Federal Judge Margo K. Brodie ’88 Speaks at 2012 Commencement

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(Right) Valedictorian John Whelan ’12, a Philosophy major and double minor in Criminal Justice and Political Science will begin attending Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law this spring.

(Below) Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz delivers the Charter Day keynote address.

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Since its founding in 1859, St. Francis College has always held a mirror up to the Brooklyn community it serves. Over the years as the city has changed, so too, has the student body, faculty and staff. Now more than ever, St. Francis represents the amazing diversity of not just Brooklyn, but New York City and the world beyond.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRENDAN J. DUGAN ’68

In this issue you will meet a small sample of our successful alumni, faculty and current students who prove that good things happen when you create a community of inclusion and kindness. Margo Kitsy Brodie ’88 came to St. Francis from her birthplace in Antigua. Now a U.S. citizen, she is also the first Afro-Caribbean born federal judge to serve in the United States. Judge Brodie was nominated by President Barack Obama last year and confirmed by the U.S. Senate this past February (p. 4). We were proud to have her on stage at the Brooklyn Academy of Music as she delivered an inspirational commencement speech to the graduates of the Class of 2012. At the Charter Award Dinner in April, we had the honor to celebrate the successes of one of our most accomplished alumnae, Barbara G. Koster ’78, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Prudential Financial (p. 12). Barbara is always on the go, travelling around the globe to oversee projects in many countries across her home country of Bulgaria (p. 11).

With a spring graduating class that was our largest on record and applications still pouring in for next fall, we expect to have a lot more of these great stories to tell for years to come. As always, we thank you for the continued support of our mission. Your contributions make such a difference.

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

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Sandra Schron ’95, Vice President of Production for USA Network, Cloo and Universal HD. Sandra credits her time at the College in the Communication Arts Department and on the Volleyball Team with teaching her how to work in a team towards a common goal (p. 5).

Tsveta Kalemiska ’12, Tsveta found out about St. Francis through MySpace and since first arriving in Brooklyn has been an international ambassador for the College, spreading the word on TV and in print across her home country of Bulgaria (p. 11).

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NATIONAL GRID REWARDS GOING GREEN

Going green is helping St. Francis stay in the black as another major campus construction project wraps up. With the installation of a new chiller, the College has been awarded a rebate check of more than $185,000 from National Grid. The energy-efficient gas chiller selected by St. Francis College has reopened its rooftop greenhouse after several years. The first seeds and saplings were planted last fall and now the greenhouse is open for year-round experiments in plant genetics including genomics, effects on growth and research into chromosomes. Students are also growing vegetables as part of a nutrition class. The greenhouse will also be the centerpiece of St. Francis College’s new course in plant genetics, as well as experiments with aquaculture and hydroponics. In addition, the greenhouse is a resource that will be used in various community partnerships including Brooklyn Bridge Park and local high schools.

STOCKING UP FOR AN EDUCATIONAL VOYAGE

As part of St. Francis College’s commitment to elementary and secondary education in NYC, the College stockpiled the shelves at the Urban Assembly NY Harbor School’s Aquatic Chemistry Lab, with graduated cylinders, beakers and other supplies. Students at the Harbor School are also using St. Francis facilities for physical education.

128th Annual Charter Day

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz was awarded an honorary degree while real estate developer and philanthropist John LoCascio was presented with the St. Clare Medal of Service at St. Francis College’s 128th Charter Day celebrations on April 27.

Markowitz delivered a lively, motivational keynote address as the event, describing why St. Francis of Assisi would have been a perfect Brooklynite and telling students that as Brooklynites they are destined to be successful. “You all will earn your BSs or BAs. Of course by BS I mean Brooklyn-savy and BA I mean Brooklyn attitude. When I say Brooklyn attitude, I mean that you are tough, you’re excellent, you’re ambitious, you’re determined, you’re innovative, you don’t take no for an answer and it means that you can charm people off their feet and be in their face at the same time.”

In addition, President of the Dons Scopus Honors Society Tamas Toth ’12 helped induct the new members of the Society, while Lorraine M. Lynch ’91 National Grid Vice President, U.S. Treasury presented the National Grid Scholarship and Internships to Matthew J. Galsano ’13, Chandradath Remotar ’13 and James Tossano ’13.

Con Ed Putting Down Roots at St. Francis

With help from a grant from Con Edison, St. Francis College has reopened its rooftop greenhouse after several years. The first seeds and saplings were planted last fall and now the greenhouse is open for year-round experiments in plant genetics including genomics, effects on growth and research into chromosomes. Students are also growing vegetables as part of a nutrition class. “This is a great addition to what we teach and expose to our students,” said Dean of Academic Program Development Allen Burdovski who was instrumental in securing the grant and re-opening the greenhouse. “The fact is, most of our students are urban residents and they don’t often think of the career and personal possibilities available when you have experience with growing and researching plants.”

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Serving St. Francis’s Technology Needs

One of the most important rooms at St. Francis College is a place no student will ever visit or even know exists. The new data center is the electronic hub for the College’s computer network and the focal point for the massive flow of data in and out of the College. It is a state-of-the-art room built in partnership with Facilities Management and contains the core network infrastructure and servers that provide resources such as Internet access, Email, network attached storage, library resources and Wi-Fi.

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“One great aspect of this project is that it was conceived, planned and carried out mostly by the College graduates,” said President Dugan. “I’m proud that we as a College community were able to produce the people who could complete such a tremendous undertaking. In addition to Hogan, Maciej Krupa ’06, Manager of Network Operations, and Nicholas Paratore ’09, Network Analyst, also played a vital role in setting up the room and monitoring all the systems now up and running. Krupa remains responsible for the daily operation of the College’s network infrastructure, which includes the administration of servers and services that support the College’s Local Area Network (LAN). Paratore assists in these duties and is an integral part of the College’s efforts to virtualize systems.

“Everybody wins.”

ST. HELEN’S JOINS ST. FRANCIS PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

Congressman Bob Turner, whose son is a St. Francis graduate, attended an event celebrating the partnership between the College and St. Helen’s School in Howard Beach.

On hand to celebrate the event were: St. Helen’s President Fr. Rob Keigher, St. Francis Vice President for Government and Community Relations Linda Werbel, St. Francis Vice President for Development Thomas F. Froid, Daniele D’Incolo ’13, Daniele Battaia ’99, St. Helen’s Principal Kathleen Bolinger, Education Professor Peter Ledman ’71, Congressman Bob Turner, President Brendan J. Dugan ’88, Monsignor Al LoPinto, Carol Fazio, Juliana Fazio.
Judge Margo K. Brodie Holds Court for Spring Graduation

When Federal Court Judge Margo K. Brodie '88 came to St. Francis College at the age of 16, she didn’t know a lot about Brooklyn or even the United States. But, growing up in Antigua she did know that she wanted to be a lawyer and that her options in Antigua were limited.

“My father was living here in Brooklyn in East New York. I visited him when I was 15, it was the first time I had visited the United States,” said Judge Brodie. “He knew someone who had graduated from St. Francis College so he enrolled me there. The first day, he took me to school on the subway, and showed me how to ride the subway and how to get from his home in East New York to St. Francis College by taking the A train.”

“Imagining being 16 years old and coming to a new country where you know absolutely nobody,” asked Brodie. “Being at St. Francis College was very important in my life.”

Brodie worked during much of the time she attended St. Francis, full time during her last two years, so she didn’t have the opportunity to take part in many extra-curricular activities on campus. What she did have though, was the attention of Professors Arthur Hughes and Frank Sorrentino.

“Dr. Sorrentino understood that I could not participate in other school activities as much as I wanted to but he worked with me to get my writing requirement done, to meet with him if I needed to do so for any reason and to assist me as necessary with my classes. He was a great mentor during my last two years in college.”

“Shes was a superb student who had a good sense of where she wanted to go,” said Professor Sorrentino, whose guidance helped her get accepted to the University of Pennsylvania Law School. “She was always very appreciative for everything she received and was always willing to assist her fellow students who wanted to follow her in law.”

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Profile of a Terrier

S he utilizes what she learned working toward a common goal today as Vice President of Production for USA Network, Cloo and Universal HD. Sandra Schron ’95 has always had her eye on the ball. As a high school volleyball player, she was recruited by Darlene Crowe to join the St. Francis Women’s squad. “The coach originally came to look at my sister, but she came back the next year and offered me a position on the team,” says Schron who also credits her years playing as a time where she learned about teamwork.

“Sandra Schron oversees project management and production of all promotional materials created for on-air promotion, off-air advertising, online and digital initiatives. After all of those years as a team player, Schron notes that one of her favorite aspects of the job is “getting to be a part of everything the network is producing.”

Before attending St. Francis, Schron’s dream was to work on the Olympics or make movie trailers but she decided to do something different. “I wanted to do this job because I believe in the epicenter of the entertainment industry were at a loss for opportunities. Sandra Schron’s first job was as a receptionist at a post-production house, and from there she moved to Lifetime Television. She then went to the Syfy network where she produced promos for shows such as Crossing Over with John Edward. At USA, Schron worked on promos for Burn Notice, Royal Pain, White Collar and Castle. After the network’s latest hit original series, to name a few.

How does one move up from a receptionist to a television network vice president? Schron says she mastered her job while asking questions and helping people around the office. She also points to skills such as being proactive, outgoing, and organized and stresses that those who want to be in TV and film shouldn’t count out St. Francis. “The program for communications was small, but it taught me everything I needed to know. Don’t pass it over.”

Although Schron is ultimately a team player, she does note, “To make a future happen, you have to do it yourself. You seize opportunities yourself. Hopefully along the way, someone will cut you a break, but you have to think two steps ahead.”

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Faculty Spotlight

Using Pop Culture to Solve Secrets of Real Crime

When Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia defended the use of torture by Jack Bauer on the TV drama 24 to prevent a terrorist attack, it was a watershed moment for Sociology and Criminal Justice Professor Nickie Phillips.

“Terrorism is the politics of the show, but how pop culture informs and reflects attitudes and perceptions of crime and justice,” said Phillips. “It’s about how we, as a society, package and sell crime, whether it’s through the news media, in movies and television shows, or even when someone repackages something like graffiti to sell on the mass market.”

The idea of the commodification of crime is one part of Dr. Phillips’ class, Criminal Criminology, which was most recently taught as an Honors Seminar last spring. During the course, she engages students in discussions about how crime is portrayed in the news media and other types of entertainment like reality TV, the Batman Dark knight movie and comic books.

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Faculty Notes

Professor Elizabeth Albrecht (English) read her fiction at Writers Night, a Sarah Lawrence College event held at Poets House.

Dr. Sophie Berman (Philosophy and Religious Studies) delivered the lecture The Cartesian God at St. John’s University.

Professor Andrew Cotte (English) just released his second novel, Out from the Blues: A Brooklyn Mystery (tip Publishing), a noir thriller about a damsel in distress and a missing brother that Publisher’s Weekly says, “reads like Raymond Chandler taking dictation from Walter Mosley.”

Professor Timothy Dugan and James “Jake” Turner (Communication Art) were involved in the Theater Production Workshop’s presentation of a stage adaptation of a retro-1940s radio play, Legends. Professor Turner directed the workshop and Dr. Dugan produced the show.

Dr. Virginia Franklin’s (English) photograph “Hawk” was accepted in the Sydney International Exhibition of Photography salon competition.

Dr. Wendy Galeng (English) presented her paper, “A Friendship in Letters: Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell,” as part of the Seminar on Letters at the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers (ALS&CW) conference at Boston University. Dr. Galeng’s book Review of Kevin Brown’s poetry chapbook Aboxuberon was published by Editions Bibliotekos.

Dr. Uwe P. Gielen (Psychology) participated in the 48th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research and the winter meeting of the International Psychology Division, American Psychological Association, in New York last November.

Professor Frank Sorrentino (History) presented three papers entitled respectively: “Five Caged Phoenixes: Young Female Chinese Americans,” “Child-Parent Relationship in 19th Century American Families in New York City” and “International Psychology: What Students Need to Know.” In addition, he participated in the Board of Directors meeting of the APA International Division.

Dr. Cheryl Howell (Dance) presented a paper at the NASPA Region II Careers in Student Affairs conference. The paper was selected for publication at the Hawai’i International Conference on Education.

Professor Michael Kaune, Deivya Pranick and Jaakrin Mathur (Sociology and Criminal Justice) participated at the 59th Annual Meeting of the NYS Sociological Association held by Siena College. Dr. Kaune presented his preliminary research on “Blogging TEOTWAWKI and Beck’s Thoughts on ‘Rice Society.’” Dr. Pranick and her student Athena Purify ‘13 shared their classroom experience, “Experiments in Stratification in a Small Urban College Classroom.” Dr. Mathur served as judge for the Graduate Paper Award and was herself the recipient of the NIYSE Award for Excellence, Service and Dedication to the Association. She served as president of the organization in 2007. In addition, the students, Athirina Purify, Solah Mahmoud ‘12 and Lauren Venture ‘12 fielded questions on their presentations, “Doing Gender: Acting Out To Fit In,” “A Women’s Crimes in Afghanistan and Pakistan” and “The English Estate: The Power of Law and Inheritance.”

Professor Mitch Lenkiewicz (Academic Development) was featured reader at The Pros’ Prose Reading Series hosted by Martha King and Elena Nauru. Levenberg read from his fiction at this notable reading series that takes place at The Sidewalk Cafe in the East Village.

Dr. Steven M. Lipson (Biology and Health Promotion) served as a judge at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. The American Society for Microbiology is a national conference that sponsors this national conference. In addition to Dr. Lipson, research conducted at St. Francis on the mechanisms of flavonoids (spicy plant metabolites) as anti-tumor agents by Fatima S. Ozen (visiting research associate) and pre-med student Georgina L. Sullivan ’13 was selected for presentation at the conference.

Professor Gregory Tague (English) edited his latest collection, Baring the Wild: An Anthology Featuring 15 stories by 12 authors. St. Francis English Professor Ian Maloney wrote the Foreword for the collection, a benefit for the College’s AIDS WALK team.

Professor Marina Weber (Communication Art) adapted and directed, White Cross, an adaptation of Pendleton King’s one-act play, Cocaine. The well-received play was presented as part of the Theater Production Workshop, and was produced by Dr. Timothy Dupas. Communication arts majors, Chelsea Clark ‘11 and Shimiere Douglas ‘13 starred in this two-character play.

Professor Natasha Yacovano (Communication Art) performed in a White House Winds: Operation Lyristika, Conklove, London’s Labour’s Lost, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, and Maximus: The Man Who Invented Rome. Her Acting I students performed in a benefit for the College’s AIDS WALK team.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE LATEST SFC NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS
**American Studies Colloquium**

**Jennifer Wingate** (Fine Arts/American Studies) presented the lecture, Teaching American Studies through the Lens of Commemorative Practices on April 11 for the Second Annual St. Francis College American Studies Colloquium. She talked about how memorials and monuments reflect the changing values of Americans over time as well as the way they choose to remember, honor and reflect on important historical events. The event helped spotlight the new Certificate in American Studies.

**Academic Conferences, Symposia and Colloquia**

**Soccer Family**

The 2012 Senior Directors’ Spring Weekend was a huge success with over 1,000 families attending. The weekend consisted of various activities, including a soccer game, a tailgate party, and a dinner at the hotel. The event was well-received by all attendees, and many parents expressed that they would like to see similar events in the future.

**BROOKLYN AESTHETICS**

Wendy Galper (English) organized a one-day conference on April 21 which celebrated the interconnectedness of the worlds of science and liberal arts, focusing on the European Union and the ongoing financial crisis. New School students and faculty participated in the event.

**The EU Crisis and the Future of the Euro**

Peter Gomori (Biology) and Sara Haviland (English) co-chaired the conference which focused on the European Union's future and the ongoing financial crisis. The conference was well-received by attendees, and several speakers shared their insights on the topic.

**FRED’S LAST SESSION — ON THE COUCH WITH FREUD**

The Psi-Chi International Honor Society in Psychology, Psychology Club, and Student Activities sponsored a special trip to take in a performance of the acclaimed OBI-Bronx play “Freud’s Last Session.” After the play, students, faculty and friends took part in a Q&A session with cast members and the author. “It was a wonderful experience! The students and faculty alike truly enjoyed watching such an intellectual play come to life in front of them,” said Psychology Professor Kristy Bielski, who organized the trip with Professor Renee Goodstein. “It’s always a pleasure to take the learning experience outside of the classroom and take advantage of what New York City has to offer.”

**FEBRUARY 7**

Kadie Phelan’s life finally began to turn around after giving birth to her second child while in jail on Rikers Island. She was taken in by Hour Children, an organization that supports incarcerated and formerly incarcerated mothers and their children. Phelan is now a program coordinator for Hour Children, one of the seven organizations that helps mothers in that critical transition period from prison to the real world. Visit www.hourchildren.org.

**FEBRUARY 14**

Fernando Bermudez spent 18 years in a maximum security prison for a murder he did not commit. Bermudez said that prosecutors pursued his case even though several witnesses said he did not do it. He didn’t fit the case even though several witnesses said he did not do it. Bermudez recanted, saying their testimony had been identified repeatedly. All the witnesses who testified at trial recanted, saying their testimony had been coerced. Now a new college graduate and thinking about becoming a lawyer, Bermudez is intervening on behalf of others who have been wrongfully convicted and helping them gain their freedom.

**THE TENSI ON BETWEEN CATHOLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**FEBRUARY 13**

Charter schools were introduced as a way to improve the public school system through innovation and competition, but in New York State, charters have had the unintended consequence of reducing enrollment at parochial schools, says Abraham Lackman of Albany Law School’s Government Law Center at the panel discussion entitled, ‘The Tension Between Catholic Schools and Charter Schools.’ St. Francis College and the Manhattan Institute hosted the event which also included St. John, contributing editor of the City Journal, James Cultura of The Catholic Herald and the Manhattan Institute for Educational Reform.

**MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE AND WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS**

Sociology and Criminal Justice Professor Emily Horowitz produced a series of lectures for an undergraduate course that looked at cases of the judicial system, introducing students to several people whose lives were needlessly torn apart by a legal system that failed them. The series, open to all community senior citizens at no charge, examined the resources and lack thereof devoted to those who have served time and want to rejoin society in a constructive way. It also examined the lives of people who were wrongly convicted.

**WAL T WHITMAN WRITERS SERIES: BEN MARCUS — MARCH 8**

Reading from his new novel, The Flame Alphabet, Ben Marcus painted a horrifying picture of a world where the sound of children talking causes the death of their parents. Marcus said that The Flame Alphabet was a way for him to express the importance of language. “It has the ability to show us to ourselves and to

**Joe Willman, St. Francis Professor Fred Sweg, Abraham Lackman, St John, James Cultura, and St. Francis Provost Timothy Houlihan.**

**APRIL 7**

Bernard Baran and his lawyer John Swetnick explained that overturning a wrongful conviction without DNA evidence is a next-to-impossible task. It’s why Baran spent 22 years behind bars even though he was innocent. Baran spent up to a nationwide wave of hysteria that resulted in the imprisonment of numerous innocent people. The guilty verdicts were based on children’s testimony, testimony that had been manipulated by prosecutors and police.

**IS THE WEST BEST? — MARCH 28**

Arguing that liberal democracy offers, “the best and perhaps the only means for all people, no matter what race or creed, to reach their full potential and live in freedom,” Ibn Wannas set out his claims from his new book, Why the West is Best at the forum, “Is the West Best? The event was hosted by St. Francis College, Telos Press, Encounter Books and the New York City chapter of the Native American Societies. The discussion was moderated by.

**THOUGHTS ON THE WEST**

Watching the video of these events at www.sfc.edu/terrier


**NEW YORK MAGAZINE**


**TRAVEL & LEISURE MAGAZINE**

Travel & Leisure magazine placed Brooklyn Heights on its list of “America’s Most Beautiful Neighborhoods,” commenting on the brownstones, leafy streets and promenade, all just steps away from St. Francis College. http://www.travelandleisure.com/articles/americas-most-beautiful-neighborhoods/2

**SFC IN THE MEDIA**

**NBC NONSTOP**

St. Francis Provost Timothy J. Houlihan appeared on New York Nonstop with WNBC news anchor Chuck Scarbrough. Dr. Houlihan spoke about the College’s ranking in U.S. News & World Report and Facebook as well as the school’s affordable tuition and its support of the Brooklyn writing scene through its college’s bi-annual $50,000 Literary Award.

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**NEWS 12 AND NY1**

The Congressional Arts Professor “Ready to Lead” event hosted at St. Francis, with appearances by TV actor Wilmer Valderrama and pop singer Kat DeLuna, was featured on both NY1 and News 12 Brooklyn.

**NEWS 12**

Accounting and Business Professor Miriam Salholz spoke with News 12 Brooklyn about the effect of media coverage on the Lien & Aron murder case and whether the defendant could get a fair trial in Brooklyn.

**TED TALKS**

Ibn Warraq discusses his new book.

**COMMUNITY DAY — APRIL 22**

St. Francis family and friends celebrated the 15th Anniversary of Community Day with the theme, Love Your Community. Students, through a variety of performance arts, presented Asian and Croatian poetry, gospel song, and traditional dance. Closing the event was a commentary from Erêre "Ele" Fabelita. Editor of SFC Today, Sadie spoke to the crowd about the importance of giving back to the community in the spirit of St. Francis, and leaving a permanent mark on any surface an individual that you touch in this world.

**TRAVEL & LEISURE**

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Standing on stage at the N.Y. Marriott Marquis April 25 as the honoree for the 51st Annual Charter Award Dinner was a humbling experience for Barbara G. Koster ’76.

"M y view of what St. Francis gave to me — there’s no way I could ever give back," said Koster, a Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Prudential Financial, Inc. "St. Francis taught me so much about being a good person. It’s as much about the caring and the support as a way to be a leader. Using those skills in my leadership role has, I think, made the difference for me and clearly allowed me to have an impact that other people don’t understand because they don’t take the extra few minutes to really understand what’s going on in the background." That caring philosophy started with Koster’s very first interaction with the late Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. ’60. Having won a science fair at Bishop Kearney High School, Koster then entered a regional fair and finally first place which included a new ohm meter and had to carry it by herself on the train to New York City. She had built a bulky technology program as well.

"I grew up in a four-room railroad apartment in Brooklyn, six of us with one bathroom and a school on the door. Never in a million years could I have possibly dreamed this dream."
Hispanic Leadership – Ready To Lead

For Michael Conenna ’06, coming back to St. Francis College to talk to high school students about their futures felt like coming home.

On Dec. 10, 2011, the College welcomed nearly 200 high school students from New York City and surrounding areas, along with approximately 30 St. Francis alumni, current students and guests who participated in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute’s national Ready to Lead (R2L) program. Hispanic Caucus member Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez began the day talking to the students about R2L. The program helps to prepare students for college with interactive, daylong workshops on leadership and college-planning, and programs that enable the student to network with mentors and community leaders.

“This was the first time St. Francis College hosted the R2L program, said Ruben Gonzalez ’04, assistant director of student activities. During the program’s ‘mentoring power hour,’ volunteers made their way around the Genovesi Center, meeting with groups of students in speed-dating style to share experiences and answer questions that ranged from navigating the college application process to obtaining financial aid and developing effective study habits.

“There was a very drastic variation in their ideas of what college is. Some had a plan, and others had no idea what they wanted to do and are still figuring it out,” said Conenna, who is now a science and night school teacher at Abraham Lincoln High School in Coney Island. “It was great for them to talk to someone who has done what they’re trying to do.”

He said the main message he wanted to impart was: “I went to college on a scholarship and there are scholarships for you.”

Several mentors stressed that success after high school will require hard work and personal responsibility. In response to a question about how to seek out scholarships, Bryant Nolasco ’09 advised a group of students to call the schools in which they are interested and ask about financial aid and work-study opportunities.

“It’s all up to you,” Elizabeth Cortes ’04 told a table of students. “There won’t be teachers everyday telling you what you have to do. You’ll be taking responsibility for your own actions.”

“Stay focused,” she advised. “Have fun, but stay focused.”

Jamaal Womack ’09 was President of the Student Government Association at St. Francis and is now the College’s Resident Director. Although he originally planned to study law, he later shifted his major to political science. He told a group of students to keep an open mind and to experiment with different interests.

“You’ll see when you get to college that other things will catch your eye,” said Womack, who captained the St. Francis Men’s Basketball team his senior year and went on to play professional ball in Europe. “The most important thing is to get to school … once you’re in, there’s always opportunities.

Robert Callihan ’13, a junior at St. Francis who is majoring in Sociology and Psychology, said he hopes to become an academic advisor and career counselor. The mentoring event gave him an opportunity to share what he’s learned with the younger students.

“In high school, nobody told me anything about college,” he said. “It’s good to give your background to the students, to tell them about where you went to college and why.”

In addition to helping them prepare for their futures, some of the attendees said the program gave them skills they can start applying in high school.

“I’m the president of the Christian Club at my school and I wanted to get a better understanding of how to lead and get things done,” said Genevieve Dodon, a Bronx high school senior.

The event included presentations from actor and R2L spokesman Wilmer Valderrama, singer Kat DeLuna and representatives from Banco Popular and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. In addition to Congresswoman Velaquez, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke also addressed the students.

“Jobs are very important in the current economic time, and accessing higher education is just as important,” said Clarke, who spoke at the end of the mentoring session.

“I’m relying on you to be successful, to persevere and show the best of who you can be,” she said. “We are so proud of you, and your success is our success.”

Director of Athletics Irma García ’00 welcomed the students at the day’s beginning, sharing her St. Francis College experience (she earned a scholarship) and recounting how she turned her background as a student athlete into a career that enabled her to move up the ranks of the athletic department at St. Francis. Garcia emphasized the importance of finding mentors, telling the group, “You now have me as your mentor.”

At the end of the power hour, Womack said he experienced much as much to the volunteers as the students.

“It benefits both sides, but the mentoring is something that’s almost more valuable for the mentors,” Womack noted. “When you see the future right in front of you and how bright it is, you see that you’re going the right way.”

By Michael Conenna ’06

Terriers Men’s Basketball Coach Glenn Braica Named NEC Coach of the Year

T erriers’ head coach Glenn Braica was named the 2011-12 Jim Phelan Northeast Conference Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year. In addition, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) named Braica the Division I Co-District 18 Coach of the Year along with former LIU Brooklyn head coach Jim Ferry and Robert Morris’ Andrew Toole. In just his second year at the helm of the St. Francis (NY) program, Braica has transformed the Terriers into NEC contenders, perhaps more quickly than many expected. The Terriers picked up 11th in the preseason coaches’ poll and finished the year as the No. 4 seed in the Northeast Conference Tournament. After a slow, injury-filled start of the 2011-12 season, the Terriers picked it up steam after New Years winning nine of 10 games to vault into the top-tier of the Northeast Conference standings. By the season’s end, St. Francis had won 12 league contests, the most for the program since 2003-04. The Terriers hosted their first NEC playoff game since 1997 this past March.

Freshman Jalen Cannon Named to the NEC’s All-Rookie Squad

O ne of the key elements to St. Francis’ (NY) surprise season was the emergence of Jalen Cannon ’15. The 6-foot-6-inch Allentown, PA native was a dominant force on the glass for the Terriers. His work under the basket helped the Terriers improve from 10th in the conference in rebound margin a year ago to fourth in 2011-12. “In addition to being an outstanding player, Jalen is an outstanding person and is a pleasure to coach,” said Terriers’ head coach Glenn Braica. “We are very proud of him and he’s without question the best rebounder that I have ever coached. Jalen can be one of the best players in the league and we look forward to him being the cornerstone of our team for the next three years.”

The power forward was the nation’s second-leading freshman rebounder and ranked fourth overall in the NEC with 8.8 per game. He posted games of 19 and 20 rebounds over a 10-day span in February with the 20-board outing against FDU this past Saturday tying for the NEC single-game season-high. The monster efforts on the glass were also the two most prolific rebound performances by an NEC freshman since 2001. Cannon also was named Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week on Jan. 16.

By Michael Conenna ’06

Freshman Jalen Cannon ’15

Gareth Livingston ’15

Freshman Swimmer Gareth Livingston ‘15 made quite an impact in his first season as a Terrier. The Johannesburg, South African native had a hand in six St. Francis College records, three as a member of a relay squad at the 2012 Metropolitan Championships. Livingston established a new standard in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 51.44, placing seventh overall. In addition, he broke a new school mark in the 100 Freestyle with a time of 46.76 and also the 200 Freestyle with a time of 1:44.4, a record which was held for 28 years on Remsen Street. Livingston also was a key member of the Terriers’ 400 Free Relay, 800 Free Relay, and 400 Medley Relay teams that inked new school marks. He was also a two-time All-New England pick in the 500 Freestyle, missing the mark by 1.9 seconds.

“He helped change the culture of the team and I expect him to continue in his growth and become a leader in the future,” said Terriers’ head coach Brian Guidera.

By Michael Conenna ’06

Gareth Livingston ’15

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John Thurston Introduced as New Head Women’s Hoops Coach

A fter serving the past two seasons as associate head coach, John Thurston is now the new head women’s basketball coach. Thurston replaces Brenda Milano who resigned after completing her ninth season leading the Terriers.

“Tremendously impressed by the program under Brenda Milano’s leadership,” explained St. Francis College Athletic Director Irma Garcia ’80. “In just two seasons, he’s helped make great strides in all facets of the program. Our recruiting has improved tremendously and he’s brought fresh ideas with regards to practice, preparation and game strategy.”

Thurston brings more than 35 years of men’s and women’s coaching experience to the sidelines in Brooklyn Heights. He is one of only a few coaches who have been a Head Coach at the NCAA DI, DII, DIII and NAIA levels. “I would like to thank President Dugan, the members of the Board of Trustees and most especially AD Irma Garcia for the opportunity they have given me to lead this program,” Thurston said. “I want to personally thank Brenda Milano for her support without which this opportunity would not have occurred. I look forward to continue working with the outstanding young women on our team. Their enthusiasm, desire and work ethic are the building blocks upon which we will base our program.”

John Thurston, Irma Garcia ’80, and Brendan J. Dugan ’80

Freshman Jaymee Veney Named to NEC Women’s Basketball All-Rookie Squad

F reshman forward Jaymee Veney ’15 was recognized by the Northeast Conference head coaches as one of the top rookies on the circuit, naming her to the NEC All-Rookie squad. The 6-foot native of Fairborn, OH, averaged 8.9 points and 5.7 rebounds in her first season as a Terrier. She ranked in the Top 20 in the league in six-foot native of Fairborn, OH, averaged 8.9 points and 5.7 rebounds in her first season as a Terrier. She ranked in the Top 20 in the league in six facets of the program. Our recruiting has improved tremendously and he’s brought fresh ideas with regards to practice, preparation and game strategy.”

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Men’s 4 x 800 Relay Team Enjoy Record-Setting Season; Competes at Penn Relays

T he records continue to fall for the Terriers’ men’s 4 x 800 relay team consisting of Paul Gilhuley ’13, Joseph Gilhuley ’13, Brian Nirenst ’13, and Rafal Ksepka ’12. The foursome competed at the prestigious Penn Relays in the Championship of America Race in April and followed up with a gold medal and race record at the 2012 Northeast Conference Track & Field Championships. The race ended a successful season that saw the Terriers take home third-place honors in the finals of the 2012 NCAA/IC4A Championship held in Boston, MA, where the team broke its own school record by five seconds with a time of 7:27.70.

The team’s previous record was set back on Feb. 3 at the New Balance Invitational. The team also won the Metropolitan Championships in April with a time of 7:30.42 at Rutgers University.

Brian Nirenst ’13, Joseph Gilhuley ’13, Paul Gilhuley ’13, and Rafal Ksepka ’12

Amelia Tonyes Reaches Elite Eight at Intercollegiate Singles Bowling Championship

A second-place finish at a U.S. Bowling Congress (USBC) Intercollegiate Singles Championship National Qualifier sent Junior bowler Amelia Tonyes ’13 to the national singles championship in Lincoln, NE, this April. After earning a bye in the first round with an average of 193.8 pins over six games, Tonyes earned a spot in the quarterfinals with a head-to-head victory over a Calumet College bowler. In the quarterfinals, Tonyes started strong, winning the first game, but dropped the second two ending her run to the championship.

A transfer from Suffolk Community College, Tonyes has excelled in the classroom. Studying education with a focus on mathematics, she has made the Dean’s List each semester at St. Francis and was nominated for the Northeast Conference Women’s Bowling Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Tonyes was also named Female Student-Athlete of the Year at the 2012 St. Francis College Student-Athlete Awards Dinner.

Amelia Tonyes ’13

Men’s Water Polo Team Hosts Wounded Warrior Project

T he Spring, the St. Francis College Men’s Water Polo team worked together with injured veterans to help teach them activities including scuba diving. The three-week program took place in the College’s Aquatics Center and was sponsored by the Wounded Warrior Project and the Handicapped Scuba Association. Members of the team assisted the warriors and instructors both in and out of the water ensuring that the veterans learned in a safe and inviting environment. “This project is a tremendous opportunity for our student-athletes to get involved with wounded warriors who have given so much to our country,” said Assistant Athletic Director and Aquatics Director Carl Quigley ’75. “We are looking forward to continuing this program in the future.”

Men’s Water Polo Team Scores Second Highest GPA in Nation

F or the second consecutive year, the Terrier Men’s Water Polo Team earned the second highest combined grade point average in the nation with a 3.440 mark. The men ranked behind only MIT and ahead of academic powers like Brown, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and Princeton.

Four Terriers — David Lonnberg ’15, Nemanja Simonovic ’12, Guram Nozadze ’12, and Tamas Toth ’12 — were named to the Outstanding Academic Team with GPAs above 3.71. Superior designations were doled out to nine student-athletes: Marko Diligurski ’14, Richard Polgar ’12, Luka Rais ’15, Ballot Toth ’15, Igor Mladenovic ’14, Tyler Perkins ’14, Marko Genic ’13, Szabolcs Erdel ’12, and Besko Stankovic ’14 and team captain Filip Sasic ’12 were selected to the Excellent Team. “I’m truly proud of those who made it on the list,” said Terriers head coach Igor Samardzija. “It’s particularly impressive when you take a look on the names of the institutions behind us.”
Frank ’67 and Mary Cannistra — Giving Back

A son of an Italian immigrant and one of six children, Frank Cannistra ’67 grew up working in his father’s shoe repair shop. He says, “St. Francis provided me with an affordable college education in a supportive environment. It was the critical base that I used to build on to transition from the early years to the life I envisioned. It provided that base in an outstanding fashion. It also provided a set of lifetime friends. And it was absolutely critical in terms of what I wanted to accomplish.”

After graduating in 1967 with a degree in math, Cannistra served in the military, then spent more than 20 years working in the Information Technology Department at Nabisco. He left Nabisco to work at Repair Shop. He says, “St. Francis provided an educational opportunity for the working people of New York City and that is a tremendous thing to do.” He knows this from his own personal experience, noting, “I have a tremendous amount of gratitude for my wife and I have tried to help each other.” He added, “I don’t think it’s going to be a lot. Even with a small amount of money, you’d be surprised how significant it could be in a student’s life.”

Cannistra believes that, “St. Francis still provides an educational opportunity for the working people of New York City and that is a tremendous thing to do.” He knows this from his own personal experience, noting, “I have a tremendous amount of gratitude for St. Francis for what it does for my life.”

Class Notes

1940s

Philip Harris, Ph.D. ’48

Professor Mike Casey of the University of Colorado and former dean of the School of Education and Public Policy at the University of New Mexico. He is also the author of several books on research methods and statistics.

1960s

Joseph F. Ponzes ‘62 has retired as a professor at Rutgers University but continues to guest lecture and consult. He enjoys having time to pursue his hobbies of photography and woodworking.

Charles L. Novak ’63 recently visited fellow alum Bill Karnbach ‘61 at his home in Turnersville, N.J. Charles greatly enjoyed his visit to “their lovely village and countryside,” and is very grateful to both Bill and his wife, Mercedes, for being such gracious hosts.

1970s

Robert W. Sheehan ’63 and his wife, Patricia, are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Gabriel Cannistra. They were overjoyed to welcome this newest addition to their family.

1980s

Thomas B. McManus ‘70 announces the birth of his granddaughter, Lola Grace McManus, born this past April to Chris and Jackie McManus. She joins brothers Sean and Timmy, who are six years old and four years old, respectively.

1990s

Bernard J. Cassidy ’94 has been reappointed since 2004 after spending 45 years in banking and finance.

2000s

Vincent Pitta ’72 was recently honored at this year’s Peggy Browning Fund Awards Ceremony in NYC for his decades of service as an attorney in particular on behalf of private and public sector unions in the fields of law enforcement, facilities management, healthcare and education. Vincent is Managing Partner of Pitta and Galin, LLC.

Arthur Raine ’77 is President of Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa, FL.

Vincent A. Bagaroza ’76 is now Vice President and Chief Loan Officer of Center Bancorp, Inc., parent company to Union Center National Bank. He also serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Loan Officer of UCBM and leads its commercial lending team.

Gail K. Naughton ’78 is now a member of the Board of Advisors of Perminova, a developer of web-based software for the nation’s leading cardiology centers. She is currently CEO and Chair of the Board of Advisors of Perminova, a developer of web-based software for the nation’s leading cardiology centers. She is currently CEO and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Patriot Group, Inc., a participant in the Volunteer Lawyers Initiative for Pediatric Cancer and a mentor to the Long Island Elite.

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Christopher McClure ’07

Christopher McClure ’07 is a member of the St. Francis Men’s Water Polo and Swim teams and is now working at the Harlem Link Charter School. Last year he arranged for the students to receive t-shirts from the College. “The students were extremely excited to get them and could not wait to put them on. They wore them with pride throughout the school all day,” said McClure. “Many of these students don’t have much at all and school is something that they see as a safe and comfortable place to go every day. These t-shirts not only brightened their day, but helped initiate our conversation about the importance of academics and the road to college.”

John ’66 and Diane Tiernan

Although he graduated in 1966, John Tiernan still follows the St. Francis basketball squad and goes to a game or two each year. He played for the freshmen basketball team while at St. Francis and talks enthusiastically about how the varsity made it into the National Invitation Tournament in 1963 while he was attending college and hopes the team will one day make it into the NCAA’s tournament. Majoring in Business Management, Tiernan also credits the school for its academics. “Going to St. Francis provided me with the opportunity to go to college. It provided a good education and it still does today.”

After graduation, Tiernan went to work on Wall Street, starting off at a trading desk. He moved on to fixed income sales, working at HBoS more than 35 years until he retired. But retirement wasn’t for John, and he went back to work. He now works at Diona Securities. Tiernan credits his business classes at St. Francis for “helping me understand the totality of the business,” but did note that on Wall Street you really learn on the job. He also recalls enjoying non-business classes, such as history with Professor Mike Casey and philosophy with Professor Nicholas Fiorenza. In addition, he made life-long friends while at St. Francis.

The Tiernans have donated to St. Francis for more than 20 years and have left money in their will that will go to the athletic department to help fund basketball scholarships. Tiernan said, “I decided to leave something in my will because the school helped me become successful in what I do and I wanted to give back to kids who are in the same situation.”

Tiernan believes that the St. Francis expansion and its new buildings will help shape its future. “When I played basketball, the team played in an armory in New York City. We didn’t have a gym and now they have their own gym.”

However, Tiernan remarks that basketball is just a small part of why St. Francis is so important to him. “St. Francis provides an excellent education and serves a tremendous purpose for inner-city kids.”

William J. Oakes ’70 is semi-retired and working part time at the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation, which is a non-profit social service agency. There he assists clients in obtaining rental and energy assistance and helps the Foundation with its food pantry.

Bro. Leonard Conway O.S.F. ’71 celebrates his 40 years of service at St. Francis Preparatory School which of which spent as Principal.

The Heart of St. Francis — Giving Back

Andrew S. Fiorenza
Class Notes

Michael J. Taunton ’81 is now Vice President of Finance of Arrow Electronics, an electronics component distributor, where he previously served as vice president and treasurer.

Loretta Mickeon ’82 is now retired, and resides in Wailuku, NY.

Dennis F. Campagna ’83 is now Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer of Scholastic, the global children’s publishing, educational and media company. He oversees the internal audit functions, corporate tax, external reporting and SEC compliance as well as all transactional areas of finance, including revenue, disbursements, accounts receivable, payroll, credit and collections, capital, fixed assets and inventory.

Martine M. Reardon ’84 is now chief marketing officer of Macy’s Inc., and is responsible for all of its marketing, advertising, creative development, social media, cause marketing, brand and public relations, tourism marketing, customer insights and data analysis.

Jennifer Gilbrez Ryui ’89 is now Deputy Chief Officer of the Family Court Division for the NYC Law Department. She is an active member of the Queens County Bar Association and currently serves as a member of the Board of Managers of the Juvenile Justice Committee.

Joseph J. and Katherine Paolo, both of the class of ’92, currently reside in Hudson Valley, NY, and recently celebrated the first birthday of their fourth child. Joseph is Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer at AXA Financial, while Katherine is a stay-at-home mom.

Javier I. Lezamiz ’97 is now Director of Operations for the Manhattan-based commercial real estate owner Hideout Realty. He is responsible for daily operations, including property management, tenant improvement and capital improvement projects, as well as energy conservation initiatives, code compliance and financial performance of each property.

David E. Moskowitz ’97, his wife, Eugenia, and their three children, Alex, Rachel and Zach, who are six, five and two years old, respectively, are now enjoying their new home in Washingtonville, NY.

2000s

Hakim A. Williams ’02 successfully defended his Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) dissertation in International Educational Development with a concentration in peace education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Andrew C. Fisher ’03 recently wrote and starred in the film Night Music, which has also directed, written and starred in Keeping Score and Making It.

2010s

Sara M. Saad ’07 is a special education teacher, and fondly remembers her time at St. Francis College as “the best four and a half years of her life.”

Eric A. Ulrich ’07, a Queens Republican New York City Councilman, announced that he will run for New York State Senate in District 15 against Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., the Democratic incumbent.

Carl E. Coulouges ’08 currently serves as the Video Broadcasting Director at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School in West Islip, NY. He teaches video broadcasting and speech, and produces the daily morning news program for the school. He is also the moderator of both the Video Broadcasting and Radio clubs.

2020s

Michael R. Phillips ’08, Jamail G. Worwag ’09, Ruben N. Gonzalez ’04, Joanne Samaha ’08, Robert Oliva ’04, and Sean Miller ’05.

Ruben N. Gonzalez ’04 and Jamail G. Worwag ’09 recently met with fellow classmates and former student government Presidents Michael F. Phillips ’08, Joanne Samaha ’08, Robert Oliva ’04, and Sean Miller ’05 at a St. Francis College alumni engagement event. Ruben was also recently inducted into the St. Francis College Distinguished Honor Society during the College’s 125th Charter Day celebration in April. Ruben is now President, Chief Accounting Officer of Scholastic, a global children’s publishing, education and media company. He oversees the internal audit functions, corporate tax, external reporting and SEC compliance as well as all transactional areas of finance, including revenue, disbursements, accounts receivable, payroll, credit and collections, capital, fixed assets and inventory.

Jamaal is the College’s Resident Activities Director, a position he has held since 1997. He oversees the Student Activities Office, which includes various groups and organizations on campus, including the Resident Assistant Association and the Student Government Association. Jamaal is the College’s Resident Director of Housing.

Diana Greene ’11

Diana Greene ’11 is currently working as a fifth-grade ESL teacher at PS 176. She has also been a math and science teacher and a SETTS teacher helping children with Individualized Education Plans with writing and reading. Greene is currently completing a graduate program at Brooklyn College and hopes to have her own special education classroom. “Being a teacher means I have the opportunity to inspire children to be the very best they can be and show them that, with hard work and determination they can do anything they put their mind to.”

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Weddings

Luís H. Portillo ’04 recently wed Jasmine Alexandra Reyes at St. Agatha’s Church, Brooklyn, NY. He is an analyst at American Express in Manhattan. He supports the business travel unit with financial analysis and deal structuring.

Class Notes

Alexander A. DiGuado ’78, wearing a dali apron to make a point about serving customers, visited the IT course, Project Management for Entrepreneurs.

Patricia A. Logan ’78 is Vice President and Regional Underwriting Manager of Berkeley Asset Protection Underwriting Managers, LLC. She is also a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, and recently participated in a St. Francis College Panel with Natasha Green ’04, celebrating Women’s History Month. That event was hosted by the Associated Cultural Club at the College as well as the offices of Development and Alumni Affairs.

1980s

Raymond A. Curatolo ’81 is Director of Global Expense Reporting Solutions at IBM, and was recently appointed to the Association of Corporate Development Panel with

Donovan Gordon ’81 is president of D. Gordon Consulting, Inc., which provides sustainability consulting and LEED project management as well as strategies in business development, sales and marketing.

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Sean Lynch ’10

As a child, Sean Lynch ’10 fondly remembers his mother singing Rod Stewart’s “Forever Young” to him. It helped develop his love of music at an early age and led to him becoming an avid collector of vinyl records. Music is a passion that has led him from classic rock to Hip-Hop and now to becoming an assistant editor for The Source magazine.

His path began at St. Francis when Lynch, a Communication Arts major, started the website koldfuture.com, which is still active and focuses on music interviews, reviews and news. “I also did a few internships; one for a short time at Damon Dash’s DOD 12 studio. I learned a lot about the music industry before heading over to YRB magazine. That’s where I learned to quote, unaquote ‘hustle,’” said Lynch, who also did plenty of hustling while at St. Francis as a member of the Men’s Track and Field team.

“I had limited resources and spent a lot of my personal time and energy working hard. From there I left and went to The Source. I had a little video production and blogging work and was given the opportunity to write. I spent a year as a staff writer before becoming assistant editor this year.”

Now Lynch is regularly conducting interviews with some of the hottest stars in the Hip-Hop world. “They are mostly down-to-earth people. You get much more out of them when you treat them like a regular person as opposed to a star.”

Lynch recently came back to St. Francis to talk to current Communication Arts students about his experiences. “Only two years ago, I was these very same chairs in those very same classes,” added Lynch. “Being able to offer my knowledge and advice on internships and job opportunities is important because I think advice sinks in better coming from someone they can relate to in age. I’m every example of what hard work can translate to and I’m still working harder than ever.”
Alumni Events

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY
On Saturday, January 21 St. Francis College held the 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which honored five distinguished members of the alumni community for the athletic accomplishments they achieved while students at the College.

SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL RECEPTION, HOSTED BY DAVID SMITH ’64

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL RECEPTION, HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR FRANK BAXTER

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Los Angeles Regional Reception, Hosted by Ambassador Frank Baxter

Friends and family of Catherine De Lena

The D’Elia family.

2012 ALUMNI PLAYOFF RECEPTION
On Thursday, March 1 our alumni returned to the College to show their support for our Terriers as the Men’s basketball team took on Quinnipiac University in the Quarterfinals of 2012 Northeast Conference Tournament.

14TH EILEEN C. DUGAN MEMORIAL 5K RUN
Cold wind and rain couldn’t keep 165 runners from helping to raise money for The Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, at the 14th Eileen C. Dugan Memorial 5K Fun Run on March 31, the first time the run was held in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Several dozen St. Francis students and alumni participated in the event either as volunteers along the course or by running in the race which started and finished in the Empire Fulton Ferry section of the park and looped along the harbor from the Manhattan Bridge to Atlantic Avenue.

The 3.1-mile race remembers Eileen Dugan who was a New York State Assemblymember from 1980 to 1996.

Safir Ikhti, Daniel Michael and Procurement and Financial Systems Supervisor, Danny A. Place ’15.

Monica Michalski ’91 with her husband Michael Verdone.

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More than 260 alumni and friends of St. Francis came to the Anthony J. Garovsio Center to renew old bonds, support the College and help honor fellow alumni, as they attended the 2012 Alumni Reunion Dinner, which took place on May 11.

William J. Ryan ’65 and Patrick Timlin

Jemma Horizon ’72, Brendan J. Dugan ’68, and Maryn Masumiya.

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The Fund for St. Francis College

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The Scholarship Program

Through the Scholarship Program, SFC continues its long history of providing scholarship aid to students pursuing their dream of higher education. Many of the 256 scholarships were created to honor or memorialize a favorite professor, a cherished friend, or a beloved spouse. All of the scholarships were created by individuals who strongly believe in St. Francis College’s commitment to its students and their pursuit of success.

METHODS OF GIVING

SFC offers an array of methods of giving to help donors fulfill their charitable intentions and make meaningful gifts that support students and the fund for St. Francis College.

- By mail to Office of Development
- Online at www.sfc.edu
- Gifts of stock
- Planned gifts (bequests, trusts, life insurance, etc.)
- Matching gifts
- Gifts of property

MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFTS

Memorial and honorary gifts can be made to the Annual Fund or to our scholarship program. By prescribing a name to the gift, the donation also serves as a tribute to an individual of personal significance. Below are the names of individuals acknowledged in the 2011 Fiscal Year.

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Dr. Ann Amore
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Dr. Cheryl Howell
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The Muslim Student Association
Robert Oliver ’04
Bro. Dienes Pergola, O.S.F.
The Trustee Store Reunion
Frank Silvestri ’63
Thomas J. Volpe

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We Remember

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

Requiescant in Pacem.

Alumni

Salvatore G. Allocchio ’60
Sr. Mary Bradley, C.S.J. ’39
Alfonzo S. Cantarowetz, Esq. ’74
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John P. Demeter ’82
Lorenzo E. Distefo ’83
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John F. Drum ’57
Mgr. Richard F. Dunn ’52
Sr. Mary L. Feuch, O.P. ’72
Robert J. Gates ’66
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Mary Grayson ’77
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Frederick J. Huxton ’81
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John F. Marchitto ’57
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Quisha A. Sturge ’02
Prof. John F. Thompson ’70
Vincent A. Toscano ’57
Christopher Whelhem ’80

Franciscan Brothers

Bro. Alfred Bonanza, O.S.F. ’53

Friends of St. Francis College

Anthony G. Apilo, Father of
Michael Ajello ’72
Catherine Amasaruro, Grandmother of
Kathleen Lane ’10 and
Christopher Lane ’13
Paul Amazauro, Grandfather of
Kathleen Lane ’10 and Christopher Lane ’13
Debra J. Bianco, Aunt of
Brian Montes ’08
Dorothy Burke, Mother of
Michael Burke ’68 and Stephen Burke
Louise Carr, Grandmother of
Kenneth Chapman ’14
Hugh J. Cassidy, Friend
Nicholas Chiariuli, Son-in-law to
Jim Campomanos ’80
Kimberly Ann Cirlincione, Cousin to
Joseph Nazmita ’58
Timothy J. Cole, Sr., Father of
Timothy J. Cole, Jr. ’78
Anita Coles, Mother of
Joan Coles ’94
Joseph Coomean, Son of
Joseph F. Coomean ’77
Catherine De Lena, Mother-in-law to
President Brendan J. Dugan ’88 and
grandmother of Patrick J. Dugan ’01
Filomena DeMarino, Friend
Palmera Desousnis, Friend
Anthony DiDiio, Uncle of Catherine ’74 and
Dennis Mc Dermott ’74
Patricia Dougherty, Wife of
Dr. James F. Dougherty ’66
Margaret Dowd, Wife of Frank Dowd ’51
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Christopher Russo ’70
Louise Fernandez, Cousin to
Irma Garcia ’80
Helen Elizabeth Forsberg, Friend
Kenneth Grace Gunther, Friend
Ismaida Gutierrez, Mother of
Steven Gutierrez ’04
Joan Harnett – Blake, Wife of
Daniel Blake ’57
Mary Herr, Mother of John Herr ’74

Brian Hyland, Brother of
Christopher Hyland ’81
Margie Kapnick, Friend
Stanley Kuberski, Grandfather of
Richard Kuberski II ’09 and
Julianne Kuberski ’12
Daniel Lane, Grandfather of
Kathleen Lane ’10 and
Christopher Lane ’13
Joan Lessinga, Sister-in-law to
Brendan Dugan ’88, and aunt of
Patrick J. Dugan ’01
Michael Long, Father of
Edward Long ’03, Michael Long ’86,
Eileen Long-Chelates ’92, Christopher Long ’99,
Maureen Long-Hayes ’94, and
Kate Early-Long ’94
Josephine Louozon, Friend
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Dr. Ronald Soue ’78
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Francis Tague, Friend
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Dr. Charles Traina ’72
Terrence Vance, Friend
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Upcoming Alumni Events

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012
St. Francis College Night at Brooklyn Cyclones
MCU Park
1904 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
St. Francis College Bro. Urban Gonnoud, O.S.F. Memorial Golf Outing
Dyker Beach Golf Course
Brooklyn, NY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012
Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Alpha Phi Delta
St. Francis College
180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn Heights, NY

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