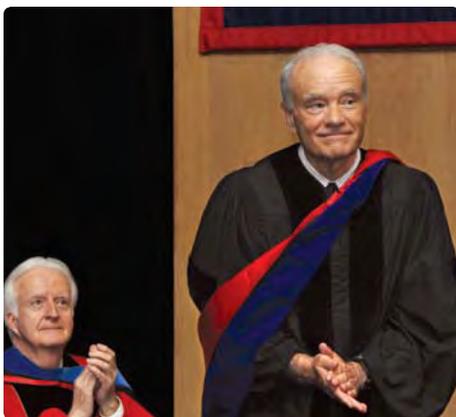
CHARTER DAY ACTIVITIES HONOR MAY 8, 1884 ORIGINS

From today's education leaders to the leaders of tomorrow, St. Francis College celebrated its 127th Charter Day with a convocation dedicated to the importance of teaching and learning on April 29 in the College's Founders Hall.

**T**halita Paladino '11, president of the Duns Scotus Honor Society, a Health Promotions & Sciences major who also played on Terriers NCAA Division I women's water polo, swim, and volleyball teams presided over the induction of the organization's newest class of honor students at the 2011 Charter Day ceremony. She congratulated them for their superior scholastic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, demonstration of Franciscan values and loyalty to the College.

Other honorees at the event include Sister Elizabeth A. Hill, CSJ (President, St. Joseph's College), who delivered the keynote address. "No institution flourishes for 127 years if it imagines itself strictly in legal terms," said Sister Elizabeth. "There has to be heart and passion and a commitment to something greater. I think it is clear that the life and charisma of St. Francis of Assisi himself, has been the inspiration and driving force, the animating principle, the reason for it all."

Please go to [www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier) for more information on Charter Day honors and awards.



In addition to receiving a Pax et Bonum award for 25 years of service, History Professor Dr. Arnold Sparr was made Professor Emeritus of History by the Board of Trustees.



On hand to observe Charter Day 2011 were Robert B. Alesi, president, Xaverian High School; Sister Elizabeth A. Hill, C.J.S., president, St. Joseph's College; Sister Thomasine Stagnitta, C.J.S., principal, Bishop Kearney High School; Sister Kathleen Sullivan, principal, St. Xavier Catholic School; John P. Lorenzetti, principal, St. Edmund Preparatory High School; and President Brendan J. Dugan '68.



National Grid Internship & Scholarship winners Eleni Aftousmis, Alana Jackson and Josephine Pagliughi with Chair, Accounting & Business Law Carmine Nogara, Accounting Graduate Program Director Geoffrey Horlick, President Dugan and National Grid Vice President, US Lorraine Lynch '91.

## FACULTY NOTES

**Ghazala N. Afzal** (ESL) was interviewed by Voice of America's "Deewa" radio. The hour-long live show addressed topics such as Ms. Afzal's literary work in Pakistan, her plays for Pakistan Television, the place of an immigrant in a new society, and her experience of migration. It also addressed her experiences in higher education, both in Pakistan and the United States.

**Dr. Kristy Biolsi** (Psychology) spoke at a colloquium lecture series at Empire State College on the similarity between child and sea lion language development.

**Dr. Dennis Anderson** and **Sandra Westcott** (Management and IT) helped organize and manage the College's sponsorship of a Microsoft Game Development Boot Camp. Students from SFC, NYU-Polytechnic, Stony Brook, and Washington D.C. were among the participants.

**Dr. Sophie Berman** (Philosophy & Religious Studies) presented "The Winged Soul: A Platonic and Neoplatonic Theme in Ficino" at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America in Montreal.

**Dr. Filomena Califano** (Chemistry & Physics) received a grant to attend a "Train the Trainer: Work Life Satisfaction" workshop sponsored

by the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) in Washington, D.C. **Dr. Kathleen Nolan** (Biology & Health Promotion) was also in attendance. While there, they attended the 40th anniversary celebration of AWIS and the Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) workshop at Pfizer Headquarters.

**Dr. James Corrigan '60** (Biology & Health Promotion) is serving as thesis advisor for three graduate students and is a committee member for a fourth. He donated a black stone bench to "The Pathway to St. Francis" at St. Francis Prep commemorating 130 years of Franciscan education given to 13 members of the Corrigan family dating to 1880. He has also been selected for membership in *Who's Who in Academia*.

**Dr. Gerard Davidson** (Chemistry & Physics) and student **Jeffrey Rameau** attended the American Chemical Society Spring meeting in Anaheim, CA, where they presented their paper, "Splitting the Dimer: The Differential Effect of Mono- and Bifunctional Alkylating Agents on a Nickel Thiolate Dimer." The paper was a result of summer research conducted at the University of Massachusetts.

**Dr. Barbara Edington's** (Management & IT) abstract, "Structural Capital and Project Processes: Areas for Future Focus" was accepted by the European Conference on Management, Leadership and Governance in Nice, France in October.

**Dr. Irina Ellison** (Biology & Health Promotion) chaired "Women's Health: Science, Technology and Society," hosted by the College. The conference took a unique approach to women's health by examining the subject through a variety of disciplines including basic science, psychology, sociology, history, public health, philosophy, nursing and medicine. Dr. Ellison also sponsored the Great American Smokeout at the College, distributing nicotine patches and increasing awareness on the dangers of smoking and tips on quitting and was invited by the American Cancer Society to discuss the implementation and maintenance of tobacco-free campuses at the New York State Tobacco-Free College Conference February 11. Dr. Ellison also attended the New York Biotechnology Association annual meeting on April 6 and the National Science Teachers Association annual meeting held in San Francisco in March. She and two SFC students will present their findings on second-hand smoke exposure at the meeting of the Public Health Association of New York City on May 21 at NYU Langone Medical Center.

**Professor Michael Fontana** (Fine Arts) was presented with a proclamation from New York State Senator Martin J. Golden upon special recognition in conjunction with Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church's 13th annual presentation of G. F. Handel's *Messiah*, which Professor Fontana conducted. The proclamation honored Professor Fontana for his work in the Brooklyn community of Marine Park, and for producing Music from Good Shepherd, a series of 11 free Sunday evening fall recitals since 1995.

**Dr. Suzanne Forsberg** (Fine Arts) was elected Treasurer of the Mozart Society of America, presented the lecture "Made in the USA: The Music of Aaron Copland" in May under the auspices of the New York Council for the Humanities, Speaker in the Humanities and delivered the lecture, "A Musical Journey through the Life of Johann Sebastian Bach" at the Bronxville Public Library in March. Dr. Forsberg also attended the Annual Meeting of American Musicological Society in Indianapolis, Ind in November 2010.

**Dr. Wendy Galgan** (English) chaired the Brooklyn Poetics panel at the annual NeMLA conference sponsored by Rutgers University. As part of the panel, Dr. Galgan presented her paper, "Brooklyn Poetics." In addition, she presented "Embodying Salvation: Saving Grace as Ontological Detective Story" at the Long Island Philosophical Society's Spring Meeting at St. Francis College in April.



Dr. Galgan is also proud to announce the release of Volume 2, Issue one of *Assisi: An Online Journal of Arts & Letters*. The issue, with layout and design by **Vanessa De Almeida '00**, contains more than 50 submissions.



Download the latest issue of *Assisi* at <http://bit.ly/IQKqvl>

**Dr. Uwe P. Gielen** (Psychology), together with Professor Lei Ting (Teachers College, Columbia University) and **Jonathan Palumbo** (2010 SFC Valedictorian, Graduate Student, Polytechnic – NYU) presented, "Caged Phoenixes: Young Female Chinese Americans in New York City" at the 28th annual Winter Roundtable, Teachers College, Columbia University. He also presented "Psychology at Kuwait University" and "Student Views on Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum" (with fellow St. Francis professor **Dr. Jennifer Lancaster**) at a meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Cambridge, MA. His paper, "Female Chinese Youth" was presented at a psychology conference at Pace University. Dr. Gielen co-authored an article entitled "Parental Acceptance and Rejection: Theory, Measures, and Research in the Arab World," *ERIC Documents*, as well as the book review, "The Human Dimension of Globalization," *International Psychology Bulletin*. Professor Gielen's ongoing research on Chinese American youth is supported by a 2010-2011 SFC Faculty Research Grant.

**Professor Kathryn Grant's** (Communication Arts) play, "The Good Counselor," was honored with a citation and \$7,500 prize by the American Theatre Critics Association (ATCA) on April 2 at Actors Theatre in Louisville during the Humana Festival of New American Plays. The play, about an African-American lawyer defending a young white racist charged with murdering her three-week old baby was staged at Premiere Stages based at Kean University in Union, New Jersey.

### Dr. Forsberg Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

**Dr. Suzanne Forsberg**, professor of Fine Arts, was honored on November 4 by the University of Utah, her alma mater, with the 2010 Merit of Honor for Distinguished Service. She was presented with the award at a banquet hosted by the University of Utah Alumni Association and Emeritus Alumni Board.



Suzanne Forsberg, President of the University of Utah Emeritus Alumni Board John Bennion and President-Elect Carolyn Kump. Photo by Lennie Mahler.

**Dr. Francis Greene** (Department of Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, and International Cultural Studies) delivered a three-part lecture on American Art at the Crossroads Cultural Center in Manhattan. In addition, he presented a paper at the International Symposium on Sacred Space at the Savannah College of Art and Design, attended the annual conference of the Society of Architectural Historians in New Orleans, and received a Faculty Development Grant for travel and research in Germany this summer.

**Dr. Peter Leibman '71** (Education) facilitated the Kappa Delta Pi Southern Conference in Alabama and spoke at the Kappa Convocation in November in Indiana. As part of growing partnerships with city schools, he hosted curriculum planning meetings with faculty and supervisory staff from PS 133; held a thank you breakfast for staff at PS 128 and helped create an anti-bullying program with Boody JHS, also arranging for St. Francis College students to serve as big brothers and sisters for Boody students.

**Mitch Levenberg's** (Academic Enhancement) "The Pen" and "The Line" will appear in *The Same Press Magazine*, and his story "The Game Farm" will appear in the online journal *Big City Lit*.

**Dr. Steven M. Lipson** (Biology and Health Promotion) attended the Multidisciplinary 2011 New England Science Symposium at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Lipson's and colleagues' research was presented as a poster presentation. He also published "Effect of Cranberry and Grape Juices on Tight Junction Function and Structural Integrity Among Rotavirus-infected Monkey Kidney Epithelial Cell Culture Monolayers" in *Food and Environmental*. Dr. Lipson was also named "Man of the Year" by the New York City chapter of the Borough Park Lodge No. 409, Independent Order of OddFellows for his relentless efforts of service to the community.

**Dr. Lipson and Marina Gair** (Education) published a science-education study in the *Journal of*

*Microbiology and Biology Education* (JMBE). The article, "The Recording of Student Performance in the Microbiology Laboratory as a Training, Tutorial and Motivational Tool," expounds the use of motion picture recording of student work (in the laboratory), and the use of student-acted tutorial films as learning and motivational tools.



Watch the student co-produced and acted film at [www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier)

**Dr. Ian Maloney** (English) and several students attended the final dress rehearsal for *Hamlet* at the Heights Players on Willow Place as well as a complementary performance. Afterward, the director and cast sat with students and discussed the play, live theater, and Shakespeare.



**Dr. John McNamara** (Physical Education) volunteered to make an exercise DVD for the New York City Department of Education. Students who do not have physical education teachers at their school will be able to follow along with the DVD for a fat burning, muscle building workout.



**Dr. Carmine Nogara** (Accounting), a volunteer firefighter for the town of Glen Rock, N.J. (seen holding the hose), helped fight the biggest fire in his 12-years with the fire department. Fortunately, no one was injured.

**Dr. Kathleen Nolan** (Biology and Health Promotion) invited seven science majors to attend two

Columbia University seminars in "Population Biology." Published "Do Color Cues Affect Flavor Perception?" "From Herbivory to Egg Counting: The Use of Digital Microscopy and Image J to Capture Images and Analyze Data for Ecology Projects" & "Teaching Field Biology Courses Abroad" in *Tested Studies for Laboratory Teaching*. Published "Blue genes, not blue jeans: Incorporating the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of the Human Genome Project into the curriculum" with **Dr. Jaskiran Mathur** in *InVivo*.

**Dr. Fotios Paliogiannis** (Mathematics) and several departmental colleagues participated in the 6th Annual Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Conference sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America at Manhattan College. Three students, advisees of Dr. Paliogiannis, presented papers.

**Dr. Deinya Phenix** (Sociology and Criminal Justice) was the chief analyst on a report released by the New York Civil Liberties Union detailing suspensions in New York City schools. Dr. Phenix's work shows that African American and Special Education children receive a disproportionately greater number of suspensions for longer periods of time than their white and general education counterparts. The story was covered by the *New York Times* and the *Daily News*.

**Professor Terry Quinn** (English) has been appointed artist in residence at the Cell Theatre Company in Chelsea. Three of his works were produced there this year, and he has been asked to prepare a series of plays and concerts for the spring.

**Dr. Gregory F. Tague** (English) published (as editor) the literary anthology *Battle Runes: Writings on War*. The book has been reviewed positively by *Midwest Book Review* and has garnered five stars in an Amazon review. The book consists of 37 short stories and poems from 21 authors from all over the world writing specifically about the physical and psychological ravages of war on individuals and families. **Mitch Levenberg** (Academic Enhancement) contributed to the book, **Dr. Wendy Galgan** (English) wrote the Foreword, and English major **Meagan Meehan** acted as copyeditor.

**Dr. Jennifer Wingate's** (Fine Arts) review of Kirsten Pai Buick's book *Child of the Fire: Mary Edmonia Lewis and the Problem of Art History's Black and Indian Subject* (Duke University Press, 2010) appears in the Spring/Summer 2011 issue of *Woman's Art Journal*. Her entries on Cecilia Beaux, Aaron Douglas, and Oscar Bluemner are included in the *Corcoran Gallery of Art American Paintings to 1945* collection catalogue (Hudson Hills Press, February 2011).

**Professor Natasha Yannacañedo** (Communication Arts) played Iris in Joshua Alafia's latest film, *Let's Stay Together*. She also played Condoleezza Rice's "Significant Other" in a staged reading of *Operation Lysistrata* by Yvette Heyliger at The Dramatists Guild.

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# SFC Honors Brooklyn Natives Robert Catell and Michael “Buzzy” O’Keeffe

## Nearly \$500,000 Raised for Scholarships at 50th Annual Charter Award Dinner

Brooklyn’s business elite, celebrity chef David Burke, top students and a gathering of generous alumni, friends and family of St. Francis College came together on April 14 at the New York Marriott Marquis for the 50th Annual Charter Award Dinner to raise \$485,000 for scholarships.

The guests of honor were two of Brooklyn’s most successful native sons, Robert Catell, former chairman, National Grid U.S., and Michael “Buzzy” O’Keeffe, owner of The River Café. Each was awarded an honorary degree for lifelong service and contributions to the Brooklyn community.

The night began with a welcome from St. Francis College’s Chairman of the Board of Trustees **John F. Tully ‘67**, followed by a proclamation for the honorees from New York State Senator Martin Golden.

**Ken Daly ‘88**, recently promoted to National Grid President, New York, introduced the night’s first honoree, Robert Catell and spoke about the long and strong relationship between St. Francis College and the energy company. More than 100 St. Francis alumni have gone on to work at National Grid and its previous incarnations, KeySpan and Brooklyn Union Gas.

“Having walked the halls of the College, I can say confidently, that St. Francis is equipping students with skills for a lifetime—integrity, hard-work and commitment to excellence,” said Mr. Catell. “There is no surprise why the school has been a feeder to



John F. Tully ‘67, David Burke, Robert Catell, Michael “Buzzy” O’Keeffe, Kenneth D. Daly ‘88 CFA, President Brendan J. Dugan ‘68.



Five students who appear in the latest St. Francis video were on hand at the dinner thanking the audience for their support of the College. They are Cindy Luz Hernandez ‘13, Joseph Acciarito ‘12, President Brendan J. Dugan ‘68, Jemma Hinkley ‘12, Charlene Seepersaud ‘12, and Akeem Johnson ‘13.

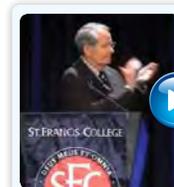
Brooklyn Union, KeySpan, and now National Grid and other corporations in the New York City area.”

Celebrity chef, entrepreneur and author David Burke (David Burke Townhouse, David Burke Kitchen) introduced the second honoree, Mr. O’Keeffe, who gave David his start as chef at The River Café and who Burke credits with instilling in him confidence, discipline and pride.

O’Keeffe opened The River Café, New York’s first waterfront restaurant, in 1977. He is also responsible for culinary landmarks The Café at Grand Central and Pershing Square Café. “I employed two students that were both 4.0 students going into college who could have gone anywhere in the country,

but they choose St. Francis and that speaks a lot about what’s going on here,” said O’Keeffe. “Students come here and excel and go on to be great citizens of this country.”

The St. Francis College board of Trustees held the first Charter Award Dinner in 1962 and for 50 years it has been the College’s premier fundraising event. Millions of dollars have been raised to support scholarships and further the educational mission of the institution.



Watch the event at [www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/terrier)

# Who Gives?

## John Dietl '58

Mr. Dietl, an Accounting major who earned his MBA from the Fairleigh Dickinson University Executive Program, worked for 34 years for the American Broadcasting Company as a financial executive. He is now the principal of a financial services firm.



*Christina Ng '11 with John F. Tully, Esq. '67 and John Dietl '58 at Spring Commencement*

### MEMORIES OF SFC:

The unique balance between Business courses and Theology and Philosophy courses instilled in me a strong ethical background that I applied to both my professional and family lives. I remember the challenge I felt with small classes to always be prepared to participate.

### REASONS FOR GIVING:

On my last day as a student in May 1958, I promised myself that someday I would give back to the College in appreciation for my excellent education. That day arrived in 2006 when my late wife, Marge, and I had the opportunity to create an endowed scholarship for a deserving Accounting student. This is one of my proudest accomplishments and best investments I have ever made. It was particularly gratifying to see **Christina Ng**, who received the Marge & John '58 Dietl Scholarship graduate in May with a combined B.S./M.S. degree in Accounting. I'm overjoyed that in "giving back" to St. Francis College I am helping to make the world a better place for years to come.

## Laura Eisenzopf, Ph.D. '00

Ms. Eisenzopf, a physical therapist for the New York City Department of Education and St. Mary's Kids at Roslyn, has contributed to the Annual Fund every year since she graduated. A volleyball player for the Terriers as an undergraduate student, she coached the SFC women's volleyball team from 2005-2006 after earning a master's degree from D'Youville College in Buffalo in 2003.

### REASONS FOR CHOOSING SFC:

St. Francis College offered me both an athletic scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship, fully covering tuition and making it possible for me to pursue a master's degree and doctoral degree immediately after graduating. This made my parents and me very happy.

### WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO GIVE:

It's very important to give back so current students can have the same opportunity to achieve their goals. Sometimes recent graduates think that to be meaningful, a gift has to be in the hundreds or thousands. A lot of small contributions made by a number of people can make the same impact as a large gift made by a single person. If everyone from the class of 2000 were to give \$10, the price of a movie, or \$20, the cost of a pizza, together we could make a big difference.



*Dr. Laura L. Eisenzopf PT, DPT, MS with husband Edwin Rahfield at their June 6, 2009 wedding.*

*Mrs. Michael P. DeBlasio and Deirdre-Noel Engels*

## Deirdre-Noel Engels and Mrs. Michael P. DeBlasio

The daughter of the late **Michael P. DeBlasio '58** and his widow Kathleen, reflect on their family's ties to St. Francis College. Mr. DeBlasio, who served on the College's board of trustees from 1999 until his death in 2004 was committed to "giving back" to St. Francis College in terms of both service and financial support.

### INFLUENCE OF THE ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE EXPERIENCE:

My father spoke often about his personal connection to the College, which developed through friendships that stood the test of time and of his academic experience because he believed firmly that he was thoroughly prepared for a career in accounting.

### HOW THIS ENDURES:

This connection was never more evident for my mother and I then when we attended the annual Memorial Mass, which honors those from the St. Francis community who have passed away. Experiencing the warmth and community spirit at that special event made me understand what my dad shared with us about the College.

### WAYS TO "GIVE BACK":

My dad took to heart the Franciscan notion of giving back, prompting his service on the board of trustees as well as inspiring him to endow a scholarship in the memory of his parents. He was so happy to receive a nice note from the student who received the scholarship; there was nothing more rewarding to him than seeing someone else begin to realize her dreams.



# Profile of a Terrier

## Patti Moffatt Lesser '77

**Patti Moffatt Lesser '77** has been on the move her entire life. Teaching and coaching college, high school, elementary, and even nursery-level students over the course of her career, she jokes that she's the only person who has ever "worked her way down."

While she admits to the thrill that comes with coaching high school and college level volleyball—which she did for St. Francis College early in her career—as well as coaching and teaching Phys Ed. for several independent, Catholic and public schools in New York City—she says that it is equally exciting to work with kids when they are first getting started with movement, physical education, and athletics.

"The current emphasis in many schools on academic success at the expense of physical education and other nonacademic subjects is frustrating," Ms. Lesser said. "I've been fortunate to work for schools where P.E. is valued, considered an integral part of the curriculum and regarded as essential to exemplary classroom performance."

With a master's degree in Physical Education from Hunter College along with her degree from St. Francis, Ms. Lesser is a long-time advocate for her profession and lifelong wellness. She's happy that Michelle Obama is encouraging school-age children and their families nationwide to be physically active with her "Let's Move" campaign and about the message it sends that a healthy lifestyle is important.

"Nothing else matters if a child doesn't learn to take responsibility for her or her own wellness," she said.

As a student-athlete at St. Francis, Ms. Lesser was an early member of the women's basketball team, formed in the 1970s, shortly after the college became co-educational, and has been a member of the Terriers Hall of Fame since 1987.

"We have **Bro. George Larkin, O.S.F. '60** to thank for the early formation of the women's basketball program," she said. "His commitment to recruiting girls through College-sponsored volleyball and basketball tournaments introduced hundreds of young women to the St. Francis College community and invited them to



*Patti during Field Day at St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's*

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become part of it."

Today, nearly 40 years after the implementation of Title IX, the federal law that requires schools that receive federal funds to provide equal opportunity to female and male student-athletes, Ms. Lesser works to drive home the message to middle and high school athletes that they are benefiting from the struggles and sacrifices of generations of young women to compete in high school and college athletic programs.

"We talk to young girls about what it means to be a student-athlete and that they owe it to those who went before them to appreciate our opportunities by always striving for excellence on and off the field."

Now, having earned a second master's degree in 2006, this one in Administration from The College of St. Rose, Ms. Lesser points out that her early connections to St. Francis College are the ones that remain strong.

"There has been an SFC connection at almost every place I've ever taught:

**Coach Ray Nash '63** at Bishop Ford High School, my high school and college classmate, **Jayne Godlewski '77** at New York City Public Schools as well as other alumni at other schools.

In the past and now as athletic director and physical education director for St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's School in Manhattan, she's found a way to "pay it forward" by hiring student teachers and recent grads from St. Francis College when she's had the need and opportunity because she says they know how to work hard and they are very good teachers.

"I'm very proud of my affiliation with St. Francis College," said Ms. Lesser. "I tell my own children, who recently graduated from very fine schools, that I don't think they had half the fun I did—and I'm not kidding."



# Terrier Sports

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Terriers Turnaround with New Coach Glenn Braica

#### Season Ends with Return to NEC Playoffs

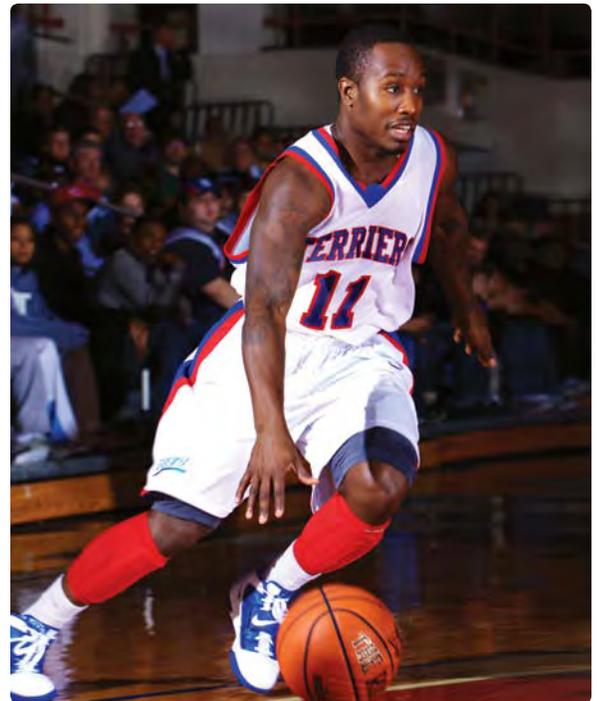
Under new head coach **Glenn Braica**, the men's basketball team earned a number five seed in the Northeast Conference Tournament, its highest since 2003-04. By winning seven of their final 10 games, the Terriers finished the season with an overall record of 15-15, and 10-7 in NEC Conference play.

"It's a great feeling to finish over .500 in conference play," said Braica. "With the depth of talent this team displays on the court, next year should be exciting for everyone."

Despite losing to Central Connecticut State 64-62 in the conference tournament quarterfinals, senior guard **Ricky Cadell** and classmate Akeem Bennett were selected to the NEC All-Conference Second Team. In addition, Bennett, who ranked 10th in the nation in steals with 2.6 per game, was named the NEC Defensive Player of the Year.



Akeem Bennett '11



Ricky Cadell '11

### Ricky Cadell Caps Career by Breaking Men's Scoring Record

**Ricky Cadell**, a senior with a stand out basketball career at St. Francis, broke the College's all-time men's scoring record on Feb. 26 with a three-point shot against Bryant during the Terriers' final regular-season game.

With a career total of 1,643 points, Cadell surpassed the old record of 1,612 previously set by **Darwin Purdie** in 1988. He also ranks second on the College's all-time three-point field goal list with 221 and has the third highest number of free throws with 309. In addition, he became the 55th player in Northeast Conference history to score 1,500 or more career points.

MEN'S WATER POLO

# Men's Water Polo Team Captures Eastern Championships to Earn Trip to NCAA Final Four

For the second time in six years, the men's water polo team brought home the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Eastern Championship by defeating U.S. Naval Academy 8-4 at Bucknell University. The effort was led by **Boris Plavsic**, a senior from Belgrade, Serbia/ETS Rade Koncar, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The victory earned the Terriers a trip to the NCAA Final Four—their first trip was in 2005—which was held at the University of California, Berkeley on Dec. 4-5. In a competitive match up, St. Francis lost 10-7 to USC, the eventual champions, in the semifinals. They then lost 9-7 to Loyola-Marymount in the consolation game.



*Nemanja Simonovic '12 is an Accounting major with a 3.92 GPA.*

To top off a spectacular season, two Terriers received



*The starting squad in the semifinal match-up against USC. From L-R: Alexandar Pantic '12, Marko Gencic '13, Boris Plavsic '11 (#9 cap), Captain Stefan Gencic '11, Filip Sasic '12, Bosko Stankovic '14 (#12 cap) and Goalie Igor Mladenovic '14*

impressive honors. **Marko Gencic**, sophomore from Belgrade, Serbia/Sports Gymnasium who scored three goals in the title game, was named to the NCAA Final Four All-Tournament team.

**Nemanja Simonovic**, a junior, is this year's recipient of the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Water Polo Championship Elite 88

Award. This award, given at the finals of each of the NCAA's 88 championships, recognizes the student-athlete who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport while achieving the highest grade point average among his or her peers.

TRACK AND FIELD

# Burning Up Both Track and Field

Typically, athletes who excel at track events don't compete in field events and vice versa. Terrier freshman **David Fajoyomi**, however, is breaking all the rules and turning heads by outshining the competition in both.

On April 2 at the Florida Relays, Fajoyomi catapulted himself toward the top of the NCAA Division I high jump leader board by clearing 2.15 meters (7' - .50") to finish fourth among a field of elite competitors. This jump is one centimeter better than his indoor seasonal best and ranks him 11th among the NCAA's national outdoor leaders.

Later that month at the Fairleigh Dickinson Invitational, Fajoyomi broke the College's record in the 200 meters with a time of 21.76 seconds.

"David defied all the odds with his performance this season," said **Kyle Brown**, head coach men's track and field. "He gives our team a lot to look forward to in the coming years."



*David Fajoyomi, a high jumper who cleared seven feet, three different times during his first season, ranks 7th in the NCAA East Region and is one of only four freshmen in the nation to clear 2.15 meters during the 2011 outdoor season.*

## Student-Athletes Step Up: Terriers and NY Road Runners Club Bring Joy to Local Families

**Dec. 12**—SFC staff and student-athletes helped Santa and the New York Road Runners Club (NYRR) distribute sneakers to 120 local children at NYRR’s fourth annual Sneaker Drive party held at St. Francis College. Kids and their families were invited for lunch and the Terriers women’s basketball game, where at half-time everyone participated in a Hip Hop Warm Up.



## Shoot for a Cure Raises Money and Awareness for Breast Cancer

**Feb. 12**—Coaches, administrators and student-athletes, working in partnership with the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone Initiative, raised more than \$3,000 for breast cancer awareness at the 4th annual Shoot for a Cure. This year’s event was held on campus during the Terriers men’s and women’s basketball doubleheader versus Long Island University.



## Indoor Track Student-Athletes Compete at “World’s Most Famous Arena”

**Jan. 28**—Junior **Rafal Ksepka** and sophomores **Joseph Gilhuley**, **Paul Gilhuley** and **Frankelly Fernandez** competed at Madison Square Garden in the Byron Dyce Men’s 4x800 at the 104th Millrose Games. They are the first Terriers to compete in this event since the 2007 men’s 4x400 relay team.



Junior Rafal Ksepka, sophomores Joseph Gilhuley, Paul Gilhuley and Frankelly Fernandez

## Don’t Miss a Thing!

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## 2011 Annual Alumni Reunion Dinner

An amazing turnout of more than 300 alumni and friends of St. Francis came out to the Anthony J. Genovesi Center to renew old bonds, support the College and help honor fellow alumni. **Thomas M. Laquercia '66** was awarded the Alumni Achievement Award, while the Alumni Board of Directors Appreciation Awards were bestowed upon **Myles '48** (deceased), **Marjorie Driscoll '80** and the Driscoll Family; **Robert L. Smith '72**; and **Jerome Williams '76**.

Also honored at the event were the 50th anniversary class of 1961, which was represented at the event by 30 of its members, the 25th anniversary class of 1986 and 10th anniversary class of 1991.

Director of Special Events **Robert A. Oliva '04** emceed the event.



Back Row: Myles Driscoll, Jr. '72, Robert L. Smith '72, Brendan J. Dugan '68, Thomas M. Laquercia, Esq. '66 and Jerome Williams '76. Front Row: Mary Jane (Driscoll) Wolfe '75, Marjorie Driscoll '80, Marjorie (Driscoll) Drennan '78.



Bro. Gregory Cellini, O.S.F.; Bro. Joseph Moloney, O.S.F. '62; our Terrier mascot; Bro. Owen Sadlier, O.S.F. '69 and Bro. Jeremy Sztabnik, O.S.F. '63.



The 50th Anniversary Class of 1961.

## Caribbean Alumni Reunion

Oct. 29—St. Francis College held a reunion for all Caribbean Alumni.



Julian R. Oddman '06, Antonevia A. Ocho-Coultres '04, Saleem K. Hosein '03 and Tabitha St. Bernard '04.



Wilton W. Thomas '03, Kienne Davis, Hakim Williams '02 and Bro. Thomas Grady '68.



Tricia J. Campo '01, Sheldon Andrews '06, Lauren K. Alleyne '01 and Hakim Williams '02.

## Fraternity Alumni Night

Dec. 2— With rising popularity of Greek life on campus today, SFC welcomed back our fraternity alumni from years past.



Phi Rho Pi alumni.



Sigma Gamma Pi alumni.



Pi Alpha alumni.



### SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2011

## St. Francis College Night at Brooklyn Cyclones

At MCU Park, 1904 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

For more information please contact director of special events **Rob Oliva '04** at [roliva@stfranciscollege.edu](mailto:roliva@stfranciscollege.edu) or visit our website at [www.stfranciscollege.edu](http://www.stfranciscollege.edu)

## 2011 Alumni Memorial Mass

**Jan. 29**—The annual Alumni Memorial Mass honored the memories of alumni and relatives of alumni who are no longer with us. A luncheon in the Genovesi Center followed.



Professor Marilyn Verna, Ph.D.; Director of major and planned gifts Edward Stewart; and St. Clare Society members Anita Volpe, Thomas Volpe and Terese Rouge '71



Standing: Bro. Campion Lally, O.S.F. '64, John Fugelsang and Bro. William Boslet, O.S.F. '70. Seated: Bro. Becket Ryan, O.S.F., Rose Dunn, Edward G. Dunn, Jr. '74 and Mary Ellen Stric

## Athletics Alumni Reception

**Feb. 26**— Stars of the field, court and water came together at a reception for all our Athletic Alumni.



John Woods, Patti Moffatt Lesser '77, Carlo Tramontozzi, James F. McElroy, Jr. '77, and Daniel G. Lynch '77



Dance Team Alumnae: Rene Andino'09, Kristine E. Brodmerkel '08 and Samantha Stender '08



Athletics Alumni

## Treaty Stone Alumni Folk Fest

**March 5**—The Treaty Stone Alumni Folk Fest featured performances by **Peter C. Mancuso '75**, **Emil Baccash '73** and family, **Brian Dennigan '76**, **John E. Kiely '77**, **Charles J. Eames '74**, **Gene Eames '79**, **Elizabeth C. Eames '02**, **Louis G. Pastina '79** and friends, and **Ellen Tucker Emerson '76**.



Gene Eames, Charles J. Eames '74, Paul Cassone and Elizabeth C. Eames '02



John E. Kiely '77 and his son, Tom

## Young Alumni Mix & Mingle

**March 24**—The Young Alumni Mix & Mingle was at Park Avenue Tavern, 99 Park Avenue in Manhattan.



Anthony Mosco '07, Daniel Kelly '05, Makwinder Kaur '05, Nery Arcos '06, Rosmery Camilo '06, Danny Plaza '05, Melissa Softy '03, Kristen Ellis '03, Anthony Fasano '03 and Janexa Diaz-Figueroa '03.



Salvatore Demma '09, Anthony Mosco '07 and Sarah Bratton '07.



Prospect Researcher Nick Canedo, Patrick Dugan '01 and Brendan English '04.

## New Alumni Directory Coming Soon



In a time of ever-changing emails, jobs and locations, it's hard to keep track of your fellow St. Francis College alumni. To help you stay in touch, St. Francis College is now working with Harris Connect to publish a new directory with updated contact information for all St. Francis College alumni around the world.

The hardcover collection will help you find old friends and colleagues and can be used for personal and professional networking. The directory will feature an introduction with full color pictures, a history of the College, information on

prominent St. Francis College alumni as well as photos and memories from your days at St. Francis.

**Over the next few months, you will be contacted by phone, email and mail to verify and update your contact and career information.**

**Your Privacy is Important:** St. Francis College values your privacy and treats your information in a secure manner. You have ultimate control over whether or not you want your personal information published. Please make your wishes clear to the representative with whom you speak.

## Futures in Medicine and Health Professions

**April 26**—A number of alumni who work in the medical and health professions returned to offer tips and advice to current students.

*Back Row: James E. Corrigan, Ph.D. '60, Vice President for Development Thomas F. Flood, Joseph D'Amore, M.D. '73, Keith Cook, D.P.M. '94, Director of Alumni Relations Dennis J. McDermott '74 and Director of Major and Planned Gifts Edward R. Stewart. Front Row: Nedjie Marie Pierre, D.P.M. '93, Nadja Marie Pierre, D.P.M. '93, Joseph J. Cimino, D.D.S. '89.*



## Class Notes

### 1950s

**Robert M. Keith '52** is retired from the United States Air Force and resides in Cypress Village, Jacksonville, FL with his wife, Pat.

**Jonathan F. Greene '58** recently enjoyed a cruise with his wife Peggy and **James T. Griffin '58**, Claire and **Connell J. Boyle '58**, Ellen and **Raymond A. McCartney '58**, and Carol and **Timothy D. Mahoney '57**.



**George C. Bergleitner '59** is president of Delaware County Real Estate, Catholic Charities of Delaware, and Otsego Counties Board of Directors. He is assistant district governor of Rotary, and a governor in the New York State Society of Real State Appraisers.

**Anthony V. Dell'Anno '59** has retired from senior active priest status and lives in Brooklyn.

### 1960s

**John Sceppa '64** and his wife Ann are happy to celebrate the third birthday of their grandson, John Patrick.

**Edward J. Jaworski '66** is president of the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a Congressional Proclamation from Congressman Anthony Weiner. The group was lauded for its strong activism and devoted service. State Senator Marty Golden also presented the organization with a certificate of achievement.

**Robert C. Sloane '66** is celebrating ten years as principal and co-founder of OptiMarket LLC, an executive job search coaching firm.

**Michael A. Davino '68** was recently awarded the 2011 eSN Tech-Savvy Superintendent Award by eSchool News, a publication network of eSchool Media Inc for his work as superintendent of Springfield Public Schools, NJ. The award is given to the top ten superintendents from coast to coast who best exemplify outstanding leadership and vision in using technology to advance their district's educational goals.

**Joseph Philip Forte '69** was named Global Real Estate Lawyer of the Year 2010 by *Who's Who Legal*. He is a partner at Alston & Bird LLP.

### 1970s

**George J. Johansen '70** is senior vice president of investments with UBS Financial in Denver, Colo. His daughter Kristin competed in the Big 12 Track & Field Championships at the University of Missouri, where she ran the 10,000 and 5,000 meter events. Kristin attends the University of Colorado-Boulder, where she is a Chinese and Engineering major.

**Thomas B. McManus '70** announces the birth of his granddaughter, Madaleine Lilly, born in December. Madaleine is the daughter of Thomas

and Jenna McManus and sister to 4-year-old twins Ben and Collin.



**Dennis J. McDermott '74** was honored as Irishman of the Year at the Tenth Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast at Brooklyn Borough Hall, hosted by Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes, Al O'Hagan and Brooklyn Borough

President Marty Markowitz. Dennis is director of alumni relations.

**Eva Rapprich Carey '76** has been appointed president of Cortiva Institute School of Massage Therapy Hoboken. Prior to this appointment, she was co-owner of Healing Hands Institute for Massage Therapy in Westwood, NJ. Eva lives in northern New Jersey with her husband and two children.

**Barbara Koster '76** was recently named one of the Best 50 Women in Business by *NJBIZ* newspaper. This awards program honors New Jersey's most dynamic women in business. Barbara is CIO of Prudential Financial, Inc. She is also senior vice president and head of Global Business & Technology Solutions and a member of Prudential's senior management committee. She has oversight responsibility for information technology at all Prudential locations worldwide and ensures the privacy and integrity of Prudential's information. She also is chair of the boards of Pramerica Systems Ireland, Ltd. and Prudential Systems Japan, Ltd., technology subsidiaries of Prudential.

**CLASS NOTES**

**John E. Kiely '77** played the lead of John in the two-act play *The Cocktail Hour* presented by the Bergen County Players at the Little Firehouse Theatre.



L-R: John Kiely '77, James Lesko, Shari Buchwald and Rollin Gardner. (Photo by Michael Smith.)

**Vincent A. Ferraioli '78** has been named Parishioner of the Year at Our Lady Angels Parish in Brooklyn. He was recently appointed to the Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Brooklyn.



**Pablo Sierra '79** was honored in January at the U.S. Tennis Association's annual awards dinner, at the Renaissance Hotel in White Plains. Pablo received the Volunteer of the Year Award for the Metro Region.

**1980s**



**Hector Batista '84** has been appointed executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City, making him the first Hispanic in the organization's 106-year history to hold that position. Prior to this appointment, Hector was chief executive

officer of The Way to Work (formerly Vocational Foundation, Inc.). Hector is also a member of the St. Francis College Board of Trustees.

**Minerva Garcia '84** recently celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary with husband **Jose '81**, and their son, **James** who is now a sophomore at St. Francis College.



**Al Hot '84**, the owner of Fast Track Construction, was featured in the Winter 2011 issue of *B & C Northeast Magazine*. Hot tells the magazine his New York City projects are successful, in part, because he handles much of the specialty work like carpentry, drywall and architectural woodworking with his own people and not subcontractors.

**Kenneth Daly '88** has been named regional president of National Grid, New York. Daly will oversee National Grid's regulated businesses that provide electricity and natural gas to customers in upstate New York, and natural gas to customers in Brooklyn, Staten Island, and Queens and on Long Island. He was most recently global finance controller for National Grid, and previously held senior positions in finance, human resources, operations and customer service in New York.

**1990s**



**Karen E. Nethersole '95** was recently honored with a community service award from the National Association of African Americans in Human Resources-Greater New York. Karen is CEO and founder of Full Circle NY (FCNY).

**2000s**

**Vanessa O. De Almeida '00** was inducted into the St. Francis College Duns Scotus Honor Society on the College's Charter Day celebration in April. She is assistant director of alumni relations.



Professor Francis Greene, Vanessa De Almeida, Dean of Students Cheryl Howell

**Caitlin L. Smith Gilson '03** has been appointed chair, faculty of Philosophy, at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

**Steven B. Mudd '05** recently graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law.



**Carl E. Coulanges '08** recently worked as head logger and production assistant for the PBS series *Circus*, syncing scripts with video clips, selecting clips and creating sequences for editors. He also edited short story arcs and worked closely with cameramen and field producers. Carl also just completed his first semester as a professor at St. Francis, teaching Fundamentals of Speech.

**2010s**

**Robert P. de Gannes '11** is chief digital officer of Tribal DDB Caribbean, a full suite digital advertising agency providing concept development, maintenance and improvement strategies and implementation across websites, mobile sites, social media communities and applications.

**Weddings**

**Bruce P. Ceparano '03** recently wed Laura Lynn Gray at the South Gate Manor in Freehold, NJ. Bruce is a sergeant with the city Police Department on Staten Island.

**Births**



**Amanda Fanelli '07** and **Joseph Manna '07** welcomed Tessa Rose Manna in December at New York Downtown Hospital.



**Christopher Gibbons '97** and **Bevin Meade Gibbons '98** announce the birth of their son, Brendan Michael, in December. Chris is

director of events for Brooklyn Law School and Bevin is senior tax manager for BDO.

**Myrna E. Rivera Nieves '97** and her husband Jon recently welcomed their fourth child, Xavier Benjamin. They live in Tampa Bay, FL., area.



**Nancy Marano Lunsford '03** and her husband Michael are parents of Noah, 19 months old. Nancy is an attorney for the Social Security Administration.

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## WE REMEMBER

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

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### Dr. John Motley

**Dr. John Motley**, Director of the St. Francis College Choir for 14 years passed away May 22 after a long illness. In the 1960s, as Director of Music for the New York City Public Schools, Dr. Motley formed the All City Concert Choir. For two decades, the group sang at venues like Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center; for dignitaries including President Jimmy Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, Pope John Paul II and Mayors Abe Beame and John Lindsay; and with musicians like Dizzy Gillespie and opera singers Marian Anderson, William Warfield and Camilla Williams.



Longtime friend **Frank Macchiarola '62** brought Dr. Motley to St. Francis when he was President of the College to head the choir. He stayed on for 14 years reaching thousands of graduates, alumni and faculty with Christmas concerts and performances at commencements, charter days and other College functions.  
Dr. John Motley was 89.

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*Please check the College website for news of a memorial with members of the All City Concert Choir.*

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### Alumni

Zena U. Baptiste '76  
John G. Clemens '51  
Kenneth J. Cummings '63  
John P. Curran '52  
Richard DeFuccio '72  
Msgr. Thomas F. Donovan '51  
Alfred J. Farnochi '51  
John Fugelsang '64  
(Formerly Bro. Boniface)  
J. Vincent Gallagher '41  
John J. Gumbrecht '72  
Sr. Barbara Hanlon, C.S.J. '67  
Margaret Heinsohn-Crooks '83  
Michael P. Ierardi '58  
Vance R. Jorsling '68  
William Liguori '66  
Evan J. Lysaght '58  
Walter F. McArdle '38  
Patrick J. McEntee '53  
Brian W. McTiernan '66  
Andrew P. Papp '65  
Neil Piloto '50  
Walter C. Quevedo '51  
Edward P. Rhatigan '64  
Pearlina E. Scott '78  
Kirk P. Simons '98  
Russell S. Thelen '71  
John P. Valente '10  
Adriana Weigel '81

### Franciscan Brothers

Bro. Marius Grone, O.S.F.

### Friends

Philip Almeri, grandfather of  
Stephanic Luca '07  
Anna Amadeo  
Patrick Aquilone, brother of Edward '60  
Eleanor Barrett, mother of  
Raymond A. Barrett '80  
Mildred Belanich, sister-in-law to  
Antoinette LaFemina '10  
Giuseppe Belcastro, father of  
Antonino '07 and Vincent '89  
Bart Borriello  
Marie Boslet, mother of  
Bro. William Boslet, O.S.F. '70  
Mary J. Burke, mother of  
Bro. Cletus Burke '71 and James B. Burke '72  
Ralph J. Capone, stepfather to  
Bro. Edward Wesley, O.S.F. '68  
Nunzio Carrano  
Melinda Cognata  
Mary J. Colon  
James Conroy, uncle of  
Theresa Spelman-Huzinec '88  
Lillian Curry, grandmother of  
Thomas Curry '06  
Daniel Dady  
Andrew Danraj Lewis-Appan,  
son of Maritza Lewis '07  
Anthony Fantozzi, father of  
Anthony Fantuzzi '71  
Catherine Ferrigno, mother-in-law to  
Lee Cutrone '70  
Ruby Faulkner  
Betty Ann Flanagan  
Gertrude Flood  
Mary Freisen, mother of Joseph '73  
Ann Hearn, wife of George H. Hearn '50  
and sister-in-law to John Hearn '55  
Muriel Henry, mother of Kevin '83  
Angelina Ierardi, mother of Eric '73  
Regina Iulo, mother of Peter '92  
Col James A. Kelly  
Dorothy Lally, mother of  
Bro. Champion Lally, O.S.F. '64  
Josephine Lauriello, mother of  
Christine Lauriello '10  
Rev. John Madigan, O.P.  
Madeline Magliano, mother of  
Michael '82 and George '67  
Edward Maguire  
Virginia Mangieri, mother-in-law to  
Alfred A. DiCarlo '73  
Rev. John S. Mariano  
Jeanette Mattarese, aunt of  
Thomas Volpe, Chairman Emeritus  
Mario Mazzei, brother-in-law to  
Thomas Volpe, Chairman Emeritus  
James McGuire, father of James G. '66  
Stella Misiara, aunt of Antoinette LaFemina '10  
Charles F. Murray  
Gerard Smith, brother of  
Bro. Robert Smith, O.S.F.  
Angelina Terlizzi  
Steven Toscano, son of Vincent Toscano '57  
James Trapp, nephew of  
Gerard '78 and Robert '77  
John Vaccaro, father of Dr. Regina Vaccaro '75

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**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

**St. Francis College**  
**Bro. Urban Gonnoud, O.S.F.**  
**Memorial Golf Outing**

At Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, New York

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