Challenging young minds

SFC Honors Program Reaches Beyond the Classroom to Enrich the Educational Experience

Community Service
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Interdisciplinary Seminars
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The vitality of the Franciscan Spirit and its unique power to enrich and improve communities is evident throughout this issue of Terrier.

This spirit is reflected in the work of our alumni who have been recognized for their unyielding commitment to improving the lives of our neighbors. Marion White ’78, executive director of the Child Abuse Prevention Program, was cited recently by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities for her efforts to protect children (page 11). Irma Garcia ’80 was awarded a 2010 Mujeres Destacadas Award from El Diario La Prensa, which honors Latinas who make a difference in their communities (page 21). The subject of Profile of a Terrier for this issue, Dr. Joe D’Amore ’72, also has worked tirelessly to help others (page 23).

St. Francis College’s faculty shares this commitment. Dr. Carmine Nogara, professor of Accounting, is devoting his business expertise to his community through his recent election to the Glen Rock, NJ Borough Council (page 17).

We continue to mourn the loss of Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. ’60, who touched all of our lives as a friend, colleague and mentor. Brother George, who personified Franciscan ideals of faith, hospitality and service throughout his near four decades of service as dean of admissions, was honored at our 49th Annual Charter Award Dinner (page 16). The St. Francis College community responded generously to the occasion, contributing more than $400,000 to support scholarships in his memory. On behalf of our deserving students who rely on scholarships to complete their education, I want to thank everyone who helped make this event such a success.

St. Francis’ academic programs continue to reach the highest standards of excellence. The College’s Honors Program, which is featured in this issue (page 4), offers our most outstanding students challenging seminars, research projects, and off-campus learning experiences that enable them to make the most of their remarkable talent. We are very pleased that the National Collegiate Honors Council recently designated the syllabus for one of our courses, Contemporary Islam: Its Socio-economic Context, as a national model.

As a Franciscan institution of higher education, St. Francis College views the pursuit of knowledge not as an end itself, but as a means to uplift the entire community. Our commitment to this ideal is embodied in the College’s community outreach programs, several of which are mentioned in this issue. From creative writing workshops for local senior citizens, to our ongoing partnership with the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research that features symposia on a wide variety of current topics and an array of distinguished experts, the College offers abundant lifelong learning opportunities that stimulate the intellect of people of all ages and interests.

As the young men and women of the Class of 2010 leave Remsen Street in pursuit of their dreams, the St. Francis College community takes pride in their accomplishment and comfort in the knowledge that the message of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, will continue to flourish and touch even more lives through their deeds.

Sincerely,

Brendan J. Dugan ’68
President
With encouraging words from Fordham University’s President, The Reverend Joseph M. McShane, S.J., Senator Charles E. Schumer and others, more than 300 members of the Class of 2010 graduated during the Spring Commencement Ceremony at the Marriott Brooklyn Bridge on Friday, May 14.

During Father McShane’s commencement address, he joked that the reason St. Francis College invited a Jesuit priest, a Yankee fan from the Bronx, to speak at the commencement of a Franciscan Institution in a Brooklyn Dodger community was, “to show the depth of their ecumenical spirit and their mercy.” He went on to tell the graduates that if they follow the example of St. Francis, “who was green before there was a green movement, who was an advocate of peace before there was a peace movement and who is the world’s only true universal saint,” and if they follow the Prayer of St. Francis, “you will transform the world with your gritty New York generosity, your hard-won, discerning wisdom and your daring, draining compassion.”

The Valedictorian address was delivered by Jonathan Palumbo ’10, a psychology major with a 4.0 average. He is a member of the Duns Scotus Honor Society, president of Psi-Chi, the Psychology Honors Society, and was active in the Psychology club and the Government and Politics club. In his speech, Palumbo offered a call to action to his classmates, “to come up with the tools to bring our country back to being the greatest on this planet.” He went on to decry the elements of greed that led to the latest economic turmoil, saying, “we must learn from our past experiences and realize this is not a country of me, but of we, we must learn to help one another rather than ourselves.”

In addition to conferring degrees to this year’s graduates, the College bestowed honorary degrees on Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, The Most Reverend Ignatius A. Catanello ’62; Alan Fishman, chairman of Independence Community Finance; and WABC’s Director of Community Affairs, Saundra Thomas.

Bishop Catanello, a leader in interfaith and interreligious activities, has served on the diocesan Ecumenical Commission and is a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on Interreligious Dialogue. His he has focused on Catholic-Islamic conversations and edited the Catholic-Jewish guidelines for the Diocese. Bishop Catanello’s honor was accepted by the Pastor of Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Reverend James W. King.

Alan Fishman’s extensive career in financial services has included service as chairman of Meridian Capital Group, president of Sovereign Bank and president and CEO of Independence Community Bank. Fishman is deeply engaged with the Brooklyn community, serving as chairman of the board to the Brooklyn Community Foundation, the Brooklyn Academy of Music and the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, He is co-chairman of the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership.

Saundra Thomas provides a vital link between WABC and the community, recommending news coverage of important topics as well as helping guide the station’s philanthropic endeavors. Thomas has provided numerous St. Francis students mentoring opportunities and internships at WABC through her relationship with the College’s Young Journalists In Training Program.

The 2010 Commencement can be viewed online at YouTube.com.
Baccalaureate Mass

The Commencement Celebration began with a Baccalaureate Mass the day before the ceremony at St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church, in Brooklyn Heights. Several hundred people filled the pews for the mass, which was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano. Brother Dominic Francis served as the master of ceremonies.

At last!

What They Studied

The May 2010 graduates, broken down by major.

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(Source: St. Francis College Office of Institutional Planning and Research.)

The 2010 graduates passed by Brooklyn Borough Hall as they made their way from Remsen Street to the ceremony at the Marriott Brooklyn Bridge.)
Camaraderie, friendship & mentoring

New challenges

New experiences

Growth

For students possessing an exceptional level of intellectual curiosity and supported by a combination of outstanding academic performance in high school, high SAT scores, and an ability to express themselves well in writing, the St. Francis College Honors Program offers unique and ongoing opportunities to participate in interdisciplinary seminars; conduct research and present it internally as well as at scholarly conferences; perform meaningful community service; and travel locally, regionally and nationally.

“It is vital for students who are especially talented to be able to reach beyond the usual boundaries of the classroom,” said Dr. Jaskiran Mathur, professor of Sociology, who is currently the Honors Program’s director. “This experience truly prepares them for the complexities of interacting in an increasingly global community.”

Founded in 1984 and directed for a decade by Dr. Francis Greene, professor and chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, Fine Arts and International Cultural Studies, the Honors Program provides a learning environment that is different from the College’s regular curriculum and rarely available at colleges or universities in general. Seminars are limited to 15 students so all may participate meaningfully; students’ mastery of subject matter is determined by oral reports, term papers and essay writing rather than tests; and assigned learning sources are used in lieu of textbooks.

“What the Honors Program brings to the College is enrichment at many levels and the opportunity to pursue academic excellence,” said Dr. Greene.

“It contributes, in its way, to the raison d’être for any college, and to our own specific Franciscan tradition.”

In addition to their regular academic requirements, participants take two honors seminars as freshmen and four more as upperclassmen. Seminars are interdisciplinary in nature, developed by faculty members from a variety of academic departments. For example, recent seminar titles include Images of Human Nature in Western, Non-literate and Eastern Cultures; Special Topics in Marine Biology; Legal and Social Implications of the Human Genome Project; Business Leaders in U.S. History; Contemporary Islam: Its Socio-economic Context; and Franciscan Literature.

“The interdisciplinary nature of the seminars permits students to draw upon and address at least two distinct academic disciplines and fields of learning, for example: literature and music, religion and science, art and psychology,” explained Dr. Greene. “Thus students perceive the connectedness of all learning and make connections themselves among various fields of human inquiry.”

As seniors, students complete a six-credit honors thesis. Conducting original and in-depth research about a topic of their choice, students work closely with a faculty member mentor as they complete final projects that run up to 60 pages, which they present to Honors Program faculty and student members.

The thesis process benefits students in that they are able to exercise and demonstrate skills acquired and developed throughout the program and entire
undergraduate experience as well as graduate with a piece of serious writing to share with a prospective employer or graduate admissions officer. It also provides the College with a tool for evaluating the effectiveness of the Honors Program.

“Students participating in the Honors Program must work hard but in exchange they also learn more,” said Dr. Uwe Gielen, professor of Psychology. “They learn to work independently, write detailed papers including the honors thesis, and appreciate and evaluate primary sources rather than relying on textbooks to do that for them. Acquiring these skills provides an excellent preparation for doing well in graduate or professional school. Moreover, they are surrounded by other talented students from different backgrounds with whom they will form lifelong bonds.”

Of course, Honors Program students do not have to wait until their senior year to stand out. This spring, Freshman Abigail Frodella ’13 was one of seven St. Francis College students honored on Student Recognition Day for her project, *When Death Was in Style: Death and Dying and Green-Wood Cemetery in the Victorian Era*. Zara Mahmoud ’13, also a freshman, entered and won third place in the College’s annual Delaney Speech Contest. And Deirdre Turner ’11, a junior, serves as research director for History Starts Now, a nonprofit organization aiding in the fight against sex trafficking of minors in the U.S., a cause about which she is passionate.

**Expanding One’s Mind through New Experiences**

Fundamental to the Honors Program philosophy is the belief that real-life experiences can teach as effectively as classroom learning. Drawing upon New York City as a campus, a wide variety of field trips, including visits to museums, art galleries, theaters, and neighborhoods such as Chinatown to experience foods and other cultural details, are essential to the Honors Program experience and required for participation.
In addition, students and faculty regularly take extended trips for the purpose of providing students an opportunity to present their work at regional conferences of the National Collegiate Honors Council. Destinations have included Washington, DC, Philadelphia, Boston, and Portland, ME, among others. This spring, students traveled to Harrisburg, PA, to present a poster on marine ecology and scholarly papers on music, art and alternative medicine.

“Traveling together creates a bond between Honors Program members, forming a community of scholars within the larger academic community of the College as a whole,” said Dr. Kathleen Nolan, chairman, department of Biology. “It is exciting for the students to go to a different city and interact with their professors on a different level.”

Finding Oneself through Serving Others

As serving others is intrinsic to the culture of St. Francis College, it is by extension an important component of the Honors Program experience.

“Community service not only helps students become more well-rounded as individuals, it connects them personally and as a cohort to the world around them, driving home the notion of connectedness elucidated through Honors Program seminars,” said Dr. Mathur.

Currently, students volunteer with organizations of their choice. An idea that is gaining momentum is for the Honors Program to formalize relationships with specific local organizations so the impact of student involvement can be measured. “A student-led effort to research and identify organizations to include in the Honors Program community service curriculum would be ideal,” said Dr. Mathur. “This group is certainly capable.”

Now and Tomorrow

With 93 participants during the 2009-10 academic year, St. Francis College continues to build a highly regarded, strong Honors Program. According to Dr. Mathur, expanding the program to include a total of 120-150 students so that 25-40 of them graduate each year, without adjusting the program’s standards, is a goal that is attainable.

“Recognizing the value of and demonstrating commitment to a high-quality liberal arts education has defined St. Francis College for more than 150 years,” she said. “With the resources that are available to us: exceptional faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, eager and qualified students, and the world’s greatest city as our extended campus, there is every reason to believe the Honors Program can be an exemplar among programs of its kind.”

HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Participants must:

- Maintain an overall grade point average of 3.5
- Attend 2 of 3 mandatory events each semester
- Complete 15 hours per semester of community service

(Sophomores and transfer students with a GPA of 3.7 or higher may apply to the Honors Program.)
Russell Simmons, cited by USA Today as one of the “Top 25 Most Influential People of the Past 25 Years” and whose visionary approach to business has influenced music, fashion, finance, television and film since the 1980s, took the stage in Founders Hall as the 2010 speaker for the Volpe Lecture Series.

Simmons is the co-founder of Def Jam Recordings, the music label that launched hip hop as a legitimate music genre. Def Jam, before it was sold in 1999 to Universal Music Group, was one piece of Rush Communications, a corporation for which Simmons serves as chairman and chief executive officer and whose interests include Run Athletics, movie and television production studios, a magazine and advertising agency.

Devoted personally and as a corporate leader to community and global service, Simmons regularly “gives back,” often through Rush Community Affairs, the nonprofit division of his corporation that focuses on empowering at-risk youth through education, the arts, and social engagement. In 2005, he joined with 22 other executives in the apparel and home fashions industry to donate new products to victims of Hurricane Katrina. The next year, he was named a goodwill ambassador of the Collaborative Inter-Governmental Scientific Research Institute, part of the United Nations (UN) Global Impact, to help create awareness for the ways hip hop can be used to address war, poverty, and HIV/AIDS. He is also an ambassador for the UN’s Permanent Memorial to Honor the Victims of Slavery and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

Consistent with his commitment to charity, Simmons donated his entire speaker’s fee from St. Francis College to purchase tents for people living in Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in that country earlier this year.

“When Russell Simmons offered his fee to help the people of Haiti, he demonstrated the reason we wanted him to come to St. Francis College to address our students,” said Timothy J. Houlihan, vice president for Academic Affairs and academic dean. “He puts into action one of the basic rules he lives by, to be of service to others, which of course is part of the Franciscan tradition.”

During the lecture, Simmons spoke about what he believes are the keys to his success. For him, that includes making meditation part of his daily routine as a way to slow down, reflect and let go of anxiety. He also previewed a chapter from his forthcoming book, which attempts to redefine what it means to be rich, stressing that work is often its own reward.

“People who are happy with what they have are rich,” he said. “Focus on work; that is the gift.”

Thomas J. Volpe, former senior vice president of financial operations for The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., chairman emeritus of St. Francis College and founder of the Volpe Lecture series, described Simmons as a “modern-day Renaissance man and one of the most innovative and influential figures in modern American business and culture.” He added, “I am honored to have him continue the tradition of the lecture series.”

The Volpe Lecture series offers an international perspective in a variety of fields to the St. Francis College community, from business leaders to world leaders. Past speakers include Salman Rushdie (author), Mariane Pearl (wife of slain reporter Daniel Pearl), Paul Rusesabagina (the real Hotel Rwanda hero) and Lech Walesa (former president of Poland, Nobel Prize winner). A profile of Russell Simmons may be viewed on SFC TV at www.stfranciscollege.edu/about/SFCTV.
St. Clare Society Member Honors Lifelong Commitment to Franciscan Education

Not only does he represent the fourth generation of the Corrigan family to be educated at St. Francis College, Professor James Corrigan ’60 has also taught biology at St. Francis for 46 years, so his Franciscan roots run deep. When his beloved daughter, Kathleen Corrigan Giallanza ’90, died in a tragic auto accident several years ago, Dr. Corrigan and his family began the funding of an endowed scholarship in Kathleen’s memory. This scholarship celebrates Kathleen’s life, continues the Corrigan legacy at SFC and is designated to assist students from the families of firefighters, who lost their lives or became disabled in the line of duty.

Dr. Corrigan has also included a provision for Kathleen’s scholarship in his estate planning, reflecting his belief in the ongoing importance of the mission of St. Francis College. Since Dr. Corrigan is certain that his belief is shared by many of his past students and fellow faculty members, he encourages others to join him by supporting the College through a bequest, scholarship, or other planned gift.

Charter Day Convocation Honors Academic Excellence and the Franciscan Tradition

On April 30 at the annual Charter Day Convocation, an event that commemorates the day in 1884 when the New York State Legislature granted an official charter to the board of trustees of St. Francis Monastery, St. Francis College honored its brightest students; long-serving faculty, staff and administrators; and educators whose work reflects Franciscan ideals.

In keeping with Charter Day tradition, students who have consistently excelled academically were granted the Dean’s Award. In addition, the Duns Scotus Honor Society announced new inductees, welcomed by President Aleksandra Milanova ’10, who said, “Each member of the Duns Scotus Society has taken the lessons St. Francis gave us and transformed it into his or her own magic.”

Lorraine M. Lynch ’92, National Grid vice president, U.S. Treasury, and member of the St. Francis College alumni board of directors, was on hand to present three students with the National Grid Scholarship and Internship Award. They are Sophia Boussah ’12, Matthew A. Mazi ’13, and Erica Martin ’12.

From outside the St. Francis College community, honorary degrees were conferred upon Sister Angela Gannon, C.S.J., secretary for Catholic education and formation for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn; Sister Dolores F. Crepeau, C.S.J., principal, Fontbonne Hall Academy; and Brother Dennis Cronin, F.S.C., president, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School.

Sister Angela delivered the Keynote Address. She spoke about St. Francis College as a community that nurtures the dreams of its students. “If we build our dreams with faith, faith in ourselves and faith in our sisters and brothers and above all our faith in God with whom all things are possible, the mission will thrive and St. Francis will stand as a powerful sign of the small college with the big dream.”
Collaboration with the Manhattan Institute Spotlights SFC as a Center for Intellectual Excellence

TWO SEPARATE EVENTS DRAW EXPERTS ON THE MEDIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

St. Francis College provided a forum recently for two separate timely and lively panel discussions organized by Visiting Professor Fred Siegel, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and contributing editor to City Journal, who is on sabbatical from The Cooper Union for Science and Art.

On February 23, Journalism in the Age of the Internet explored the ways technology and the Internet are changing the field of Journalism. St. Francis College welcomed Diana Williams, WABC anchor and reporter; Ben Smith, Politico lead reporter and columnist; Robert George, editorial writer for the New York Post; Saundra Thomas, WABC director of community affairs; Harry Siegel, Politico editor; and Lisa George, professor of Economics at Hunter College.

Moderator Lindsay Young Craig, vice president of communications and marketing for the Manhattan Institute, framed the discussion by pointing out that more people now get their news from the Internet than newspapers and, in the case of audiences younger than 30, from television. That set the stage for talking about the history of the newspaper industry and the evolution of that business as newspapers have periodically adapted to compete with new media, including radio, television, and now, the Internet. Discussion ranged from the ways news stories are generated, researched and reported; how specific markets can be segmented; and the economics of distributing news electronically compared with its traditional formats.

On April 15, Independent Voices on the Middle East: A Panel Discussion, covered the struggle for control of Islam and related issues. On hand were Judith Miller, former New York Times reporter, adjunct fellow at the Manhattan Institute and contributing editor to City Journal; Paul Berman, author of Terror and Liberalism,Power and the Idealists and the Flight of the Intellectuals and Writer in Residence at New York University; Lee Smith, author of The Strong Horse: Power Politics and the Class of Arab Civilization and visiting scholar at the Hudson Institute; and Ibn Warraq, author of Virgins? What Virgins? And Other Essays and senior research fellow at the Center for Inquiry in Amherst, NY.

Among the topics panelists discussed were the notion of looking at terrorism under the umbrella of Arab nationalism rather than country by country; reluctance by Arab intellectuals to speak out for basic rights like freedom of expression in the name of political correctness; and terrorism as a struggle among Muslims to control their own religion.

These symposia are the third and fourth such events offered through St. Francis College’s collaboration with the Manhattan Institute. They were preceded by Can New York State Government be Reformed? and Keeping New York in the Black: Our Current Fiscal Woes in Light of the 1975 Fiscal Crisis.

In the 40th Year of Student Life at St. Francis College, work is being done to honor an educator whose career as an educator and public servant in New York City spanned six decades. After teaching for many years in the New York City Public Schools, she taught at Fordham University, was a professor of Educational Psychology and dean of Brooklyn College’s School of Education and served as the dean of the City University’s Teacher Education Program. She taught and administered programs for prospective and in-service teachers, administrators, and educational specialists.

A licensed psychologist, Dr. Impellizzeri devoted decades to researching the learning patterns of gifted and disabled children. She was published in the field of auditory perception.

Dr. Impellizzeri was a member of the New York City Board of Education for two decades, serving as the Board’s vice president from 1986 until it was dissolved in 2002. During her tenure at the Board, Dr. Impellizzeri participated in the formation of policy and educational practices that affected a generation of public school students.

Dr. Impellizzeri also served on the Board of Trustees of LaScola D’Italia, La Guardia Memorial Settlement House, the Brooklyn Diocesan Respect Life Commission, the Life Center of New York and the Council on Environment of New York City. Previously, she served on the Board of Governors for the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY for six years and she was a member of the Order of Malta.

St. Francis College Chancellor Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola ’62, who worked closely with Dr. Impellizzeri when he was chancellor of the New York City Public Schools, remembered her as a “tireless advocate for the education and welfare of our City’s school children.”

St. Francis College awarded an honorary doctoral degree to Dr. Impellizzeri in 1991 and honored her again with the St. Clare Medal of Service in 2002.
Boxing Luminaries and HBO Executives Honor Friend’s Memory by Establishing a Scholarship Fund at SFC

Arthur Curry did not attend St. Francis College, but his life story is similar to many who have. A young man possessing few material advantages, but abundant intellect and drive, Curry rose through the ranks at HBO Sports to become one of the most respected and universally loved people in boxing. Following his untimely death at 49, his family, friends and colleagues decided to establish a scholarship fund at St. Francis College to honor his memory.

During a lively ceremony on February 18 in the Anthony J. Genovesi Center, on what would have been Arthur Curry’s 50th birthday, the Arthur Curry Scholarship Fund was formally announced. More than 200 people attended the event, which enabled Curry’s family, friends and colleagues in boxing to share stories of how he touched their lives.

“He was my security blanket,” said HBO Sports Commentator Jim Lampley, who emceed the event and who worked with Curry for years covering boxing for HBO Sports. “Artie sat behind me at the fights. It meant so much to me to be able to turn the moment before the opening bell and see him in his chair and know that he was there for us. He was a key link to the world that I cover. He was a key link to me and my well-being and he’s greatly missed.”

“He was the liaison between a lot of people on different planes of the planet. He could bring the fighter and the CEO together to make it make sense for everybody. That’s the type of people that this world needs more of,” said Roy Jones, Jr. the professional boxer who captured numerous middleweight, super middleweight, light heavy weight and heavyweight championships.

In addition to sharing his memories of Curry, Jones also spent time with students signing autographs and even gave one student, an amateur fighter, an impromptu boxing lesson.

Another close friend of Curry’s was the writer Thomas Hauser, author of the biography Muhammad Ali: His Life and Times, who is also a longtime friend of St. Francis’ Chancellor, Frank J. Macchiarola ’62. Hauser was the driving force behind the scholarship.

Dr. Macchiarola noted “this scholarship will bond Arthur Curry’s legacy in perpetuity with the St. Francis community and ensure that his good works did not end with his death. His memory lives in the deserving students who will receive the scholarship that bears his name.”

President Brendan J. Dugan ’68 announced the first recipient of the Arthur Curry Scholarship at the event, surprising Venecia Hoyte, a junior Health Promotions major who is a sprinter on the track and field team.

Over $100,000 has been raised to date for the Arthur Curry Scholarship. Plans are underway to raise another $100,000 to establish a second fund.

The scholarship will be awarded in perpetuity to students who are entering their senior year, have high academic achievement and by word and deed, have shown the ability to bring people together.

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To make a contribution to the Arthur Curry Endowed Scholarship Fund, please contact the Office of Development 718.489.5361 or development@stfranciscollege.edu.

Please make checks should payable to St. Francis College and add Arthur Curry Scholarship in memo.
Marion D. White ’78 Tapped for CICU Alumni Hall of Distinction

Marion D. White ’78, executive director for the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to stopping child abuse and its long-term effects, was honored March 1 at the New York State Capitol in Albany by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU).

White, along with 23 other graduates of independent colleges and universities throughout New York, received CICU’s Alumni Hall of Distinction Award for the contributions she has made to the well being of New York State’s children.

CAPP, which White founded in 1986, develops programs designed to promote and protect every child’s basic right to safety by teaching them the skills they need to recognize and resist abuse.

Four fellow St. Francis College alumni, Daniel McCormack ’77, Donald Faughnan ’77, Barbara Kelly ’79, and George Sands ’79, serve on CAPP’s board of trustees.

White also serves on New York State’s Citizen’s Review Panel for Child Protective Services and is a member of Prevent Child Abuse New York.

“Family, education and friends are the factors that contribute to how a person connects with the world,” said White. “Giving children the opportunity to grow up without the worry, fear and complexities of abuse allows them to become adults who can embrace life, contribute to society, and provide a nurturing environment to the next generation.”

President Brendan J. Dugan ’68 was among the attendees who helped celebrate White’s award.

CICU’s Alumni Hall of Distinction salutes graduates from New York’s independent colleges and universities who have made extraordinary contributions to the state through their careers and community involvement. White’s fellow honorees include entrepreneurs, family business owners, and industry and nonprofit leaders whose work highlights the positive connections between higher education and economic development.

CICU is a statewide association that represents the public policy interests of more than 100 independent colleges and universities in New York State.

SFC Hosts the Fourth Biennial Meeting of the Society for Eighteenth-Century Music

St. Francis College was teeming April 8-10 with more than 50 scholar members of the Society for Eighteenth-Century Music from universities as far away as New Zealand, Europe, Canada, and across the United States, for the group’s fourth biennial meeting.

According to Dr. Suzanne Forsberg, professor, department of Fine Arts who served as chair for conference arrangements, the group’s purpose is to promote the study and performance of music from the eighteenth century and provide a forum where scholars and performers can further their knowledge of music, history and interrelated arts of the period.

Dr. Forsberg spent months planning the conference as well as visits to local sites that had relevance for the group. These included a tour of eighteenth-century points of interest in lower Manhattan; a visit to the Morgan Library and Museum in Midtown for a private exhibition of rare autographs by such composers as Bach, Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven; and a concert by Brooklyn Baroque in the eighteenth-century Morris-Jumel Mansion, the oldest house in Manhattan.

“St. Francis College proved that a small college can very effectively host an event for an international group of scholars coming together to exchange cutting-edge research on a wide spectrum of topics in this field,” said Dr. Forsberg.

The conference offered sessions with topics ranging from Sacred and Secular in Late Eighteenth-Century Vienna and Beyond to Venue and Context in French and Italian Opera; paper presentations with titles that included “A Tale of Two Brothers: Friedmann and Emanuel Bach” and “Haydn and Ovid’s Metamorphoses”; and presentations by doctoral candidates from University of California-Davis, Boston University and Stanford University. A highlight of the conference was a concert performed by The Grenser Trio played on period instruments fortepiano, classical clarinet and cello.

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Local Seniors Share a Lifetime of Experiences at First Annual Poetry Reading

Henry David Thoreau wrote, “My life has been the poem I would have writ/but I could not both live and utter it.” Thanks to St. Francis College’s For Seniors community outreach program, which sponsored the first annual Senior Citizen Poetry Reading, a group of local senior citizens were able to achieve both of Thoreau’s elusive goals.

A capacity crowd in the College’s Maroney Forum for Arts Culture and Education was in attendance for the inaugural event on February 8. In his welcoming remarks, President Brendan J. Dugan ’68, described the event as an example of the activities offered through the College’s popular senior citizen community outreach program, which is made possible through the generous support of the New York City Council. Attendees included City Councilman Stephen Levin, who represents the College in the 33rd Council District. Levin spoke of the importance of this program in maintaining the “intellectual sustenance” of the Brooklyn Heights community.

During the past decade, the College’s For Seniors community outreach program has provided a wide variety of free educational and recreational programming to local senior citizens, ranging from computer workshops to Tai Chi classes.

The reading featured 13 participants in Professor Mitch Levenberg’s senior citizen writing class, who shared their poetry and prose; offering an eclectic blend of the real and surreal, humor and pathos, stories and poems that reflect a lifetime of diverse experiences as well as the transcendent creativity of each reader.

Ellen Press Scott led off the reading with a funny monologue about the hidden dangers of mustard. Marla Hirsch followed with a story about love, loss and redemption. Martin Neergard’s story was reminiscent of the author H.P. Lovecraft, drawing the audience into his own special blend of the magical and the macabre. Francois Snapping Turtle read a beautiful, lyrical piece about a Cherokee initiation rite. Mr. Snapping Turtle, himself a member of the Cherokee nation, noted that New York City is home to the largest indigenous population in the nation and that members of 14 different native tribes were in attendance for the reading. Camille Bering followed with a poem about personal courage in the face of adversity. Marilyn Fleming read a poignant story about the slings and arrows of human relationships and Sybil Kollar, an award winning poet, dazzled the crowd with her sharp ironic wit and her haunting, often surreal, poetry.

Other writers presented a more comic side of life, beginning with Patricia Kirkeby’s pleasantly droll and playful ballad; Murray Bernstein’s memoir about working in a pickle factory as a young man; Marilyn McDonald’s funny short poem about an illicit affair; rendered in mock Blanche Dubois style, and last but not least, a satirical piece by Joe Davis told from the point of view of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.

ASSISI: AN ONLINE JOURNAL OF ARTS & LETTERS NOW AVAILABLE

St. Francis College has published the first issue of Assisi: An Online Journal of Arts & Letters. Assisi, which will be published twice yearly, offers an eclectic mix of academic and personal essays, short fiction and poetry as well as photographs, drawings and other works of art.

Submission guidelines and the publication’s first edition are available at www.stfranciscollege.edu/academics/publications/assisi.

For more information, please contact Dr. Wendy Galgan, editor, at wgalgan@stfranciscollege.edu.
Rock Journalist Brings Career Advice and a First Person Account of Music History to SFC

Veteran rock music journalist Jon Wiederhorn spoke to a group of St. Francis College students and other members of the community about his 20-year career in the business on March 22.

Wiederhorn, a Bay Ridge resident who is a senior writer for Revolver magazine, the talent coordinator for AOL Noisecreep’s weekly podcast “Creep Show,” and a regular contributor to Guitar World, started off with jokes about rock journalists, including the quote from Frank Zappa, “Rock journalism is for people who can’t write; interviewing people who can’t talk; for people who can’t read.”

From there Wiederhorn provided an engaging and informative talk about what it means to be a journalist in an industry that is undergoing constant upheaval. He peppered the talk with anecdotes about being blacklisted by Sharon Osbourne after asking her husband, rock musician Ozzy Osbourne, the wrong question. He once gave an office tour to a little known band looking to kill some time that, just a few months later, would become one of the biggest rock bands of the last two decades, Radiohead.

Within those events were lessons on how to navigate the music journalist field; paying dues at his first job as a staff writer for Oil Express, a petroleum industry newsletter, while trying to build up freelance work at several music magazines. Wiederhorn offered tips on landing and keeping assignments, building a resume and trying to keep tabs on the various magazines that are launching, folding, resizing and reinventing themselves to capture the attention of a crowded Internet filled marketplace where record sales are still plummeting.

“Jon Wiederhorn’s fascinating and entertaining presentation on the ups and downs of being a rock music journalist was packed with loads of practical advice and wisdom for student writers,” said St. Francis English Professor Gregory Tague, who helped organize the event with English Professor Athena Devlin.

“Wiederhorn took the time to go into great detail on what students can do now, how they can get started, and the next steps to help them establish a writing portfolio.”

In one final, generous proposal, Wiederhorn offered to help aspiring writers by soliciting resumes for interns to help him with his new project, his first book, Louder Than Hell: An Unflinching Oral History of Metal.

Over the years, Wiederhorn has worked as an associate editor at Rolling Stone, executive editor at Guitar Magazine and MusicPlayer.com, and editor in chief at Guitar.com and HeadbangersBlog.com. He has also freelanced for TV Guide, Spin, Entertainment Weekly and Teen People.

Women Studies Center Brings Documentary Director Kat Rohrer to Campus

At Rohrer, director of Fatal Promises, a documentary about human trafficking, appeared at St. Francis College on March 29 to screen portions of the film and discuss it with students and guests.

Sponsored by the St. Francis College Women’s Studies Center, the event helped shine a light on a problem that exists in the United States as well as internationally.

An estimated 800,000 human beings are trafficked across international borders every year, making this multibillion-dollar global enterprise the world’s third-largest, behind only drugs and arms smuggling.

“The stories of trafficking victims are similar in that they all start with a dream of earning money to support their families and better their lives,” said Kat Rohrer, who felt compelled to give voice to the victims who are exploited by the people they initially trust to help them.

Through personal stories by victims of trafficking, and interviews with politicians, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) representatives and activists, Fatal Promises provides an in-depth look at the realities of human trafficking suffered by victims and struggled against by NGOs and activists versus the rhetoric of politicians and pundits who claim to be making significant strides into combating this horrific crime against humanity.

Deirdre Turner ’10, an Honors Program member, was instrumental in bringing the movie to campus through her role as research director for History Starts Now, a nonprofit organization that aids in the fight against sex trafficking of minors in the U.S. In addition, the audience heard from Sister Colleen Colbert, O.P., assistant director, St. Francis College Campus Ministry, who spoke about how her Sisters housed two victims of human trafficking.
WHY I CHOSE ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE:
My first experience with St. Francis College was as a high school junior when I participated in Dr. Kathleen Nolan’s Summer Science Academy. Dr. Nolan made lab classes fun and easy to understand. When it came time to apply, I saw an opportunity to support and show appreciation to an institution that not only accepted me, but helped me financially so that I could go to college without the burden of tuition or loans. I respect St. Francis College for its continued commitment to making a quality and affordable education accessible to as many students as possible.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES:
I’ve been a member of the Student Government Association (SGA) since my freshmen year. The first year I worked on a few programs designed to reach a broader group of students. As treasurer during my sophomore and junior years, I worked hard to revive and strengthen a program that makes pricey textbooks available to students through the College’s library. Last spring I was elected president by the students. Among the SGA’s many accomplishments this year has been working together to implement a program that makes MetroCards more affordable for students to help with their travel expenses to and from campus.

My experience with SGA has been so valuable that I consider it equal to an internship. I’ve experienced real-life situations and how to deal with them on the spot. Most important, I have learned to be a leader and what it takes to bring out the best in people while helping them overcome adversity. While I don’t consider myself an expert, I put a lot into it knowing that SGA members are the ones who will benefit. In the long run, I know that I also will benefit from this unique opportunity.

CAREER GOALS:
St. Francis College inspired my interest in Philosophy and influenced a deep appreciation for reasoning and critical thinking, which I’ve realized is reflected in my passion for playing chess. So that I can make these a permanent part of my life, I’ve applied to law school and am currently awaiting responses from New York Law, Brooklyn Law and Cardozo Law.

WHO AT ST. FRANCIS HAS MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION?
Dr. Gerald Galgan, my first Philosophy professor, is the person at St. Francis who has influenced me most. Aside from the countless lessons he has taught me during many one-on-one discussions, which are guiding the decisions I make in regard to my academic and personal conduct, Dr. Galgan has instructed me on what is key to being someone who has experienced a quality liberal arts education: read well, write well, and think well.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE AND STUDENTS:
While St. Francis has left an inerasable mark on my life and in my mind, I hope that I have made an impact on the College as a student and SGA officer. Recently someone pointed out to me that I am the first SGA president who is of Chinese-American descent. I hope this encourages future student leaders to realize that nothing is impossible and that hard work and actions made in good faith are the key components to overcoming obstacles, exploring unknown territories, and being a good leader and role model.
Stage and Television Actor Jim Brochu ’69 Returns to the Stage at St. Francis

Jim Brochu ’69, a professional actor, writer and director whose screen and stage credentials include roles in off-Broadway plays The Big Voice: God or Merman? and Berkeley Square; television’s “All My Children,” “The Young and Restless,” and “Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman;” and feature film The Gang that Couldn’t Shoot Straight, returned to St. Francis College on January 28 to discuss his career and portrayal of legendary actor Zero Mostel in Zero Hour, a current off-Broadway production that he also wrote.

Appearing in the Maroney Forum for Arts, Culture and Education, the former Trouper recounted for the audience stories that ranged from the abandonment of his childhood dream to be the first Brooklyn-born Pope after meeting Ethel Merman on stage at age 13 to his experiences with performers such as Joan Crawford and Katharine Hepburn as well as Lucille Ball, whose biography, Lucy in the Afternoon, he authored. Directed by film star Piper Laurie, a three-time Oscar nominee, Zero Hour, is running at the DR2 Theater in Manhattan. Mostel is best remembered for his portrayal of such comic characters as Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof and Max Bialystock in the original film version of The Producers.

According to critics, Brochu accurately captured Mostel’s personality and genius. “[Brochu’s] the spitting image of the bearish Mostel, down to the strands of hair barely covering his head,” wrote New York Times theater critic Jason Zinoman. “His wildly expressive gestures are particularly spot on.”

Ed Setrakian, professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Communications, who introduced Brochu to the audience, concurs. “Jim captures the wit, passion, intelligence, high-voltage energy and downright orneriness of Zero Mostel to a tee.”

Despite a lifetime of performance experience, Brochu confessed to suffering from stage fright before taking the stage again at St. Francis College. “I have never been so frightened in my life to come back and talk to you today,” he admitted to the audience. “Before a show I am absolutely not nervous; on stage, I can hide behind a character but here I have to be myself.”

A native of Bay Ridge, Brochu produced his first show, a charity review featuring neighborhood kids, at age 13. After studying drama at Carnegie-Mellon University, he returned to New York to earn his bachelor’s degree in English from St. Francis. He made his Broadway debut as Christopher Sly in a revival of The Taming of the Shrew and was seen as a dancing raisin in a classic Post Raisin Bran television commercial. One of plays he wrote, The Last Session, was nominated for Best Musical by the New York Drama League and New York Outer Critics Circle.

“Tonight a dream came true,” said Brochu, who received the award from former Saturday Night Live cast member Ana Gastayer. “As soon as I realized I had won, I ran down and a lady sitting in an aisle seat was applauding wildly and yelling “Bravo.” She reached out to grab my hand as I passed and it was Angela Lansbury! God I am so grateful to be part of the business.”

Brochu’s wins was the first in the category by an Off-Broadway show in 20 years. The Drama Desk was founded in 1949 to explore key issues in the theater and to bring together critics and writers in an organization to support the ongoing development of theater in New York.

The organization began presenting its awards in 1955, and it is the only critics’ organization to honor achievement in the theater with competition between Broadway, Off Broadway and Off-Off Broadway productions in the same categories.

Where to Catch Jim Brochu

Zero Hour is currently running at the DR2 Theater at 103 East 15th Street in Manhattan. A video of Jim Brochu’s entire presentation at St. Francis College is at: www.youtube.com (search Jim Brochu).

A student interview with Mr. Brochu is at: www.stfranciscollege.edu/about/SFCTV.
Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. ’60 Posthumously Honored at 49th Annual Charter Award Dinner

More than $400,000 contributed in memory of an SFC Icon

For more than 35 years, Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. ’60 helped recruit and guide thousands of students through their time at St. Francis College. To honor his memory and influence on the St. Francis College Community, the College raised more than $400,000 at the 49th Annual Charter Award Dinner on Thursday, April 22 at the New York Marriott Marquis in Times Square.

After a welcome from St. Francis Board of Trustees President John F. Tully ’67, the night started off on a high note with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem by student Pleshette Carr ’11. An invocation from Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn Brother William Boslet, O.S.F. ’70 followed along with a proclamation presented to the family of Brother George by State Senator Marty Golden and City Councilman Eric Ulrich ’07. College President Brendan J. Dugan ’68 then emceed the second part of the night, leading the crowd through a tear-evoking tribute video about Brother George and testimonials from student Jordhan Kerridge ’11 and Chancellor Frank J. Macchiarola ’62.

“Brother George Larkin, a man whom many of us in the room have had the great privilege to know, impacted and changed many lives including his immediate family, his family of Franciscan Brothers, his family of friends, and his St. Francis College family,” said President Dugan. “By honoring him at the Charter Award Dinner, we keep his spirit alive and continue to make a difference in people’s lives.”

Kerridge, a student worker in the Admissions office remembered Brother George as “a watchful guardian, a man who uplifted our spirits, and someone who saved us students from the troubles of college… His kindness, thoughtfulness, desire to serve and help anyone by all means necessary; it made you want to do the same.”

“We should always build bridges not walls, George lived by those understandings” said Chancellor Macchiarola.

“George saw the face of God in everyone he met. Every individual quality was reduced to a common human one and that was enough for Brother George to work his magic for all his brothers and sisters, all children of God.”

“This year’s Charter Award Dinner is a fitting tribute to Brother George for his long service to St. Francis College,” said Brother Boslet. “Always visible on campus, always accessible to students and always with a story of pride about the people he’d watched grow and learn; Brother George’s boundless energy for helping others and his commitment to education resulted in changing countless lives for the better.”

For nearly 50 years, the Charter Award Dinner has been the College’s premier fundraising event. Proceeds support the College’s academic programs and student scholarships.

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— Chancellor Frank J. Macchiarola ’62

On hand to celebrate the memory of Brother George were (L-R): Brendan J. Dugan ’68, Brother Robert Schaefer, O.S.F. ’61, Ed Larkin, Dale Bryant, Thomas Larkin, Brother William Boslet, O.S.F. ’71, John McAuliffe, Jordhan Kerridge ’11 and Dennis J. McDermott ’74.

New York State Senator Marty Golden (far right) presented a special proclamation honoring Brother George to his family (L-R): Thomas Larkin, Dale Bryant and Ed Larkin.
Focus on Faculty

Accounting Professor Takes Office

Teaching Governmental Accounting has taken on new meaning for St. Francis College Accounting professor Dr. Carmine Nogara. Last fall, the first-time candidate for public office was elected to the Glen Rock, NJ, Borough Council and, in January, was sworn into office.

“I decided to run for Council because of my background in Accounting and Finance,” said Dr. Nogara, who is a practicing certified public accountant with 25 years of experience. “All public corporations are required to have a financial expert on their boards of directors, so the same should be true for governing bodies.”

Dr. Nogara has lived in the Bergen County community of 12,000 residents for 11 years with his wife, Lorena, and two children. Since their arrival, he has served as a volunteer firefighter; helped coach youth baseball, basketball and soccer; and coordinated weekly chess workshops for children at the Glen Rock Public Library.

Dr. Carmine Nogara

“I have a stake in this community and believe I can make an impact on the quality of life here,” he said. “The town of Glen Rock, like most municipalities today, has some tough budget choices to make. My expertise can help inform those decisions.”

Dr. Nogara, who holds a doctorate in Accounting from Pace University, has been a faculty member at St. Francis College since 2002 and at various other colleges since 1994. In addition to his duties as associate professor in the department of Accounting and Business Law, he and his wife own and operate Nogara and Nogara, an accounting and tax practice that serves individuals, small businesses and nonprofit organizations. Prior to teaching, Dr. Nogara worked as an accountant for Swiss Reinsurance Company.

Professor’s Book Shines Light on Significance of Revolutionary War Battlegrounds in New York

In his new book, Bloody Mohawk: The French and Indian War & American Revolution on New York’s Frontier (Black Dome Press), Dr. Richard Berleth, professor, Communication Arts, highlights the pivotal, fierce and often overlooked frontline fighting that took place in New York State during our nation’s fight for independence from England.

A sweeping and historical narrative that required more than 15 years of intensive research, the book chronicles events from the Bloody Morning Scout and the massacre at Fort William Henry to the siege of Quebec, the heroic Battle of Valcour Island, the tragedies of Pennsylvania’s Wyoming Valley massacre and the Sullivan-Clinton Expedition’s destruction of the Iroquois homeland in western New York State, and the ways the Mohawk River Valley was situated in the middle of it.

“Loss—not just loss of life, but loss of the common stuff that holds humanity together—scarred the survivors and shaded their recollections,” said Dr. Berleth.

“Something happened here that was more intense, more shattering, than the ordinarily sorrowful consequences of war.”

Black Dome Press publishes New York State and New England histories and guide books with a special focus on the Adirondacks, Catskills, Berkshires and Hudson River Valley.
Dr. Sophie Berman (Philosophy and Religious Studies) presented “An Epistemology of Thanksgiving” at the annual meeting of the Long Island Philosophical Society (LIPS). The paper will be published in the LIPS online journal.

Prof. Robert Bové (English) published the poem, “She asked me if we had a future,” in House Organ, winter 2010.

Dr. Filomena Califano (Chemistry and Physics), Dr. Steven Lipson (Biology) and Dr. Kathleen Nolan (Biology) traveled with four students to Harvard University to present poster presentations at a conference whose topic was significant current medical issues.

Dr. James E. Corrigan ’60 (Biology) has been elected to membership in Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society and New York Academy of Science.

Dr. Corrigan served as master’s degree thesis advisor to two St. Francis alumnae, Aklima Ali ’06 and Lorraine Dogan ’06, who received their degrees from Long Island University in January. Their thesis research involved the study of ectocytotic compounds produced by marine phytoplankton for the production of antimicrobial compounds. Dr. Corrigan also lectured at the St. Patrick’s Society of Brooklyn on the topic Science and Terrorism.

Dr. Starr Eaddy (Health Promotion & Sciences) wrote the ancillary material for Jones and Bartlett’s third edition of Health Education: Creating Strategies for School and Community Health by Gilbert, Sawyer and McNeill.

Dr. Suzanne Forsberg (Fine Arts) attended the Biennial Meeting of the American Bach Society at the University of Wisconsin and the Annual Meeting of the American Musicological Society in Philadelphia. As guest speaker at the Mount St. Mary College Cultural Center, she presented “The Romantic Era: The Golden Age of the Piano.” She also gave a lecture on “The Music of Aaron Copland” at the Peninsula Library in Lawrence, NY. The New York Council for the Humanities sponsored a lecture by the same name at the Great Neck Library in Great Neck, NY.

Several photos taken by Dr. Forsberg were featured in “Mozart in Prague,” a special edition of the Mozart Society of America Newsletter (January, 2010) that highlighted the Joint Conference of the Mozart Society and the Society for Eighteenth-Century Music in June 2009.

Dr. Marina Gair (Education) organized an exhibition of historic picture books that students in her Foundations of Education course published during the spring semester. The books highlighted topics such as adaptive physical education, inclusion, the narrowing of the public school curriculum, desegregation, standardized testing, home schooling, educational inequity, and media as the third educator. The students are pre-service teachers who are being trained to effectively utilize technology in the elementary school classroom to teach reading and writing and the exhibition was a result of this training.

Dr. Wendy Galgan (English) presented “Why Doesn’t Make Any Difference; It’s Time You Moved on Faith: Detection, Redemption and Saving Grace” at the Northeast Conference on Christianity and Literature’s Christianity and the Detective Story Conference at Pace University. She also presented “Manga to Film to Graphic Novel to Film: The Intertextual Journey of the ‘Good Father’ in Road to Perdition” at the Literature and Film Conference.

Dr. Richard Giaquinto (Education) received promotion to full professor. His article, “Instructional Issues and Retention of First-Year Students,” appeared in the November issue of the Journal of College Student Retention. He has been commissioned by Pearson Education to complete the supplementary materials for Dr. R. Slavin’s new edition of Educational Psychology. And he presented “The Reluctant Learner” at Columbia University Teachers College to charter school teachers and graduate students.

Dr. Uwe P. Gielen (Psychology) has been involved in an extensive research project exploring the psychosocial adjustment of Chinese-American high school and college students in New York City. In this context he has given more than 20 papers, workshops and keynote addresses at international, national, and local conferences and academic institutions including Columbia University, Guelph University (Canada), New York University, The University of Constance (Germany), Fordham University, Yale University, Hunter College, Rider University, and many others. Professor Gielen has been selected to serve as a keynote speaker at the July 2010 meeting of the Asian Psychological Association in Darwin, Australia. His research assistants include 2010 SFC Valedictorian Jonathan Palumbo. 2010 Dean Clifford Award Winner Peter Gonzales, Duns Scotus Society member Christopher LaSalle, and several others.

Dr. Francis J. Greene (Foreign Languages and Fine Arts) chaired the symposium “Beauty and the Religious Sense” at the Headquarters of the American Bible Society in March. The audience of 200 participants heard a presentation by Dr. Greene on the theme of beauty and art as expressed in papal documents since 1965. Three artists, from Spain, France, and New York City, made presentations on the relationship of their work to the spiritual.

On April 7 Dr. Greene addressed a conference of 65 clergy in the Archdiocese of New York on the topic “Beauty, Art, and Religious Experience.” The following day he led the conference participants on a tour of the Cloisters Museum.

Esther E. Klein (Management and Information Technology) and Corinne Smolizla (Management and Information Technology) presented “Careers in Information Technology: Can Social Networking Make a Difference?” at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Decision Sciences (NEDSI 2010) in Alexandria, VA.

Dr. Peter Liebman (Education) published “Brian Can’t You Read?,” in the winter issue of Kappa Delta Pi Record. He gave the keynote address, titled “Inspiring Students” for the organization’s Northeast Convocation.

In conjunction with the New York City Department of Education’s Teaching Learning Collaborative, Dr. Liebman organized and helped establish two conferences for pre-service teachers at St. Francis College. Topics included interview techniques for teaching positions, resume writing, the application process for teaching positions and other related topics that will help pre-service teachers find teaching positions in New York.

Dr. John Lennon (English) and Prof. Ian Maloney (English) and Dr. Scott Weiss (Communication Arts) hosted the Whitman and the Beats conference at St. Francis College in March. The conference explored Walt Whitman’s influence on the Beat generation and drew scholars from across the nation and the world. The keynote was delivered by renowned Beat scholar and Professor Ann Charters of the University of Connecticut. The program concluded with a performance by New Music New York and two walking tours. “The Beats in Greenwich Village” tour was led by Dr. Lennon and “Whitman’s Brooklyn” was guided by Greg Trupiano, artistic director for The Walt Whitman Project. A collection of critical essays from the conference is currently in production.
Dr. Steven M. Lipson (Biology), recently elected to full membership in the scientific research society Sigma Xi, will address the first annual meeting of the American Council for Medically Active Plants’ Human Health and Bioactives symposium at Rutgers University in July.


In addition, he spoke at the 2009 Cranberry Health Research Conference, presenting “Cranberry Juice Drinks Affect Infectivity Titer in Cell Cultures, Integrity, and Pathology of Enteric Viruses in an Animal Model.” The meeting was attended by both national and international agricultural and food scientists, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ocean Spray, Inc. and Decas Botanical Synergies, Inc.

Dr. Lipson and Dr. Kathleen Nolan (Biology) traveled with five students to the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists Conference to present research on the effects of cranberry juice on viruses and genetics work with estuarine organisms and oyster shell biology. Dr. Nolan presented a workshop titled The Use of Cranberry Juice on Viruses and Genetics which was published in *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*.

Dr. Lipson recently published research titled “Flexible Non-linear Periodizations in a College Beginner Weight Training Class,” which was published in *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*.

Dr. John McNamara (Education) was interviewed by *Women’s Health* about fitness tips for women and *Good Housekeeping* for an article about workout programs that help people lose weight, stay fit and maintain an optimum level of mental and physical health. Both magazines plan articles regarding Dr. McNamara’s recently published research titled “Resistance Training Interactive Study Guide for Lippincott Williams & Wilkins publishing. He was commissioned to ensure accuracy of content of an interactive DVD study guide and to suggest better ways to teach, learn and provide an online learning environment for weight training.

Dr. Nicki Phillips (Sociology and Criminal Justice) presented “Sexual Orientation, Crime and Justice in Comic Books” at the 47th Annual Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting based on her ongoing research of Constructions of Crime and Justice in Contemporary Media. Adjunct Professor Lloyd Klein also attended the conference, chairing a panel titled Restorative Justice: Definitions and Context and presenting “Interrogation or Torture: the Jack Bauer Effect and Government Investigation into CIA Procedures.”

Dr. Nicky Quinn’s (English) two-act play, *Bad Evidence*, was read in two Equity Showcase readings of the Cell Theatre Company. His new libretto, *The Birthmark*, received a staged reading sponsored by the Center for Contemporary Opera at the New York Society Library in Manhattan; the work was chosen as this year’s winner of the Center’s annual libretto writing competition and was featured in its *Prima la Parole* performance series. In addition, Chelsea Opera presented a sold out concert titled Quintessentially Yours, featuring 20 opera arias and music theater ensemble numbers for which Professor Quinn wrote the music and/or lyrics.
Glenn Braica Named Men’s Basketball Head Coach

Glenn Braica has been selected as the 17th head coach in the history of the St. Francis College men’s basketball program. An assistant coach for the Terriers from 1989-2004, he returns to Brooklyn Heights after successfully helping to rebuild the St. John’s University program under Norm Roberts.

“Glenn has always known how to win,” said Irma Garcia ’80, athletics director. “Now with six years in the Big East under his belt, his experience will give our program a huge lift in the Northeast Conference.”

From 1997-2004, when Braica was originally with the Terriers, the team posted a 118-83 record, including 88-42 in the Northeast Conference (NEC). The team finished with a .500 or better record in the league for seven consecutive years, at that time the league’s longest active streak. They also reached the NEC semifinals five times and, during Braica’s last five seasons, two regular-season conference championships.

“I’m extremely excited to be back at St. Francis College,” said Braica. “I’ve gained experience in all facets of coaching that have prepared me for the challenge of reestablishing St. Francis as one of the best programs in the NEC. It’s my desire to work with people of high integrity who understand the importance of academics and the values of St. Francis College. I will build a program that properly reflects the institution’s high expectations of its student-athletes in the classroom, on the court and in the community.”

A native New Yorker who currently lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Christine, Braica replaces Brian Nash, who resigned in April for personal reasons. “Coach Nash built a great foundation here at St. Francis,” added Braica. “We have a strong core of returning players and I look forward to building on what he started.”

Braica’s professional record speaks for itself. As recruiting coordinator for the Terriers, he was instrumental in scouting and player development as well as individual workouts, on-court coaching, preseason and postseason conditioning, film exchange and the monitoring of each player’s academic progress. He helped orchestrate the Terriers’ offensive system, which ranked either first or second in the NEC in each of the last five seasons he was on staff. During his tenure the squad emerged from the Conference’s lower tier and went on to become one of its marquee programs. From 1998-2004, the Terriers could boast one player named the league’s Player of the Year, six first-team All-NEC selections, five second-team All-NEC honorees, two players that lead the league in scoring, two NEC Rookies of the Year and a NEC Defensive Player of the Year.

From 2001-2003, as head coach for the Empire State Games New York City men’s open team, Braica led the teams to two gold medals and one silver medal. The teams included former St. John’s players Anthony Glover, Andre Stanley and Sharif Fordham and former Texas standout and current NBA player Royal Ivey.

At St. John’s, Braica’s recruiting skills were key to reinvigorating the basketball program and were put to work acquiring such New York City prep standouts as Malik Boothe (Christ the King), Justin Burrell (Our Savior Lutheran) and Dwight Hardy (JFK). His on-court instruction abilities, particularly with the Red Storm’s guards and wing players, gave the team markedly improved perimeter play. As co-director of the Norm Roberts basketball camp, Braica helped boost enrollment from 75 campers in 2004 to 260 basketball hopefuls per session in 2009.

“With Glenn St. Francis College gets someone who has spent his entire career making connections within the New York City basketball community,” said Garcia. “He cares about his student-athletes not just when they play for him, but years later. He is their mentor for life.”
Standouts from Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams Earn Conference Recognition

St. Francis College junior guard Akeem Bennett from West Hempstead, NY, earned 2009-10 Second Team All NEC honors and freshman forward Autumn Lau from Mt. Wolf, PA, was named to the conference’s All-Rookie Team after her first season with the Terriers.

Bennett, who led the men’s team in rebounds with 6.4 per game as well as assists with four per game, ranked second in scoring with 14 points per game. For the year, Bennett led the NEC in minutes played (36 per game) and free throw attempts (208), and ranks in the top-10 in steals (2nd), double-doubles (5th), assists (6th), scoring (9th), rebounding (9th) and assist-to-turnover ratio (10th).

Lau started all 29 games while leading the women’s team in scoring with 12.8 points per game, rebounds with 6.1 per game, and minutes played with 34.6 per game. She scored double digits in 20 games while twice being name Choice Hotels’ NEC Rookie of the Week. A strong rebounder, Lau pulled down a career high of 16 against the University at Albany. Her league-leading 78 three-point field goals in a single-season were second-highest in Terrier women’s basketball history.

Lau was instrumental in one of the NEC’s top two-game performances of the season when she recorded a career high 29 points against St. Francis University (PA) and two days later scored 28 points against 2008 Northeast Conference champions, Robert Morris University.

SFC Athletic Director Honored by El Diario

St. Francis College Athletic Director Irma Garcia ’80, the first Latina to head an NCAA Division I Athletics program, was recognized on April 18 as a recipient of the 2010 Mujeres Destacadas Award by El Diario La Prensa, the premier publication serving New York-area Latinos. The award, given annually for the past 15 years, recognizes women from business, industry, government, nonprofit, sports and entertainment who distinguish themselves in their field and have made a difference in their community.

Garcia is one of more than 30 women who received the award this year. Other recipients include Gabriela García, dance captain for Chicago (the Broadway musical); Julissa Bermúdez, actress and television host; Frances Negrón-Muntaner, Ph.D., associate professor of English and Comparative Literature and director of the Center for Study of Ethnicity and Race at Columbia University; Amelia de Dios Romero, senior brand manager, Girls Scouts of the USA; and Margarita Rosa, executive director of Grand Street Settlement. Previous winners include Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and CNN anchor and special correspondent Soledad O’Brien.

“It is an honor to be in a group of such successful women leaders,” said Garcia, whose affiliation with St. Francis College Athletics extends back to 1976 as a student-athlete, and later as a coach and administrator. “We all made connections that we will carry forward for many years to come.”
Women’s Bowling Program Building Momentum

The Terrier women’s bowling team delivered its finest campaign ever in 2009-10, finishing its fourth season with a record 68 victories and ranking 12th in the nation.

Most notably, senior Alexandra Stein received honorable mention All-American and First Team All NEC accolades. Freshman Marissa Gargiulo made a noticeable impact in her initial season and was named to the NEC All-Rookie Team. Stein, who was bumped up to the All-NEC First Team after last year’s second team designation, had much to do with the Terriers’ overall success. The squad’s lone senior and one of only two upperclassmen, Stein was not only the only Terrier to appear in all 14 conference matches but she threw 108 strikes during NEC competition, the conference’s second-highest number. Bowling 196 frames, the highest number possible over the course of the NEC schedule, Stein left pins standing in only 18 frames, a contributing factor to her 19.09 overall frame average, the team’s highest.

Gargiulo, who is becoming a leader among the team’s younger recruits, played a pivotal role in the team’s ability to perform above .600 for nearly the entire season. The Terriers rising star posted an 18.85 overall frame average over 12 appearances during NEC competition. Gargiulo’s 68 strikes in 150 attempts (.453) were the team’s second best behind Stein, while her 193.7 traditional game average topped all Terriers.

“We will continue to work hard and grow as a nationally ranked team,” said Head Coach Dawn Gugliaro. “As I watched the NCAA finals on ESPN, I smiled knowing that during the regular season we had beaten both Nebraska and Fairleigh Dickinson, the two teams competing. The girls are very proud to wear St. Francis uniforms.”

Scholar-Athletes Recognized for Athletic and Academic Accomplishments

Five senior student-athletes earned the Department of Athletics highest honors at the 2010 Athletics Awards Dinner. Semso Nikocevic (soccer) and Matt Megerdichian (track and field) shared the men’s Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year honor and Alexandra Stein (bowling) was recognized as the women’s Most Outstanding Athlete. In addition, Erin White (swimming) was named the women’s Scholar-Athlete of the Year and senior Filip Kisdobranski (water polo) earned the men’s top academic honor.

Nikocevic excelled in his final season at St. Francis by posting career statistics. The center midfielder helped lead the Terriers to the NEC Tournament after the team finished second in regular-season standings. In 17 games, the First Team All NEC member tallied five goals, four assists and 14 points, finishing his Terrier career with 10 goals, 12 assists and 32 points. Megerdichian, the 2009 NEC javelin champion, earned a silver medal in the weight throw at the NEC Indoor Championships and took and the bronze medal in the hammer at the NEC Outdoor Championships. Stein helped lead the women’s bowling team to a record 68 wins and the number 12 ranking in the country. She was named an honorable mention All-American as well as First Team All NEC accolades. White’s grade point average for the year was 3.79, while Kisdobranski earned a 4.0.

Terrier Freshmen to Compete at Junior Outdoor Track and Field Nationals

Freshman Paul Gilhuley has qualified for the 2010 Men’s Track & Field Junior Nationals to be held June 23-27 at Drake University Stadium in Des Moines, IA. In April, Gilhuley set a St. Francis College record in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the Metropolitan Championships at Ramapo College in Mahwah, NJ, with a time of 9:37.79. He is only the second Terrier to compete at the prestigious track meet, following in the footsteps of his teammate senior Matt Megerdichian, who represented St. Francis College there in 2007.

Gilhuley, a Brooklyn native and Bishop Ford High School graduate, was named NEC Rookie of the Week in March after finishing as runner-up in his event at the Monmouth Outdoor Season Opener. Last fall, Gilhuley recorded an outstanding cross country season, setting a record for St. Francis College freshman at the Victor F. Leeber Invitational at Fairfield University in the 8,000-meter event with a time of 25:52.
Growing up in the East New York section of Brooklyn, surrounded by his Italian and Jewish relatives, Joseph D’Amore, M.D., ’72 learned to eat well. “My two grandmothers competed with one another in the kitchen and we were the lucky recipients of their love and hard work,” said Dr. D’Amore, whose own passion for cooking was ignited early as he worked his way through St. Francis College and medical school with a variety of restaurant jobs. “The intensity of a busy restaurant on a Friday or Saturday night provided great training for dealing with the public in the emergency room and other stressful situations,” said Dr. D’Amore, an allergist with offices on Long Island in Huntington and Baldwin and in Forest Hills, Queens. Now, the culinary influence of his ancestors and years of refining his hobby through creating recipes for family and friends tasty enough to appear in popular food magazines such as Gourmet, Bon Appétit, and Cooking Light have inspired Just What the Doctor Ordered: Creative Culinary Concepts, a cookbook published in April by McGraw Hill. Loaded with more than 500 of Dr. D’Amore’s original and healthy recipes, he says his patients and their healthcare concerns are among the reasons he pursued the book’s publication. “As a society, we are chronically inflamed,” he explained. “Fifty percent of our immune responses start with digestion, so it’s imperative that we know about how and what we eat.” In addition to caring for his regular patients, Dr. D’Amore has volunteered every Friday for the past 24 years at Family Health Center in the South Bronx. There he treats patients who, due to the various circumstances and extreme stresses of poverty, can be described as “the most severe asthmatics in North America.” His work with this underserved population as well as the time he spends organizing fundraisers such as the semi-annual Great Chefs of Long Island Food and Wine Tasting Event and appearing as a guest chef to help raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation’s Cook for the Cure — to name only two of the many nonprofit organizations Dr. D’Amore supports — prompted South Nassau Communities Hospital in 2002 to award Dr. D’Amore with its Physicians Making a Difference Award. His staff nominated him for and he was named The “Healthcare Hero of Long Island” in 2008.

Dr. D’Amore credits the environments at Brooklyn Preparatory Jesuit Academy and St. Francis College for influencing his altruistic habits. “Faculty at St. Francis were always accessible and approachable,” he said, citing in particular the Biology department’s Dr. James Corrigan ’60. Several years ago, while treating Dr. Joseph Martorano, former chairman of the College’s Department of Biology, as a patient at St. Vincent’s Hospital, Dr. D’Amore felt “nothing but gratitude” for the opportunity to serve him in a professional capacity. Memories of St. Francis College are reflective in friendships and personal relationships that exist still today, none more important than his marriage to Terri Abiuso D’Amore, a Brooklyn College co-ed whom he met at a dance in the College’s cafeteria in the fall of 1968. “Initially I chose St. Francis College so I could be near my family—and my decision has enriched every aspect of my life,” he said. “I have never, ever regretted it.”

**ROASTED MIXED MUSHROOMS by Dr. Joseph D’Amore ’72**

2 lb. assorted fresh mushrooms, such as portobello, cremini, stemmed shiitake, button, and/or porcini, cleaned and cut into quarters. 12 cloves garlic 4 sprigs fresh rosemary, cut into 1” pieces 2 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil 1 Tbs. Worcestershire sauce 1 Tbs. balsamic vinegar 1 tsp. dried oregano, crushed ½ tsp. salt ½ tsp. ground black pepper (optional) ½ c. chopped parsley Crusty bread (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place mushrooms in a 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Peel garlic cloves and place on a cutting board. Using the side of a wide knife, smash each clove. Sprinkle garlic and rosemary over mushrooms.

Drizzle mushroom mixture with olive oil, Worcestershire sauce, and vinegar. Sprinkle with oregano, salt, black pepper, and, if desired, cayenne pepper. Toss gently to coat.

Roast uncovered for 20-25 minutes or until mushrooms are tender, stirring twice. Stir in parsley just before serving. If desired, serve with crusty bread to dip in the liquid. Makes 8 side dish or appetizer servings.
Alumni Events

Annual Reunion Dinner Draws Alumni Back to Remsen Street

May 7 — Alumni gathered in the Anthony J. Genovesi Center to catch up and reminisce as the following members of the St. Francis College community were honored (L-R): Edward T. Reilly ’68, recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award; Kathleen Nolan, Ph.D., recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award; Rev. Michael A. Carrano ’66, recipient of the Alumni Board of Directors Appreciation Award; and June Carroll McGraken ’76, recipient of the Distinguished Administrator Award. President Brendan J. Dugan ’68 was on hand to celebrate.

Alumni Memorial Mass

January 30 — St. Francis College held its annual Alumni Memorial Mass to honor the memories of alumni and relatives of alumni who have passed away.

Remembering Marlon Collins ’03

Marlon Collins ’03 was remembered by his classmates on April 17 during a special memorial service at St. Francis College. The event, which was organized by Tabitha St. Bernard ’04 and Brother Thomas Grady, O.S.F. ’68, was attended by more than 60 alumni. Marlon passed away suddenly in Trinidad and Tobago on March 16. A Facebook page has been made in his honor, titled “Celebrating the life of Marlon Andre Collins.”

Charlene S. Cassimy ’03 and Tabitha St. Bernard ’04 stand by a picture of Marlon Collins ’03.

Student-Athlete Alumni Reception

January 23 — Student-athlete alumni returned to campus for a reception in their honor.

Caitlin B. O’Malley ’04, Linda Warrington ’08, Deanna Petrucci ’09, Candice V. Abellard ’05, Sarah M. Bratton ’07, Women’s Basketball Coach Brenda Milano, Natasha Green ’04, Kara C. Ayers ’09 and Tiffany M. Hill ’08.

Robert R. Rooney ’75, the actor Steve Schirripa and Mario DeLuca ’76.

Samantha Stender ’08, Tara Flood’07, Rene Andino ’09 and Kristine E. Brodmerkel ’08.

Fraternity Alumni Night

November 13 — Alumni from fraternities Alpha Phi Delta, Alpha Phi Omega, Omega Delta Chi, Pi Alpha, Phi Rho Pi and Sigma Gamma Pi gathered at a reception to celebrate Fraternity Alumni Night.

Adam Shirey, Sam Ramirez ’65, Bob Corsano ’66, Dominick Quartuccio ’65, and Thomas Laquercia ’66.

Fred Bartone ’72, Joseph D’Amore ’73 and Larry Marsiello ’72.

Stephen Haran ’72 and Michael Salogub ’72.

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Class Reunions


From the class of 1985: Claudio M. Balestra.


November 5 — Members of the class of 1960 celebrated their 50th anniversary reunion at a luncheon held in their honor.

President Brendan J. Dugan ’68 with members of the class of 1960.

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1940s
Blair Allen ‘46 has replaced his left hip, thus ending his tap dancing days before they began, as well as the pro bono lawyer activities he often performed. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister with his wife, Dorothea. They live in Greenville, NY.

Philip Harris, Ph.D. ’48 announces the release and publication of his 49th book, Toward Human Emergence. Visit his website at www.drphilipharris.com

1950s
John Dietl ’58 was invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem by the Archbishop of New Orleans at its annual meeting in April.

1960s
Robert Sheehan ’63 and his wife Pat announce the marriage of their daughter Christine Moira to Pablo Francesco Villagra. Robert is a retired Marine and insurance executive, and Pat is a graduate of St. Vincent’s School of Nursing in Manhattan and the University of Pennsylvania. She is a board certified rehabilitation nurse and currently works for the Department of Homeland Security for the county of Beaufort, SC.

Joseph Skerrett ’64 retired in the spring of 2009 from the English Department at the University of Massachusetts after 36 years of teaching and advising students.

Robert C. Sloane ’66 is principal and co-founder of OptiMarket LLC, which provides personalized counseling for senior executive job seekers. He is also an adjunct professor at St. Francis College, teaching Internet Marketing, a course that he initiated and has taught since 2002. Robert and his wife, Pam, live in Old Greenwich, CT. Pam, a retired French teacher, worked for the Stamford public schools.

Kevin J. Holland ’67 has retired from the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. He now volunteers at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, building wooden boats with at-risk young adults.

1970s
Stephen P. Chiarini ’71 retired in 2000 after 27 years with the New York City Police Department. He was a sergeant in the Intelligence Division.

John Tantillo ’73, an applied research psychologist, recently published People Buy Brands, Not Companies. He holds a doctorate from Hofstra University.

Patrick Socci ’69 has been selected by Hofstra University as the new dean of its Frank G. Zarb School of Business. He will begin his new post in July.

1980s
Minerva Garcia ’84 is a published poet, having four of her works available online: Paper Frog, The Love of a Flower, The Role of a Poet and In the Microbiology Lab. She is also a Microbiology supervisor at Flushing Hospital Medical Center, holds a master’s degree in Biology and looks forward to pursuing a Ph.D. in Molecular/Ecological Biology. She and her husband, Jose ’81, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Jose was recently promoted by the NYc Department of Education from teacher to assessment implementation director. Their son, James, is a freshman at St. Francis College.

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1990s

Don Boyce '90 has been appointed the New England regional administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency by President Barack Obama. Boyce previously was director for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Kelly A. Flanagan Butruch '92 is chief financial officer for the Merchant Marine Academy. She married Charles Butruch in November 2009.

Mark E. Loughlin '95 is vice president of Ferrantino Fuel Corporation and father of two children, Madison and Mia.

Nyjeta Hedrington Charlot '98 has been named study abroad coordinator for Montclair State University. Her duties include student advisement, event planning, marketing and promoting different programs. Nyjeta and her husband Joseph are the parents of Anjolie, 10, and Elijah, 6.

2000s

Vanessa De Almeida '00, assistant director of Alumni Relations for St. Francis College, is assistant editor of Assisi: Online Journal of Arts and Letters, responsible for the publication’s layout and design.

Emanuel P. Sergi ’00, a New York cosmetic foot surgeon with Park Avenue Podiatric Care, announces the opening of a new office in Staten Island, which he will be heading. Emanuel is also an attending physician at NYU Downtown Hospital and Gramercy Park Surgical Center.

Antonevia Ocho-Coultes ’04 recently starred in a Brooklyn College production of Tracy Scott Wilson’s The Story, playing the lead role of Yvonne. Antonevia attends Brooklyn College where she is pursuing a master of fine arts degree in Acting.

2010s

Antoinette V. LaFemina ’10 congratulates her fellow Winter 2010 graduates and expresses pride in earning a bachelor’s degree from St. Francis at the age of 68.

William F. K. Marmion ’61 wed Maria de las Mercedes Cotillo y Olivares in April. The couple was married first in Gibraltar, prior to having a Catholic ceremony and reception in Torrevieja, Spain, on the southeast Mediterranean coast, where they live. William has lived in Europe since retiring as CEO and chairman of Alba-Waldensian, Inc.

Alessandro Acquista ’05 recently wed Diana Milos ’05 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church in Manhattan. Paolo Acquista ’05 and Nina Milos ’08 served as best man and maid of honor.

Births

Robert W. Immella ’99 and his wife Annette announce the birth of their son, Mason, in February.

Angela K. Manekas ’01 and her husband Will are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Michaela, in December.

Weddings

Elizabeth C. Eames ’02 and her husband Mark Kyle announce the birth of Catherine Elizabeth, in January. The family lives in Brooklyn Heights, where Elizabeth owns and operates Contemporary Communications Consulting, a communications, marketing and PR firm. Catherine is the first grandchild for Charles ’74 and Barbara Eames.

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For more information, please contact Vanessa De Almeida ’00, assistant director of alumni relations, at vdealmeida@stfranciscollege.edu
The following alumni and friends of St. Francis College recently passed away. We pray for the repose of their souls. *Requiescant in Pacem.*

### Alumni:
- Frank J. Borges ‘50
- Charles Butler ‘59
- John E. Coffey ‘74
- Marlon Collins ‘03
- Rev. John B. Cook ‘45
- Sr. Pauline Day ‘68
- Joseph P. Decamnada ‘56
- Joseph G. Deegan ‘50
- Joseph Fioravanti ‘50
- Evelyn F. Frost ‘84
- Sharon E. Furlong ‘86
- James F. Gaynor ‘60
- Sr. Dorothy Geiger ‘61
- George J. Gelgand ‘52
- Salvatore Graziedeli ‘43
- George Grober ‘52
- Fr. Charles E. Harth ‘32
- Hon. Frederick K. Heineman ‘70
- Arthur J. Konop, Jr. ‘70
- Edward Lennon ‘62
  (Formerly Bro. Dermott, director of student activities)
- Francis J. Lonigan ‘58
- Howard J. Martin ‘69
- Thomas G. McElroy ‘86
- Roy G. McGowan ‘58
- John J. McGuire ‘49
- Francis M. McHugh ‘57
  (Formerly Bro. Liguori)
- Carol A. Monahan ‘79
- Mark Purpura ‘85
- Mark J. Ridge ‘68
- Harry J. Rose, Jr. ‘48
- Roslyn J. Smythe ‘85
- John R. Snowber ‘50
- Sr. Anne M. Sullivan, C.S.J. ‘60
- Allan T. Weatherwax ‘60
- Joseph A. Weber ‘74

### Friends:
- Edward S. Albright, father of Stephen ‘79
- Mary Ann Bajo, wife of Martin Bajo ‘81
- Kevin Benvenuto, friend
- Vincent B. Burlin, friend
- Richard F. Collins, friend
- Fr. Henry M. Culkin, faculty
- Rosemarie Corso, mother of
  Christina Corso ‘94
- Sarah DeBlasio, grandmother of
  Lisa DeBlasio ‘05
- Elizabeth Dwyer, mother of
  Marion Dwyer White ‘78, and
  mother in law of Bernard White ‘79
- Claire Fay, faculty
- Clemente Ferrari, father of
  Joseph R. Ferrari, Ph.D. ‘78
- Reeves D. Gandy, M.B.A.,
  former assistant professor of aviation,
  Business & Technology Department
- William Francis Grant, friend
- Anna Hader, mother of Stanley Hader ‘97
- Barbara Hader, aunt of Stanley Hader ‘97
- Terrence J. Hurson, friend
- Irene Impellizzeri, Ph.D.,
  former St. Francis College trustee
- Loretta Maher, sister of
  Cathy Howley-O’Brien ‘79
- Thomas Maher, brother in law of
  Joseph Freisen ‘73
- Nell Mann-Rothschild, faculty
- Michael Mase, husband of
  Teresa Inga-Mase ‘99
- Thomas McDonald, friend
- Geraldine Murphy, mother of
  Robert Murphy ‘72
- Kathleen P. O’Brien, wife of
  Thomas C. O’Brien ‘47
- Sr. Mary Immaculate O’Shea, R.S.M.
- James Phillips, father-in-law of
  Thomas Dunne ‘68
- Thomas Quinn, grandfather of
  Christopher Fortunato ‘03
- Doreen Quirk, wife of Dennis Quirk ‘73
- Robert Reilly, uncle of Robert Smith ‘72
- Eileen Romano, mother of
  Denise Romano ‘90
- Victor Santino, grandfather of
  Joanna Santino-Lombardo ‘05
- Joseph Santucci, grandfather of
  Danielle Santucci-Gracchi ‘98
- Anne Saunders, Ph.D., faculty
  Bro. Charles Spreitzer, O.S.F., friend
- Vincent Tormey, friend
- John Trufelli, friend
- Rocco Versace, grandfather of
  John Morreale ‘11
- Walter Wasnieski, III, father of
  Anne Wasnieski-May ‘87

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

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