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Melissa Anderson '15, Phil Bongiorno '14 and Dilek Unay '16 outside the Barclays Center.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRENDAN J. DUGAN '68

When Hurricane Sandy came ashore in New York City, the storm struck right at the heart of many St. Francis College alumni and current students. The outpouring of help from within the St. Francis community was a marvel to watch, but there is still more work to be done (page 6).

Though the magnitude of the destruction is enormous, the loss of our material possessions pales in comparison to the loss the College suffered just a few weeks after Sandy when **Dr. Frank Macchiarola '62** passed away. His commitment and vision for St. Francis is responsible for so much of the success we have all enjoyed these many years.



Thankfully, Dr. Mac was not alone in his unyielding support of St. Francis. Over the years, many others have stepped up to give back to their alma mater and ensure that the next generation of students receives an equal Franciscan College experience.

You'll meet several of these people in this issue, including **Paul Cosgrove '93**, a dentist and entrepreneur who credits St. Francis with preparing him for the rigorous program at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine (page 24).

Denise Porcaro's '00 floral design business, Flower Girl NYC, is in full bloom right now. She says her Communications Degree combined with the New York City location of the College gave Porcaro the foundation and flexibility to find her niche (page 11).

New graduate **Danielle Adone '13** shows us that with hard work, determination and a little help from one's professors, St. Francis students stand on equal footing with students from any other institution. Her internships at *Cosmopolitan*, *Men's Fitness* and *Family Circle* back that up (page 3).

Turning back the clock 25 years, we'll tell you about a special quilt that draws attention to social issues such as world peace, women's equality, and domestic violence. That project, headed by Health Promotions **Professor Ellen Glascock**, now stands on display at the College and also serves as a tribute to Professor Glascock who retired this past spring (page 12).

Moving another quarter century in the past, we revisit our own brand of March Madness, the 50th anniversary of when St. Francis College sent its men's basketball team to the premier postseason tournament at the time, the NIT (page 16).

With enrollment numbers continuing to break records each year and the number of graduates pushing to new heights, there is a lot to be grateful for here at St. Francis College. We hope this issue of the *Terrier* helps bring our pride and excitement into your home.

Sincerely,

Brendan J. Dugan '68
President

Campus Events

Award Winning Filmmaker Todd Solondz

FEBRUARY 14

With an acute awareness of the place his movies hold in the larger film industry, independent film Director Todd Solondz (*Welcome to the Doll House*, *Happiness*) came to St. Francis College to screen and talk about his latest work, *Dark Horse*.

"While I always have ideas of things that I think would be very profitable, I never pursue them," offered Solondz who was recently honored at the Deauville American Film Festival in France. "I prefer if I'm able, to make films that I want to make and hope there are others who will respond to the kind of stories and characters that I like to dramatize." ▶



Communication Arts Professor Scott Weiss interviews Todd Solondz.

When Nature Calls

FEBRUARY 6

Reading stories of the cycle of life, human history and the ephemeral world, authors Janyce Stefan-Cole, Lisa Sita and Anne Whitehouse shared their work from the anthology, *Being Human: Call of the Wild* (Editions Bibliotekos) which was edited by English Professor **Gregory Tague**. ▶



Exiles in a Global City: The Irish in 17th Century Rome

MARCH 18



Provost Timothy Houlihan with Clare Carroll.

In celebration of Irish heritage, **Clare Carroll**, Professor of the Comparative Literature Department and former Director of Irish Studies at Queens College, spoke about the exile of Hugh O'Neill, the leader of the rebellion in the Nine Years War and Luke Wadding, O.F.M. Wadding founded Saint Isidore's College, the home of the Irish Franciscans in Rome, and is responsible for having St. Patrick's Day put on the calendar of saints. ▶



Who Should Be the Next Mayor of New York? Michael Powell, John Avlon, Maggie Haberman, Fred Siegel, Harry Siegel and Michael Myers.

Who Should Be the Next Mayor of New York?

MARCH 19

Scholar-in-Residence Fred Siegel coordinated a lively discussion on the wide open race for mayor with special guests John Avlon (CNN), Michael Powell (*The New York Times*), Maggie Haberman (Politico), Harry Siegel (Daily Beast), and Michael Meyers (New York Civil Rights Coalition). ▶

Poet Kathryn Stripling Byer

MARCH 20

The Women's Poetry Initiative at St. Francis College welcomed Kathryn Stripling Byer for the first in a new series of readings that showcase regional voices in women's poetry. Stripling Byer read "Mountain Time" from the collection *Black Shawl* and a number of poems from her new collection *Descent*. ▶



English Professor Wendy Galgan, who organized the event, with Poet Kathryn Stripling Byer.

A Transatlantic Journey

APRIL 17



Award-winning writer Colum McCann (*Let the Great World Spin*, *Zoli*) gave a sneak peek of his forthcoming novel, *Transatlantic*, as the latest author to speak at St. Francis College for the Walt Whitman Writers Series. McCann told the crowd that while he does extensive research to understand the eras that he writes about the most important thing for him as a writer is, "to remain true to the texture of the time," and let people come to their own conclusions about the story. ▶

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Sunlit Sandwiches

Under the guidance of English Professor Terry Quinn, a group of students came together to form Sunlit Sandwiches, a theater production company. Over the course of a semester the group put on five productions during four events; including the semi-staged one-act opera, "The Mark of Cain" (see photo), the two-act drama "Bad Evidence," the cabaret show "Songs of Loss and Love" and two one-act plays, "Love Hurts," and "Unaccustomed to Fear."



Yom HaShoah Commemoration

APRIL 11

Songs of joy and sadness leapt from the strings and mouths of the MOTYL Chamber Ensemble at its performance, Music from Terezín, to commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). The songs were composed by victims at the Terezín concentration camp in Czechoslovakia or performed by prisoners at the camp. The founder of MOTYL, Aleeza Wadler, says, "It needs to be known what happened to these composers and why they died in 1944 and what horrendous conditions they lived under." ▶



The MOTYL Chamber Ensemble.



LEFT: The SFC Today staff: Anthony Ruggiero, Danielle Adone and Justin Worsley with New York Times Op-Ed Columnist Frank Bruni. RIGHT: Danielle Adone '13

Danielle Adone '13 – On A Winning Pace

By Toni Rich '09

Her college diploma newly in hand, **Danielle Adone '13** is ready for what lies ahead. With numerous highly sought after internships under her belt, newspaper editor-in-chief experience and an education most young adults only dream of, Ms. Adone is ready to race down the road to success.

Born and raised on Staten Island, Danielle grew up with a perfect blend of city and suburban life. Her tight-knit family was key to her growth into adulthood as well as her goals to be a successful writer and editor. Her parents, Darryl and Diane, are her life-long role models and biggest cheerleaders, a positive influence she tries to be for her younger sister, Desiree.

Her father has, "always been the voice telling me to go the extra mile and never settle for average." That voice served as literal motivation for Adone when she completed the 2011 New York City Marathon. Her mother, "is the one who can always put a smile on anyone's face. She has a way of easing my stress and seeing the bright side of any situation."

Yet it is Desiree who continues to be Danielle's "it" person. She says no matter how often the siblings bicker, her little sister has grown to become her best friend and confidante. Danielle explains she can only hope her sister, a sophomore in high school, has a similar, incredible college experience.

When Danielle decided St. Francis College was the best choice for her college education, her family and friends were thrilled. "We knew it would be a great college to attend, but we had no idea about the amazing opportunities waiting for me."

Danielle seized every one of those opportunities to learn and get involved. During her sophomore year, she joined the student newspaper and website, *SFC Today*, thanks to one of her favorite professors and

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personal mentor, **Mark McSherry**. "The school newspaper was home for me. That's where I felt the most comfortable," she explains.

"Danielle has the spark of life that you wish every student had," said Professor McSherry. "She comes in to work every day full of energy and it rubs off on everyone else."

She applied for and won the editor-in-chief position in her senior year, managing the paper with its more than 25 writers, two assistant

editors and another five editors on top of that. She remembers her first big thrill: "We were pleasantly surprised to see the newspaper have a 65 percent growth rate [in website visits] since I became editor-in-chief. It was the highest growth rate to date and we valued that because we worked as a team and achieved a goal that was important to all of us."

"To attend a school that is so passionate about educating its students to the best of their ability is a blessing. All of the professors care not only about our education, but also about us as people. When we walk into class, our professors ask how our day is going and talk to us as people before any lectures or lessons are given. We aren't numbers at St. Francis."

After completing internships at *Family Circle*, *Men's Fitness* and *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, Danielle feels more than prepared to head out into the real world. "I know a lot of new graduates leave college and think, 'Now what?' I don't think I'll have that problem because I know I have the tools that I need to succeed. I am fortunate enough to have built a portfolio at St. Francis, gained real world knowledge through internships and have the confidence to pursue my dreams."

As a child, one of those dreams was to work at *Runner's World*. With Danielle Adone's determination and will to stay on track, it's just one of many goals she's on pace to achieve. •

A Giant Challenge Spring Commencement '13

NEW YORK GIANT ALL-PRO LINEBACKER JUSTIN TUCK CHALLENGED THE MORE THAN 400 ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE GRADUATES AS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE COLLEGE'S SPRING 2013 COMMENCEMENT, MAY 14, AT THE BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.



Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated the night before commencement at St. Charles Borromeo Church by Fr. Brian Jordan, O.F.M., Director of Campus Ministry with concelebrant Fr. Matthew A. Pravetz '69, O.F.M.

“**C**hampion a cause. Mine is literacy. Yours might be hunger, poverty, diseases,” Tuck told the packed crowd inside the Howard Gilman Opera House. “It has to be something outside of you, it has to be something that brings joy to somebody else and I guarantee this, if you do that, that will be a true success.”

Tuck, whose foundation Tuck’s R.U.S.H. for Literacy raises money for books and reading materials in New York City and Central Alabama, was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

The Class of 2013 Valedictorian, **Josephine Pagliughi '13**, thanked her professors and past teachers for inspiring her and putting her on the path to success. She told her classmates that she wasn’t always a serious

student and it was only after the prodding of a high school teacher that she committed to her studies. Having just completed the College’s five year Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Program in Accounting with a perfect 4.0 GPA, she offered proof that, “We can all do great things when we apply ourselves.” After graduation, Pagliughi will sit for her CPA exam and has accepted a position with O’Connor Davies LLP which will begin in the fall.

Marilyn Gelber, President of the Brooklyn Community Foundation was also awarded an honorary degree, affirming what Justin Tuck previously said about helping others, “I want you to know sincerely that from what I’ve learned, a life of service to others really is a wonderful life.”

Another doctorate, intended for **Dominick P. DePaola, DDS, Ph.D. '64**, a leader in the fields of dentistry and nutrition, was awarded posthumously to his widow Rosemarie, after the recent, sudden death of Dr. DePaola. • See all 2013 Commencement videos at youtube.com/stfrancisny.

FAR LEFT: Valedictorian Josephine Pagliughi '13.
LEFT: Rosemarie DePaola.



FAR LEFT: St. Francis Chairman of the Board of Trustees John F. Tully '67 with New York Giant Justin Tuck and President Brendan J. Dugan '68.

LEFT: Marilyn Gelber receiving her honorary degree from Board of Trustees member Hector Batista '84.

Winter Commencement

January 16, 2013



Catherine Greaves '13, the first Nursing student to earn Valedictory honors, told the audience that getting her Bachelor’s of Science Degree, while working two jobs and being

pregnant with her new baby daughter has opened new doors for her.

She proudly announced that because of her new degree she had already accepted a position at Montefiore Medical Center.



The Commencement Address was delivered by Professor of Religious Studies **K. Priscilla Pedersen, Ph.D.**, who retired at the end of the Spring 2013 semester.

She told students that graduating from college leads to a better life in more ways than one. It doesn’t just mean opportunities for a high paying job or entrance into a field of work or study, it is also about happiness.

Charter Award Dinner

ST. FRANCIS FRIENDS AND ALUMNI SHOWERED THEIR SUPPORT ON THE COLLEGE APRIL 17 AT THE 52ND ANNUAL CHARTER AWARD DINNER, RAISING MORE THAN \$650,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AS WELL AS THE TERRIERS FOR TERRIERS DISASTER RELIEF FUND.



Mary Snow, Monte N. Redman, President Brendan J. Dugan '68, Denis Salamone '75, Board of Trustees Chairman John F. Tully '67, and Kaitlin Doyle '14

One of the first graduates from the St. Francis' Accounting Master's Program, **Bono Lee '11**, introduced Mr. Salamone who mentored Lee and was instrumental in Bono's pursuit of an internship and his current job at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Kaitlin Doyle '14 talked about how her life in Breezy Point was dramatically changed by Hurricane Sandy and how the Terriers for Terriers Fund has helped ease some of the financial hardships. After accepting his award, Mr. Salamone announced a match challenge for up to \$50,000. At the event, \$30,000 was raised, adding \$60,000 to the Relief effort. ●



Screenshot of the Thank You video made by Nicholas Barranco '13, Andrew Flores '13, and Rudy Velez '13 under the supervision of Information Technology Professor Corinne Smolizza.

More than 400 people attended the event at the Marriott Marquis Times Square to honor Monte N. Redman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Astoria Financial Corporation and Astoria Federal Savings and **Denis J. Salamone '75**, President and Chief Operating Officer of Hudson City Bancorp Inc. and Hudson City Savings Bank. Both honorees were awarded honorary doctorates of Humane Letters.

Hosted by CNN correspondent Mary Snow, the event also featured past honorees, past and current students, as well as a thank you video made by students in appreciation of the generous financial aid and community of support made possible by alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends.

Charter Day



President Brendan J. Dugan '68 with honorees Fr. Michael Reilly, Ed Towns, Sr. Joan Gallagher, C.S.J., and Richard Karsten.



President Dugan with President's Award recipient Susan A. Mulderrig (Information Systems) and Pax et Bonum Medal recipients Professors Sophie Berman (Philosophy and Religious Studies), and David J. Gewirtz (Communication Arts). They were each recognized for 15 years of service.

In an annual celebration of scholarship St. Francis College honored its best and brightest students, faculty, staff and community partners at the 129th Charter Day convocation on Friday, April 26.

In addition to inducting the new class for the Duns Scotus Honor Society, the College also awarded Honorary Degrees to three leaders of New York City Parochial Schools; Sr. Joan Gallagher, Principal, St. Joseph High School (Brooklyn), Mr. Richard Karsten, President, Archbishop Molloy High School (Queens) and Fr. Michael P. Reilly, Principal, St. Joseph-by-the-Sea High School (Staten Island).

The Keynote Speaker and Recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree was the Honorable Edolphus "Ed" Towns, who recently retired after 30 years as a congressman from New York's 10th District in Brooklyn.

The College's strong tie with National Grid was reaffirmed as Director of Investment Management **Francine Kollydas '96** presented a National Grid Scholarship and Internship to **Adam P. Bellew '15**, **Tyla Burke '13** and **Tan Cheung '16**.

Charter Day commemorates May 8, 1884, the day the Legislature of the State of New York granted an official Charter to the Board of Trustees allowing the College to formally award degrees to students. ●



Director of the St. Francis Accounting Master's Program Geoffrey Horlick, National Grid Director Investment Management Francine Kollydas '96 with scholarship and internship winners Tyla Burke '14, Adam P. Bellew '15, and Tan Cheung '15 and President Brendan J. Dugan '68.

Hurricane Sandy

Although many alumni, students and staff in the St. Francis College family were victims of Hurricane Sandy themselves, that didn't stop them from getting to parts of Queens and Staten Island and doing all they could to help their friends and neighbors cleanup and get back on track after the storm.

Ben Schiavi '14, President of the Physical Education Club, organized several trips to help clear out flood-damaged homes. The group also hand-delivered building and cleaning supplies as well as more than \$400 in Home Depot gift cards to help individuals rebuild. Students also travelled to parts of Staten Island.



Anthony Dellegrazie '14, Ken McLoughlin '14, SGA President Kepler Auguste '13, Homeowner Kathleen Watkins Cruz, Ben Schiavi '14.

Michael Scannell '13 and **Kaitlin Doyle '13** were both on duty as volunteer fire fighters at two different Breezy Point fire houses on the

night of the hurricane. At the height of the storm, both of them were trapped inside. Homes were burning nearby, but for the first few hours all they could do was wait and welcome people who took refuge with them. About 40 people in all made it to one firehouse after escaping from their homes.

Doyle, who lost most of her house, her car and her job, said all she could do was treat their injuries or calm them down, "which was probably the hardest thing I've ever done because telling people it's going to be ok when you don't really know... it's lying."

Pictures by **Brian Restrepo '14**

I live in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, three blocks away from the East River. At around 10pm, I went outside to get food and decided to check on my car. To my surprise, the avenue and street where I parked was starting to flood. The river had overflowed and was already engulfing the neighborhood. To see your neighborhood change in a few hours is quite the experience, and definitely one to remember. It was nice to see people in the neighborhood trying to clear the sewers of garbage that wouldn't allow the water to drain. It's extremely important for people to remember to always help those in need, not only in times post-Sandy but in general. Seeing Sandy in person really makes a person grateful for what they have in their lives and realize what truly matters at the end of the day." •



“Seeing Sandy in person really makes a person grateful for what they have in their lives and realize what truly matters at the end of the day.”

— Brian Restrepo '14

Director of Alumni Relations **Dennis McDermott '74** organized several trips with several dozen volunteers including **Irma Garcia '80** and Alumni Board President **Joseph Hemway '84** as well as recent graduates and a number of staff from the College. The group travelled to the homes

of several alumni throughout Belle Harbor, Breezy Point, and Gerritsen Beach bringing them food, supplies and helping with the cleanup.

Kimberley Fogal '13, President of the College's Make a Difference Club was busy from the first day after the storm. Over several weeks, she worked with City Councilman and St. Francis graduate **Eric Ulrich '07** as well as State Senator Joseph Addabbo and Assemblyman Mike Miller to gather canned food, blankets, batteries, diapers and more, and help distribute them to residents of Broad Channel, Lindenwood and the Rockaways. As the cold weather approached, the Club collected 60 winter coats and boxes of toys for distribution by the 84th Police Precinct.

The St. Francis College Institute for Peace and Justice led by Sociology and Criminal Justice **Professor Emily Horowitz**, along with Catholic Charities, travelled to Visitation Church in Red Hook to help sort donated clothing and supplies for those in need. •



Members of the Institute for Peace and Justice taking a break from helping out.

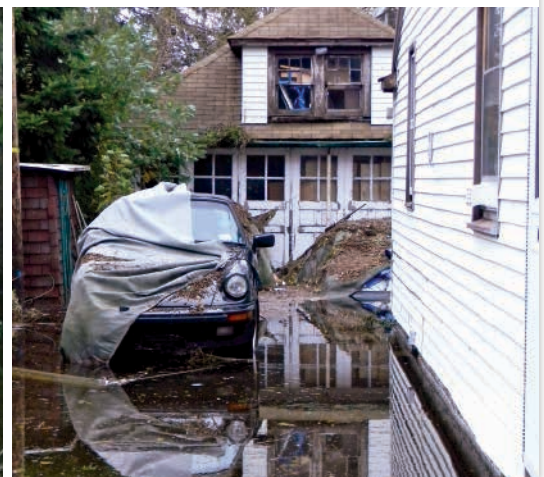
The Terriers For Terriers fund has raised more than \$100,000 since its inception. With that money, St. Francis College has been able to provide more than 125 students with a wide variety of support including housing, food, books, tuition remission, and grants.

There is still much more to be done to make our students whole. If you are interested in helping please visit <http://sandyrelieffund.kintera.org> or call 718.489.5361.



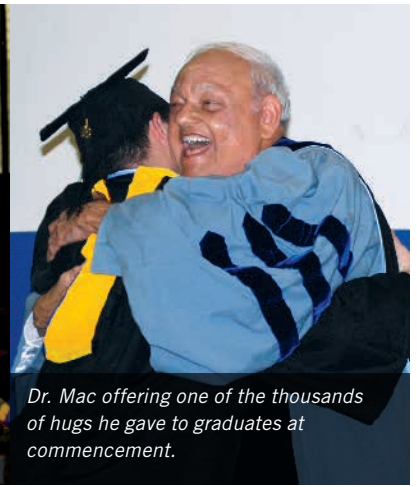
Photos by **Amanda Sullivan '14**

“These photographs were taken in my neighborhood, Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, the day after Superstorm Sandy hit. My neighborhood was greatly impacted by the storm and our community is still living with its effects today. During the storm, there was four feet of water flooding the streets. The storm left five feet of water in my basement and we lost electricity for about two days. It took nearly three days to pump out all of the water. That is when we realized that all of its contents had been destroyed — books, CDs, holiday decorations, mementos and photographs that were damaged by the seawater. It was an unfortunate circumstance that my family and I had to go through, but we were lucky. What mattered most was that we were all safe and stayed together during the storm. I wish I could say the same for everyone in my neighborhood and the rest of New York City.” •





Frank J. Macchiarola '62 with wife Mary Macchiarola.



Dr. Mac offering one of the thousands of hugs he gave to graduates at commencement.

Frank J. Macchiarola (1941-2012)

There are so many ways to refer to **Frank J. Macchiarola '62** — Chancellor, President, Dean, professor, husband, father — but so many simply called him Dr. Mac.

When he returned to his alma mater, St. Francis College, as its President in 1996, it was a homecoming that benefitted everyone involved. The College flourished under Dr. Macchiarola's 12-year tenure and he relished the time he spent with current and former students.

As President, Macchiarola would continually go through student transcripts, looking to help those who seemed to be struggling and to reward others who showed improvements. He was constantly seen in the hallways greeting everyone with equal parts of interest, kindness and genuine concern.

Under his leadership, the College completed a successful \$40 million fundraising campaign that resulted in the construction of what is now the Frank and Mary Macchiarola Academic Center, a 35,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art building with a three-story library, black box theater, HDTV studio and multimedia classroom. That money was also used to build the Anthony J. Genovesi Center, a multipurpose athletic facility that hosts home volleyball matches, intramural sports, lectures and special events.

Of particular importance to Dr. Mac was the creation of more than 150 endowed scholarships that help St. Francis keep to its mission of ensuring an affordable private college education.

Dr. Macchiarola held a number of other positions in the public and private sectors, perhaps most prominently when he served for five years as NYC's Schools Chancellor under Mayor Ed Koch. Mayor Koch, who attended Dr. Mac's funeral before passing on just a few weeks later, often proclaimed that Dr. Macchiarola was the "finest schools chancellor New York City ever had."

Chancellor Macchiarola also served five years as Dean of Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law where he also taught. In addition, he was a professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business and at CUNY for more than 20 years. Dr. Macchiarola was President and CEO of the NYC Partnership, Inc.,

Deputy Director of the NYS Emergency Financial Control Board for NYC and Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Columbia Business School Community Collaboration.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg appointed Dr. Macchiarola as Chair of the NYC Charter Revision Commission. He also mediated the 2003 strike of Local 802 Musicians Union against the League of American

Theaters and Producers; chaired the NYC Districting Commission, which drew City Council District lines for the 1991 election; and acted as special referee in the case that drew NYS congressional lines for the 1992 election.

In a statement, Bloomberg wrote, "Frank Macchiarola dedicated his life to the people of our city, and generations of children and adults benefitted enormously from his passion for public service. Frank's intellect was matched only by his integrity, and he was the rare person who was as comfortable in the clubby world of academia as he was in the rough-and-tumble world of politics. He excelled at both, and our city is better for it."

"He was a titan of both thought and action, leaving all of the institutions he touched, and our entire city, a far better place," wrote Anthony Crowell, Dean of New York Law School, which dedicated its recent symposium on the past 25 years of charter revision to the legacy of Dr. Macchiarola.

Dr. Macchiarola's strong and deeply rooted Roman-Catholic faith, recognized through numerous awards and accolades, influenced him to spend his life helping others. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI bestowed upon him the Papal Honor of Knight Commander of the Holy Order of St. Gregory the Great. Among numerous other honors, he also received the St. Thomas More Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild Diocese Brooklyn, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Catholic Teachers Association and the Cavaliere Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy.

Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola passed away on December 18, 2012. He was 71. •

"Frank's intellect was matched only by his integrity"

— Mayor Michael Bloomberg

Thomas Hauser

I met Frank Macchiarola when he was a law student in September 1964. I was a sophomore at Columbia, and he was our dormitory counselor.

Every hour spent with Frank was “quality time.” We wrote three books together; the first about educating children, the second about moral values, and the third about marriage.

Frank and I were contemplating a fourth book — about charity — when his illness intervened. The day he told me that he had cancer, he said, “I’ve never had a bad day in my life. I’ve had days when bad things happened, but every day has been a good day.”

That confirmed what I already knew; that Frank was as well-prepared emotionally and spiritually to go through the hard months that would follow as anyone I know.

Frank was my friend, my mentor, and a comforting presence in my life for 48 years. He devoted himself to making other people’s lives better. There was an inexhaustible supply of love and goodness within him. He didn’t just listen to other people talk about their problems. He’d sit with them and



discuss ways to solve the problems. Then he’d roll up his sleeves and help implement the solution.

Over the years, Frank asked me on occasion to lecture at St. Francis College. Whenever I did, at the end of the lecture, I’d point to Frank and tell the students, “Study this man. Learn from his example. He’s the best person I know.”

I meant it.

I cried the day Frank died. I don’t do that often. But I know that, when my sadness subsides, I’ll smile whenever I think of him. I’m a better person because I knew him. And the most remarkable thing about Frank is that there are literally thousands of people who were touched by his spirit and feel the same way about him that I do.

He lived a glorious life and was very much loved. ●

Frank J. Macchiarola with longtime friend and co-author Thomas Hauser at a party celebrating the Arthur Curry Memorial Scholarship Program.

Reflections on Dr. Mac

DR. FRANK J. MACCHIAROLA’S DEATH PROMPTED AN OUTPOURING OF EMOTION ACROSS OLD AND NEW MEDIA. HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE COMMENTS:



Peter Felvegi '03

Dear Dr. Mac

I’ve always struggled to write you a thank you note...and it’s not my English, it’s the fact that it’s hard to find words to thank you for your kindness, generosity and everything you have done for me.

I’ll never forget when I applied to be your student assistant and chauffeur without speaking fluent English or a driver’s license...yet you hired me. You believed in me and in my ability to learn English and be successful at St. Francis College. You encouraged me and you made sure I was doing well in my classes and otherwise. You taught me to treat everyone with respect and you treated me as if I were your own son.

You used your power and smarts to make a positive change in countless lives, and I feel very lucky to be part of that. You returned to St. Francis to look after us and to make sure we’re ok. You were always around and showed a genuine interest in our lives.

Thank you for letting me be part of your life and your remarkable legacy. I received so much love, support and friendship from you that I’ll never be able to repay. It was an incredible honor to serve you, and I’ll miss you.

Sean Rice

This is a sad day for many. Dr. Mac was a tremendous human being, with love for everyone. His dedication to young students and athletes in Brooklyn and our entire city was his selfless gift to us all. Dr. Mac always took a moment to ask how you were doing... then actually listened.

John Gillen '01

Dr. Macchiarola was such a driving force behind my involvement with the local church. I was privileged to be a student during his tenure as president, but most fortunate for me I was a student in his moral philosophy class. His guidance in the classroom and out of the classroom has become the cornerstone of who I am today. Seeing Dr. Macchiarola on a day-to-day basis or after a span of months/years would bring the same smile, the same laughs, and the same excitement. I’ll miss him, but not forget him. I’ll be forever grateful our paths intersected on Remsen Street.

Michael Meyers, Executive Director, New York Civil Rights Coalition

So much can and will be said about Frank Macchiarola’s brilliance, about his compassion, his love of humanity, and even that he was a fierce and unselfish public citizen as well as a humble servant of God. Likewise, there will be plenty of effusive praise for Frank as college president, lawyer, law school dean, public school reformer, as a civil servant who served the best interests of children. He will be spoken of as an example for all of us to follow in terms of community service; but not enough can be said about Frank Macchiarola as a dear friend, as my private adviser, as one heck of a human being and important person who stood up for the underdog and who identified with all who labored in the vineyards for equal opportunity and social progress.

Matthew Delfino '14

The earth lost a great symbol for what it means to be a true family man, civil servant, and saint — Dr. Frank Macchiarola. It is hard for most of us to come to terms with what his loss means to us... For all of the generous acts that Dr. Mac had engaged in, he never asked for anything in return other than for you to empower the lives of others, develop a sense of community, and to be the best you could be. Dr. Mac inspired me to break out of the abyss of mediocrity, and was the catalyst that helped spark a tremendous improvement in my life academically, professionally, and spiritually... The earth lost a great father, but our heavenly father received a great son.



Jennifer Sena Fuschetto '03

Rest in Peace, Dr. Macchiarola. Because of you I went to law school. I will never forget you.

Nyieta Hedrington Charlot '98

I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. He came to SFC as I was leaving but in the short time that our paths crossed I was very impressed with his passion for the students. I’ll never forget the big smile and hug I received from him as I walked across the stage to receive my degree. May his family and friends be comforted during their time of bereavement.

Nan Lunsford '03

God bless Dr. Macchiarola. Words can’t express the gratitude I feel towards him. He changed my life. Will never forget all he did.



Marko Dzigurski '14 @Dzigura1990

RIP Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola, the most honest and most helping man I ever met.

John Gaita @john_not_al

Today @SFCNY’s very own angel passed away. He was a mentor who I looked up to. RIP Dr. Macchiarola. God blessed us by knowing you.

Eric Ulrich '07 @eric_ulrich

I had the honor of paying tribute to the late-great Frank Macchiarola today on the floor of the @NYCCouncil.

Walter Olson @walterolson

Fondly remembered NY friend: R.I.P. Frank Macchiarola, dedicated educator, civic leader and mensch.

Cathy Guerriero @CathyGuerriero

Dr. Frank Macchiarola died this week. Titan of NYC schools and the real “public advocate” for our city’s children. He will be missed.

A Celebrated Partnership

St. Francis College recently celebrated its partnership with IS 228 David Boody JHS, Brooklyn, with the unveiling of a banner outside the school. The partnership has been a particularly strong one with seven St. Francis graduates now working as teachers at the school and even more gaining valuable experience as student-teachers while completing their undergraduate work.



Liz Palumbo '12, Carla Biggs '12, Education Department Chair Richard Giaquinto, Cathy Hayes (School of One), Jonathan Barger '11, IS 228 Principal Dominick D'Angelo, Liz Giacchino '13, Education Professor and Director of Student Teaching Peter Leibman '71, Cristina Liberta '10, Brett Harkins '13, John Garuccio '07, Joseph Brancato '06, Lou Monti '06.

Who Wants Pi?

Technology giant Google awarded a \$10,000 grant to Dean of Academic Program Development **Allen Burdowski** and Information Technology **Professor Esther Klein** to develop a workshop to train teachers how to use the new low-cost Raspberry Pi computer. The Raspberry is a full-service computer that costs only \$35 and is smaller than your wallet. This workshop, titled, "Computers, Computational Thinking, and Raspberry Pi," can then be used as an introduction to computer science for St. Francis Education Department students.



Professor Esther Klein shows off her Raspberry Pi.

Children's Champion

St. Francis College **President Brendan J. Dugan '68** was awarded the 2013 Children's Champion Award by the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP). CAPP Executive Director **Marion White '78** thanked President Dugan for his, "continued vital partnership in our mission to make New York City a safe place for all children." CAPP's effective program speaks directly to school children about the prevention of physical and sexual abuse.



Vanessa De Almeida '00, Dennis McDermott '74, Marion White '78, Brendan J. Dugan '68, and Linda Werbel Dashefsky.

Papal Expert

Bro. Geoffrey Clement was a repeat guest on WNBC this spring talking about the retirement of Pope Benedict XVI and the election of Pope Francis. The History Professor shared his knowledge of past Papal Conclaves and explained the election process in his appearances on the weekend edition of *Today in New York* as well as twice on the daily evening news program, *New York Nonstop*. ▶▶



Bro. Geoffrey Clement being interviewed by anchor Erika Tarantal on WNBC's *New York Nonstop*.

Denise Porcaro '00, Flower Girl NYC

With her pet Chihuahuas, Piper and Penelope on her lap, **Denise Porcaro '00** pieced together the elements of her life that brought her to the Lower East Side and the new home of Flower Girl NYC, her floral design shop.

I didn't know what path I was going to follow specifically in college at first, and even toyed with the idea of leaving St. Francis for a bigger college. I, however, realized pretty quickly the extra attention that was available in staying in a small program and learning from people like [Communication Arts Chair] **Lynne Jackson,**" said Porcaro.

She says continuing on at St. Francis helped her find the rhythm of NYC. After graduating, Porcaro worked at a restaurant where she was given her first opportunity to create a floral design. She continued to design flowers but was also a freelance production designer for several years on various projects including commercials, short films, and a feature film. She also did prop styling for magazine publications.

"St. Francis led me but I didn't realize it as it was happening," said Porcaro, a Communication Arts major with a concentration in Film. "My major allowed for an open-ended future. I had the potential to take it anywhere."

That future came into focus when Porcaro decided to set up Flower Girl. "It was a defining thing for me to say I'm not going to continue to pursue what I went to school for."

Porcaro began by figuring out the business aspects as she went along. She built a client data base, then moved into a shared retail shop, and gained more clients. Many of her days started with solo, early morning trips to the flower market until she eventually won enough clients to bring an assistant along with her. At the same time, her accountant taught her how to manage her financials and use the necessary software to run a successful business. Now, Porcaro has a small team working for her made up



Denise Porcaro '00 with Piper and Penelope.

"St. Francis led me but I didn't realize it as it was happening. My major allowed for an open-ended future. I had the potential to take it anywhere."

of designers, photographers and even someone to manage social media.

she and her grandmother lived in Queens. She also says orchids are another favorite because of their vast varieties and outrageous colors.

But flowers are just the beginning for Porcaro as she expands Flower Girl NYC to include products — tote bags, soaps and a new exclusive candle.

Her next project is to find an effective way to use flowers to give back to the community. "I'm thinking about working with a charity. Maybe we do a wedding for a returning veteran, or possibly something about sustainable living, giving and growing."

Porcaro is working on this new project for the same, simple reason she chose to start Flower Girl NYC. "Flowers make people happy."

You can connect with Denise Porcaro at flowergirlnyc.com •



Stitching Together History

By Meghan Lewit

When **Ellen Glascock**, Professor of Biology and Health Promotions, created the honors seminar “Women in Arts and Sciences” more than 20 years ago, she wanted her students to understand the history of women’s art forms. Eight undergraduates — all women — who took the class in the spring of 1988 decided to create a piece of art with its own distinct story.

“That class was quite unique,” Glascock said. “They came to me the next year and said they wanted to make a quilt.”

Each of the students, as well as a handful of female faculty members including Economics, History and Political Science Chair **Paddy Quick** and Communication Arts Chair **Lynne Jackson**, crafted a square for the project. One of the students in the class, **Tara Santore '90**, asked her grandmother — who had worked in a garment factory for most of her life — to stitch the pieces together. Now, more than two decades after the small band of students launched the project, another chapter was added to the story of the quilt when it returned to the halls of St. Francis College.

The quilt was formally unveiled during a March 6 ceremony outside the Maroney Forum for Arts, Culture and Education, where it will remain on permanent display. Many of the squares address social issues such as world peace, women’s equality, and domestic violence. While some of the students used traditional quilting techniques, others painted, knitted or added unusual materials to their squares. **Lizabeth Amato '90** made hers out of chains and leather. The inspiration for her square, she explained, was “women breaking out of chains.”

“I’m still always trying to break out, doing things my grandmother never would have dreamed of,” she said. “St. Francis College was the conduit for me. The spirit of St. Francis is always with me.”

Josephine Beckmann's '90 square advocated for a drug-free world, an issue that still resonates with her in her current job as a district manager of NYC’s Community Board 10 in Manhattan.

“The class really brought us together through the history of quilting,” she said. “It’s amazing how a

quilt can spread a message, and bring us back together all these years later to celebrate.”

Traditionally women’s art has served the dual purpose of being both beautiful and useful, Glascock explained.

“Quilting is an example of that,” she said. “There’s often a story behind the quilts. In this case there’s a story behind each piece.”

For several years after it was created, the quilt was hung in the College in March during Women’s History Month, but was eventually stored in a closet. Professors **Athena Devlin** and **Emily Horowitz**, Co-Directors of the Women’s Studies Minor, recently unearthed the quilt and set out to revive the project.

“We wanted to show the history of women’s studies on campus,” said Devlin, Associate Professor of English, Director of the American Studies program, and Co-Director of the Women’s Center. “There’s an interest in understanding the world through women’s perspectives and this quilt

connects the generations.”

Once the plans were in motion, Glascock reached out to all the original students from the honors seminar. Many of the quilters still live in Brooklyn and have remained in close contact over the years. Santore, who continued quilting as a hobby, immediately volunteered to re-quilt the pieces and get it ready for permanent display at the college.

“We’re lifelong friends,” Santore said at the unveiling. “[The course] gave us the confidence that we could do whatever we wanted in our lives. To be part of the history of St. Francis College, I feel very honored.”

Quick, Professor of Economics, recalled crafting her quilt piece with her daughter using towels from her childhood and her daughter’s barrettes. The square, entitled “Women Hold Up Half the Sky,” commemorates the struggles of women in China. She said she hopes the quilt will inspire current and future St. Francis students to embrace advocacy.

“This was very much a student project. It’s really a tribute to the students and the spirit of activism at the time,” she said.

Glascock, who retired from the College in May after 35 years, called the quilt “a wonderful legacy.”

“This group of students was the best thing that happened to me as a teacher,” Glascock said. “It’s nice to have something as a permanent exhibit that’s representative of who I was as a teacher.” ●



The quilters: Josephine Columbo Beckmann '90, Lori Azar Caristia '91, Tara Santore '90, Sharon Azar Hahn, Ellen Glascock, Paddy Quick, Theresa Campisi '90, and Liz Amato '90. Not pictured: Gail Gilroy '90.



Professor Ellen Glascock came to St. Francis College in 1978 determined to shake things up. When she was hired as the chairperson of the Healthcare Management Department, she was one of only two female chairs at the College.

“Because of where my office was, I was the first woman on the floor so they had to create a bathroom for me,” she recalled. “Someone added the ‘Wo’ to the men’s room in pencil.”

With a goal of creating more opportunities to study women’s issues and accomplishments, Glascock created classes on women’s health and women in the workplace — including the honors seminar that led to the quilt project.

“She is one of the most organized and involved people at the College,” said Paddy Quick, Professor of Economics, who co-founded the Women’s Caucus

at St. Francis with Glascock. “I’ve always admired her dedication to her students and I’ve learned a lot from her.” Glascock received a Bachelor’s Degree in English literature from Connecticut College, a Master’s Degree in Poetry from the University of North Carolina and an MPA and Ph.D. in Health, Research and Administration from NYU. She worked in publishing and Hospital Administration prior to coming to St. Francis.

“I fit for some reason,” Glascock said. For more than 20 years, she has taught a freshman course on health while more recently she earned accolades for her course “Death, Loss and Grief,” which was selected by Assisted Living Today as a “Top 20 College Course for Geriatrics and Senior Care.”

“Basically, because I’m a troublemaker I’ll talk about anything,” she said. “The students love it, they get really involved... When people are really engaged with something, they’ll learn.” ●

Faculty Notes

Dennis Anderson (Management/Information Technology) served as an observer at the 12th session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to participate in a global discussion on public administration.

John DiFiore (Physical Education) was selected to be part of the Urban Physical Education Leadership Coalition. Along with people from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and Action for Healthy Kids, DiFiore will work to increase the quality of physical education in urban settings.

Uwe Gielen (Psychology) co-edited the book, *Handbook of Counseling and Psychotherapy in an International Context* (Routledge), which reviews the state of counseling and psychotherapy around the world. The prolific Gielen also wrote the Foreword to L. R. Naidoo and S. M. Sehoto's new book, *AbaNguni traditional healing: Indigenous mental health practices in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*; two co-authored articles that appeared in the *International Psychology Bulletin*, and two book reviews ("Confessions of an Education Mama" [Review of the book: *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*] and "Pragmatic and Flexible Returnees with Multilayered Identities" [Review of the book: *Return migration and identity: A global phenomenon, a Hong Kong case*]). Gielen delivered the keynote address, "Healers and Counselors on the Roof of the World," at the 7th Critical Multicultural Counseling and Psychotherapy Conference: Integrating Asian Healing Traditions into Mental Health Care, and gave three presentations at the 30th International Congress of Psychology in Cape Town, South Africa. He also discussed "Young Female Chinese Americans" in NYC at the 5th On New Shores Conference 2012 at Ryerson University, Toronto.

Marlon Joseph's '05 (Biology) research, "Breast Cancer Diagnosis from Screening in Trinidad and Tobago: Opportunities for Cancer Prevention," which tries to determine why women in Trinidad have among the highest mortality rate for breast cancer in the Americas, was published in the *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. Joseph hopes his research will help in, "designing an effective strategy for managing and controlling the public health burden of breast cancer."



Marlon D. Joseph '05 with students Raghda Elshafey '16, Gabriela Ortiz '16, and Farah Sherine '16.

John McNamara (Physical Education) had his paper "Keeping Football Players Hydrated" published in the *National Strength and Conditioning Association's Performance Training Journal*.

Mark McSherry (Communication Arts) again helped judge the \$50,000 Media for Liberty Awards in Washington, DC and the United Kingdom-based global Online Media Awards. In addition, McSherry wrote about the final of the US Open Tennis Grand Slam for *The Scotsman*, the newspaper where he served as Business Editor for five years.

Carmine Nogara (Accounting) won re-election to the Glen Rock Borough Council for another three-year term.

Demetra Pappas' (Sociology) book, *The Euthanasia/ Assisted Suicide Debate* (Greenwood Press), was nominated for the 2013 British Society of Criminology Book Prize. The book presents both

sides of the argument surrounding assisted suicide, taking a hard look at the last 100 years of prosecutions against doctors in the US and the United Kingdom who participated in medical euthanasia/ assisted suicide. Pappas also focuses on the role of media in some of these high profile cases.

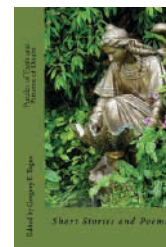


At a faculty colloquium at Touro Law School, Demetra Pappas compared the assisted suicide case of Jack Kevorkian to the Michael Jackson, Conrad Murray medicinal overdose case. PHOTO: Courtesy Kristen Grennan

Terry Quinn's (English) two-act play, "Bad Evidence," received its West Coast premiere at The Elephant Theater in Hollywood. The play previously ran for five weeks in Manhattan.



Frank Sorrentino (Political Science) published his new book, *Presidential Leadership and the Bureaucratic State* (Outskirts Press), that traces the political battle for power and policy in America between the Oval Office and agencies as varied as the FBI and the Environmental Protection Agency.



Gregory Tague (English) edited the latest anthology of stories published by Editions Bibliotekos, *Puzzles of Faith and Patterns of Doubt: Short Stories and Poems*. The collection offers stories of divine mystery and moral courage.



Ervin and Edith Drake with St. Francis College students at The Mabel Mercer Cabaret Convention.

Kathryn Grant (Communication Arts) brought students from her Acting Class to see The Mabel Mercer 23rd Annual New York Cabaret Convention. They were treated to an impromptu lesson in the American Songbook from songwriting legend, Ervin Drake ("Good Morning Heartache," "I Believe," "It Was a Very Good Year"). "Drake's impact on the world's music scene was enormous. Both Ervin Drake, 93, and his charming wife, Edith, 90, were happy to greet SFC students, tell them a bit about their lives and urged the students to 'think young.'"

In a ceremony held at Our Lady of Angels Church, Bay Ridge, **Bro. Gregory Cellini, O.S.F.** made his Perpetual Profession of Vows. Bro. Gregory is a Franciscan Advisor for Student Affairs and hosts the weekly radio show, "Thank God For Monday" on WSOU 89.5 FM. Before becoming a Brother, he was a Certified Public Accountant.



Bro. Gregory Cellini, O.S.F. with Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn Brother William Boslet, O.S.F.

From South Africa to Brooklyn Heights

By Meghan Lewit

At a recent lecture at the College, St. Francis' first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence **Vaneshran Arumugam** described growing up in South Africa under the yoke of apartheid. ▶

Arumugam, 37, an accomplished actor, writer, and social activist, spent the semester sharing his work and experiences with students and faculty. In addition to teaching a drama course incorporating South African texts, he has participated in lectures and cultural exchanges with other institutions in NYC. He was also the featured actor in "The Gathering," a concert performance that explored diverse relationships in unusual circumstances.

Despite the struggles, Arumugam said his upbringing in segregated South Africa was in some ways a privilege that exposed him to diverse languages and cultures. As one of the first ethnic actors of Indian origin to appear on South African television, Arumugam made his name playing against type. He gained celebrity from television roles and has appeared in numerous international theatre productions

including the title role of Hamlet with the Royal Shakespeare Company under the direction of South African actress and director Dame Janet Suzman. Arumugam trained the prison's inmates and acted alongside them in *StringCaesar*, a film that chronicles Julius Caesar's rise to power (with the modern prison filling in for ancient Rome). The film — which won Best Low-Budget Feature award at the prestigious Berlin Film Festival in February — also gave rise to the Turning Point Foundation, a non-profit organization that works with Cape Town's underprivileged and incarcerated to develop performance and production skills.

Gregory Tague, Professor of English, met Arumugam at a 2011 conference in England and immediately recognized that his work in the arts and social justice would support St. Francis' mission of hospitality and engagement with the community. With the assistance of **Virginia Franklin**, Associate Professor of English and Fulbright Program



Provost Timothy J. Houlihan with Professors Vaneshran Arumugam, Virginia Franklin, and Gregory Tague.

their academic exchange programs and to diversify the educational experiences of their students, scholars, and the surrounding community.

"One of the myths of the Fulbright is that it is just for academics," said Professor Franklin, who was a Fulbright Scholar in 2001. "But the program promotes on-the-ground cultural exchange for people from all walks of life."

At St. Francis, Arumugam has tackled a new challenge: teaching. Although he has degrees in drama and social anthropology, and previously received a Ford Foundation International Fellowship Program award to study at Columbia University, Arumugam said he views himself primarily as a performer, not an academic.

"Teaching is performing in a different way," he said. "It has the same significance as a performance, the emphasis is on sharing and creating awareness."

As part of his role in enriching the larger community, Arumugam has also guest-lectured at the Borough of Manhattan Community College and TCI Technical Career Institute, and assisted in developing a drama club at The Hungerford School, an award-winning special education school based in Staten Island.

"I want the students I teach to share in the experience of trusting yourself as an artist and trusting yourself as a storyteller," he said.

Although Arumugam has embraced the diversity and opportunity of NYC, his home country is never far from his mind. In the future, he hopes to democratize the arts by bringing theater to public spaces in South Africa, in the vein of New York's famous Shakespeare in the Park.

"That's where the revolution needs to happen, in the arts," he said. "It can liberate you, but it can also liberate the audience." •



LEFT: A performance of *The Gathering* with Vaneshran and Antonevia Ocho-Coultres '04. ▶ RIGHT: Vaneshran Arumugam performing his original composition, *The Maskhande Waltz*. ▶

including the title role of Hamlet with the Royal Shakespeare Company under the direction of South African actress and director Dame Janet Suzman.

"The arts for me became a mode of expression and a way to interact with the world," he told members of the St. Francis community.

Arumugam saw the potential in performance to drive social change. He brought his skills to the Pollsmoor Prison in Cape Town, South Africa — the same prison where the nation's first black president, Nelson Mandela, was incarcerated for a portion of his 27-year

Representative and Advisor, the College was awarded the prestigious grant to bring Arumugam to Brooklyn Heights.

"We're the small college of big dreams and this is an opportunity to say to our students, 'Get out into the world,'" Tague said. "Vaneshran brings a very different cultural perspective. He will certainly let the students see what they are capable of."

The award will also support the College's efforts to grow its study abroad program. This is St. Francis' third Fulbright award. The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program assists higher education institutions to expand

Class Agents On a Mission to Foster Fellowship and Fundraising

A growing number of St. Francis College alumni have volunteered their time and energy over the past few years to reconnect and reunite classmates that had gone their separate ways.

At the heart of the Class Agent program is peer-to-peer outreach and communication. Class Agents are most helpful in engaging alumni because, as supporters themselves, they can speak strongly and passionately on behalf of the College, and as classmates, they can genuinely connect.

“Becoming involved in the Class Agent program is a most rewarding experience,” said **Kevin M. Maroney '82**. “Not only are you helping to enhance the growth of The Fund for St. Francis College, but you also avail yourself of the opportunity to reconnect with fellow Classmates and rekindle old friendships.”

Last year, 40 alumni signed on to become Class Agents and helped raise almost \$200,000, a goal this year’s Class Agents are well on their way to topping. “The more we raise, the more students we can help,” said **Thomas F. Flood**, Vice President for Development.

“The class agent program has been a rewarding adventure for me,” said **Robert Gildersleeve '10**. “Not only do you help the college raise funds for future students, but you have the opportunity to call and thank fellow alumni for their help and support. That’s the most rewarding part!”

“In speaking with alumni around the country, it provides those of us who live near St. Francis the opportunity to describe the physical changes,” said **Robert L. Smith '72**. “The alumni mention that they use the internet to watch the various Terrier teams compete throughout the year.”

William Barnewold '62 became a Class Agent as his 50th Anniversary approached. He says, “Calling fellow graduates, anticipating seeing them at the dinner and asking them to join with our classmates in giving a special monetary gift to St. Francis College,” was his way to give something special back to his alma mater.

Agents encourage others to stay connected with the College by attending events, promoting community volunteerism and, adds Vice President Flood, “following the words from the Prayer of St. Francis that, ‘it is in giving that we receive.’”

“The Class Agent program is a great way to keep in touch with our SFC family,” said **Tara Flood '07**. “I love staying connected and that’s why I am involved in this program.”

For information on how to sign up as a Class Agent, please contact the Office of Development at **718.489.5361** or email development@sfc.edu.



Several Class Agents attended the Alumni Reunion Dinner on May 10. **STANDING:** Kevin M. Maroney '82, Matthew J. Krsulich '73, William P. Casey '63, Charles H. Harris '63 and Charles L. Novak '63.

SEATED: Matthew C. Hogan '01, Jamaal G. Womack '09, Thomas P. Napier '63, Bert F. Miglino '73, Robert L. Smith '72 and Joseph A. Nunziata Jr. '58.

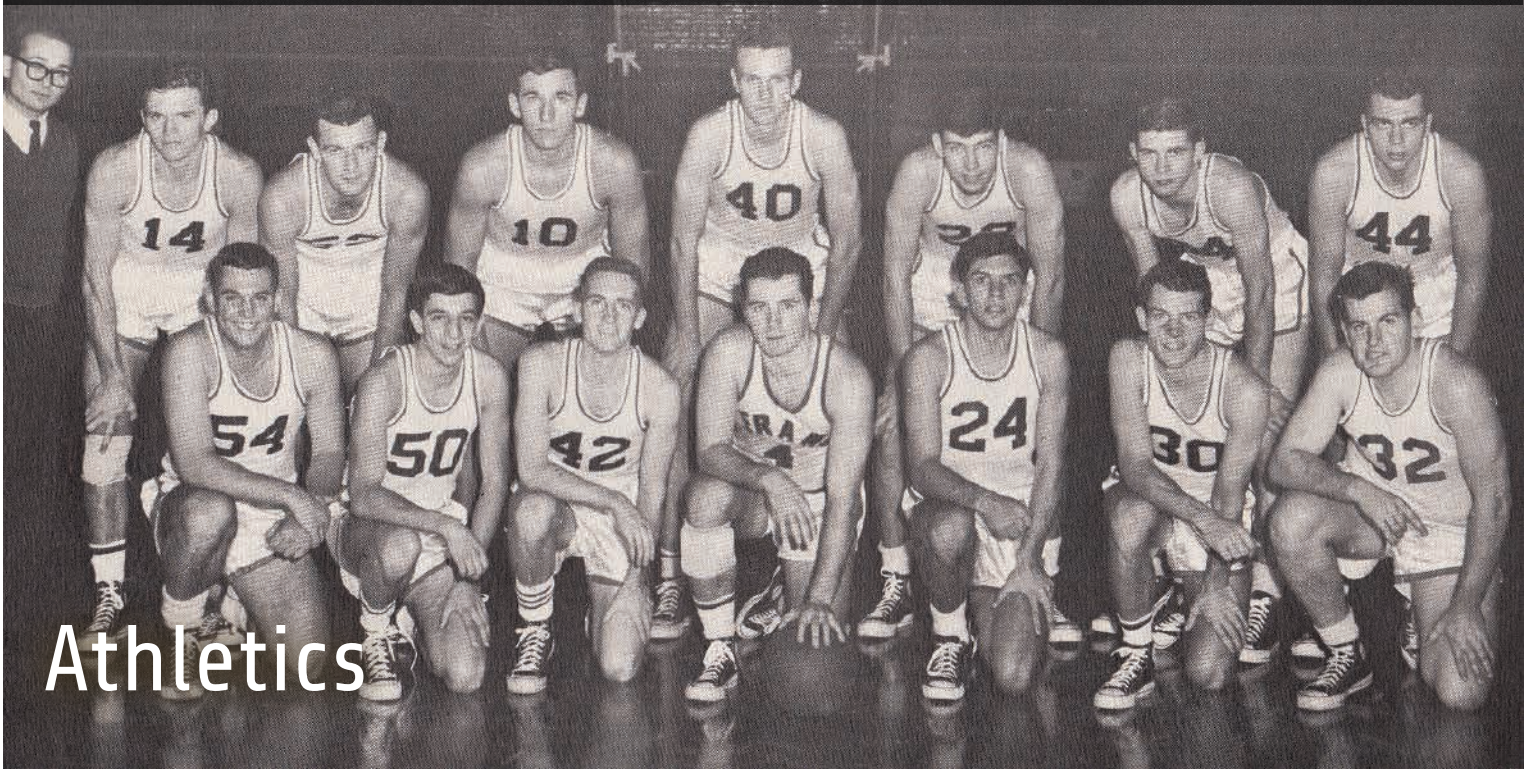
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Athletics

A half-century ago, before the NCAA Tournament exploded into the colossal event known today as “March Madness,” the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) was the premier event in college basketball.

On March 16, 1963, the St. Francis Brooklyn Terriers, coached by **Daniel Lynch '38**, were a major player in the sport and delivered their own piece of madness. In fact, SFC nearly pulled off a tremendous upset when they took the nation’s leading scoring team, the Miami Hurricanes, down to the wire in the opening round of the NIT in Madison Square Garden.

Confronted with the daunting task of facing one of the most dominant players in the country, 7-foot-1 center Mike McCoy and sophomore sharpshooter Rick Barry, the future NBA legend, the Terriers led the Hurricanes 24-21 at halftime and had Miami on the run for most of the second half.

“Miami thought they could just walk on the court and roll us over with ease,” said **James Raftery '63**. “But we never backed down from them and believed that we could win the game.”

Indeed, the Hurricanes were in for a fight the entire game against the gritty Terriers. Except for McCoy, a lithe big man who scored often from the outside for most of his 29 points, the Hurricanes shot poorly and handled the ball badly against the Terriers’ aggressive defense that was steered that night by Raftery and backcourt ace **Ray Nash '63** (14 points). With Raftery driving off a high post for 23 points and **Tom Kurowski '67** pouring in 17 more, St. Francis was ahead 66-65

with 3:38 to play. Then Raftery, who also garnered 10 rebounds, fouled out, and Miami went on to win 71-70 on a layup by McCoy.

“We gave Miami a great game in front of 10,000 fans on St. Patrick’s Day in Madison Square Garden,” Raftery recalled. “Even though we lost, it was a special day for our team and for the college.”

The Terriers, who were selected among 12 teams to compete in the NIT, finished the season with a record of 16-7. Four of their losses were by just one point. Kurowski (15.8 points per game) and Raftery (15.2 ppg, 7 rebounds per game) were the stars of the squad, and were supported by talented players such as Nash, **Ted Kotch '66**, and **Richie Alexander '64**.

“It’s like time has stood still whenever we get together,” Raftery said. “Although we don’t see each other as often as we used to, we are like brothers and there will always be that connection. I love St. Francis College and consider those times to be some of the best of my life. The school gave all of us our head starts and that’s something I will never forget.”

Other team members included: **Charlie Novak '63**, **Frank Pascuzzi '65**, **Jack O’Boyle '64**, **Jim Rische '64**, **Paul Buckley '64**, **Lou Boggiano**, **Rich Marquardt '66**, **Ed Lein '65**, and **George Steinman '66**. •

Men's Hoops' Jalen Cannon Earns Conference Honors

St. Francis Brooklyn forward **Jalen Cannon '15** was rewarded for a terrific season when he was named to Second Team All-Northeast Conference squad. Coming off his NEC All-Rookie campaign, Cannon quickly developed into one of the conference's top frontcourt talents, leading the Terriers to a No. 8 seed in the conference playoffs.

A superior glass sweeper and high-flyer who finishes with authority, Cannon was the NEC's second leading rebounder with 8.9 per game. He improved his scoring average from 8.0 points-per-game (ppg) as a freshman to 14.7 ppg this season, placing him 10th in the league. He was also fifth in field goal percentage (.554) and tied for first in double-doubles (10). In just two years, Cannon has already compiled 523 rebounds. •



Jalen Cannon '15.

Women's Basketball's Sarah Benedetti and Leah Fechko Honored by NEC

Under new Head Coach **John Thurston**, **Sarah Benedetti '15** and **Leah Fechko '16** led the Terriers to their most victories (11) since the 2006-07 season, making the playoffs for the first time in five years.

This pair of St. Francis guards earned some Northeast Conference honors along the way. Sophomore guard Benedetti was named to the All-Northeast Conference Third Team. Her selection is the first honor for the program since **Kara Ayers '09** earned a slot on the 2009 All-NEC Second Team. Benedetti led her team with 11.7 points per game. Benedetti also earned a slot on the 2012-13 Capital One Women's Basketball Academic All-District First Team. This honor recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom. Benedetti maintained a 4.0 GPA her freshman year. The Canton, CT native was also named to the 2012 Northeast Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll and Northeast Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Freshman guard **Leah Fechko '16** was named to the Northeast Conference All-Rookie Team, becoming just the 10th Terrier in program history to make that squad. Last season, teammate **Jaymee Veney '15** also made the cut. Fechko, who was three times named the Choice Hotels Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week, averaged 8.7 points per game against Northeast Conference opponents, along with 6.3 rebounds per game in league contests. •



Leah Fechko '16.



Sarah Benedetti '15.

Men's 4x800 Relay Team Captures Medal at Millrose Games

In front of a national TV audience on ESPN, the St. Francis Brooklyn men's 4x800 meter relay team, comprised of seniors **Paul Gilhuley '13**, **Joseph Gilhuley '13**, and **Brian Nersten '13**, and junior **Jason Stapleton '12**, received a bronze medal for running a time of 7:38.97 at the 106th Millrose games held at the Armory Track and Field Center in Washington Heights, Manhattan.



Jason Stapleton '12, Paul Gilhuley '13, Coach Lauren Kurtin, Joseph Gilhuley '13, and Brian Nersten '13.

"I am very proud of the team and it is a great honor for the guys and for the program," commented head coach **Kyle Brown**. "We received an invitation to run practically at the '11th hour' and the guys rose to the occasion. I am happy to see these gentlemen etch their names in the St. Francis Brooklyn Track and Field record books."

"It was a great experience to be running alongside some of the best relay teams in the nation," commented Nersten. "Back in my sophomore year, our team was invited to the games at Madison Square Garden but I wasn't able to compete due to an injury. This is special to me not only because we did well, but I believe our performance in front of a capacity crowd shed some light on the success of our track and field program." •

Water Polo GPA Second Best

A program best third-place finish at the NCAA Final Four wasn't enough for this year's Men's Water Polo squad. They also earned the second-highest team grade point average in the country with a 3.520 mark. SFC was second only to California Institute of Technology (3.570) and outclassed academic powers such as Stanford, Harvard, and Brown. •



BACK ROW: Bosko Stankovic '14, Luka Vukomanovic '14, Cole Hamre '16, David Lonnberg '15, Igor Mladenovic '14, Matthew Varela '16, Jacob Barashick '16, Liam Veazey '16, Guram Nozadze '13, Tyler Perkins '14, Balint Toth '15. **FRONT ROW:** Head Coach Igor Samardzija, Assistant Athletic Director Carl Quigley '75, Vuk Vujosevic '15, Luka Raic '15, Marko Dzigurski '14, Marko Gencic '15, Aleksandar Jakovljevic '16, Coach Srdjan Mihaljevic '01.

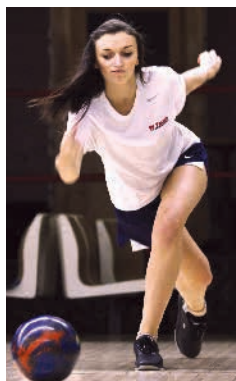
Back in the Water, SFC Alumni Unite for Water Polo Tournament

A group of St. Francis College alumni competed in the first-ever College Alumni Water Polo Tournament Feb. 23 and 24 in Naples, FL. The event, sponsored by USA Water Polo, brought out some of the best Terriers of the past 40 years: **Peter Felvegi '03**, **Serge Vaculeac '03**, **Nick Gaffey '05** (event organizer), **Thomas Pellinger '74**, **Paul Koren**, **Paloma Szivos '12**, **Joe McManus '96**, **Thomas Lynch**, **Mark Ferro '83**, **Alexandar Pantic '12**, and **Carl Quigley '75**.

"It was a great chance to see some old faces and play the sport we love," said Quigley. "There have been a lot of good natured emails going around and everyone really enjoyed the event. We hope that it will develop into an annual event." Teams representing UMass, Bucknell, Cal-Santa Barbara, Florida State, Florida Gulf Coast, Florida, and Richmond also participated in the tournament. •



Kelly Nicosia First Terrier Bowler in Program History Named to NEC All-Tournament Team



Kelly Nicosia '16.

Freshman bowler **Kelly Nicosia '16** was named to the 2013 Northeast Conference All-Tournament team at the conclusion of the 2013 Northeast Conference Bowling Championship. Nicosia is the first Terrier bowler in the program's history to earn the honor.

"Kelly is our diamond in the rough," commented Head Coach **Dawn Gugliaro**. "She worked very hard this year and continued to improve every week. I'm looking forward to seeing her on the lanes more consistently next season."

Nicosia wasn't in the starting rotation for the NEC Tournament tilt, but the New Jersey-born freshman certainly made her mark. Nicosia came off the bench for Game 4 of the Terriers' tussle with Kutztown, sliding right into the lineup's leadoff position. She remained in the rotation for St. Francis' entire 4-0 sweep of LIU Brooklyn and the season-ending setback to Sacred Heart. Her 20.26 baker frame

average was the highest of any individual who bowled at least 25 frames. The Brick, NJ native filled 23 of 27 frames bowled on the weekend. The rookie righty struck 14 times in 28 chances. •

Men's Water Polo: Best Finish Ever at Final Four

The third time was the charm for the St. Francis College Men's Water Polo team. After two previous trips to the NCAA Final Four in 2005 and 2010, the men captured their first victory at the event with a 14-8 victory over Air Force in the consolation game. The Terriers lost to UCLA in the semi-final the day before. The third-place finish is the best in program history.

The Terriers were led by senior wing **Marko Gencic '13** and junior goalkeeper **Igor Mladenovic '14** who were both named 2012 Third-Team All-Americans. Gencic is the program's all-time leading scorer with 328 points (213 goals and 115 assists) and scored four goals against Air Force in the Final Four consolation victory. Mladenovic was sensational in the Terriers victory against Air Force in the NCAA Final Four consolation game, making 16 stops en route to earning First Team All-Tournament honors. •



Marko Gencic '13.



Igor Mladenovic '14.

Dominique Burrus Takes Silver at Indoor Track and Field Championships



Dominique Burrus '13.

St. Francis Brooklyn senior **Dominique Burrus '13** highlighted the Terriers effort at the 2013 Northeast Conference Track and Field Championships, winning the silver medal with an effort of 5.69 meters (18'8") on the opening day. The 2010 champ just missed

winning her second conference championship as Monmouth's Mariah Toussaint edged her with a leap of 5.70 meters. Burrus also placed seventh in the triple jump with an effort of 10.95 meters (35'11.25").

"Dominique was basically out for two seasons with injuries, so winning the silver medal is just a testament to how much hard work she's put in to get back to an elite level," said Terriers' head coach **Kyle Brown**. •

Alumni Events

2013 Alumni Memorial Mass

On Saturday, January 26, St. Francis College celebrated its annual Alumni Memorial Mass, honoring the memories of our alumni and relatives of alumni who are no longer with us. Following the Mass, a luncheon was held in the Anthony J. Genovesi Center. •

Golden Terriers Luncheon

On Thursday, March 14, our Golden Terriers, alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago, came back to Brooklyn for a special reunion luncheon. •

BELOW: Our Golden Terriers. **RIGHT:** Rev. Kieran Fergus, O.P. '57 and James I. Konkel '57. **FAR RIGHT:** Marguerita and Theodore T. Fletcher '61.



15th Eileen C. Dugan Memorial 5K Fun Run

It was a beautiful morning as 300 runners helped raise money for The Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy at the 15th Eileen C. Dugan Memorial 5K Fun Run on April 6, the second time the run was held in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

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

BELOW: Several dozen St. Francis students and alumni participated in the event either as volunteers or by running in the race which started and finished in the Atlantic Avenue section of the park and looped along the harbor.

RIGHT: The Manhattan skyline provides a backdrop for the runners.



Alumni Events

2013 Annual Alumni Reunion Dinner

Over 260 alumni and friends of St. Francis came out to the Anthony J. Genovesi Center to renew old bonds, support the College and help honor fellow alumni, as they attended the 2013 Alumni Reunion Dinner, which took place on May 10.

Thomas A. Dunne '68 was given the Alumni Achievement Award, while the Alumni Board of Directors Appreciation Award was presented to the Killeen Family as we honored **Thomas '69, John '75, Joanne '77** and **Mary Anne '78**. **Linda Werbel Dashefsky** was given the Distinguished Administrator Award.

Sadly, it is with a heavy heart that we share news of the passing of **Dominick P. DePaola '64** on April 16. Dominick was also to be awarded an Alumni

Achievement Award for his long and storied successes in the field of Dentistry. His wife, Rosemarie, accepted the award in his honor. He will be missed.

Also honored at the event were the 50th anniversary class of 1963, the 25th anniversary class of 1988 and 10th anniversary class of 1993.

Director of Community Partnership and Special Events **Robert A. Oliva '04** emceed the event. ●



Our 1963 graduates as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary.



Our 1963 graduates as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary.



Matthew J. Krsulich '73, Bert F. Miglino '73, RoseAnn Guida Citron '73, Margaret Dougherty-Russo '73 and Vincent A. Kucich '73, celebrated their 40th Anniversary. Both RoseAnn and Margaret were members of the very first female graduating class at the College.



Thomas A. Dunne '68, Linda Werbel Dashefsky, Alexis DePaola, Rosemary DePaola, President Brendan J. Dugan '68, John M. Killeen '75, Joanne M. Killeen '77, Mary Anne Killeen '78 and Thomas J. Killeen '69.

Alumni Events



Many of our Pi Alpha alumni attended the event in support of their fellow brother, Thomas A. Dunne '68.

1000 Point Club

On Saturday, February 2, a reception was held for athletics alumni to honor members of the Men's and Women's Basketball 1,000 Point Club. •



Members of the Men's 1000 Point Club, Gerard Trapp '78, Kevin G. Henry '83, Robert L. Jackson '84, Director of Athletics Irma Garcia '80, Dennis McDermott '74, Ronnie T. Arnold '05, James J. Raftery '63, Richie Dominguez '02 and Jamaal G. Womack '09.

Members of the Women's 1000 Point Club, Mary C. Rotolo '86, Rosemary D. McCullagh '84, Christine Cunningham '95, Sharon McAdams '81, Katja Bavendam '08, Kara C. Ayers '09 and Director of Athletics Irma Garcia '80.

Florida's Sun Coast Terriers

Daniel T. '67 and Mary Ann Kane opened their home for President Brendan J. Dugan '68 and SFC family and friends in Naples, Florida for a regional reception on February 26. •



Dr. Angel R. Colon, Jr., M.D. '62 and his wife Patricia Colon, with Mary Ann Kane and President Brendan J. Dugan '68.



The passing of Chancellor **Frank J. Macchiarola** led to a wellspring of support for the Chancellor's Fund. To date, more than 200 people have donated as a way of honoring the memory of Dr. Macchiarola. Memorial gifts can still be made in his memory ensuring his legacy and passion for making possible the gift of education continues. Make your check payable to St. Francis College, include "in memory of Dr. Mac" in the memo section and mail it to **The Office of Development, St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201** or call **718-489-5361**. A complete list of donors to the Chancellor's Fund will be printed in the 2012-2013 Annual Donor Report in the next issue of the *Terrier*.

Class Notes

1950s

William J. Brooks '51 and his wife have been residing for the past 5 years at Shell Point, a 250 acre retirement resort community just off Sanibel Island. He would love to hear from any former classmates that may live in the area.

John J. Scibelli '51 will forever be grateful for his years at the College. He credits **Father Gerard Murray's** classes in Shakespeare and English Literature as being the beginning of his career as an English teacher.

Leo M. Keegan '55 and his wife Joan have been married for 56 years. They have 12 children and 30 grandchildren. He is now retired from the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, where he served as Executive VP and CFO.

Arthur Maddaloni '55 remembers his classmate **Peter Ferrara '55**, who passed away in December of 2009.

Joseph A. Nunziata Jr. '58 and his wife Ann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past August.

1960s

Peter J. Schweitzer '60 is still working as he helps Long Island lawyers.

George C. Festa '62 is happy to report that his daughter just had her third child this past March, in Massachusetts.

Edward B. Lein '65 enjoyed this past year greatly, as both his son Robby and his daughter Kristin celebrated their respective weddings. His son Edward is, according to him, 'on the loose'.

John J. Dwyer '66 is now a Vice President at Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. focusing on maintaining client and investor relationships for the group. Prior to his appointment, he served as a Director at Stifel Nicolaus, where he managed institutional and investor relationships.

Joseph Lavezzo '66 was Associate Producer for a new off-Broadway rock musical comedy, *F#%king Up Everything*. "This is a fun show with great music and laughs. It is a simple story of 'boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl,' but with amusing turns along the way. For more on the show go to: <http://fueonstage.com>.



The cast of *F#%king Up Everything* with Joseph Lavezzo '66 on the far right.

Kevin M. McQuade '68 got together with his fellow Sigma Gamma Pi alumni this past December, for a reunion dinner in Manhattan, NY.



Kevin M. McQuade '68, Dave H. Bacchioni '69, John Martinez, Jr. '69, Tom Ryan '69, Frank A. Lofaso '70 and Guy L. Rossiello '69.

Robert L. Conway '69 is now retired and residing in Babylon Long Island, where he is active in local volunteer efforts.

Joseph P. Forte '69 has joined DLA Piper's Real Estate practice as a partner in New York. He previously served as a partner in the Global Finance and Debt Products Group at Alston + Bird LLP. He is a governor and past president of the Commercial Real Estate Finance Council; an active fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and American College of Mortgage Attorneys; a member of the Anglo-American Real Property Institute; and a member of The Real Estate Roundtable's Real Estate Capital Policy Advisory Committee.

Anthony Santorufu '69 retired in 2007 after 19 years as an Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, Special Education and Pupil Service Consultant with international schools in China and as a volunteer in radiation oncology at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center.

1970s

Michael P. Angiolillo '71 is happy to announce that his debut album, titled *Ain't That a Kick* is now available in both CD and digital format, and can be found on iTunes. Those wishing to reconnect with him can contact him at his site, www.bestitaliancrooner.com.



Bro. Leonard Conway, O.S.F. '71 has served as principal of St. Francis Preparatory School for the past 30 years. In September of this year he will become president of the School as it moves to the administration president/principal model.

Joseph A. Turzo '72 just celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary with his wife, Pam.

Peter F. Spiess '75 and his wife **Mary '77** are happy to report that their daughter Lizzy gave birth to their grandson, Joseph Peter, this past December.



Barbara Koster '76 was named to the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame by Junior Achievement of New Jersey for her outstanding professional achievements and community outreach efforts. Barbara is Senior

Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Prudential Financial, Inc. and a member of Prudential's Senior Management Committee. She also is Chairman of the Board of Pramerica Systems Ireland, a technology subsidiary of Prudential.

Joseph A. Mingrone '76 recently got together with fellow Troupers' alumni **Andrew C. Fisher '03**, **Antonevia Ocho-Coultres Oddman '04**, **Dana Kelly Salvatore**, **Rachel L. Kaminsky '04**, **Chris Gando**, **Julian R. Oddman '06**, **Michelle Susino Gando '03**, **David Peters '03** and **Ryan Cleminson**. The reunion took place at Edison Place, owned by SFC and Troupers' Alumnus **Edward P. Long '03**.



John E. Kiely '77 with fellow Phi Rho Pi alumnus, Frank P. Frattini '78.

John E. Kiely '77 attended the 90th Anniversary Reunion of Phi Rho Pi, which took place this past October in Edison, NJ.

Karl T. Bednarek, M.D. '78 is practicing gastroenterology in Union Square in Manhattan, and in Greenpoint in Brooklyn. He still plays tennis, loves photography, and wishes he had more free time to spend with his daughter Lora, his son Daniel, and his beautiful wife Sue.

Lt. Col. Frank R. Dukes, USA '78 is currently retired from both the US Army and the City of New York. After St. Francis College, he attended the University of Notre Dame where he earned a Master's Degree of Science in Administration. He has 2 grandchildren named Michael and Julianna.

Marion White '78, Executive Director of Child Abuse Prevention Program, raised more than \$400,000 at CAPP's annual benefit to support NYC's only program that uses life-size puppets to teach school children how to recognize, resist and report physical and sexual abuse.

Class Notes



CAPP Board Chair Rebekah Calabrese, Dinner Co-Chair Marcel Borg, 2013 Miss America Mallory Hagan, Founders' Award Honoree Michael Randazzo and Marion White '78.

1980s

Bruce T. Casino '81 recently attended the 90th anniversary reunion of Phi Rho Pi fraternity, and greatly enjoyed seeing everyone at the event.

Barry S. Rohrsen '83 has been hired by the Portland Trail Blazers to be on the coaching staff of their NBADL affiliate Idaho Stampede.

Kathleen M. Purdy '84 is a Physical Education teacher-Aquatics at Newburgh Enlarged City School district. She is also the Physical Education and Health Education K-12 curriculum chairperson, and is a National Board for Professional Teaching Standard Advanced Candidate.

Diane L. Patton '88 is happily retired at her East End beach house, and has fond memories of 'the terrific SFC faculty'.

Steven G. O'Brien, Ph.D. '86 has been appointed as a Senior Fellow for the American Humane Association's Humane Research and Policy division.

Lecelle D. Providence '88 is a minister for Antwerp United Methodist Church, in Antwerp, NY. She also has a nonprofit sports training business called I.M.P.A.C. (Intense, Motivational, Positive, Aggressive, Competitive) Performance Inc.

1990s

Annamaria Banaszek '90 has been elected senior vice president of New York Life. As head of the Group's Wealth Management Department, Ms. Banaszek is responsible for wealth management and investment advisory services, including Eagle Strategies. Ms. Banaszek earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting. She resides in Bethlehem, PA with her husband.



Jean S. Desravines '94 is CEO of New Leaders, a national nonprofit that develops transformational school leaders and designs effective leadership policies and practices for school systems across the country.

David B. Gardella '97 was honored at this year's Athletic Awards Banquet for his 20 years of service to SFC Athletics.

2000s

George Petrakides, Jr. '00 is now Country Manager for Microsoft Cyprus, where he previously served as Enterprise Partner Group (EPG) Lead. He is a Board Member of the Cyprus Information Technology Enterprises Association and a member of various IT professional and business organizations in Cyprus, representing Microsoft.



Sparkle L. Sooknanan '02 will soon start her clerkship with Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sonia Sotomayor. She holds an MBA in marketing (with distinction) from Hofstra University, and a Juris Doctor, summa cum laude from Brooklyn Law School.



Christine currently serves as Senior Advisement Coordinator and Athletic Academic Advisor for the College.

Caitlin Smith-Gilson, PhD, '03, Chair of the Department of Philosophy at the Pontifical College Josephinum (Columbus, OH), will have her second book, *The Philosophical Question of Christ* published by Continuum Bloomsbury in the fall of 2013.

Raquel Almestica '04 is an Admissions Counselor at St. Vincent's College in Bridgeport, CT, and remains grateful for the support and inspiration she received from the Student Services Department at St. Francis College.

Ruben N. Gonzalez '04 and **Jamaal G. Womack '09** were recently honored at the St. Francis College Student Government Awards Ceremony. They both received the Moderator of the Year Award for their work with My Brother's Keeper, a club dedicated to both modeling and strengthening male student development at the College. In recognition of their outstanding work, the club was awarded Special Interest Club of the Year. Ruben currently serves as Associate Director of Student Activities at the College, while Jamaal serves as Resident Director.



Ruben N. Gonzalez '04 and Jamaal G. Womack '09 with SGA President Kepler Auguste '13 and members of My Brother's Keeper club.

Robert A. Oliva '04 was recently awarded the Franciscan Spirit Award and the Administrator of the Year Award at the St. Francis College Student Government Awards Ceremony. Robert currently serves as Director of Community Partnerships and Special Events for the College.

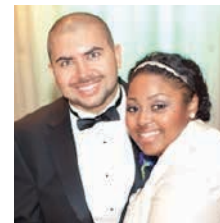


Robert A. Oliva '04 with SGA Treasurer Mohammed Ali '14 and SGA President Kepler Auguste '13.

Daniel Barvels '05 was promoted to FDNY Lieutenant for Engine 219, Fort Greene, Brooklyn, on Jan. 2.

Carl P. Esposito '05 and his wife, **Letizia Bevilacqua '05** welcomed their first child this past February.

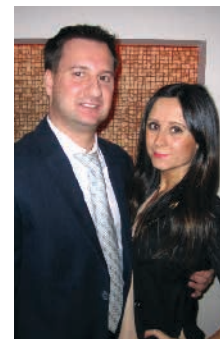
Kelly A. Mac Lellan '07 is an Associate Marketing Manager at Scholastic Media, in their Marketing and Brand Management Department.



Justina Lopez '07 recently wed **Samuel Rivera '07** in Westbury, NY. Justina and Sam are both attorneys practicing in New York and New Jersey, respectively.

Ken Bruno '09 is entering his third year as a publicist in the tech division of New York boutique public relations firm The Morris + King Company and was recently named Director of the firm's Content Creation arm. As part of his new role, Ken will be assisting C-level executives in the development of guest op-eds for major national and trade publications.

Joseph J. Buccheri '09 is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Accounting and CPA at St. Francis College. He also works full-time in the accounting department at Cullen and Dykman, PC.



Anthony Guiliano '06, '13 married Julie Akselrud in April. Anthony earned his undergraduate degree in Business Management at St. Francis and is one of the first students to graduate from the newly initiated two-year Master's Degree program in Accounting.

2010s

Nicole T. Buccheri '10 plans to attend New York University this fall to obtain her Master's Degree in Business Administration.



A scene from "Play With Your Food."

Theresa '10 and Steven Romano '10 co-wrote the short film "Play With Your Food" which was screened at the 2012 Tropfest Film Festival in New York City. All films for the 2012 festival had to incorporate the word 'bagel' into their film. "Steve and I decided to incorporate the 'bagel' as the main character's tunnel-vision, or rather 'bagel-vision' — innocently viewing the world and bringing into clarity the things that matter most to him: a loving and supportive relationship." Watch the movie at vimeo.com/42498586.

Andrew Slips '10 was promoted to Senior Digital Service Representative for Turner Digital where he works on high profile accounts, such as Shell Oil, BBVA, and Volkswagen.

Brittany D. Smith '10 recently got together for a reunion with her fellow Communications alumni at O'Keefe's in Brooklyn Heights, NY. Brittany currently works at the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn, NY.



Births



The Barbaro family at Alpha Phi Delta's annual Christmas Party.

John N. Barbaro '98 and his wife Benedetta are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Valentina Barbaro, born this past September. John resides with his family in Woodstock, NY.

Olga M. Macolino '01 and her husband Eric are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Jake William. Jake was born this past December, and his big brother Christian is thrilled with the new addition.



Yadira M. Moran-Ulrich '02 and her husband **Eric A. Ulrich '07** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Lily Ana. Yadira is the Assistant Director of Human Resources at St.

Francis College, while Eric is a City Council Member for District 32 in Queens, NY.

Edward P. Long '03 and his wife, **Katie '09** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Quinn Mary, who was born on New Year's Day.



Katarina Zubovic-Donadic '03 and her husband Josip proudly announce the birth of their son Ivan, who was born this past June.

Monica (Mann) Szalma '06 and her husband Botond '08 are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Yvette, who was born this past January. Monica and Botond met as students and fellow Water Polo players while at St. Francis, something they celebrated as they prepared for the arrival of their baby girl. ●



Paul Cosgrove '93

By Chandra Persaud '11

Today, **Paul Cosgrove, DDS '93**, is a successful dentist and entrepreneur. However, as a boy, he never imagined becoming either of these things. It was not until Cosgrove entered the doors of St. Francis College that he began to realize his own potential.

Cosgrove says that St. Francis provided the nurturing environment he needed to think freely about his future and because of it, he immediately began to take advantage of what St. Francis had to offer. He used his time in classes and his experiences at St. Francis to analyze his skills and think meaningfully about his passions.

In his free time, Cosgrove enjoyed socializing with friends and exploring the historic neighborhood in which the college is situated. "The area is a great and beautiful part of Brooklyn. That is definitely a highlight when I think back to my years at St. Francis," he said.

Although he cannot pinpoint the exact moment when he decided to become a dentist, Paul attributes the decision to the influence of his father and to his years as a Terrier. "I don't know why but it was my time at St. Francis that let me believe being a dentist was possible," says Cosgrove.

Upon graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Special Studies, Cosgrove took the next step in pursuing his dream — applying to and being accepted at Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine.

"St. Francis prepared me for Columbia because my experiences there gave me the confidence to succeed. That is a big part. There were a lot of people and professors around that cared and wanted to help," reminisces Cosgrove.



Paul Cosgrove '93

After graduating from Columbia, Paul decided to work for a dentist he knew personally and admired dearly — his father. From 1999 to 2005, Paul worked for him in his father's office in Richmond Hill, Queens.

Then Cosgrove decided to go into business for himself and in 2008 established Cosgrove Dental in Rockville Centre, NY.

Among the things that Cosgrove enjoys about his career are the people with whom he works and the patients he sees. He also loves the feeling of accomplishment when skill and hard work come together to solve a patient's dental issues. "I do such fine and detailed work that it's rewarding when everything works out," says Paul.

While running a small business can be demanding, Cosgrove views his career as an "exciting challenge" that leaves him feeling fulfilled at the end of the day. "Overall I really enjoy my work," he says.

Cosgrove adds that St. Francis College will always be very dear to him because it was where his future took shape. It was there that he learned, "Anything is possible if you work hard enough." ●

In Memoriam

We Remember

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



Deborah Seaton '08

A Licensed Practical Nurse with a Master's Degree in Public Administration, **Deborah Seaton** began working at St. Francis College in 2004. As Director of Student Health Services, Nurse Seaton oversaw the St. Francis Wellness Center and Counseling Center as well as weekly events like Healthy Hour and stress-relief activities for students during finals week.

"Deborah was a friend, a mom, a counselor and a nurse," said Cheryl Howell, Dean of Students. "Her generosity of spirit was the epitome of Franciscan values."

Deborah Seaton is survived by her daughters Osaline Seaton and **Michelle Davis '13** as well as her grandson Malachai. "Nurse Deb" passed away January 29, 2013. ●

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former Chair Department of English

STUDENT OF ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

Lucas Gaxiola

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Vincent Caiazza, Brother of **Joseph '80**
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Thomas and Terry
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Michael Cunningham, Uncle of **Brendan Dugan '68**,
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Pasquale "Pat" '73
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John Flanagan, former Chair Department
of Management
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Hava Hot, Mother of **Alber '84**
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Catherine Kiely, Mother of **John '77**
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Flores Linares, Father of **Jesus '84** and
Father in Law to **Noreen '84**
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Hugh McGowan '49

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Great Aunt of **Elizabeth Eames '02**
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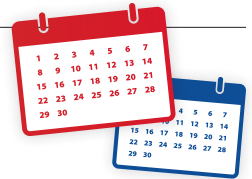
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Tuesday, August 6, 2013

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Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Dyker Beach Golf Course
Brooklyn



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