A Changing of the Guard

Brendan J. Dugan ’68 to Succeed Frank J. Macchiarola ’62 as President

Dear Alumni and Friends:

When I arrived at St. Francis College as president 12 years ago next month, the reunion was not unlike seeing an old friend after a long separation. The smile and personality were exactly as I’d remembered, but, physically, we were both grayer around the temples than at our last meeting.

Nevertheless, I knew that the truths about the institution—its mission, commitment to providing students a valuable Franciscan education for a reasonable tuition, and respect for fiscal responsibility—would carry us through the execution of a master plan that promised renewed strength for meeting the demands of higher education in the 21st century.

The outcome—a rejuvenated physical plant, revitalized academic and scholarship programs, and reinforced endowment—are exactly what the board of trustees, administration, and faculty envisioned during the planning stages of the master plan. Without a doubt, as the College celebrates its 150th year, this institution is prepared to support whatever comes next.

On July 1, Brendan J. Dugan ’68 becomes president of St. Francis College. The board of trustees could not have chosen a person better equipped to lead the College at this point in its history. With Brendan’s professional background in business and his longstanding personal commitment to the College as an alumnus, trustee, and chairman, he is uniquely qualified to take St. Francis to the next level academically and in every other way.

The trustees, faculty, administration, staff, and students deserve credit for their vision, wisdom, and patience during what has been an exciting phase in the College’s evolution. The truth is, however, none of what was accomplished would have been possible without the love and support of our alumni and friends. Thank you for all you do to keep the Franciscan spirit, the College’s greatest asset, alive.

I am proud to be affiliated with St. Francis College. It has given me much more than I ever dreamed when I entered as a freshman 50 years ago, and I am pleased to have had the opportunity to return a portion of it. May God continue to bless our students, alumni, and entire community.

Sincerely in St. Francis,

Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D. ’62
President
After almost 40 years in the banking industry, Brendan J. Dugan ’68, chairman and chief executive officer for the Metro New York/New Jersey Division of Sovereign Bancorp, will become the 18th president of St. Francis College, effective July 1. A longtime member of the St. Francis College board of trustees, Mr. Dugan has served as chairman since 2006. Prior to that appointment, Mr. Dugan was a member of the board’s Development Committee, serving as committee chairman for the Campaign for Big Dreams, playing an instrumental role in completing the campaign’s $40 million goal.

Mr. Dugan began his career in banking shortly after he graduated from St. Francis. He held several executive positions locally before achieving his breakthrough position of president and CEO for NatWest USA in 1989. Mr. Dugan later became president of European American Bank as well as the Business Banking Division of Independence Community Bank before being promoted to his current position at Sovereign Bancorp, a $90 billion financial services company which has more than 800 branches in New England, Metro New York/New Jersey and the Mid Atlantic region.

Born and raised in Brooklyn and still residing in Carroll Gardens, Mr. Dugan channels his energy towards community service. He has helped raise millions of dollars for numerous local organizations like the Brooklyn Children’s Library, the Anti Defamation League of B’Nai Brith and The Boy Scouts of America. He was also a member of the board for Good Shepherd Services. He sits on the boards of organizations as varied as Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), Partnership for New York City, Regional Plan Association, and Futures in Education Foundation. Mr. Dugan also serves on the Finance Council for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

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President Macchiarola has guided St. Francis through an amazing 12 years,” said Mr. Dugan. “It’s an honor for me to follow in his footsteps and build on his work. As we get ready to put in motion some major new projects like the start of another major fundraising campaign, we will continue to follow the College’s core mission, to offer working class families a College that provides a great education at a great price and one that makes sure its graduates are not just prepared to enter the job market but will be productive in all aspects of their lives.”

SFC Receives $2 million Grant to Support Campus Improvements

The New York State Legislature approved a $2 million grant that will support renovations to St. Francis College’s teaching and research science labs. The renovation project will result in the creation of state-of-the-art Biology, Chemistry, and Anatomy/Physiology labs, as well as storage and support facilities. New department offices for the Biology and Chemistry Departments will also be created. The project, which is slated to begin this summer, will take place on the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth floors of the Science Building.
On April 25, during the annual Charter Day celebration, President Frank J. Macchiarola ’62 announced that portions of a recent $1 million gift from John ’51 and Mary McCarthy will be used to complete and fully endow scholarships named for four Franciscan Brothers, and replenish a fifth scholarship.

“You [students] can do anything you can dream,” said Mr. McCarthy, who attended the ceremony to accept the St. Clare Medal of Service. The scholarships completed are for Brother Robert Schaefer, O.S.F. ’61, Brother Thomas O’Neill, O.S.F. ’68, Brother John Hoffschmidt, O.S.F. and Brother Henry Cuddy, O.S.F. ’40. In addition, a scholarship for Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. ’60 is being replenished so it can be awarded again next year.

An additional gift enabled the completion of the Brother Austin Gill, O.S.F. ’62 scholarship fund.

The ceremony included the induction of 18 students into the Duns Scotus Honor Society, the awarding of two Accounting students with internships and scholarships from National Grid as well as other awards and honors.

In a tribute to Franciscan education across the region, St. Francis College awarded honorary degrees to principals and the president of three prominent local high schools. Brother Leonard Conway, O.S.F. ’71, principal, St. Francis Preparatory High School; Brother Gary Creegan, O.S.F., president, St. Anthony’s High School; and Raymond P. Nash ’63, president, Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, were each awarded the degree of doctor of humane letters, honoris causa, for their work in furthering Franciscan ideals.

New York State Assemblywoman Joan Millman was also at the ceremony to present President Macchiarola with a proclamation honoring him for his work leading St. Francis College over the past 12 years.

Charter Day commemorates the day in 1884 that the Legislature of the State of New York granted an official charter to the board of trustees of St. Francis Monastery to formally award degrees to students.
SEEING THE FUTURE

Make me an instrument of your peace.
1996-2008

ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA’S PRESIDENCY

In 1996, Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola ’62, after a career that spanned education, business, law, and public service, returned to St. Francis College to share his vision for preparing it for 21st century teaching and learning. In collaboration with the board of trustees and administration, he designed a master plan to do so and then, over the next 12 years, masterfully directed its implementation.

Guided by the College’s mission, which served as a touchstone for decision making, and influenced by the talents and instincts that had served him well for decades as a teacher, professor, attorney, and business and community leader, Dr. Macchiarola brought with him to St. Francis a personal style that included leading by example through applying St. Francis of Assisi’s charge: “Preach always; if necessary, use words.”

The challenge was to build on the College’s strengths to create an environment that fully prepares students for the new and growing demands of business, education, healthcare, nonprofits, and entrepreneurship. By successfully balancing tradition and innovation—and through the support of generous alumni, faculty, administrators, friends, and public and private funders—St. Francis College now offers not only the academic excellence and scholarship support that has been the core of its mission for 150 years, but also a forward-looking, energy-efficient, state-of-the-art campus that is attracting high-quality faculty and widespread attention.

Today, the Small College of Big Dreams gleams on Remsen Street. Faculty, administrators, students, and alumni appreciate that St. Francis College is the beneficiary of Dr. Macchiarola’s varied life and professional experiences and special ability to inspire people to believe what sometimes seems impossible.

Now, as Dr. Macchiarola prepares to retire, we gratefully honor the depth and breadth of his career and acknowledge that the College is stronger and far more technologically advanced than when he arrived. Everyone affiliated with St. Francis College will continue to feel Dr. Macchiarola’s enduring encouragement, wisdom, and pride as his legacy faithfully serves generations of deserving future students.

“We’re on a mission and excellence is at the heart of it.” — DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA ’62
A TRADITION OF CARING AND EXCELLENCE

“When someone believes in you, you begin to believe in yourself.” — DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA ’62

When students are asked what they like best about St. Francis College and when alumni discuss what they remember most, the discussion is almost always about small classes and personal attention.

“I never feel that I’m just a number,” said Josephine Leone ’08, expressing the sentiments of many current and former students.

“Dr. Macchiarola knows every student by name and encourages every one of them,” said Jack M. McCarthy ’51, retired chief investment officer and managing partner for Lord Abbett & Co., and a donor to the College.

Graduates of all ages cite by name former professors and Franciscan Brothers whom they credit for their academic and life success—because they made a point to recognize their strengths or encourage the cultivation of undiscovered natural gifts. In fact, so central to the culture of St. Francis College is this notion of getting to know students personally, that a priority of the design and construction of the Academic Center, completed in 2006, was to create classrooms that, in addition to being state-of-the-art, accommodate no more than 35 students.

“Our goal was not to be bigger, but better,” said Dr. Macchiarola. “It was important to everyone that our low student-teacher ratio remain constant.”

Whether people realize it or not, they are verbalizing what is at the heart of “Franciscan Spirit,” often elusively indescribable, but characterized as “something you know when you see it.”

Embedded in this tradition, of course, is a quality liberal arts education that prepares students for today’s workplace and graduate and professional schools. New majors and minors as well as those well-established at the College reflect current needs in the marketplace and provide new directions for students, many of whom are the first in their families to go to college.

For example, in spring 2008, the first graduates of the College’s combined B.S./M.S. program in Accounting will enter the work force, many of whom received and accepted offers from Big Four firms several months before graduation. This new program was developed thanks to the foresight of faculty who proposed its introduction in response to changes in the Accounting profession, specifically requiring CPA candidates to have completed several post-graduate credits to be eligible to sit for that exam.

“When I was a student, the Franciscan Brothers set a standard for what love means; they’re spiritual giants and they shaped my view of the world.” — DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA ’62
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is darkness, light.
In addition, recent enrichment of the College’s science programs has resulted in more students than ever before being accepted to medical, dental, and characteristically selective veterinary schools. More often than not, they are accepted to a number of programs and are in a position to choose the program that best matches their strengths and career goals.

“With further enhancements to laboratories planned for the near future, these numbers are expected to continue to grow,” observed Dr. Timothy J. Houlihan, vice president for academic affairs and academic dean.

“In 2004, as the College prepared to begin construction on the Academic Center, the institution earned an A-rating from Standard & Poor’s, which was renewed in 2008.

With enhanced academics and a cutting-edge campus, come greater numbers of qualified potential candidates when faculty positions become available. Since 1996, the number of full-time faculty has increased by nearly 25 percent (while those with terminal degrees, such as the Ph.D., have increased by 11 percent), providing St. Francis College a deeper pool of academic talent and overall quality.

“The students here are genuinely enthusiastic about learning and are not afraid to think critically,” said Dr. Emily Horowitz, assistant professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, who joined the faculty in 2004. “Working one-on-one with them to lend advice about majors, internships, and career choices has been a pleasure.”

SFC Academic Additions (1996–2008)

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Preparation for Career and Life Success: Cutting-edge instructional technology such as SimBaby (left), an advanced patient simulator that is located in the new medical simulation laboratory, provides students from the Departments of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences lifelike situations for professional training.
It’s in giving that we receive.
SETTLE THE STAGE FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

“Opportunities that would have otherwise passed by me presented themselves because of my scholarship. Talented young people deserve a chance to make their mark on the world; sometimes they just need the door opened a little.” — DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA ’62

Critical to the ability of 85 percent of St. Francis College’s student population to enroll at the College are academic and athletic scholarships as well as other types of financial aid. To meet the financial need of students, annual expenditures for academic and athletic scholarships have increased from $1.03 million in 1996 to nearly $5.8 million last year.

A particular priority for Dr. Macchiarola has been to grow the pool of fully and partially endowed scholarships to assure the consistent availability of these funds for deserving students. Over the past 12 years, an average of one new scholarship per month has been established, increasing the total from 50 to more than 200.

Also firmly in place are programs designed to support students’ transition to college life and those that identify students at risk of leaving college. One of these is SFC 1001, a mandatory freshman seminar that provides information about study skills, time management, and career exploration strategies. Another is Project Access, which provides academic support and mentoring services for students whose grades and test scores may not meet requirements to gain admission to St. Francis but who demonstrate the intellect and motivation needed for college study.

“Identifying students in academic jeopardy during their freshman or sophomore year can make a tremendous difference in whether or not they are willing and able to stay the course,” said Monica Michalski, assistant dean for Freshman Studies and Academic Enhancement. “In fact, when identified as ‘at-risk’ after two semesters, students are 20 percent more likely to remain in school than if we wait until they’ve completed six semesters to reach out to them.”

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

“The budget is less important than the mission of this place. The mission drives the budget, not the other way around.” — DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA ’62

Over the past decade, Dr. Macchiarola encouraged faculty and administrators to “Dream Big” when imagining what was possible for St. Francis College. He knew—as did they—that campus additions and infrastructure improvements that aligned with goals and objectives for continuous improvement and excellence would require significant financial support.

As a result, The Campaign for Big Dreams, a $40 million capital campaign whose funds were raised from committed alumni and friends, employees, public sources, and private philanthropies, made possible such additions as the Anthony J. Genovesi Center and the Academic Center, the College’s most significant capital improvements since moving to Remsen Street from Butler Street in the 1960s.
At the same time, the Annual Fund has continued to grow markedly from year to year, most notably to $565,000 in 2006-2007, representing a 40 percent increase over the previous year. Totals for 2007-2008 are projected to be an astounding $750,000. With the introduction of online giving, a focus on increasing major gifts, and concerted efforts to make a compelling argument for supporting St. Francis College, overall giving has increased since 2002 by nearly 100 percent. “Current and potential donors recognize a quality investment,” said Sharon Kerrigan, vice president for development and alumni affairs for St. Francis College. “When it’s clear that their contributions will be applied to scholarships or enhancing the academic experience of students, people are willing to share what they have because they know there will be a return in the future.”

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY: WHERE THE PAST AND FUTURE INTERSECT

“The place is burning with academic excitement as it was when I was a student.”

— DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA ’82

Since Dr. Macchiarola arrived at St. Francis College, the campus has been transformed in countless ways. The addition of computer technology for educational, information, and administrative purposes has put the College on par with any 21st century business, higher education, or nonprofit organization.

The Academic Center, with its Maroney Forum for Arts, Culture and Education; state-of-the-art library; Anita and Thomas J. Volpe Student Lounge; and several wireless, “Smart” classrooms as well as the multipurpose Anthony J. Genovesi Center and various other renovated spaces provide students, faculty, and the community with a vibrant facility to meet, learn, and exchange ideas.

Wireless technology throughout the entire campus enables students to remain up to date with assignments and e-mail via computers located at hallway kiosks or their own laptops.

Faculty have embraced the many educational technologies that have become ubiquitous on Remsen Street during Dr. Macchiarola’s tenure. Merely providing these tools does not ensure that they will be used effectively, however. The Faculty Center for Technology and Curriculum Development was established to help faculty integrate technology in a way that best suits the needs of their specific discipline.

“The addition of programs such as online registration and WebAdvisor offer students convenience and peace of mind knowing they won’t miss important deadlines due to work or unforeseen delays,” said Roxanne Persaud, the College’s registrar.

“All of our students are called to greatness; many of them just don’t know it yet.”

— DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA ’82
To be understood as to understand.
EXPECTING THE BEST AND CLOSING THE GAP

“There is virtually no difference here between the achievement levels of minority students and others in terms of the length of time in which they earn their degrees. It’s a reflection of St. Francis being a real melting pot.” — BRENDAN J. DUGAN ’68, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PRESIDENT ELECT

The culmination of the achieved goals and objectives of the master plan: enhanced academics and programs to retain students, greater numbers of full-time faculty members, significant capital improvements that include cutting edge technology, new fundraising heights, and the availability of more scholarships for students are contributing to a reality unprecedented at St. Francis College—and throughout New York City.

The College’s academic achievement gap of less than two percent for African American students and seven percent for Hispanic students, when compared with non-minority students, is a statistical accomplishment almost unheard of in higher education. It is a reflection of two factors that make up the institution’s hallmark: the diversity of St. Francis College’s student population, reaffirmed recently by U.S. News & World Report when it named St. Francis the sixth most diverse liberal arts college in the country, and its indomitable Franciscan spirit, which Dr. Macchiarola has made sure remains at the center of every encounter, decision, and goal of the College.

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(Source: IPEDS Data Feedback Report 2007. Other colleges include Baruch University, Brooklyn College, College of Staten Island, John Jay College, Queens College, Fordham University, LIU-Brooklyn, St. Joseph’s/Brooklyn, St. John’s University.)

“St. Francis can make the singular claim that our successes in so many areas have merged to set the College apart from most others,” he said. “This fosters an incredible internalization for students about who they can be. The message is, ‘You can do it; we expect you to do it, and we love you enough to make sure we do everything possible to make it happen.’”

DRIVEN BY MISSION

“When you have a mission that tells you what you’re supposed to be doing, then you need to do it.” — DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA ’62

Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola believes in the mission of St. Francis College. The way to get there, he says, as with other aspects of life, is “to live life as a saint.” Knowing that a saint would provide a place where students of every race, religion, and ability level could thrive and explore, Dr. Macchiarola has taken steps over the 12 years of his presidency to do just that—and as a result St. Francis College continues to reflect the diversity of Brooklyn and all of New York City.

Using his unique talents to bring together the constituencies that could drive the College toward its goals, Dr. Macchiarola led with honesty, integrity, and an openness that is undeniable. His legacy is the St. Francis College that has always existed, but stronger, smarter, and equipped for 21st century greatness.
They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still. The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do God’s will. You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door. They are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one, too.

— FROM THE HYMN, I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD

Recent Capital Improvements Include:

- The Anthony J. Genovesi Center, a multipurpose athletic and special events facility
- New fitness center
- Renovated Psychology laboratory
- Maroney Forum for the Arts, Culture and Education, which houses a 90-seat theater
- Wireless classrooms with interactive SmartBoard technology in the Academic Center; a total of 30 high-tech classrooms throughout campus
- A new library featuring computer labs, study rooms, and extensive on-line databases.
- Medical simulation lab featuring Sim Man and Sim Baby technology
- State-of-the-art, high-definition television studio and editing facility
- Anita and Thomas J. Volpe Student Lounge
- Renovated main lobby with improved security system and plasma screen
- Renovated chapel
- Faculty lounge
- Student lounge with HDTV
The Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology (IICCP), founded at St. Francis College in 1998 by Dr. Uwe Gielen, Professor of Psychology, recently celebrated its tenth anniversary by hosting a symposium titled Immigrant Youth, a theme that reflects the reasons IICCP was established.

With a mission to foster the internationalization of the science of psychology, IICCP sponsors research and publications in international and cross-cultural psychology; develops and promotes workshops, symposia, lectures, and conferences; involves students in cross-cultural research and the Institute’s programs; fosters a sense of involvement in the cultural richness of the St. Francis College community; and creates network ties with other interested psychological institutions in the U.S. and abroad.

Since its founding, IICCP has supported the writing and editing of numerous publications in international psychology, including 13 books that have appeared in five countries.

“The field of psychology has grown worldwide to the point that research, findings, and publications from other countries, particularly those in Europe and increasingly East Asia, are as significant and reliable as American work,” said Dr. Gielen, who grew up in Germany, and is currently serving as president of the International Psychology Division (Division 52) of the American Psychological Association. “It’s essential that we expand our expertise beyond a traditional American understanding of the field of psychology to appreciate the cultural factors that influence people’s attitudes and approaches to education, childrearing, business, healthcare, and other life decisions.”

For example, one current project of the Institute is the sponsorship of research about the academic performance of Chinese-American university and high school children in New York City. One goal of the study is to discover the reasons that children in this group consistently outperform native students and most other immigrant populations, even though they and their families face challenges similar to other immigrants, including poverty and language barriers.

“To fully understand what we discover, researchers must possess a comprehensive understanding of Chinese philosophy and culture,” explained Dr. Gielen. “With more than half the city’s public school children foreign born or having at least one parent who is, much work in this regard is necessary to truly help all children succeed on a broad scale.”

The curriculum of the College’s Department of Psychology is related to the work of IICCP, with students required to take four methodology courses to graduate. The department works closely with the Departments of International Cultural Studies, Sociology and Criminal Justice, and with the Women’s Studies minor to offer students an interdisciplinary and integrated perspective. This experience is especially helpful for Psychology majors—50 percent of whom are applying and transitioning to graduate school. In addition, the Institute sponsors an annual Community Day, where all members of the St. Francis community celebrate their diversity. The Institute has also sponsored and co-sponsored more than 55 events over the years including conferences, guest speakers, musical performances, exhibitions, and slide shows with international themes.

“The successes of the Institute’s first decade provide a firm foundation for the organization’s future,” said Dr. Gielen. “Learning as much as we can about other cultures and applying the work of colleagues around the globe can only help us better understand one another.”

To learn more about the Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology, visit www.stfranciscollege.edu/academics/programsAndMajors/psychology_iiccp and http://www.iiccp.freeservers.com.
Global Perspectives from Political, Cultural, and Artistic Leaders at St. Francis College

Over the past several months, St. Francis College has hosted several presentations by speakers recognized locally and globally for their expertise and newsworthiness.

February 20—Brooklyn author Siri Hustvedt addressed a full house at the Maroney Forum for Arts, Culture, and Education, giving the audience a sneak peak at her forthcoming novel, *The Sorrows of an American*, which became available in bookstores on April 1. She shared insights about the writing process and her experiences teaching writing to psychiatric patients.

March 10—Mariane Pearl, whose husband, journalist Daniel Pearl, was murdered in 2002 by Islamic fundamentalist terrorists in Pakistan, delivered the 2008 Thomas J. Volpe Lecture on Global Business and Finance to a standing room audience in Founders Hall. Her presentation, which focused on the power of hope, outlined her thoughts on the ways the combination of hope and wisdom can defeat terrorism. Audience members had an opportunity to ask Pearl a range of questions on topics such as the movie *A Mighty Heart*, based on her memoir; the current situation in Pakistan; forgiveness; and what she’ll tell her son Adam about his father.
March 27—Carol Bellamy, former UNICEF director, City Council president, and New York State senator, spoke about the role of women and children behind positive societal developments across the world, including combating AIDS, empowering women through microcredits for small business development, and stopping violence against women and children. Currently, she is president and CEO of World Learning, a nonprofit organization that promotes international and intercultural understanding through education, training, exchange, and development activities in more than 70 countries. Her presentation was sponsored by St. Francis College, the Women’s Studies Minor, and the Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology.

April 1-21—The work of photojournalist Meredith Davenport, whose photographs have appeared in National Geographic, New York Times Magazine, and Newsweek, was exhibited at St. Francis College as part of a project that started as an assignment to students from English Professor Maria Finn. “The High Price of Bananas: Costa Rica,” the title of the exhibit and an accompanying panel discussion explored the dangers and victims of pesticides used on banana plantations. Participating on the panel with Ms. Davenport was Dr. Sherrie Baver, professor of Political Science and Latin American Studies, City College.

April 5—A first one-of-its kind conference on women’s poetry attracted dozens of scholars and educators from across the country to discuss the relevancy of women’s poetry and the reasons to study it. Spread out across several plenary sessions and lectures, five well-known poets, Meena Alexander, Alicia Ostriker, Marilyn Hacker, Mary Ann Caws, and Grace Schulman, led multiple conversations about topics ranging from heroines in poetry to poetry in times of violence. The conference was sponsored by the St. Francis College Department of English, Office of the Academic Dean, Women’s Studies Center, and Women’s Studies Minor.

April 10—Iraqi Judge Raid Juhi Al-Saedi, who presided over the investigation of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein for war crimes, spoke about the realities of implementing the Rule of Law in Iraq, and weighing responsibility to his country and to himself. The first Iraqi judge who agreed to be identified in public, Judge Juhi has survived several assassination attempts. His appearance at St. Francis College was coordinated by Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty, a longtime professor at the College.
April 18—Former Brooklynite Dr. Alan Astro, who is a professor of modern languages and literatures at Trinity University in San Antonio, returned to his home borough to discuss Yiddish Poetry of the Holocaust. Focusing on poems by Jacob Glatstein, Aaron Zeitlin, and Abraham Sutzkever, Dr. Astro outlined the secular nature of much Yiddish poetry and the interpretive challenges that readers face when poems invoke religious themes. His lecture was sponsored by the Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Eastern European Club, and Office of College Relations.

April 24—Anucha Browne Sanders, senior associate athletic director for marketing, University of Buffalo, conversed with student-athletes and others from St. Francis, about several topics. Of particular interest was her recent legal victory in a sexual discrimination suit against the New York Knicks. Ms. Browne Sanders, who requested that the honorarium for her presentation be donated to the Arthur Ashe Foundation, started her basketball career in Brooklyn at St. Saviour High School.

April 30—The Andrew W. Cooper Young Journalists in Training Program paid tribute to the business, educational, and community leaders who have made important contributions to establish and perpetuate the program that trains St. Francis College students and places them in internships at major media outlets in New York City. NY1 anchor and political reporter Dominic Carter hosted the event, which honored Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., Center Urban Education, CUNY Graduate Center; Charles J. Hamm, Independence Community Savings Bank & Foundation; Errol Louis, New York Daily News; Sharon Persaud, WCBS-TV; George Polsky, StreetSquash; Cecelia Quintero, CBS TV and Radio; Charles Simpson, attorney; Jane R. Stern, New York Community Trust; and Saundra Thomas, WABC.

May 1—Kitty Millet, a professor of Comparative Jewish Literatures and Modern Jewish Thought at San Francisco State University, delivered a lecture to commemorate Yom Hashoah. She focused on the works of Primo Levi, Jorge Semprun and Michael Chabon and their relation to the events during and after the Holocaust.
Winter Commencement Offers Warm Wishes for New Graduates

On January 30, at Winter Commencement, 125 students received their diplomas at a ceremony in the Anthony J. Genovesi Center. Dr. Arthur Hughes, professor emeritus of History, delivered the commencement address. He asked students, who naturally want to “do well” to be mindful of “doing good in doing well.”

Dr. Hughes, who has been part of the St. Francis College family for 46 years, recently published A Life of Brooklyn, 1903-1904. He is well known for his lecture series on a variety of timely topics.

Focus on Faculty

Promotions and Tenure

The St. Francis College Board of Trustees recently awarded five professors with promotions or tenure. Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Ian Maloney, Ph.D., was granted tenure and a promotion to associate professor of English; Gerard Shaw, Ph.D., associate professor of Physical Education was granted tenure. From the Department of Psychology, Michele Hirsch, Ph.D., and Renee Goodstein, Ph.D., were promoted to professor of Psychology; and Michael Kaune, Ph.D., was promoted to professor of Criminal Justice.

Arthur Hughes, Ph.D., was named professor emeritus of History.

Publications and Presentations

The Department of Biology co-sponsored, with the St. Francis College Women’s Center, “Conversations with Women Scientists.” Dr. Evelyn Wolfe (Chemistry) and Dr. Filomena Califano (Chemistry) were speakers along with Dr. Chanda Bennett, Columbia University, and Erin Rogers.

The Department of Biology, represented by Dr. Kathy Nolan, and the Department of Management, represented by Dr. John Dilyard, co-sponsored a lecture by James Danoff-Burg, associate research scientist, Center for Economy, Environment, and Society, Columbia University, titled “Sustainable Development in the Dominican Republic.”

The Department of Nursing signed an affiliation agreement with Teachers College of Columbia University to provide nurse faculty preceptors to teach graduate students preparing to become nurse faculty. The faculty serving as preceptors for Teachers College are Anne Bove, Emma Kontzamanis, Marylou Martin, and Dr. Susan Saladino.

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice planned and hosted two visiting faculty members and three visiting undergraduates from Sheffield Hallam University in the United Kingdom. The purpose of the visit was to develop formal faculty and student links between the two institutions. Sheffield Hallam faculty members Dr. Malcolm Todd (Head of Learning Teaching and Assessment, Faculty of Development and Society) and Robert Sykes (Teaching Fellow; Internationalization of Learning Teaching and Assessment, Faculty of Development and Society) met with key staff and faculty at St. Francis and discussed a range of possible future relations between the institutions. One important outcome of the visit is a potential plan for a small group from Sheffield Hallam to spend a semester at St. Francis in the spring of 2009—followed by a fall 2009 exchange of St. Francis students and faculty at Sheffield Hallam. The first phase of the exchange will involve the St. Francis Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, with plans for institutionalizing the exchange to incorporate students and faculty from across disciplines.

Dr. Filomena Califano (Chemistry) was principal investigator and writer, along with student Nicole James, for “Interfacial and Thermodynamic Phenomena Related to a Novel Liquid/Liquid Extraction Process for Solvents with a Small Density Difference,” published in the National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) Annual Proceedings. The document is also abstracted by the American Chemical Society’s Chemistry Abstracts service and will become part of the Library of Congress.

Dr. James E. Corrigan (Biology) presented seminars at The Cooper Union and the graduate Biology Department of Long Island University. The topic of the seminars was chemical, biological and radiological components used in warfare and terrorism. Dr. Corrigan is also directing four separate master’s degree dissertations at Long Island University. Three of the studies are
concerned with the production of antimicrobial compounds produced by various marine algae. The other study is concerned with the isolation of endosymbiotic bacteria from 19 species of toxin producing marine alge, Alexandrium species. These algae produce saxitoxin (paralytic shellfish poison/red tide) and the bacteria have also been reported to produce the toxin. This study will incorporate both biological and chemical analysis of the saxitoxin.

Dr. Gerard Davidson (Chemistry) and a student presented a poster titled “Structural and Chemical Effects of Alkylation in Nickel Thiolate Dimers” at the 40th Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. John Dilyard (Management) is global project coordinator for the Columbia University Program on International Development’s Emerging Market Global Players Project. Its purpose is to create and publish lists that rank emerging, market-based multinational enterprises by the number of foreign assets they own. Scholars and researchers from universities and institutions based in emerging markets such as Fundacao Dom Cabral, Brazil; Skolkovo, Moscow School of Management, Russia; and the India School of Business conduct primary research using methodology developed in part by Dr. Dilyard. With assistance from the Columbia Program on International Investment, results are published for global distribution. Reports have been published to date for Brazil, Russia, and Slovenia, with reports pending for India, China, and Israel. Ultimately, more than twenty dozen reports representing all major emerging markets will be published annually.

Dr. Timothy Dugan (Communication Arts) coordinated the annual Delaney Speech Contest, sponsored by the Department of Communication Arts, for more than 20 student participants.

Dr. Barbara Edington (Information Technology) was elected to the board of directors of the New York City Chapter of the Project Management Institute.

Dr. Irina Ellison (Biology) presented “Potential Molecular Targets in Smoking-Related Pathologies: A Functional Polymorphism in an Antioxidant Defense System,” as part of a seminar series at Columbia University on population genetics. In a related effort, she spearheaded the first Great American Smokeout at St. Francis College in conjunction with the American Cancer Society. Highlights, aside from pledges to quit smoking from more than 30 students, staff, and faculty members, included a seminar on stress management, free nicotine-replacement patch distribution, and an interactive demonstration of hypnosis. Dr. Ellison co-authored a poster presented at the 2008 annual meeting for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) titled, “A Functional Trinucleotide-repeat Polymorphism in the Glutathione Synthesizing Gene,” and presented “Understanding the HPV vaccine and its bioethical controversy” at St. Francis College.

Dr. Francis Greene (Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, and International Cultural Studies) presented “The Influence of the Franciscan Tradition on Contemporary Art Education” at the 22nd Annual Conference on the Visual Arts at the School of Visual Arts, New York City. He also delivered “Grotesque Humor in the Twentieth Century French Novel” at the Conference on Humor in Romance Literatures at Hofstra University, and served as chair and discussant for a panel on The Sculpture of Antonio Gaudi and Etsuro Sotoo at the Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, at the Pope Auditorium of Fordham University, Lincoln Center.

Dr. Emily Horowitz (Sociology and Criminal Justice) was elected chair of the Law and Society division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, a national organization for social scientists. Dr. Horowitz had articles published related to her research on wrongful convictions in The Journal of the Institute of Justice and International Studies and the Italian newspaper Il Foglio.

Dr. Lynne Jackson (Communication Arts) presented “Micromovies and Public Debate” at the Society for Cinema Studies conference in Philadelphia.

Dr. Steven M. Lipson (Biology) received a research grant from Welch Foods, Inc., to study the effects of Concord and Niagara grapes as naturally occurring antiviral agents. The research project, “Investigations into the Antiviral Effects of Concord and Niagara Grape Juice Drinks on the Infectivity of Mammalian Intestinal Viruses,” is being conducted primarily at St. Francis College in collaboration with scientists at NYU and the University of Arizona. Dr. Lipson was invited to participate in a symposium sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) at the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society in Philadelphia, where Dr. Lipson will speak on the antiviral efficacy of berry plant phytochemicals.

Dr. Ian S. Maloney (English) is having published “Hemingway’s Miltonic Twists in ‘Up in Michigan,’” in The Hemingway Review (University of Idaho).

Dr. John McNamara (Physical Education), certified strength and conditioning specialist, conducted new research for higher education by using technology and weight training to help students improve their physical condition. His article, “Online Weight Training,” was accepted for publication in the Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research, the journal of the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Dr. Kathy Nolan (Biology) and senior Tara Glover attended the Northeast Natural History Conference in Albany, NY. Tara was the first author on a poster titled, “What’s Hidden in Coney Island, a Look at the Flora” (Dr. Nolan and Gerry Moore were co-authors). This was one of three seminars attended by Dr. Nolan and several biology students.

Dr. Fotios C. Paliogiannis (Mathematics) presented “Commuting Powers of Banach and Hilbert Space Operators” at the American Mathematical Society’s Eastern Meeting at Rutgers University.

Dr. K. Priscilla Pedersen (Philosophy) edited a special issue of CrossCurrents on “Asceticism Today.”


Dr. Jennifer Wingate (Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, and International Cultural Studies) will publish “Monumental Visions: Women Sculptors and World War I” in Women and Things: Gendered Material Strategies, 1750-1950, the first of a three-volume series to be published by Ashgate. She will also chair a session titled, “Modeled, Cast, or Carved: Reevaluating Sculptural Reproductions from the Baroque to the Modern Era,” at the annual conference of the College Art Association in Los Angeles in Feb. 2009.
The St. Francis College Men’s Water Polo team, consistently ranked among the finest in the country athletically, has outpaced its competitors academically this year. According to the Collegiate Water Polo Association, the Terriers, with a cumulative GPA of 3.73, have earned the highest team grade point average of any water polo team in the nation.

Of the group, five players had a GPA of 4.0. No player had a GPA below 3.27.

“This reflects a tradition of excellence—in and out of the pool—that has continued for 15 years,” said Coach Carl Quigley ’75. “Our athletes are excellent and motivated students.”

Student-athletes were recognized in three levels: 3.2 to 3.4 (Excellent), 3.41 to 3.7 (Superior) and 3.71 to 4.0 (Outstanding).

Named to the Outstanding team are student-athletes Louis Hamwey ’10 (San Diego, CA), Or Gil ’09 (Kibbutz Givat, Haiyim Meucd, Israel), Benjamin Ladanyi ’10 (Budapest, Hungary), Botond Szalma ’08 (Budapest, Hungary), Dusan Milanovic ’11 (Belgrade, Serbia), Nemanja Savic ’11 (Belgrade, Serbia), Filip Kisdobranski ’10 (Novi Sad, Serbia), Nemanja Pucarevic ’09 (Belgrade, Serbia), Predrag Predin ’10 (Becej, Serbia), Stefan Gencic ’11 (Belgrade, Serbia), and Nikola Djuric ’11 (Belgrade, Serbia).

Boris Plavsic ’11 (Belgrade, Serbia) earned Superior team accolades, and those included in the Excellent category are Michael Vasilchikov ’08 (Brooklyn, NY) and Zoltan Danko ’11 (Szolnok, Hungary).
High Honors for Women’s Basketball Stand-outs

Senior Guard Tiffany Hill ’08, who holds the spot as second-leading scorer in St. Francis College history with a career total of 1,748 points over four years, has been named to the Second Team All-Northeast Conference.

With a solid 2007-2008 performance, Hill averaged 17.1 points per game. A reliable shooter, Hill achieved double-digit scoring in 39 consecutive games, starting in the 2006-2007 season. She also holds a Terriers’ record for three-point field goals for a season (81) and career (210). Her impressive numbers make her the 7th leading scorer in the Northeast Conference.

In the Terriers’ final game of the season, an NEC quarterfinals loss to Robert Morris, Hill led the team with 24 points, playing the entire game.

Katja Bavendam ’08, the senior center from Hambergen, Germany, who has competed on her home country’s Under-20 National Team, has earned a second consecutive NEC Scholar Athlete of the Year award.

In 2007-2008, Bavendam averaged 11 points per game and held team per game highs with 8.3 rebounds and 2.4 blocks. She became the 11th player in Terriers history to score 1,000 career points, finishing 7th all-time with a total of 1,147. She also ranks 7th on the Terriers all-time career rebounds list with 723. Academically, Bavendam, who attends St. Francis on an endowed academic scholarship, earned a spot on the Dean’s List for seven semesters. She is president of the College’s student-athlete advisory board, and carries a perfect 4.0 grade point average, majoring in Information Technology.

Womack Named NCAA Leadership Conference Go-To Guy

Jamaal Womack ’09, junior guard for the Terriers Men’s Basketball team who averaged 12.2 points per game last season, has been selected to attend the 2008 NCAA National Student-Athlete Development Conference in Orlando, FL.

“Jamaal is definitely a leader,” said Kelly Barksy Hall, senior administrator for athletics. “This opportunity should refine his leadership skills even further.”

In addition to providing student-athletes the opportunity to enhance their leadership, communication, decision-making, and problem-solving skills, the conference provides a forum for discussing issues that may affect student-athletes on their campuses and in their communities.

Sophomore Matt Megerdichian Wins the Javelin at NEC Championships

Matt Megerdichian ’10 became the Northeast Conference champion in the javelin on May 11 in Coraopolis, PA. Megerdichian, who automatically qualified for the NCAA Regionals, won the event with an effort of 61.44 meters. He also placed fourth in the hammer with a throw of 51.10 meters.

Overall, the Terriers placed 8th at the Northeast Conference Championships with 27 points in the event.
Early retirement has allowed sisters Anne and Julie Kelly, both graduates of St. Francis College’s class of 1979, to spend their time and energy doing exactly what many people their age only dream about: world travel, skiing, relaxing at the Jersey shore, pursuing interests from cooking to photography to ice skating. The Kellys, though, are able to check one additional item off their “bucket list”: fully endow a scholarship at St. Francis College.

After successful careers at JP Morgan, Anne, who structured and arranged financing for Fortune 500 companies as a vice president for loan syndications, and Julie, a vice president who conducted worldwide product profitability studies for the financial division, decided that the time was right for a different kind of investment. “The Julie and Anne Kelly Scholarship doesn’t provide financial returns to us,” said Julie. “But it pays a kind of dividend nonetheless: something to feel good about.”

After graduating from Mater Christi High School in Astoria, Queens, both sisters, who are identical twins, went to work full time on Wall Street. When it became apparent that further education was essential for career advancement, they became full-time evening students at St. Francis College majoring in Management while keeping their day jobs.

“Our decision was fueled by the availability of evening classes and proximity to our jobs,” said Anne. “As night students, we were among students who successfully balanced work, school, and family. This early lesson in multitasking prepared us for setting and achieving goals, which led the way to promotions after graduation and rewarding career paths.”

Julie’s and Anne’s career successes and diverse pastimes reflect the approach they took while students: Learn as much as you can in your major and explore other subjects that spark interest in learning.

For the former, they give tremendous credit to Professor William Yellen. “Throughout our careers in banking, there was scarcely a day we didn’t draw upon the knowledge we gained in his classes,” said Julie.

The sisters thank their “favorite professor,” Dr. Arthur Hughes, however, for the latter. Anne recalled, “We took several of his classes just for the joy of learning. They had absolutely nothing to do with our major and everything to do with cultivating lifelong curiosity.”

Now, nearly 30 years after graduating, the Kellys see many similarities between today’s St. Francis students and themselves. Like many, they were the first in their family to go to college.

“We can certainly relate to current students: hardworking, middle class kids, working while enrolled to pay tuition,” said Anne.

Impressed during a recent visit to campus by the College’s investment in capital improvements, new technology, and programs such as the combined B.S./M.S. in Accounting, both Julie and Anne, who started contributing to the Annual Fund immediately after they graduated, hope their scholarship can make easier the challenge of balancing work and school.

“We hope we can help give a deserving student the opportunity to focus exclusively on his or her studies,” said Julie. “We see the scholarship as a way to encourage success.”
St. Clare Society Members Contribute to College’s Bright Future

Jack Fellin ’73 believes the way you help people during your life is as important as what you leave behind. That is one reason he has arranged a bequest to St. Francis College in his will to fund a full scholarship in his family’s name.

“What better way can you touch people than give them the opportunity for an education, especially one that has the quality and value of St. Francis?” he asked.

Naming St. Francis College in his will makes Mr. Fellin, who is vice president of operations for Varsity Soccer in Memphis, TN a member of the St. Clare Society, named for the follower and confidant of St. Francis of Assisi. The society honors those who support the College by including it in their estate planning.

A variety of giving options exist for those who wish to contribute to St. Francis College in this way. Donors may include a confirmed bequest provision in their will or living trust, make a life-income gift or create a charitable lead trust, or name the College as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan.

“The process is as easy as filling out a couple of forms,” said Mr. Fellin.

“These important and generous gifts not only help guarantee a St. Francis education to future generations of students but assure that the College remains competitive in any number of ways,” said Sharon Kerrigan, vice president for development and alumni affairs.

For more information about joining the St. Clare Society, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 718.489.5361 or via e-mail at development@stfranciscollege.edu.

My wife and I decided to provide for St. Francis College in our estate plan for very good reasons. First and foremost, I wish to “give back” in gratitude for the fine education I received without great cost.

A person with any level of means can participate meaningfully by selecting a planned giving program that suits their financial situation. For example, there are a few charitable gift annuity (CGA) programs out there that are really good. A CGA can allow you to receive fixed payments to supplement your income for life. You can qualify for a sizeable tax deduction. You can also reduce your capital gains tax if you fund your CGA with appreciated securities. The process of creating a planned gift is quite easy, but one should always consult their attorney or financial advisor before making a decision.

When I was an undergraduate, as a student body, we were, for the most part, a first- and second-generation Irish and Italian group. Today, other ethnic groups have replaced us; they are eager to learn and be educated to become the leaders of tomorrow. These fine minds should not be wasted, and I wish to do my part to see that this doesn’t happen. It’s simply too important, especially within the Franciscan tradition.

SFC Alumnus Inducted into Independent Sector Alumni Hall of Distinction

Arthur V. Gorman, Jr. ’76 was among 19 individuals honored at the New York State Capitol on March 3 by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu) during the 2008 Independent Sector Alumni Hall of Distinction Awards Ceremony and Legislative Reception.

The Alumni Hall of Distinction recognizes New York’s Independent Sector graduates who make contributions to society through their careers and community involvement. This year, cIcu recognized courageous alumni who are actively serving in the U.S. military or are veterans. Mr. Gorman was honored for his career in the U.S. Marine Corps, from which he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is currently chief operating officer for the Public Finance Group at Merrill Lynch and Company.

The Commission represents New York State’s private colleges and universities on issues of public policy in Albany.

Bob ’63 (above) and Pat Sheehan, frequent donors to St. Francis College over a number of years, recently included the College in their estate plan. After graduation and a period in the U. S. Marine Corps, Mr. Sheehan earned a master’s degree in Marketing from Temple University in Philadelphia. Recently retired, the Sheehans now live in South Carolina.

Arthur V. Gorman ’76, pictured with his niece Maureen Coiro, was recently inducted into the Independent Sector Hall of Distinction of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities for his career as a U.S. Marine.
President Macchiarola Honored at 47th Annual Charter Award Dinner

Alumni and Friends Shatter Records for Fundraising as 150th Anniversary Year Begins

On April 8, St. Francis College kicked off its 150th anniversary year at the College’s annual premier fundraising event, the 47th Annual Charter Award Dinner, held at Cipriani 42nd Street.

Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola ’62, who is stepping down on June 30 as the College’s president, was the evening’s honoree as his family, friends, and colleagues paid tribute to a career that has spanned education, business, law, and public service. More than 600 guests were on hand to congratulate and thank Dr. Macchiarola for his contributions to New York City over the past 40 years and give special thanks for his leadership at St. Francis College over the 12 years of his presidency.

The evening brought in a record-breaking $2 million for the College, half of which was committed by Roger Hertog, vice chairman emeritus of AllianceBernstein, L.P., and chairman emeritus of the Manhattan Institute, who was moved by the evening’s testimonials about Dr. Macchiarola and the College. Funds raised by the event will help support the College’s scholarship program, continue to add and enhance programs for students, and support other student and faculty development programs.

“It is a pleasure to recognize the achievements of Dr. Macchiarola and St. Francis College over the past 12 years,” said Brendan J. Dugan ’68, chairman and president-elect. “The generosity of so many people to make the evening a success will only strengthen the College further for the future.”

Dr. Macchiarola and wife Mary

Roger Hertog, vice chairman emeritus, AllianceBernstein, L.P., and chairman emeritus for the Manhattan Institute, committed $1 million to St. Francis College at the Charter Award Dinner. His generous gift will be used for scholarships and programs for students and faculty.

Dr. Macchiarola’s family, including his sons Michael, Frank, and Joseph, and grandson John were on hand to honor their dad.
John Sexton, president of New York University and longtime friend of President Macchiarola, served as master of ceremonies for the Charter Award Dinner, which celebrated the extraordinary accomplishments of St. Francis College during Dr. Macchiarola’s presidency.

In his remarks, former New York City Mayor Ed Koch, who was the Charter Award Dinner honoree in 2005, commented that Dr. Macchiarola was the “finest schools chancellor New York City ever had.”

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz presented Dr. Macchiarola with a proclamation recognizing his achievements.

This year’s event set new records for fundraising and attendance.
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Every gift helps us reach our goal of $750,000. Gifts received by June 30, 2008 will be recognized in St. Francis College’s Annual Donor Report. You can make a contribution by check payable to St. Francis College with the enclosed business reply envelope or on-line at https://gifts.stfranciscollege.edu. For more information please contact Olga Macolino ’01 at 718.489.5483 or via e-mail at omacolino@stfranciscollege.edu.

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Mentor Jennifer Abbate ’00, a worker’s compensation specialist for Verizon, sees firsthand how students benefit from the exposure the program offers. “It is incredibly rewarding to see how students progress in just a year,” she explained. “Sharing my work experiences with my protégé is a great way to help her advance professionally and give back to St. Francis College.”

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May 9—St. Francis College alumni gathered on campus for the annual Alumni Reunion Dinner.


Alumni of the Class of 1958 and the Class of 1968 made special gifts to the College, totaling $85,000, to celebrate their 50th and 40th anniversaries respectively.

Four members of the St. Francis College community were honored by the Alumni Association. Thomas Early ’78 received the Alumni Achievement Award. James F. Dougherty, Ph.D. ’66, received the Alumni Board of Directors Appreciation Award. Renee Goodstein, Ph.D., professor of Psychology, received the Distinguished Faculty Award. Stephen Bogart, executive vice president, received the Distinguished Administrator Award.

Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D. ’62, was recognized for his 12 years of leadership as St. Francis’ president. Brendan J. Dugan ’68 was also recognized for his recent selection as the College’s next president.
1940s
Blair Allen ’46 would like to hear from fellow classmates who enrolled in January 1942.

1950s
Paul urso ’50 has had manuscripts published in a variety of scientific journals. Most recently published are: Suppression of T Lymphocyte Proliferation to Antigenic and Mitogenic Stimuli by Benzo(a)pyrene Metabolites; Presence of CD4+ SP and DP (γδ, αβ) T-Cells Expressing BPDE-DNA Adducts in Progeny of Mouse Dams Exposed to Benzo(a)pyrene at Mid-Getation; Murine CD6+, CD8+ Normal Fetal Liver Cells Enhance an Immune Response: Benzo(a)pyrene-Exposed CD5+ Fetal Liver Cells are Inhibitors; The Role of Adherent Cells in the Immunosuppressed State of Mouse Progeny Transplacentally Exposed to Benzo(a)pyrene; and Alterations in CD4+, CD8+ , \(\gamma\delta\), \(\alpha\beta\), and/or \(\gamma\delta\) T-Cell Expression in Lymphoid Tissues of Progeny After In Utero Exposure to Benzo(a)pyrene.

Anthony J. D’Elia ’58 and his wife, Anne, recently visited Daniel P. Mannix ’56 in Arizona.

1960s
John M. Fitzgerald ’60 will retire after 23 years as guidance counselor for St. Anthony High School. He remains in touch with classmates James F. Gannon, Sr. ’60 and John C. Gordon ’58.
Michael K. Jewell ’61 received the St. Thomas Aquinas Award at the 10th Annual St. Agnes School Gala.
Joseph P. Walker ’61 was inducted into the St. Francis Prep Alumni Hall of Fame.
Charles L. Novak ’63 retired to Harbeson, DE, where he plans to play enough golf to reduce his handicap.
Joseph Scalia ’64 recently published Brooklyn Family Scenes, his fourth book.
William M. Black ’65 and his wife, Pat, became first-time grandparents in February to McKenna Rose.

1970s
Bob Moore ’70 was recognized as the “Volunteer Leader of the Year” by Junior Achievement of New York at its annual leadership awards gala in November. Moore, who is vice president for sales at National Grid, was honored for exemplifying the values of leadership, integrity and achievement. The event raised $640,000 to help New York City and Long Island students develop the economic and financial skills necessary to succeed in business.
James P. Lawler ’71, associate professor, Pace University, recently published Service-Oriented Architecture: SOA Strategy, Methodology, and Technology.
Vince DeGiaimo ’72, chief operating and compliance officer for Muirfield Capital Management and a member of the St. Francis College board of trustees, serves as treasurer of the Good Dog Foundation. Since its founding in 1998, the organization has been dedicated to animal assisted therapy, from training and certification to visitation and support. It operates in 132 facilities in the Northeast.
Robert ’72 and Karen Scharbach ’74 are parents of Kathryn and Marilyn, both board certified pediatricians.
Frances Curcio ’73, professor of Secondary Mathematics Education at CUNY’s Queens College.

1973 & 1978 Alumni Reception
February 23—Graduates from 1973 and 1978 attended a reception prior to women’s and men’s home basketball games vs. Fairleigh Dickinson University.

College, recently co-authored *Becoming a Reflective Mathematics Teacher*.

**Margaret Dougherty Russo ’73** has received a 2008 fellowship for distinguished New York City principals from the Cahn Fellows Program, Teachers College, Columbia University.

**James D. Noble ’74** was ordained by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio to the Permanent Deaconate for the Diocese of Brooklyn. Jim, his wife, Mary, and son, James, are members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. For 30 years, Jim has worked as funeral director for Pitta Funeral Home, founded by his father-in-law, Joseph Pitta ’42.

**Paul Dorogoff ’76** retired as detective sergeant after 31 years with the U.S. Park Police. During retirement, he will teach The History of New York at St. John’s University.

**Kevin J. Kelleher ’76** earned a master’s degree in Social Service from Loyola University, Chicago, and works as a social worker for the Waukegan, IL, school district.

**Jeanmarie Costello ’78** was named Pro Bono Attorney of the Month by the Suffolk County Bar Association. Her son, Brendan Quinn, is a sophomore at Chaminade High School in Mineola, NY while daughter Erin Quinn has completed seventh grade at St. Isodore’s School in Riverhead, NY.

**1990s**

**Lisa Perrotta-Mastrandrea ’94** is a Mathematics teacher at Bishop Ford Catholic Central High School in Brooklyn.

**Karen E. Nethersole ’95** was awarded the 2008 Forty Under 40 Achievement Award by the Network Journal, a leading business magazine dedicated to the advancement of young professionals and business owners. The award was given to Karen in recognition of her achievements at Liz Claiborne, Inc., where she manages collegiate programs and diversity initiatives.

**Winnifred Noel Charles ’96** graduated from New York Law School in 2005 and was admitted to the state Bar Associations in New York and Connecticut. After completing a one-year fellowship with the New York State Unified Court System, she practices immigration law.

**2000s**

**Nancy Gallo ’00** was appointed a district-wide school psychologist in Huntington, NY.

**Ryan J. Contino ’00** and his wife Maria are expecting a baby in October.

**Jeannette A. Bartley ’00** wed Lionel Robertson in Long Island City, NY. They live in Brooklyn.

**Anthony H. Zalak ’02** teaches second grade at PS. 146 in Brooklyn.

**Aaron J. Bellew ’03** is in his third year of study at New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

**Antonevia A. Ocho-Coultes ’04** has been accepted to the master of fine arts program for Acting at Brooklyn College. She is one of 10 people selected to this competitive program for the class of 2010.

**Weddings & Anniversaries**

**Virgintia A. Zalak ’02 and wife, Laureen,** announce the arrival of son Joseph David, born in January. Anthony is assistant director of Athletics for St. Francis College.

**Angela K. Manekas ’01** and husband, Will, announce the arrival of son Peter William, born in December.

**Christina Bellini and Anthony Portello**

**Christina Bellini ’00** recently wed Anthony Portello at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brooklyn. Christina is a technical assistant in the communications department at St. Francis College. The couple lives in Brooklyn.

**Robert E. McKenna ’05** is married to Svetlana Toston; they live in Staten Island.

**1980s**

**Esther Joseph ’80** was named manager of distribution operations for American Sales Co., the Lancaster health/beauty care and general merchandise distributor for Ahold USA. Esther has been with Ahold since 1998, most recently serving as lead inventory control manager for the organization’s pharmaceutical facility in Baltimore.

**Armando Ramirez ’81** has filed for county commissioner District 3, Osceola County, FL.

**Kathleen M. Purdy ’84** teaches Aquatics and Adapted Aquatics at Newburgh Free Academy in Newburgh, NY. She and her husband, Mike, recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Michael, 18, and Robert, 15.

**Gian Severini ’85** has worked for 22 years as a teacher for the New York City Department of Education and is disciplinary dean of students and coordinating supervisor for Special Education in District 75. He is a third degree Knight of Columbus.
The following alumni and friends of St. Francis College recently passed away. We pray for the repose of their souls. Requiescant in Pacem.

St. Francis College Alumni

John M. Boyle ’68
Alphonsus Collins ’63
John M. Corrigan ’64
James A. Duffy ’63
Domenic F. Firriolo ’54
Eugene V. Gartlan ’66

Robert T. Grant ’53
George J. Gremse ’41
Roger A. Hannon ’71
Sr. Ann Higgins, C.S.J. ’59
Kathleen Joyce-Maher ’83
James J. Lee, Jr., ’77, ’81

Victor Macco ’64
Michael A. Maina ’67
Joan V. Mardiney ’77
Archibald McCormick ’69
Francis T. Murray ’43
David Oats ’73

Cornelius O’Brien ’47
Sr. Maureen O’Donnell ’67
Edward J. Quigley, Sr. ’54
Joseph Tymczyszyn ’68
Stephanie Ucinski ’78
Safiya Willcock ’04

Friends of St. Francis College

America Albergo, mother of Sharon Albergo-Quigley ’86 and mother-in-law to Andrew Quigley ’86
Lisa Allocco, daughter-in-law to Carmine Allocco ’61
Anne Crumlish, sister of Sr. Kay Crumlish ’71
Adele Dolan, mother-in-law to Samuel Ramirez ’65
James P. Dolan, Sr., father of Patricia Dolan Boyle ’87
Michael Doyle, father-in-law to George Brennan ’70
Edward Dwyer, father of Marion Dwyer White ’78 and father-in-law to Bernard White ’79
Antoinette A. Faraci, mother of Nicholas Faraci ’70
David Farrell, son of William Farrell ’68

Thomas Femiano, father-in-law to Dr. Dominick DePaola ’64
Rosemary Flannery, mother of Margaret Alaimo ’87, Ann Flannery-O’Mea ’91 and mother-in-law to Mary Donohue-Flannery ’86
Josephine Hemway, mother of Joseph Hemway ’84
Thomas Henry, father of Kevin Henry ’83
Helen Hoag, mother of William Hoag ’76
Wilma Hutter, wife of Michael Hutter ’43

William MacLellan, Sr., father of Thomas MacLellan ’95; and grandfather of Kelly MacLellan ’07
Roseann Macolino, mother-in-law to Olga Minakakis-Macolino ’01
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Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your souls.

— Matthew 11: 28-29
Students, Faculty, and Staff Raise $16,000 for Relay for Life

Effort Dedicated to the Memory of Bro. Thomas O’Neill and Dr. Enildo Garcia

The third annual Relay for Life at the Genovesi Center, co-sponsored by the College and the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, raised $16,000 for cancer research and honored the memories of two members of the St. Francis College family who recently passed away from cancer-related causes.

On April 4, students, faculty, and staff, together with friends from the community, participated in activities that included carnival games, karaoke, special presentations, and a luminaria ceremony that honored those living with cancer and those who have died, including Bro. Thomas O’Neill, O.S.F. ’68 and Dr. Enildo Garcia, professor of Spanish, to whom the event was dedicated.

“The best way to honor our loved ones was to create an ambiance of joy, delight, and bliss,” said Ruben Gonzalez, assistant director for Student Activities.

For more information about Relay for Life, visit www.events.cancer.org/rflstfranciscocollegeny.org.

St. Francis College Mourns the Death of a Longtime Professor

In March, St. Francis College lost a longtime teacher, colleague, and friend with the death of Dr. Enildo Garcia. Following his arrival at St. Francis in 1968, Dr. Garcia not only taught Spanish, Literature, and International Cultural Studies but often led student trips to Spain.

Dr. Garcia traveled frequently to Cuba to conduct scholarly research on a number of topics, including the life of Father Felix Varela, a Cuban-born priest who came to New York City to work among immigrant populations. Much of Dr. Garcia’s work was published in both English and Spanish journals.

Popular among his students, Dr. Garcia was honored at the 2001 Annual Alumni Dinner as Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year. He was particularly devoted to his work teaching Spanish in the 1970s and 1980s to seminarians preparing to become priests in Brooklyn and Queens at Cathedral College and as a visiting professor of Spanish language and culture to the classes for the permanent deacons of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

“Dr. Garcia’s natural gifts and appreciation for diverse cultures enriched our department and the entire College,” said his longtime friend and colleague, Dr. Francis Greene, chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, and International Cultural Studies. “His deep intellect and gentle demeanor will be missed by all who knew him.”
Register Now for the June 23 Outing

It’s not too late to register to participate in the annual St. Francis College Meadow Brook Golf Outing at Meadow Brook Country Club in Jericho, NY. Participation is limited to the first 32 foursomes.

To provide more opportunities for participation in the Outing this year, the College is sponsoring a Women’s Golf Clinic for alumnae and friends who want to learn the game.

For more information about this important annual fundraiser, contact the Office of Development at 718.489.5361 or development@stfranciscollege.edu.