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Cover Photo: SFC received its charter from the State of New York Department of Education to begin offering in fall 2005 a five-year, B.S./M.S. program in Accounting.
St. Francis College

Dear Alumni and Friends:

The past several months have brought much to celebrate and be proud of at St. Francis College. Recent achievements, although discreetly compelling, woven together tell a dynamic story about the viability and overall vitality of the College. In particular, the College’s financial strength is reflected in our ongoing ability to garner private and public funds to support the construction and operation of the new Academic Center, which will open next fall.

After receiving an A– rating from independent evaluators at Standard & Poors, the College issued a sale of public bonds for the first time in its 146-year history. The positive response to the sale not only guarantees the building’s timely completion but also indicates buyers’ confidence in the financial stability of the College over the long term. In addition, St. Francis College will receive an estimated $1.2 million in state capital funding over the next five years as part of New York State’s new Higher Education Capital Matching Program, which, for the first time, includes support for the state’s private colleges and universities.

As construction projects have progressed, we witnessed the “topping out” of the new Academic Center as its highest steel beam was hoisted into place. For several days before the beam’s elevation, students, faculty, administrators, trustees, donors, and many friends had the uncommon opportunity to sign it, our signatures becoming forever a part of St. Francis College history.

Academically, the College achieved a milestone upon receiving approval from the State of New York to begin conferring master’s degrees as part of a new B.S./M.S. program in accounting. This program, which launches in fall 2005, accommodates changes in State requirements regarding eligibility to sit for the CPA exam that take affect in 2009 when next fall’s incoming accounting majors are scheduled to graduate.

St. Francis College continues to be a source of pride for alumni, students, their parents, and the community. New applications have increased nearly 20 percent since 2003, several recent graduates have been accepted to prestigious graduate programs and medical schools, and alumni donations continue to make possible essential capital and program improvements. The continuous support of alumni and many others is an indication of the exceptional educational experience available at St. Francis College; the committed people who study, teach, and work here; and the immeasurable value of the College to Brooklyn and all of New York City.

Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D. ’62
President

City Council Speaker Gifford Miller and President Macchiarola were among the first to sign the steel beam to be set at the top of the new Academic Center. The signed beam was raised to be set in place by construction crews.
New B.S./M.S. in Accounting Adds Up to Opportunity for Students

St. Francis College has received approval from the New York State Department of Education to offer a B.S./M.S. combined degree program in accounting, which will begin in fall 2005. The program accommodates new State eligibility rules for taking the Certified Public Accountants’ (CPA) examination that take effect in 2009.

The new rules will require all exam candidates to complete a registered 150-credit hour program. The new program’s timing allows those who graduate in 2009 to be eligible to take the CPA exam the first time it is offered after the new regulations take effect.

“The new B.S./M.S. in accounting program builds on the strengths of one of the College’s most successful undergraduate programs,” said Gerald A. Largo, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and academic dean. “It also demonstrates our ongoing commitment to providing programs and learning opportunities that are focused on the needs and career goals of our students.”

Students who pass all accounting courses during their first six semesters in the program and whose grade point average for those courses meet program requirements will have the option to enter the new program for their remaining courses. After successfully completing this final portion of the program, students will be awarded both their bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Those who do not meet master’s degree requirements may complete a 150-credit hour bachelor’s degree program, making them eligible to sit for the CPA exam in the future. For those not pursuing CPA certification, a traditional four-year B.S. degree accounting program will continue to be available.

Upon completing either 150-credit hour program, students will be prepared to enter careers in public accounting. Students completing the four-year program may pursue careers in private industry and nonprofit organizations.

“Qualified students will—in five years’ time or less—have the opportunity to earn their B.S./M.S., take the CPA exam, and begin rewarding careers,” said Geoffrey R. Horlick, Ph.D., CPA, professor of accounting and chairman of the department of accounting and business law. “At the same time, they will be able to learn in small classes for both their undergraduate and graduate experiences and build lasting relationships with faculty and classmates, factors that will have a positive effect on their career paths and futures.”
Career Accountability: SFC Alumni Balance Life’s Books

With 1,704 graduates with bachelor’s degrees in accounting, St. Francis College certainly can boast about its contribution to the field. Recently defined by the National Association of Colleges and Employers as “the number one major on college campuses,” accounting continues to be a popular major among SFC students. Below, graduates of the College’s accounting program share their thoughts about their experience at St. Francis College as well as the actual and anticipated rewards of their career choice.

According to Bevin Meade ’98, the best part of her job as tax manager for KPMG LLP is the diversity of her work environment. Half of her time is spent visiting clients throughout the tri-state area or working from KPMG’s Stamford office—with the rest of her time in its mid-town Manhattan quarters.

“The routine is different every day,” she said. “It’s a good way to keep things interesting.”

Bevin went to work at KPMG in 2000 after more than two years, including an internship as an SFC student, with Donaldson, Lufkin, and Jenrette (DLJ), which has since merged with Credit Suisse. At DLJ, she had the opportunity to learn about state and local tax law, an expertise that led to her current position where her primary role is as consultant for state and local tax matters to corporations such as the Gillette Company and Pfizer, Inc. Having recently passed the CPA exam, Bevin realizes the value of the College’s thesis requirement for accounting majors.

“All the topics that my classmates and I researched and presented in senior seminar were covered on the CPA exam,” she said. “Not only did we receive a solid foundation in accounting through our coursework, but we also had the opportunity to learn from one another through this unique requirement in the curriculum.”

Carl Esposito ’05 is looking forward to his first day of work in July. As one of the newest members of the capital markets division in the tax department of Price Waterhouse, he knows he is prepared to tackle the challenges that will be part of his job.

Carl credits much of his job-hunting success to the rigor of the accounting curriculum at St. Francis College and the thoughtful and comprehensive teaching of course material by accounting department faculty. He says they not only covered all the components of the accounting field but offered helpful advice about the business world as well.

“All the professors have experience as professional accountants—and still practice in addition to teaching,” he said. “They know the ropes and encouraged us to take advantage of the expertise of the career development office for resume writing and interviewing skills practice.”

Carl took their suggestions to heart and is off to a good professional start. With plans to take the CPA exam later this year, he believes his experience at St. Francis College will influence his career now and in the future. “I feel as prepared as anyone who is beginning a career in accounting right now,” he said.

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Department of Nursing Receives Accreditation

SFC’s Department of Nursing has been awarded accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the accrediting arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The accreditation, which is effective through 2010, “allows our students to pursue their dreams,” according to Susan Saladino, nursing department chairperson. The nursing program at St. Francis College is designed for professional registered nurses who wish to earn a B.S. in nursing.
SFC Celebrates Accomplished Women

Breaking the Glass Ceiling, a lecture series featuring women accomplished in business, politics, and the arts, and several other events that have highlighted the achievements of successful women have attracted large audiences, including students, community members, and visitors to St. Francis College. The lecture series, established in conjunction with the initiation last fall of a minor in Women’s Studies at St. Francis College, can be especially credited with bringing diverse groups of visitors to the College.

Speakers have included Mary Robinson, the first woman president of Ireland, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and now chairperson of the Council of Women World Leaders; Gail Marquis, silver medalist, 1976 U.S. Olympic women’s basketball team, and vice president, JP Morgan Chase/Bank One; and Sharon Allen, chairman of the board, Deloitte & Touche USA LLP and the first woman holding that role at a leading professional services firm.

“The speakers’ depth of experience reflects a cross section of the challenges encountered and overcome by people of all professions and backgrounds,” said Michele Hirsch, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, who coordinated the development of the women’s studies minor with Suzanne Forsberg, Ph.D., professor of fine arts.

“Students, in particular, benefit from hearing the human element of the stories of women who, indeed, have broken the proverbial glass ceiling through commitment, hard work, and sacrifice.”

The year-long recognition of prominent women continued with the College’s first annual Franciscan Lecture given by Sister Kathleen Warren, O.S.F., author of Daring to Cross the Threshold; the honoring on Charter Day of Eileen Long-Chelales ’92, regional administrator, General Services Administration; a presentation by Marion A. Kaplan, Ph.D., Skirball Professor of Modern Jewish History, New York University, in observance of Yom Hashoa, the College’s annual observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day; and commencement address by Carol Bellamy, president and chief executive officer for World Learning and president of its School for International Training, and former executive director of UNICEF. Also on that day, the College honored Sister Catherine Patten, R.S.H.M., for her work as coordinator for the Catholic Common Grounds Initiative of the National Pastoral Life Center.

While the lecture series officially ends at the conclusion of the 2004-2005 academic year, additional presentations that highlight the work of women whose work encompasses the arts and related fields will be scheduled for academic year 2005-2006. Included in this group is Sister Ramona Miller, O.S.F., Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, Calif., who will discuss St. Clare of Assisi on Oct. 7, 2005. To find out additional speakers, dates, and times, periodically check the website, www.stfranciscollege.edu, or call the office of special events, (718) 489-5372.
[Clockwise from Above] Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland, kicked off the lecture series with thoughts about the impact of her experiences in politics and public service on her current work. ■ During her lecture Gail Marquis encouraged students of color to help diversify board-rooms of corporations and nonprofit organizations of all types. ■ Sharon Allen, chairman of the board, Deloitte & Touche USA LLP discussed the merits of “doing right” in the corporate world. ■ The audience learned about the thinking and motivation of St. Francis from Sister Kathleen Warren, O.S.F. ■ Alumnae Eileen Long-Chelales ’92 acknowledged the practical application of coursework at St. Francis College to her work managing a large federal agency’s budget. ■ Marian A. Kaplan, Ph.D., New York University, captivated listeners with remembrances of Holocaust victims during the College’s observance of Yom Hashoah. ■ Carol Bellamy asked graduates to use their experience at SFC to “…make the world a better place.”
SFC Students Respond to World Needs

During the winter and spring of 2005, students at St. Francis College dug deep into their pockets to help people in need halfway across the globe. Responding to the needs of victims of the tsunami in southeast Asia and soldiers from New York City serving in Iraq provided opportunities for students to join local and worldwide efforts to bring relief to those who need it.

“The Franciscan spirit is alive and well at St. Francis College,” said James C. Adams, Ph.D., vice president for student affairs and dean of students. “Our students—as well as faculty, staff, and administrators—made an enthusiastic contribution to efforts that affect people living and working around the world.”

A total of $5,200 was raised by students, faculty, administrators, and staff to forward directly to Franciscan Missionary Brothers in Batticola, Sri Lanka, who operate an orphanage located in a village destroyed by the storm. The facility, which normally serves 65 children, is now providing shelter, food, water, and medicine to 1,500 people on site and throughout its community.

In addition, more than 180 pounds of toiletries were collected by students on campus and at Terriers basketball games to send to members of the Fighting 69th Infantry Regiment, a reserve unit that has served the five boroughs and the nation for more than 150 years. A group of students delivered the goods to the Manhattan-based armory, which were distributed to unit members deployed in Iraq.

John Whaley ’72, whose two sons and son-in-law currently are serving in Iraq, is a member of the unit’s Family Support Group. “The students’ contributions were an enormous hit with the soldiers,” he said. “Their generosity means everything to the men and women who are so far from home.”

Students and faculty delivered toiletries donated by students to the Fighting 69th Infantry Regiment. The group included Bro. Owen Sadlier, OSF ’69, Vicki Ziskind ’07, Kimberly Nicolli ’05, Dr. James Corrigan ’60, Nick D’Esposito ’07, Pasqualino Iannelli ’06, John Whaley ’72, and Sgt. Lee Ortiz.

Afternoon Concerts Enrich Campus Life

Several times during the academic year, classical music can be heard flowing at lunchtime from such places as Founders Hall and the Nicholas A. Fiorenza Fine Arts Classroom, a space that accommodates fine arts performances. These events are part of a series sponsored by the department of foreign languages, fine arts, and international cultural studies called Concerts at Half-Past Twelve and their popularity is strong among students and faculty as well as the community.

It’s no wonder. The series, now in its fifth year, draws renowned musicians such as pianist Jeffrey Swan, violinist Julia Sakharova, and fortepianist Steven Lubin, and groups that include Simon Quartet and Brooklyn Baroque. Offered free of charge, the concerts provide audiences the rare opportunity not only to experience exceptional music but also learn directly from the performing musicians about compositions and instruments from a variety of periods.

“The concerts offer an effective way to raise students’ awareness about the ability of the arts to enrich one’s everyday life,” said Suzanne Forsberg, Ph.D., professor of fine arts and organizer of the concerts. “It’s gratifying to see young people’s attitudes about classical music transformed.
Donor Gift Strengthens Scholarship Availability for SFC Students

New gifts made by June 30 will be matched.

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, St. Francis College is able to bolster scholarship support for deserving students. Students will begin benefiting from this gift as early as fall 2005.

The donation, which totals $250,000, will be used to match—dollar for dollar—gifts made to any St. Francis College scholarship fund before June 30, 2005, the conclusion of the College’s fiscal year. Gifts made for this purpose can help round out funding for several existing scholarship funds that must be fully endowed before they can be granted for student use.

“Gifts now from alumni and friends can make an immediate difference to a talented student who is struggling to meet tuition,” President Frank J. Macchiarola ’62 wrote in a letter to all scholarship supporters. “Your support can enable someone to receive a full scholarship next semester.”

Nearly 150 endowed scholarship funds exist at St. Francis College, many of them created to honor alumni, endearing professors, and other loved ones. To make a gift to a scholarship fund or endow a new scholarship, contact Margaret Ambrosino, director of annual giving, (718) 489-5483.

Seniors Make First Gifts to SFC

As a parting gift to St. Francis College, members of the class of 2005 are making their first gifts to the College. Any gift made by any graduating senior—or their parents—will be matched dollar for dollar by a very generous alumnus.

“The willingness of graduating seniors to help make possible a Franciscan education for others just entering the College speaks to their positive experience here,” said Margaret Ambrosino, director of annual giving. “We look forward to a continued tradition of giving from members of the Class of 2005.”

after they’ve been exposed to it in a setting such as this.”

St. Francis College junior Elena Arkova, a chemistry major, attends concerts regularly and appreciates, specifically, what she was able to learn recently about Beethoven and his music during a pre-concert lecture.

“College is about more than studying,” she said. “Attending the concerts helps me become a well-rounded person and get the most out of what the College has to offer.”

Audiences include, in addition to participants from the St. Francis College community, neighbors who are pleased with the

“It’s rewarding to perform for the appreciative audiences that attend the concerts,” said Rebecca Pechefsky, harpsichordist with Brooklyn Baroque who has performed twice for Concerts at Half-Past Twelve.

“We enjoy offering people the same caliber performance they typically would have to travel to Manhattan to hear.”

The 2005-2006 season of Concerts at Half-Past Twelve begins with a performance by French hornist David Jolley. For details, please contact the office of special events (718) 489-5372.

Violinist Julia Sakharova and her accompanist are among those who offer concert hall caliber performing arts experiences at SFC.

New SFC Alumni Directory Available

A 2005 edition of the St. Francis College Alumni Directory is available. Find former classmates in this comprehensive volume organized alphabetically, geographically, by class year and career title. To order a copy, contact Harris Publishing Company, Inc., customer service department, (800) 877-6554 (e-mail customerservice@bcharrispub.com).

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On April 16, Trustee Orville Dale, retired vice president of human resources for advertising agency Young & Rubicam, led an interviewing workshop for students. Forty-four juniors and seniors, many of whom helped plan roundtable discussions and a skit, participated. Naomi Kinley, director of career development, arranged several valuable site visits last semester for his class. Among them were a presentation by Roy Reardon '51, partner, Simpson, Thatcher and Bartlett (third from right), about the rewards of a law career, and a visit to the New York City Medical Examiner’s Office to learn firsthand the ways attorneys, medical examiners, and public agencies support the work of one another.

Alumnus Michael A. Zufolo ’61, put pen to paper recently after visiting with Brother Edmund Holmes, O.S.F. ’28, former professor of Greek at St. Francis College. His thoughts about the experience appear below.

I hardly knew him, as he sauntered from his garden patch at ol’ St. Francis more than a mile away where he cheerfully guided his beloved “troopers” and from his Latin verses which he found missing.

Folly to the nouveau curriculum, he would say, and I believed him.

Here was a man guided by the spirit within him and all that he believed in.

It was many a year ago that I first met him, back at the Butler Street site, yet I remembered him well after seeing this gentle figure often treading through the “yard” where I first asked for his name.

So many of us didn’t get to know him as I did, of who he was, for he had served a half a century before we arrived from every precinct of the City.

Yet there he was silently yet swiftly passing across the black tar to his precious garden, his holy grail, I suppose. And for a moment, I thought if St. Francis were here right now they would have a lively discourse of sorts, in Latin, of course, of which he knew so well.

I lost track of Brother Edmund, so many years had passed since I left to venture into this dark and brooding world to find my place, but one could not lose memory of this sainted man, and yet only recently did I chance upon him once again in a little church somewhere nearest his home one Saturday evening where I had stopped to celebrate the Mass of the Day.

And there he was, a solo flight from his quarters no doubt. I watched as he found his way, in the very first row, and in the very first seat of his ancient Church, to reflect on so many things, I suppose, to be closer to his Master.

I couldn’t believe my eyes, even though I lost track of him o’ so many years, but I couldn’t forget his humble presence that I remembered so well from decades gone by when I was a much younger man.

After the Mass I offered to escort him back, tugging at his arm so that he might not fall and crash on this winter’s night, in spite of his three pronged cane.

He said he had reached his ninth decade after my abrupt query, and I said I’d be there to raise a glass on his centennial milestone for which he again laughed as I so remembered, as only he could, and I was warmed by his sunlight, his Celtic lilt, his joie de vivre.

I left him at his place not knowing somehow if I would ever see him again and left for the night countering his ways.

Where have I been, I thought? Where was I going? I could only say thanks for the ride, Brother Edmund and yes, I plan to be there.

Michael Carroll, New York State Judge and an adjunct professor at SFC in the department of sociology and criminal justice (far right), arranged several valuable site visits last semester for his class.
Five SFC Faculty Members Honored for New Books Published

Five members of the St. Francis College faculty were honored on April 13, Faculty Recognition Day, for publishing books within the past year. These works represent the greatest number of books published during a 12-month period by St. Francis College faculty in the College’s history.

“These instructors are an inspiration to students, faculty, and administrators,” said Gerald Largo, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and academic dean. “Their accomplishments make us aware of the potential that exists within each of us.”

Honored were Athena Devlin, Ph.D. (English) for Between Profits and Primitivism: Shaping White Middle-Class Masculinity in the United States, 1880-1917; Uwe Gielen, Ph.D. (psychology) for Violence in Schools: Cross-National and Cross-Cultural Perspectives; Ian Maloney, Ph.D. (English) for Melville’s Monumental Imagination; Sinitia Molina, Ph.D. (fine arts, foreign languages, international cultural studies) for Dominican Perspectives; and Gregory Tague, Ph.D. (English) for Character and Consciousness.

Promotions and Tenure

Effective September 2005, Dr. Fotios Paliogiannis (mathematics) and Dr. Marilyn Verna (education) have been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor. The same are effective for Dr. Richard Giaquinto (education) in September 2006.

Notable Achievements

Drs. Allen Burdowski and Kathleen Nolan (biology) and Drs. Richard Giaquinto and Marilyn Verna (education) received a $5,000 grant from the New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program for their project From Sea to Seining Sea, through which pre-service teachers aided by biology majors received marine biology training.

Professor Erez Shochat (mathematics) organized with Dr. Rehana Patel, St. John’s University, the first New York Graduate Student Logic Conference, which was held at SFC. Dr. Fotios Paliogiannis, chair of the department, gave the opening address. Twenty-eight graduate students from universities in the U.S. and from around the world spoke on topics related to mathematical logic.

Dr. Marilyn Verna (education) received the Armand Tarantino Service Award from the Italian Genealogy Group.

Dr. Evelyn Wolfe (chemistry and physics) participated in a New York Academy of Sciences Minority Investigations Network workshop to enhance the professional development of minorities in the sciences.

Adjunct professor Natasha Yannacañedo, (communication arts) appeared in the world premiere of Sus Manos by Lauren Gunderson at Emerging Artist Theater.

Faculty Grants

Several faculty members were awarded professional development grants to conduct research or participate in courses, workshops, and conferences. They are Dr. Suzanne Forsberg (foreign languages, fine arts, and international cultural studies); Dr. Uwe Gielen (psychology); Dr. Peter Gomori (management); Drs. Michelle Hirsch, Renee Goodstein, and Jennifer Lancaster (psychology); Dr. Kathleen Nolan (biology); Dr. Marianne Sennick, C.S.J., (history, political science, social studies); and Dr. Evelyn A. Wolfe (chemistry).

Seven faculty members were awarded faculty research grants. Recipients and their projects are: Dr. Gerard Davidson (chemistry and physics), An Investigation into Metal Binding Capability of the von Hippel Lindau Protein and its Role in Carcinogenesis; Dr. Enildo Garcia...
Dr. Uwe P. Gielen (psychology) presented “Global Transformations of Childhood” at the annual meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research, where he also chaired a symposium titled “Children and Adolescents: Cross Cultural Antecedents and Consequences.” At the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, he presented the paper “A Course on Cross-Cultural Human Development” and chaired a symposium on international and cross-cultural materials in psychology courses. His book review “Where is East Asian Social Psychology Going?” appeared in International Psychology Reporter.

Dr. Michael Kaune (sociology and criminal justice) published “A Survey of Probation Officers Concerning the Use of Hair Testing for Illicit Substances” in the online journal The International Journal of Hair Testing.

Dr. Athena Devlin’s (English) book, Between Profits and Primitivism: Shaping White Middle-Class Masculinity in the United States, 1880-1917, was published by Routledge as part of its Literary Criticism and Cultural Theory series.

Dr. Suzanne Forsberg (foreign language, fine arts, and international cultural studies) presented “Piranesi’s Engravings of the Carceri as an Expression of Architectural Freedom” at the International Conference of Italian Arts and Culture at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.


Mitchell Levenberg’s (Academic Enhancement Center) short story “The Cat” was published in How Not To Greet Famous People: The Best Stories from ducts.com.

Dr. Jaskarin K. Mathur’s (sociology and criminal justice) paper, “Dark Homes and Smoky Hearths: Rural Electrification for Reducing the Burden of Women,” has been accepted for publication by Economic and Political Weekly, published from Mumbai, India. She presented further findings on the same research at the Eastern State Sociological Society’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Dr. Mathur’s review of “Bessie Head is Alive and Well in the Western Academy” was accepted by H-List, an online journal hosted by Michigan State University.


Dr. Uwe P. Gielen (psychology), The Acculturation of Chinese-American Adolescents in New York City; Dr. Steven Lipson (biology), Investigation into the Cellular and Molecular Mechanism(s) of Reovirus Inactivation by the American Cranberry; Dr. Jaskarin Mathur (sociology and criminal justice), Punjabi Weave; Dr. Kathleen Nolan (biology), Comparison of Water Quality in Gowanus Canal vs. New York Harbor; Dr. Marilyn Verna (education), Using Multiple Intelligences Strategies in the Classroom: Success at Last.

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Sharon Bourgeois (psychology) presented “Nicotine Addiction” in Prague, the Czech Republic, sponsored by the Society on Nicotine and Tobacco.

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Dr. Suzanne Forsberg (foreign language, fine arts, and international cultural studies) participated in the inaugural year of The New York Early Music Celebration by presenting “Johann Sebastian Bach: Portrait of a Musician from the Baroque” at the Morris-Jumel Mansion. The lecture was also featured as an event for New York State Humanities Month.

Professor Wendy Galgan’s article “Return to Nevéryon: A Derridian-esque Meditation” was published in the online journal NEBULA. Professor Galgan also published essays “Marilyn Hacker” and “O Taste and See” in Facts on File: Companion to 20th Century American Poetry (New York Facts on File, 2005).


Dr. Edward Wesley O.S.F. (English) presented “Ekphrasis, Grace, and Ecstasy—Early and Late—in Gerard Manley Hopkins’ Poetry” at the 2004 Northeast Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature.

Dr. Evelyn Wolfe (chemistry and physics) presented “Alkaloid Analysis of Red Bull as a Stimulant” at the 2005 NOBBCE conference in Orlando, Fla. The paper is the result of a collaborative research project conducted with chemistry majors Belinda Thomas and Tricia Edmund. Dr. Wolfe also participated in the Pittcom Conference.
Rookies Shine on the Basketball Court

First-year players from the Terriers’ men’s and women’s basketball teams received conference honors for outstanding seasons in 2004-2005. Tiffany Hill, a freshman from Orange, N.J., and Allan Sheppard, a sophomore from New York City, were each named four times during the regular season Choice Hotels NEC Rookies of the Week, and are already creating enthusiasm for the 2005-2006 basketball season among their coaches and teammates.

Ms. Hill, who at the conclusion of the season was named to the NEC All-Rookie Team, was leading scorer for the Terriers and was among NEC rookies with an average of 13.1 points per game. Over the course of the season she collected a total of 355 points and led the Terriers in steals with 46 and field goals with 133.

“The strides Tiffany made this season individually and for the team are tremendous,” said Brenda Milano, head coach, women’s basketball team. “Her future at St. Francis College is extremely bright.”

Mr. Sheppard, who joined the Terriers after red-shirtting in 2003-2004, was named NEC Rookie of the Year for his achievements and earned a spot on the All-Rookie Team. He led all Northeast Conference newcomers with 11.3 points per game and was among league leaders shooting 51.4 percent from the field.

“Allan has made an incredible impact on the Terriers’ basketball program,” said men’s basketball Assistant Coach Mike Wilson ’04. “With his commitment to excellence we all look forward to continued success on the court.”

Allen Shepherd and Tiffany Hill show promise for the Terriers men’s and women’s basketball teams after impressive rookie seasons.
Meet the Coach
Brian Nash wants to give fans a lot to cheer about.

Brian Nash, recently named head coach of the men’s Terriers basketball team, comes to St. Francis College from Seton Hall University, where he was assistant coach under Louis Orr. His career includes assistant coach positions at Siena College, St. Bonaventure University, and Sacred Heart University. A 1988 graduate of Bishop Ford High School in Park Slope, Brooklyn, Coach Nash went on to play basketball for four years at Keene State College in Keene, N.H., where he was team captain 1990-92.

Basketball is a Nash family hallmark. His father, Ray Nash ’63, played basketball for the Terriers and served as head basketball coach and athletic director for Bishop Ford High School for 37 years. His father-in-law, Larry Weise, led St. Bonaventure to the Final Four in 1970. Recently, Coach Nash discussed what students, alumni, and the entire St. Francis College family can expect when the Terriers take the court next fall.

Q: How did St. Francis College stand out among other colleges in your decision to become the Terriers’ head coach?
A: Several factors come to mind. Besides offering the opportunity to lead a quality basketball program at the Division I level, which always has been a goal of mine, a combination of the College’s longstanding basketball tradition and my background in Brooklyn make coming here special. The College’s greatest strength by far is its people—and the community environment that is immediately evident when you step onto campus.

Q: What are the strong points of the SFC basketball program?
A: The backbone of the program is the character of our players. Based on what I’ve observed during individual workouts and in team meetings, the guys are hard workers who can be counted on to stay focused, which is critical to achieving our goal to win the NEC championship and earn a spot in the NCAA tournament. This team knows how to win; I look forward to taking them to the next level.

Q: How would you describe your coaching style?
A: I’m demanding. I enjoy teaching the game. I try to motivate players to be better than they were before and better than they thought they could be. I want players on my team who are willing to work hard on the basketball court—but who also have their priorities straight when it comes to academics and life after graduation. Student-athletes from small schools rarely get opportunities to play in the NBA; it’s my job to help them have a great four-year experience so they can get their degrees and pursue meaningful careers—and see firsthand how their basketball experience can help them grow as individuals and contribute to a successful post-college life.

Q: What can alumni and other Terriers fans expect when they come to support the team?
A: Alumni want to see a product on the floor that plays hard, gives 100 percent, and makes them proud to be affiliated with the College. I promise to deliver that. Being able to attract top-notch talent is critical to
Water Polo Teammates Named Honorable Mention All-American

Three St. Francis College water polo players, Gergely Fabian ’06, Botond Szalma ’07, and Aleksandar Stankovic ’06, were named by the American Water Polo Coaches Association to the 2004 Honorable Mention All-American team. The trio led the St. Francis College men’s water polo team to a successful 2004 season, amassing an overall record of 25-4, completing the Collegiate Water Polo Association’s (CWPA) Northern Division with a 7-0 record; winning CWPA’s Northern Division Championship; and placing second in the CWPA’s Eastern Division Championship.

In the CWPA Eastern Championship tournament and the final game of the season, the Terriers lost 3-2 in double sudden death overtime to Princeton University. At the tournament’s conclusion, Fabian and Szalma were named to the All-Tournament First Team; Stankovic and teammate Milos Vuksic were named to the All-Tournament Second Team.

“Our team gets better and better,” said Carl Quigley ’75, head coach, water polo team. “We anticipate equal or greater success next season with all three All Americans returning to the squad.”

SFC Athletics Launches New Website

Alumni, students, and all Terriers fans can get team schedules, scores and stories from recent games, interesting facts about players and coaches—and connect to radio webcasts of Terriers basketball home games—through a newly launched, easy-to-navigate website devoted solely to Athletics. Find out all you need to know at http://athletics.stfranciscollege.edu.

The Terrier’s 2005-2006 season opens November 18 at home against Fairfield University.

success on the court, so recruiting will be a priority. With a supportive alumni base, active student body, and intimate arena, there isn’t a reason in the world not to have capacity crowds for home games. I hope to help generate enthusiasm and encourage attendance through special events such as open practices and basketball clinics for alumni and employees and their families. This way, fans begin to know the players better and feel a sense of ownership for the program—and that makes everyone cheer just a little bit louder.
One way St. Francis College helps students enter science, medical, and allied health careers fully prepared is to consider the opinions and suggestions of successful alumni who are willing to share their experience and expertise. These alumni, who with several faculty members and administrators make up the St. Francis College Science Advisory Board, are committed to assuring that the SFC curriculum provides sufficient academic rigor and practical hands-on opportunities to give SFC students the capacity to compete effectively for limited slots in quality graduate and professional programs.

The board is made up of the chairpersons of the College’s departments of biology and chemistry, Allen J. Burdowski, Ph.D., and Evelyn A. Wolfe, Ph.D., respectively, and 14 alumni whose specialties span internal medicine, pediatrics, thoracic surgery, and others, if focusing its efforts on three specific areas: better preparing students for medical school entrance exams through simulated MCAT exams; developing “shadowing programs” that provide undergraduates exposure to physicians and other healthcare professionals to get firsthand perspective in understanding the work of their chosen fields; and forging partnerships with medical schools that offer a transition to post-graduate study upon completion of credit requirements at St. Francis College.

“A higher percentage of SFC students applying to medical and other graduate programs are being accepted than in the past—a reflection of the quality instruction and sophisticated laboratory experiences available at St. Francis College,” said Timothy J. Houlihan, Ph.D., associate dean for academic affairs. “Working with the Science Advisory Board we will be able to capitalize on current momentum to assist even more students in achieving their dreams.”

For example, under the direction of board member Joseph D’Amore, M.D. ’73, St. Francis College is developing a seven-year B.S./M.D. program with St. George’s University in Grenada whereby qualified students who have completed three years of undergraduate study at SFC would begin medical school at St. George’s University, with the final year of college serving also as the first year of medical school. (This program is similar in many ways to current partnerships of the College with such institutions as NYU School of Dentistry, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, St. Vincent’s Catholic Medical Centers, and New York College of Podiatry.)

“I can’t tell you how impressed I am,” said Science Advisory Board member Brian Butler, D.P.M., ’70, who practices podiatry in Bronxville, N.Y., of the overall commitment to science at St. Francis College. “With continued curriculum improvements, even higher numbers of post-undergraduate placements should be evident within five years.”

For further information about or to nominate an alumnus for the Science Advisory Board, please contact Sean Moriarty, vice president for development, (718) 489-5443.

SFC Students Find Success in Science as Undergraduates and Alumni

“If I had to do it over again, I would still come to St. Francis College,” said Candice Fraser ’05, who is attending the University of Connecticut School of Medicine on full scholarship. “The College has gotten me where I wanted to go and helped me reach my goals.”

These sentiments are echoed by several members from the St. Francis College classes of 2003–2005 who have been accepted to medical schools and other professional programs. An additional 18 students who are still enrolled at the College are participating during summer 2005 in science-related internships, research projects, and other programs in cities across the U.S. that range in subject from forest ecology, biodiversity studies, and analytical chemistry.

Those most recently accepted to medical, dental, and veterinary, and pharmacology schools include Inshan Ali, St. George’s University Medical School; Roseline Cuevas, Michigan State University School of Veterinary Medicine; Candice Fraser, University of Connecticut School of Medicine; Zulyenne Hoyos, University of St. Eustatius Medical School; Darien Papando, Stony Brook School of Dentistry; David Peters and Nausika Prifti, New York College of Osteopathic Medicine; Ornella Rehova, University of Vermont College of Medicine; Katherine Thorne, St. George’s University Veterinary Medicine Program; and Shaun White, Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Donald Begollari was accepted with a full-tuition scholarship, fellowship merit award, and stipend to University of Rochester Graduate Program of Pharmacology.

Students admitted to the physician’s assistant program at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Centers are Marjorie Aristilde, Lizbeth Barretteau, Teddy Calixte, Antoinette Cascetta, and Matthew Laghezzi. St. Vincent’s Program of Radiography has accepted Jeanelle Dorvillen, Jean Lamothe, Aamarilis Mendoza, Erica Ng, Michael Pizzarelli, Daniel Prestino, and Artur Yadgarov. Ayana Shaw has been accepted to SUNY Downstate Physical Therapy B.S./M.S. program and Jeanine Fletcher is part of the New York University Master of Occupational Therapy program.
Profile of a Terrier

Michael J. Ranieri ’72

After living and working in Asia for more than 20 years, Michael Ranieri is back in the U.S. to share with as many people as possible the growing importance of China to the world’s economy. Based primarily in Hong Kong as Bank of New York’s managing director for international trade finance and deputy head of its Asia-Pacific division for investor services, Mr. Ranieri witnessed China’s explosive growth since it opened to the west in 1980.

“With an economy that is growing at a rate of more than 9 percent annually and per capita income that is 15 times greater than 25 years ago, China is positioned to become a political and economic powerhouse,” said Mr. Ranieri, whose interest in Asia began to take hold while he was a history major at St. Francis College. “It’s not a question of ‘if’ but a matter of ‘when;’ China’s impact on the world stage in the 21st century will match that of the U.S. during the 20th century.”

Despite China’s potential for tremendous worldwide influence, Mr. Ranieri observes that, generally, westerners lack a clear understanding of how Asian countries fit, independently or as a cohort, into the overall international landscape. He believes that if the U.S. is to compete globally, Americans must be willing to cross cultures to learn more about Asian history and culture.

“Currently, 1.4 billion people in the world speak Chinese, yet only 40,000 or so Americans are studying Mandarin,” he commented. “At the same time, one million Americans are learning French, a language spoken by only 80 million people worldwide.”

Mr. Ranieri began learning Chinese as an undergraduate, spending a summer at Middlebury College in Vermont and part of his senior year at the China Institute in Manhattan studying the language. After graduating, and with interest turning to passion, Mr. Ranieri earned his master’s degree in Chinese Studies at St. John’s University in 1974 where he taught Asian history and Mandarin Chinese while pursuing doctoral studies. During this period, Mr. Ranieri also spent two years teaching and conducting research at Chinese Cultural College in Taipei.

In 1980, Mr. Ranieri, a native of Sunset Park, Brooklyn, joined Bank of New York in Manhattan. Two years later he moved with the bank to Taipei to manage the local branch’s banking department, the starting point of an international career that took him to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, and many other countries throughout Asia. Now retired, Mr. Ranieri and his wife, whom he met and married in Taipei, live in Manhattan. With their two sons grown, he is able to lecture whenever and wherever he can, including at St. Francis College, on China’s status and opportunities that exist throughout Asia for individuals, corporations, and public organizations.

“My family and I have experienced firsthand the Chinese people’s positive perceptions of Americans,” Mr. Ranieri. “I hope that by helping to increase awareness and heighten sensitivity for Asian cultures, America can be a significant and respectful partner in a changing and challenging global environment.”
Charter Award Dinner Raises $250,000 for SFC

Alumni, friends, and trustees of St. Francis College celebrated at the 44th annual Charter Award Dinner on April 6, honoring Edward I. Koch, former mayor of New York City. The setting for the event, the historic Plaza Hotel, lent a poignant appeal to the evening as the dinner was one of the final events to be held at the famed venue before it closed for renovations.

“The 2005 Charter Award Dinner was a success in many ways,” said Sean Moriarty, vice president for development. “Considerable funds were raised to support the College, and those who attended had a wonderful evening, all possible due to the hard work of the Dinner Committee.”

Guests included Jesus ’84 and Noreen ’84 Linares, Aimee and William ’59 Maroney, Robert Moore ’70 and Edward Travaglianti ’70, Raymond Nash ’63, and Joseph V. Di Mauro ’70.

The Charter Award Dinner, St. Francis College’s premier annual fundraising event, netted $250,000 for the College. The event commemorates the date in 1884 that the New York State legislature granted the College its charter, empowering St. Francis College to confer diplomas, honors, and degrees.

Spring Phonathon: A Smooth Operation

Thanks to the efforts of students and alumni volunteers, the 2005 Spring Phonathon brought in more than $20,000 in alumni contributions to St. Francis College. All gifts from this effort are supporting the St. Francis College Annual Fund as well as several student scholarships.

A student caller, Anthony Belcastro, described the experience as “rewarding.” He added, “It’s a fun way to interact with alumni and give something back to St. Francis College.”

SFC students pitched in to make the Spring Phonathon a success.
Record Year for Fundraising Projected

St. Francis College is anticipating another banner year for fundraising as the fiscal year come to a close June 30. Thanks to generous alumni and friends who support all aspects of St. Francis College through the Annual Fund, Campaign for Big Dreams, and fundraising events, the College is projecting to exceed last year’s record of $3.2 million received in private support.

The final weeks of the fiscal year are important as many alumni continue to make Annual Fund gifts, according to Sean Moriarty, vice president for development. “We are asking all alumni and friends who have made annual gifts in prior years to continue this Terrier tradition and commit their support by June 30,” he said.

It’s not too late to be included on the St. Francis College Honor Roll of Donors for 2005. All gifts received before June 30, the end of the fiscal year, will be listed in the 2004-2005 annual report.

If you would like to pledge your support for this year’s Annual Fund, please contact Joseph Gerics, development associate (718) 489-5382.

Legacy Corner:

The Dougherty Family / Crown Heights, Brooklyn

Who Are They?
James ’66, education; Vincent ’68, economics; Margaret Mary ’73, psychology; Richard ’75, political science; Thomas ’77, management; and Mary Frances ’80, management.

Their Family’s Story
Children of parents who immigrated to New York from Ireland, they—and five other siblings who chose other colleges—were the first generation of their family to graduate from college.

Where Are They Now?
James earned a doctoral degree from New York University, became a teacher and principal, and is now director of the Center for Integrated Teacher Education in North Bellmore, N.Y. He and his wife, Patricia, have three children and live in Wantagh. Vincent earned a master’s degree in criminology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and graduated from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.; he retired from the NYPD in 1995. Margie, one of the original 12 lay women to attend and graduate from St. Francis College, is a New York City principal and lives in Bay Ridge with her husband, Anthony Russo. They have five children. Richard, a longtime volunteer basketball coach, lives in New Jersey with his wife, Lucy; they also have five children. Thomas recently retired from the NYPD as a detective with the intelligence division; he and Vincent are active in the NYPD Emerald Society. Mary Frances, who passed away in 2000, had a long career with the investment bureau for Western Electric, now Lucent Technologies.

Their SFC Connection
The Doughertys have been active alumni, each having served on the alumni board of directors and its committees. “St. Francis College is very special to our entire family,” said James Dougherty. “Individually and as a family, we have been influenced by the Franciscan spirit.”
Class Notes

1930s

Michael Camarro ’36 of Cape Coral, Fla., announces that his daughter, Wilma Camarro Lombardi ’76, has been appointed superintendent of the Fayette School District, Fayette, Me.

1940s

Philip Harris ’48 received a 2005 Outstanding Service Award from the Literati Club in recognition of many years of support for European Business Review.

1950s

Joseph Frey ’51 is president of the Mineola/Garden City Rotary Club.

Robert T. Grant ’53 was honored by Board 127 of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials for 50 years of service.

George C. Bergleitner, Jr. ’59 was honored by the New York State Association of Realtors with the Lawrence B. Caldwell RPAC Service Award, its highest award. Mr. Bergleitner, a realtor for 32 years, is president of Delaware County Real State in Stamford, N.Y. He is also chairman of the Political Action/ RPAC committee, and trustee and board member of the NYSAR RPAC committee. He serves on the Board of Catholic Charities of Otsego Delaware County and is secretary of the Delaware County Department of Economic Development and Delaware Local Development Corporation and is president of the Stamford Rotary Club.

1960s

William F. K. Marmion ’61 and his wife, Lucy, attended commencement ceremonies at West Point for the graduation of their son, Liam, from the U.S. Military Academy. Another son, Chris, is a commander for the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Dominick ’64 and Rosemary DePaola attended a dinner at the American Association of Dental Research, of which Dominick is president.

Stephen Wilantewicz, D.M.D. ’64, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is in practice with his sons Christopher and Andrew, a dentist and podiatrist, respectively. This spring, his son, Trevor, will receive a doctorate in ceramic engineering. His daughter, Dana, is a guidance counselor in Rochester, N.Y.

John J. McCabe ’65, chief equity strategist for Shay Assets Management, received the Daniel J. Forrestal III Leadership Award for Professional Ethics and Standards of Investment Practice.

Paul J. Ferlazzo ’66, professor of English for Northern Arizona University, is society president of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Joseph J. Bushe ’67, Bradenton, Fla., is a Florida realtor.

Mary E. Hines, Ph.D. ’67 was appointed ninth president of Carlow University, Pittsburgh, Pa. She also holds the academic rank of professor of philosophy. She and her husband, Kenneth, assistant director of academic affairs and instructor in philosophy for Penn State, Worthington-Scranton, have four children.

Edward T. Nocco ’67, Bangkok, Thailand, has retired as managing director for JPMorgan Chase to practice financial consulting. He has two daughters and two granddaughters.

Sister Margaret Faherty, C.S.J. ’68 will celebrate 50 years of service as a Sister of Saint Joseph, Brentwood. She is media specialist/librarian at Msgr. McClancy High School and lives at Immaculate Conception Convent in Manhattan.

Thomas J. Killeen, Esq. ’69 reports that his daughter, Jennifer, is a vice president for Merrill Lynch in London. His son, Brendan, attends New York University Law School, and his daughter, Katie, is a junior at Notre Dame University, where she is a member of the women’s lacrosse team.

1970s

Alan H. Hoffman ’70 has retired from teaching after 33 years with the New York City board of education. He is in the antique business, specializing in military antiques.

John T. Lomacchio ’70 is an independent travel advisor with Global Travel International.

Robert J. Murphy ’71 received the Rite of Investiture at St. Patrick’s Cathedral as a Knight in the Equesterian Order of the Holy Sepulcre of Jerusalem. He has also been honored as Aide to the Grand Marshall of the Park Slope St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Samuel J. Fruner ’75 has been with Pfizer, Inc., for 26 years.

Johnny F. Charles ’76, Winter Park, Fla., is an independent agent with AFLAC.

James J. Lomuscio ’76 has published a book titled Village of the Damned: The Fight for Open Space and the Flooding of a Connecticut Town. He is an adjunct instructor at three institutions, teaching rhetoric and advanced rhetoric at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Conn.; and at Western Connecticut State University; and literature and composition at Norwalk Community College.

Anthony Formica ’77 has been elected vice president of the 68th Precinct Community Council in Brooklyn.

John ’77 and Susan Kiely ’80 have been married for 24 years. They live in Allendale, N.J., with their four sons. John is director of sales for Academy Bus, which provides transportation for St. Francis College’s department of athletics.

Uma Sengupta ’78 was honored at the fourth annual Queens Library Foundation Gala in Queens. She is founder and president of the Rainbow Montessori International School in Kew Gardens Hills, N.Y.

1980s

Kevin Kress ’82 has been appointed by Sterling National Bank as vice president of its Westchester commercial lending unit based in Yonkers.

Laura P. Lauria ’82 has been appointed to the board of trustees of Staten Island University Hospital.
Gerard G. McCabe ’82 is principal for McCabe and Associates, a law firm specializing in transactional law, commercial litigation, real estate law, and labor law. He is also a partner in a real state development firm, KPC GEMB. He is serving his third term as president of the Irish American Building Society and is president of the Irish American Association in Queens. He serves on the board of the Construction Managers Association of America and the board for the Institute for Irish American Studies.

Christopher J. Boeckhaus ’84 has joined the real estate firm Coldwell Banker Phillips. He lives in Glendale, N.Y., with his wife, Pat, and their two children.

Sal Ferrigno ’85 was appointed managing director of real estate firm Robert K. Futterman & Associates, LLC. Mr. Ferrigno is a member of the Real Estate Board of New York and the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Mary E. Donohue-Flannery ’86 has been appointed instructor of biological sciences at Bergen Community College in Paramus, N.J.

1990s

Christopher E. Cadi-gan ’97 is engaged to Angela Caputo. They plan to marry in December.

Alessandro Romano ’98 is engaged to Kara Marie Guglielmo. They plan to marry in July.

2000s

Todd J. Cusato ’01 serves as vice president for financial affairs for Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, Inc., as well as the New York City district governor for Alpha Phi Delta.

Ryan P. Clark ’02 and Alyson A. Lamonte ’03 are engaged to be married in 2006. Ryan teaches at Calhoun High School in the Bellmore-Merrick school district where he is assistant coach for the varsity men’s swim team. Alyson teaches physical education at Pelham Middle School in Westchester County where she is head coach of the women’s varsity swim team and a softball coach. In June, she will make a presentation to the National American College of Sports Medicine Conference.

Laura E. Muldoon ’04 and Jonathan Punzone ’05 are engaged. Laura is currently enrolled in Long Island University’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program, where Jonathan will begin studies this summer through a Physical Therapy Scholar’s Award.

Candice N. Fraser ’05 will attend the University of Connecticut School of Medicine this fall supported by a full, four-year scholarship.

Weddings and Anniversaries

Walter H. Zipf ’78 and his wife, Lois, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Switzerland. In addition, their children hosted a party in their honor at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn on Staten Island.

Kelly A. Grace ’94 married Yvette Walker on Sept. 30, 2004. Kelly works for Brooklyn Law School; Yvette is in the nursing field.

Penny Katsiourbas ’97 married James Veneziano on Aug. 27, 2004 at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Brooklyn. They live in Bay Terrace, N.Y.

Births

Erez Shochat ’97 announces the birth of his son, Elijah. Erez is an instructor in the department of mathematics at St. Francis College.

Save the Date:

September 20

Bro. Urban Gonnoud, O.S.F.
Memorial Golf Outing

Dyker Beach Golf Course
Brooklyn, New York

For more information, contact Office of Alumni Affairs (718) 489-5362.

Fall 2005

New Academic Center Opens

Watch your mail for information about alumni events that celebrate this historic occasion at SFC!
SFC Alumni Memorial Mass

Feb. 5 – St. Francis College held its annual Alumni Memorial Mass, honoring the memories of alumni and relatives of alumni who have passed away.

Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP)

Feb. 10 – St. Francis College held a reception for the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP) honoring George Sands ’79, who received the Instrument of Peace Award. The award, established in 1999 with CAPP, honors alumni committed to CAPP and its mission of keeping children safe from abuse. Several SFC alumni who are CAPP members were present.

SFC Alumni Reception

March 19 – Dan ’67 and Mary Ann Kane hosted a reception for SFC alumni at their home in Naples, Fla.
We Remember

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

St. Francis College Alumni

James E. Alexander '68
Charles Ambery '71
Thomas E. Bohan, Jr. '40
Charles P. Buckley '39
Rudolph J. Caggiano '49
Louis L. Capek '67
Doloris I. Davis '78
Martin Donohue '53
Charles J. Galligan '41
Sr. Ignatius Gormley C.S.J. '59
Vincent Grippo '68
Beatrice Hickey '76

Joseph Kelly '69
Thomas Kurowski '67
Thomas S. Martin '50
Sr. Mary Frances Matecki '70
Robert T. Maurer, Sr. '62
Rev. Gerald McBride '54

Christopher F. Nash '70
James O'Connor '61
Rosalind Quinones '86
William Reilly '49
Thomas C. Sheridan '67
Erasmus Struglia '36

Friends of St. Francis College

John Anemone, father of Lou Anemone '72
Eugene Barrett, father of Ray Barrett '80
Mary Benvenuto, wife of Michael Benvenuto '65
Eileen Borch, mother of Robert Borch '75
John P. Byrne, professor
John Carroll, father of June McGriskin '76, father-in-law to Ronald McGriskin '80
Charles Collins, father of Jennifer Collins '97
Thomas J. Curtin Sr., father of Thomas J. Curtin, Jr. '70, uncle of Gerald A. Curtin '58
Dr. Mary Louise DeBonis, friend of SFC
Josephine DiMauro, mother of Bro. Joshua DiMauro, O.S.F., '72
Mary Gurreri, mother-in-law to Dorothy Henigman-Gurreri '79
Rosa Hogan, grandmother of Matthew C. Hogan '01
Gladys Humenik, mother-in-law to John Morin '78
Valeria Katona, mother of Tamas Katona '01
Patricia Kinsella, wife of William Kinsella '64
Jack Kriegsman, friend of SFC
George K. Letts, father-in-law to Deborah Letts '78
Richard S. Mangan, father of J. Christopher Mangan '83
Joseph Marino, grandfather of Teressa Denisco-Kerzner '04
Francis McBrien, father of Patricia McBrien-Beltempo '81
James McDonald, father of James H. McDonald '69, father-in-law to Neal Bennett '69
Mary McGarrigle, grand aunt of John B. Casey '77, mother-in-law to Frank Cannistra '67
Virginia McManus, mother-in-law to James McDade '74
Teresa Moogan, mother of Thomas '78, Robert, and Bernard
Marion Obenhaus, mother-in-law to Richard Halverson, executive vice president
Joan O'Brien, mother of Deborah Letts '78
Ruth O'Neill, wife of Dr. John O'Neill '42
Koky Plaza, brother of Danny Plaza '05
Antoinetta Posa, friend of SFC
Josephine Providenti, mother of Anthony Providenti '67
Anthony Pulco, father of Thomas Puleo '84
Magali Remigio, aunt of Jose Ramos '04
Frances M. Scherer, mother of Jacqueline Paguaga '83, mother-in-law to John Paguaga '82
Manoel Silva, uncle of Vanessa De Almeida '00
Raymond Strype, cousin of Richard Strype '72
Theresa Sullivan, friend of SFC
John Tumminia, father of John Tumminia '76
Bro. Timothy Walsh, O.S.F. friend of SFC
Mary Beth Zeppie, sister-in-law to James McDade '74

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
Alumni Trip to Italy: In The Footsteps of St. Francis


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FC Alumni are invited to spend Easter 2006 in Italy. The trip, scheduled for April 11-22, presents a unique opportunity to experience the “authentic Italy,” which includes excursions to sites undiscovered by most tourists.

After a visit to Assisi where the “pilgrimage” begins, the tour will be based in Fiuggi, a resort city approximately 50 miles southeast of Rome, recognized for centuries for its water’s curative powers. Set in the mountains, the town boasts fine hotels, restaurants, shops, and services. From this location, the group will follow the traces of St. Francis, touring well-known sites and those that, although typically less familiar, are unforgettable to visitors. Ruins of ancient Roman civilization, including cities built centuries before the Roman Empire existed, medieval hilltop towns, and monasteries from the 12th century will be experienced alongside modern life in these historic settings. A visit to Rome, with time to explore apart from the group, is part of the itinerary.

Good Friday is observed with a visit to the ancient town of Alatri for its annual procession. Easter Sunday will begin with Mass at the 13th century monastery Casamari; followed by a traditional Easter feast in a nearby mountainside town.

The estimated per-person cost for the land portion of the trip is $1,700. This includes accommodations at a four-star hotel, excursions in a private motor coach with a local guide, ten breakfasts and dinners, and three lunches. (Not included are beverages at meals, entrance fees at museums, or gratuities.) Airfare will cost an additional $700–$850.

Group size is limited to 24. For more information or to register, contact Linda Werbel Dashefsky, vice president for government and community relations, (718) 489-5370 or lwerbel@stfranciscollege.edu. For the trip’s day-to-day itinerary, including details about specific excursions, visit www.stfranciscollege.edu. (Click Alumni and Friends.)