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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.

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 ’76, 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 throughout the world such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Brazil, but through it all we are very thankful that she still finds time to offer her experience and generous support to her alma mater.

Sandra Schron ’95, Vice President of Production for USA Network, Glee 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 Kaysmacka ’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).

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 so much of this possible.

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

Sincerely,

Brendan J. Dugan ’68
President

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRENDA J. DUGAN ’68
Serving St. Francis's Technology Needs

O
ne 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.

“We knew that to provide support for SFC’s current science program initiatives while assuring the college has room to grow we had to rebuild our technology infrastructure from the ground up,” said Guy Carlson, CIO, Matthew Hogan ’07, Director IT Operations, who was project manager for the undertaking. “We couldn’t just continue to expand our old infrastructure if we were going to meet the College’s growing use of technology and services. The amount of computing power and connectivity a college needs to be competitive keeps increasing, so we want to make sure we stay ahead of that demand.”

With all the newly implemented technology, students and staff are now enjoying larger storage capacity, increased Internet bandwidth and greater and enhanced Wi-Fi coverage; all of which improves the users’ technology experience on and off campus. Utilizing a climate-controlled room on elevated flooring built by Facilities Management and with a focus on redundancy; the server room holds an alphabet soup of equipment from companies like VMWare, EMC, Cisco and Lumber. Flexibility and scalability for the future were also a primary concern for the IT staff and President Brendan J. Dugan ’68. The shell life for many computers and servers is between three and five years. The new room was built with several empty racks, to be filled with the next vital piece of electronic hardware or software.

“One great aspect of this project is that it was conceived, planned and carried out mostly by St. Francis graduates.” — Brendan J. Dugan ’68

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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 that she wanted to be a lawyer and that her options in Antigua were limited.”

“My best friend, Thelma Davies, is someone I met in one of my classes at St. Francis College. Most of my friends today are people that I met in my first few years at St. Francis College. The college played a very important role 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.”

“She was a superb student who had a good sense of where she wanted to go,” said Professor Lynne Jackson of Music.

After all of those years as a team player, Schron notes that one of her favorite aspects of the job is “getting to star athlete brings to the game, Schron advises recent grads that first think twice before you pass it over.”

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Using Pop Culture to Solve Secrets of Real Crime

When Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia died, he 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. "The issue isn’t 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 reposts something like graffiti to sell the mass market."

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Nickie Phillips with Staci Strioli were featured speakers at the First Annual International Crime, Media, and Popular Culture Studies Conference. A Cross-Disciplinary Exploration, held at Indiana State University.

"We’re deep into the process now, turning in our latest set of revisions."

Phillips grew up outside of Nashville, TN, before coming to New York to earn her master’s degree in forensic psychology at John Jay and Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at CUNY Graduate Center. She says having the dual background in psychology and criminal justice is great preparation for her research as she deconstructs the motives and meaning in our culture and relates them to our sense of criminal justice.

"She’s putting these dual skills to work on another new project, an in-depth look at the A&E reality TV show ‘Intervention.’ I want to explore the cinematic techniques used in the show such as editing and a focus on drug paraphernalia that impacts how intensely the viewer connects with the subjects of the program," said Phillips. "The show is also part of this big disconnect in society where we treat drug use as a public health issue that is often glamourized and glorified in popular culture."

Uncovering these contradictions is one of the most appealing parts of her courses for students. "Popular culture is a great way to get the students talked on theories of criminal justice. It gets them used to critical thinking and makes them more sensitive to finding flaws and inequalities in the system," added Phillips. "I don’t think they blindly accept what they’re told anymore.”

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 Cotto (English) just released his second novel, Different from Blues: A Brooklyn Mystery (Big 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 Wodehouse.”

Professors 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, Legend. Professors 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 Galg (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 (ALSCW) Conference at Boston University. Dr. Galg reviewed a presentation of Kevin Brownlow’s poetry chapbook Aebulceland which was published by Editions Bibliotekos.

Dr. Uwe P. Gielen (Psychology) participated in the 13th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research and the winter meeting of the International Psychometric Division, American Psychological Association. Dr. Gielen co-authored three papers entitled respectively: “Five Caged Phoenixes: Young Female Chinese Americans,” “Child-Parent Relationship in Chinese 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 (Dean of Students) presented a paper at the NASPA Region II Careers in Student Affairs Conference. Dr. Howell collaborated on the paper entitled, “What matters most Perceptions of Family Income or Parental Education on Academic Achievement.” It was selected for presentation at the Hawai’i International Conference on Education.

Professor Frank Sorrentino (Political Science) presented a series of three lectures exploring different aspects of the presidency and leadership in America. Presidential Power, Leadership in America: And The President and the FBI looked at how U.S. presidents used and expanded their power over time and how various checks and balances arose to curb and rehouse how our leaders govern. The series was part of the Speakers in the Humanities program of the NYU Council for the Humanities which receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Professor Arnold Sparr’s (History) article, “McLuhan, Renascimento, and the Catholic Revival,” appears in the Fall 2011 issue of Renaissance, a literary/journal published by the Renaissance Society.

Professor Ian Maloney (English) wrote the Foreword for the new edition of Howard Rabinowitz’s 1989 book Human while two students, Megan Mehan ’14 and Sharan Dittus ’14 also worked on the collection.

Professor Martina 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. Tony-Dwyer. Communication Arts majors, Chelsea Clark ‘11 and Shimere Douglas ‘13 starred in this two-character play.

Professor Natasha Yannacek (Communication Art) performed at the White House wives’ Operation Lysistrata, Confronting, Love’s Labour’s Lost, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, and Maximinus, The Man of Marone, Rome. Her Acting I students performed in benefit for the College’s AIDS WALK team.

Students in Professor Dennis Anderson’s Business Management 1001 course experienced two extreme environments on a trip to the NY Stock Exchange last fall. First, the class took a private tour of the Stock Exchange, arranged by St. Francis Alumnus John S. Loiacono to give it a new, young and fresh look.

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"Criminologists have studied other forms of popular culture like films and television shows, but comic books which are a rich resource for discussions on crime and crime control," said Phillips. "Justice is a major theme in comics, with a lot of them focusing on how heroes maintain legitimacy while operating outside the boundaries of law. For example, comic books tell us it’s not OK for him to kill a bad guy. But for someone like The Punisher, a gun-toting vigilante, it doesn’t matter how many people die as long as he gets the job done."

Phillips is now gathering her observations about how crime is depicted in comic books into a book to be published by NYU Press. She and John Jay Professor Staci Strioli have researched the best selling and most talked about comics from 2001 to 2010. They’re looking at both how crime is shown and how readers respond to the way crime and punishment is portrayed.

"We’ve delivered several presentations on this topic at conferences around North America,” said Phillips. “A series of presentations are in preparation for a book by NYU Press.”

IT’S IN THE MAIL

Professor Jeannette Bartley Robertson (Marketing Management) received students a valuable lesson in adapting to a changing business climate when they visited Prompt Makers.

The company was dealing with seismic changes at the Post Office with the closing of branches as well as an increase in how long it takes for delivery. Students were then asked to work on strategies for how they would re-brand the company to give it a new, young and fresh look.

— as told by Adaquina Rouppe ’12

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Professor Dr. Vili Milberg, delivered the Keynote Address, Globalization after the Crisis: The Future of the Euro, the Dollar and the Rembi. Other financial experts discussed the role of Germany, the European Monetary Zone and specifics of the EU labor market. Dr. Paddy Quick (Chief, Economics, History and Political Science) moderated one of the panels.

Toward a Global Psychology

Professors Jennifer Lancaster and Marisa Cohen (Psychology) co-chaired The Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology three-day conference Toward a Global Psychology, April 12-14. Keynote Speakers included Michael J. Stevens, Georg-Lindah and Deborah Bast who spoke about terrorism, global democracy and gender roles around the world. Professor Uwe P. Giedlen (Psychology) opened the conference with his photography exhibition, Dragon Seed; The Chinese in New York City.

A Colloquium on Moral Sense

On April 26, Gregory Tague (English) organized A Colloquium on Moral Sense as a way to show the interconnectedness of the worlds of science and liberal arts. Dr. Kristy Biolsi (Psychology), Kathleen Nolan (Biology), Dr. Irina Ellisson (Biology), and Dr. Sophie Barman (Philosophy) presented papers during the event.

The EU Crisis and the Future of the Euro

Peter Gomori (Management and Information Technology) coordinated this March 10 half-day conference which focused on the European Union and the ongoing financial crisis. New School President Mitch Schrage delivered the Keynote Address, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz delivered opening remarks.

Academic Conferences, Symposia and Colloquia

Jennifer Wingate (Fine Arts/ American Studies) presented the lecture, Teaching American Studies through the Lens of Comminorative 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.

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The Tension 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 J. Lieberman 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 Sal Stern, contributing editor of the City Journal; James Cultura of The Catholic League and Professors Jennifer Lancaster and John Horgan, after Hogan interviewed him about his life’s work.

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ARGUING THAT LIBERAL DEMOCRACY DEEPENS OUR EXPERIENCE. IT’S INSANELY POWERFUL.

Walt Whitman Writers Series: Ben Marcus — March 5

Reading from his new novel, The Flame Alphabet, Ben Marcus presented a horrifying picture of a world where the sound of talking children 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

Campus Happenings

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 failures 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.

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Bernard Baran and his lawyer John Swomley 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 of the murder he did not commit. Bermudez said that prosecutors pursuing his case even though several witnesses said he did not do it, he didn’t fill the description, and that another suspect 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.

Joe Williams, St. Francis Professor Fred Siegel, Abraham Lachman, Sol Stern, contributing editor of the Journal of Catholic Conference and Joe Williams of Democrats for Education, worked to have the courts reopen the case to prove that Friedman was not only innocent, but a victim of overzealous police officers and prosecutors.

Author Ben Marcus speaks with Noel F. Jones ’12.

Joe Williams, Professor Fred Siegel, Abraham Lachman, Sol Stern, James Cultura, and St. Francis Professor Timothy Houlihan.

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MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

Brenda K. Greene (Medgar Evers College) delivered the Keynote Address. Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz delivered opening remarks.

The Flame Alphabet said that

“it was a wonderful experience! The students and faculty alike truly enjoyed watching such an intellectual conversation play out in front of them,” Professor Renee Goodstein. “It is always a pleasure to take the learning experience out of the classroom and take advantage of what New York City has to offer.”

The play centers on a conversation between Dr. Sigmund Freud and author C.S. Lewis on the day England enters World War II, and two weeks before Freud commits suicide. (He was dying of cancer.)

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The executive producer of the film 3:16, Michael Covitt, presented his documentary about a tribe in Northern Mali devoted to teaching the Ancient Manuscripts of Mali. The scriptures are from the Sufi tradition of Islam and instruct

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Jesse Friedman was coerced into pleading guilty to several counts of sexual molestation or risk facing more than 300 years behind bars in

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Telling her classmates that getting by is not good enough, St. Francis College-Winter 2012 Valedictorian Hadar Burger encouraged the Winter 2012 graduates to follow their dreams with passion and to “choose to flourish and to succeed.”

Her speech highlighted an afternoon of ceremony at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Brooklyn Heights that began with a Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by Reverend Edward Doran, Ph.D., continued with an organ concert from St. Francis Professor Michael Kaminsky and concluded with the commencement ceremony which featured an address from Dean of Academic Programs Development Allen Rodriquez.

Burger, an Israeli national with a double major in Management (concentration in Finance), and Economics, internal at National Grad for two years, working in the Investment Management area of the Treasury Division. She also interned at the NY Stock Exchange Eurocent on Wall Street in the Operations Division. She was the recipient of The Dean Willing Award for outstanding achievement in the field of business management, established by David Haverty ‘81 in memory of Professor Stanley Willing. A member of the Women’s Water Polo and Swimming teams for two years, Burger earned All-Conference and Pre-season accolades. She graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.”

Brooklyn’s Bulgarian Voice

Bulgarian Taveta Kaleynska ’12 knows what goes around comes around. After first attending Girls Leading Our World Camp, also known as GLOW, as a camper in 2004, she later returned as a counselor. When GLOW lost some funding, she stepped in to raise money for this camp that empowers and educates teenage Bulgarian girls.

The camp, which runs every August in Bulgaria, hosts 80 female campers ranging in age from 14 to 18. GLOW is conducted entirely in English with workshops on self-esteem, teamwork, sexual education, applying to college and others. GLOW also hosts workshops year-round for Bulgarian girls.

Kaleynska, who graduated in May with majors in Marketing Management and International Business might be far from home, but she still works hard to fundraise for GLOW. With the help of friends and co-workers from the Office of Special Events, Taveta has hosted bake sales, Hawaiian nights and other events to raise money for the camp. And she doesn’t even send money; a recent drive resulted in shipping marshmallows to GLOW so campers could make s’mores. Taveta has also recruited St. Francis staff to help her write and edit grant proposals.

Inspired by last summer’s visit to GLOW from one of her best friends from St. Francis, Taveta is now working to create a program where American St. Francis students work at the camp as supervisors for college credit. She hopes this introduces more American culture to the camp.

Finding out about St. Francis from a friend’s My Space page, Taveta said, “St. Francis has always supported me when I needed the support. The people who teach at St. Francis really try to help you and give you personal attention. It’s hard to be away from home and all of my professors have been very understanding. I’ve enjoyed every minute of my schooling at St. Francis. It’s the best thing that ever happened to me.”

Noting that her first year in a new country was a challenge, she talked about how many amazing and unique experiences she has had because of St. Francis. In 2010 she was asked to be a contestant in the Diaspora Model International Beauty Pageant as Miss Bulgaria USA, mentioning how supportive St. Francis was when she was involved in the pageant. She has become something of a local celebrity in Bulgaria, appearing more than two dozen times on national and local TV programs as well as in magazines and local newspapers, mentioning St. Francis College every time. Event bigger projects are on the horizon, “I was just asked by the Vice President of Bulgaria to be the face of a campaign for literacy among young adults.”

Kaleynska is deeply involved in the St. Francis community. In addition to her work at countless functions with the Office of Special Events, she served as President of both the Eastern European Club and Sociology Club. She also helped raise funds for St. Francis as Chair of the 2012 Senior Class Gift Committee. Helping others in need really motivates this senior. “My gratitude goes to all the alumni who helped with scholarships. A dream of creating a scholarship for female leaders because I believe in giving back, and there are a lot of people who deserve to get a chance to attend St. Francis.”

| Spring 2012 | Terrier | 10 | St. Francis Scholar in Residence Fred Siegel and featured Terrier Warnaq as well as NYU professor and author Paul Berman (The Flight of the Intellectuals, Terror and Libidinism) and Schnirn Abrahim of The Henry Jackson Society, a co-editor of the forthcoming Arab Spring Dreams. |
Standing on stage at the NY 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.F.S. ’60. Having won a science fair at Bishop Kearney High School, Koster then entered a regional fair and finally first place which included a trip to a trio of accounting firms that had o-meter and had to carry it by herself on the road. Then they announced third place, second place and finally first place which included a trip to a trio of accounting firms that had

Koster, the oldest of four children, says that even with the scholarship, her parents still could not afford the tuition and she was probably heading to Brooklyn College.

“I went and I met with Brother George, and Brother George made it all happen. He set me up with work study at the accounting firm Ballyvai and Cook. I worked about 30 hours a week and went to school. Brother George is the one person that was always there for me.”

When it came time to graduate, the career center and the last Brother John Hofschmidt, O.F.S. sent Mrs. Koster, who holds a B.S. in Business Administration and an A.S. degree in Computer Technology, to a trio of accounting firms that had technology programs as well.

“Back then, you learned things in school, but then you had to go through the specific programs that each company had, to learn their way of doing things. The offer that came back first was from Chase. I was going to go in as an accountant to learn the accounting functions and then go into the technology program to learn how to program for the accounting function.”

Koster moved up the ranks at Chase, rising to President of Chase Access Services, and then moving to Prudential. In addition to her Senior Vice President and COO positions, she is also the head of Global Business and Technology Solutions and a member of Prudential’s Senior Management Committee.

“That puts her on the road, or more accurately, on the air to oversee numerous international projects.

“We’re growing globally. We just doubled our size in Japan. We’re growing in Korea and Taiwan. I was just in Brazil,” said Koster, who points to volatility with some of the newer and smaller insurance companies as an opening for Prudential. “The marketplace is offering up lots of opportunities to look at with all the consolidations that are going on.”

Koster, a member of one of the College’s first graduating classes to include lay women in 1976, credits the scarcity of other young women at St. Francis.

“There weren’t a lot of women going into the business functions either. You were the only one. You had to learn how to live in that world and understand how people thought. I couldn’t get upset about the countless times I’d be asked to get coffee. I never let that bother me. I just said, ‘I’m as good as everyone else. I’m here to do a job and I’m going to get it done. And if I get the coffee once in a while that’s OK too.’ ”

Koster still keeps in touch with those former classmates at St. Francis and says that in her wildest imagination, she never imagined the level of success she would achieve.

“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 in a million years could I have possibly imagined this.”
Hispanic Leadership – Ready To Lead

F or 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 graduates who participated in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute’s national Ready to Lead (R2L) program. Hispanic Caucus member Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez began the day by introducing 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 weren’t ranging 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 want to go 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 explained the St. Francis Men’s Basketball team his senior year and wishes to play professional basketball in Europe. “The most important thing is to get to school … where you’re in, there’re 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 could 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 Geneviva Dadoo, 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 Velázquez, 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. García emphasized the importance of finding mentors, telling the group: “You now have as much as the volunteers as the students.

“You benefit 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.”

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

one 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.

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Freshman Swimmer Gareth Livingston Takes Six School Records

F reshman 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 part of a team setting a new standard 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.

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Terriers’ 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 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 up steam after New Year’s with winning nine of 10 games to vault into the semi-finals of the Northeast Conference Championships. 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.
**John Thurston Introduced as New Head Women’s Hoops Coach**

After 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.

“I’m excited about the impact John will make as head coach,” 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.”

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

Freshman 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 Fairmont, OH, averaged 8.5 points and 5.7 rebounds in her first season as a Terrier. She ranked in the Top 20 in the league in rebounding and finished second in field goal percentage at 49.5 percent. Veney notched two double-doubles on the season; reaching double figures in 13 of them. “Jaymee was always an impact player for us from the moment she stepped on campus,” noted St. Francis College Head Coach Brenda Milano.

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

The records continued to fall for the Terriers’ men’s 4 x 800 relay team consisting of Paul Gilhuley ’13, Joseph Gilhuley ’13, Brian Nersten ’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’ men’s 4 x 800 relay team consisting of Brian Nersten, Joseph Gilhuley, Paul Gilhuley, and Rafal Ksepka ‘12 break 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 Indoor Invitational. The team also won the Metropolitan Championships in April with a time of 7:30.42 at Rutgers University.

**Amelia Tonyes Reaches Elite Eight at Intercollegiate Singles Bowling Championship**

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 earned strong, winning the first game, but dropped the second two ending her run to the championship.

**Men’s Water Polo Team Hosts Wounded Warrior Project**

This 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 Scores Second Highest GPA in Nation**

For 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 Dzigiurski ’14, Richard Polgar ’12, Luka Rais ’15, Balint Toth ’15, Igor Mladenovic ’14, Tyler Perkins ’14, Marko Genic ’13, Szabolcs Erdel ’12, and Bosko 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 HSBC for more than 35 years until he retired. He moved on to fixed income sales, working on Wall Street, starting off at a trading desk. He adds, “It doesn’t have 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 its done for my life.”

Going to St. Francis College for me is what I needed to live the life I wanted to live. It provided a good education and it still does today.”

The Cannistras have not forgotten their roots and they love to give back. For years they have helped pay tuition for as many as six students a year at various Catholic schools in Patterson, NJ. Recently, they started doing the same thing for a student at St. Francis.

Looking back on 41 years of marriage, the Cannistras said that providing their children and their children’s friends while at St. Francis. “We didn’t have a gym and now they have a new state-of-the-art facility. The Cannistras was able to give back to kids who are in the same situation.”

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PHILIP HARRIS

PHILIP HARRIS, PH.D. ’48 is proud to announce the release of his new book, Transforming Work Culture and Developing High Performance Leaders. He is also celebrating the eighth edition of his book, Managing Cultural Differences.

1960s

JOSEPH P. PONEMAH ’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. He and his wife, Joan, have three children and six grandchildren.

CHARLES L. NOVAK ’63 recently visited fellow alum Bill Karnbach ’61 at his home in Torreviega, Spain. Charles greatly enjoyed his visit in the ‘lovely village and country’, and is very grateful to both Bill and his wife, Mercedes, for being such gracious hosts.

1990s

BERNARD J. CASSERLY ’64 has been retired since 2004 after spending 45 years in banking and finance.

GEORGE R. MAYER ’65 is happy to report that he could not hold back retirement and now has a thriving part time mediation and arbitration business. He also celebrates his wonderful marriage of 45 years, and is grateful for his two beautiful grandkids.

JOHN F. WITKOWSKI ’65 and his wife, Minerva, are now both retired and spend their winter months in Florida with their family and youngest son.

MARY E. HINES ’66 has been named to the Irish Education 100 by The Irish Voice newspaper. The list recognizes the top figures in higher education in North America who are of Irish heritage. Mary currently serves as President of Carlow University in Pittsburgh, PA.

THOMAS J. KILLEN ’66 has recently been appointed to the Community Development Corporation of Long Island’s Board of Directors. He will serve a three-year term. He was also elected to the board of CDC’s affiliate, CDCLI Funding Corporation. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Alzheimer’s Foundation, and is a past Chair of the organization, a member of Hofstra University’s Honors College Advisory Board, an affiliate board member of the Nassau Physicians’ Foundation; a member of a Board of Directors of the Long Island Community Chest, Inc.; Secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of the Patriot Group, Inc.; a participant in the Volunteer Lawyers Initiative for Catholic Charities and a mentor to the Long Island Elite.

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ROBERT W. SHEEAN ’83 and his wife, Patricia, are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Gabriel Sheeann McManus, born this past January in Newport News, VA, to Christine and Pabio Villagra.

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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.

VINCENzo Pitta ’72 was recently honored at this year’s Peggy Browning Fund Awards Ceremony for NYC for his decades of work 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 Gallin, LLC.

ARMAY RAINBE ’73 is President of Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa, FL.

VINCENT A. BAGAROZZA ’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 Pennroute, a developer of web-based software for the nation’s leading cardiology centers. Gail is currently CEO and Chairman of Histogen, Inc., a regenerative medicine company she founded in 2007 to develop novel treatments for conditions ranging from hair loss to cancer.

KENNETH M. REDA ’73 is Managing Director of Executive Sounding Board Associates, Inc., where he is responsible for practice development and for contributing to the management of turnarounds, workouts and bankruptcy engagements.
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 they can do anything they put their minds to.”

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Carollin Falotico ’11

After graduation, Carollin Falotico ’11 began working for production company, Leftfield Pictures, transcribing video for reality shows like Pawn Stars and American Restoration. Leftfield is one of the largest reality television companies, and has established “item based” reality with shows like Pawn Stars and Oaklands. After a short stint at NBC in the commercial operations department, she returned to Leftfield where she is a story production assistant for Calvin Pawn Stars. “I love it! The job entails working with producers and editors to put the show together. It could be anything from simple paper work, to working on Final Cut Pro to help the editors. I also do extensive research on our subjects and assist with the day to day tasks of production,” said Falotico.

“Starting a career in television is not easy. You really have to depend on your connections you make and very self-sufficient. My internships and work for the Communication Arts Department prepared me the most for working in the real world. I am very lucky to be where I am today.”

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2012 ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS
On Saturday, January 28 St. Francis College held its annual Alumni Memorial Mass, honoring the memories of our alumni, and relatives of alumni, who are no longer with us. Following the Mass, a luncheon was held in the Genovesi Center.

BRINGING BROOKLYN TO THE WEST COAST
On Tuesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 1, President Brendan J. Dugan ’68 visited our fellow Terriers out West in receptions held in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL RECEPTION, HOSTED BY DAVID SMITH ’64

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL RECEPTION, HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR FRANK BAXTER

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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 FUN 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 1986 to 1996.

Sanfilippo, Daniel; Michael; and Procurement and Financial Systems Supervisor, Danny A. Price ’15.

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Former Pi Alpha Archon, Dennis McDermott ’74, Director of Alumni Relations, Joseph T. Freisen ’73, Andrew F. Varga ’72 and Peter F. Speers ’73.

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2012 ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION DINNER

More than 260 alumni and friends of St. Francis came to the Anthony J. Genovesi 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.

Alumni events
The Fund for St. Francis College

The Fund for St. Francis College is the lifeblood of the College — benefiting virtually every person, place and program at SFC. With the generosity of caring alumni, friends and supporters of the College, SFC remains steadfast in maintaining an affordable tuition for students without compromising the quality of its education. Moreover, the Annual Fund enables SFC to enhance student, faculty and campus-wide resources and distribute thousands of unrestricted dollars to deserving and/or disadvantaged students as needed.

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 amplifies the work of the College. Ways to give include:

- 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
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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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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
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Upcoming Alumni Events

**TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012**

St. Francis College Night at Brooklyn Cyclones

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012**

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Alpha Phi Delta

For more information, please contact the Alumni Office at (718) 489-5471 or visit our website at www.sfc.edu/alumni.