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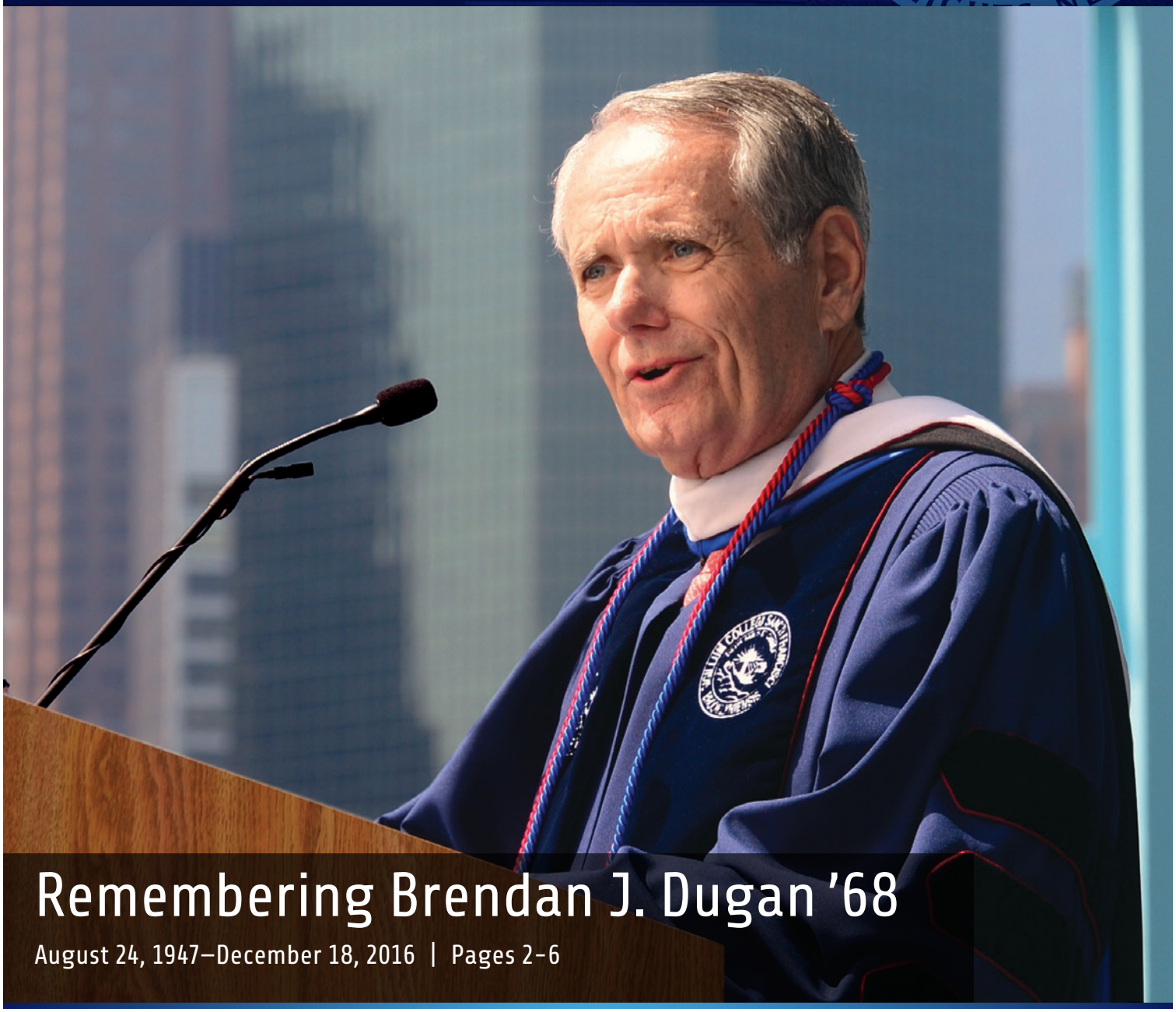

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An Update from the Presidential Search Committee

The St. Francis College Board of Trustees looks forward to soon announcing the person who will become the 19th President of St. Francis College, taking over from Interim President **Timothy J. Houlihan**.

A search committee of 13 people, with the help of outside consultants Witt/Kieffer, reviewed 80 applications and met with several candidates before narrowing the field to several semi-finalist.

The committee of faculty, students, administrators, Franciscan Brothers, alumni, and trustees, is now conducting more in-depth interviews and tours of campus with the candidates as it works to present the best candidate to the full Board of Trustees.

"I am pleased to report that we have many very qualified candidates," said **Denis Salamone '75**, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am grateful for the committee's efforts and I believe the result of their good work will be the hiring of our next President in the near future."

For more information on the Presidential Search process, the committee, and materials shared with the candidates please go to **sfc.edu/search**.

Message from Interim President Timothy J. Houlihan

Interim President Timothy J. Houlihan speaking at Spring Commencement, May 24 at Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Working with **President Brendan Dugan** for his entire term was an honor and a privilege. He taught me many lessons from my view as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost; about leadership, about relationships, and perhaps most importantly, about humility.

It is with mixed emotions that I stepped into my new role as Interim President of St. Francis College. It was definitely not my first choice of responsibilities for the year. Like many of you, I would much rather still be learning from Brendan.

What has made it just a little easier over the past six months is the support of the faculty, students, and staff who are now working even harder to honor his memory; to make him proud and to see through all the exciting changes for which Brendan laid the foundation.

As I stood on stage at Spring Commencement at Brooklyn Bridge Park this May, I realized that we were there because it was his dream, a beautiful, memorable gift to the graduates. I reminded them of his extraordinary accomplishments, in banking and as the 18th President of his and their alma mater.

Brendan was proud to be a Terrier. As with many of our current students he worked while attending classes, balancing a job with studies and family life. He would often remark that he enjoyed both the benefits and challenges of a Franciscan education.

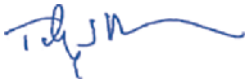
Over his forty years in banking President Dugan never forgot where he came from, still just a humble Irish Catholic kid from South Brooklyn. He also had great respect and admiration for the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, the Order who educated him throughout most of his life. The values instilled by the Brothers were always at the forefront of President Dugan's decision making throughout his banking career and as president of the college.

And like so many students today, Brendan saw the College as a second home. He saw our community as an extension of his family and worked to create a friendly, caring and compassionate atmosphere on campus.

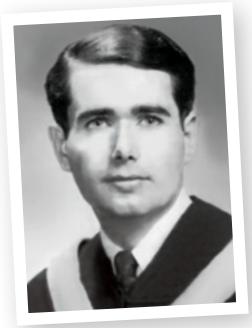
Looking out at almost 400 graduates, I told them to use those lessons as a guide to being successful, to remember President Dugan and remember his call to arms; that by being true to their Franciscan values they will create friendly and compassionate relationships wherever their lives may lead them.

As I continue serving St. Francis College, now standing in his shoes, it is my goal, too.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Houlihan
Interim President



Remembering Brendan

When President **Brendan J. Dugan**, a graduate of the St. Francis College class of 1968 passed away on December 18, 2016, he left behind a rich portfolio of accomplishments and a record of improving the lives of those around him, professionally and personally.

President Dugan worked in commercial banking for 40 years before becoming the 18th President of St. Francis College on July 1, 2008. Before that, he was Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees and was instrumental in completing the $40 million Campaign for Big Dreams.

He was involved in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn for many years, serving on the Finance Council, as trustee for the St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, and spending years on the board of the Futures in Education Foundation and Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School.

Two weeks before he died, He was honored at the Bishop's Christmas Luncheon with the Emma A. Daniels Benefactor Award.

A few days after that, President Dugan was also honored by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Gala. Domenick A. Cama, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Investors Bank introduced the honor.

"Unless you were in the banking business you really didn't really know he was a banker. Not only that, you didn't even know he was CEO of a bank," said Cama, who grew up with President Dugan in Carroll Gardens. "He is a person that exhibits humility and modesty. Those are the two lessons that I've learned, the two words that I've learned from Brendan."

During his four decades of banking, President Dugan served at a number of institutions, his most recent banking position was Chairman & CEO of Sovereign Bank's Metro NY/NJ Division. Mr. Dugan also held senior executive positions at Independence Bank (2003–2005), was Chief Operating Officer of Citibank Commercial Markets (2001–2003), President of European American Bank (1991–2001) and President and Chief Executive Officer of NatWest USA (1989–1991).

In 2013 he was able to put his vast banking experience to work again as a member of the Board of Directors of Investors Bank.

As President, Mr. Dugan's goal was "to offer working class families a College that provides a great education at an affordable price and one that makes sure its graduates are not just prepared to enter the job market but will be productive in all aspects of their lives."

His strong belief in helping others extended well beyond the College and the Diocese. He was a board member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, and the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy. In the past he was active with the New York Bankers Association and was a member of its Board of Directors

A Lasting Legacy

Brendan Dugan's dedication to St. Francis College went far beyond his eight and a half years as President. He spent decades giving back and preparing students for the future. Below are just a few of the many projects and programs that lay the foundation for his lasting legacy.

GRADUATION ON THE WATER

After moving the College's annual Spring Commencement to the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) in 2011 for a series of beautiful ceremonies, Brendan took full advantage of another opportunity when Brooklyn Bridge Park became available in 2015. Presiding over the first of the three ceremonies held so far on the water, these commencements have created breathtaking memories for more than a thousand graduates. (Use the hashtag #gradonthewater to see many of these photos and videos.) President Dugan also made it a priority to include the Baccalaureate Mass as a major part of commencement activities. The last three spring masses have been held at the renovated St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral. The Winter Mass and Graduation are held together at a standing room only St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Brendan welcomes graduates at the 2012 Spring Commencement at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

President Dugan congratulates 2015 Valedictorian Tvrtko Vrdoljac.

Mary Macchiarola, Vice President of Development Thomas Flood, Barbara Dugan and Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio with Brendan J. Dugan '68 at the first baccalaureate Mass held at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph.

and Legislative Policy Committee.

In June 2009, President Dugan was inducted into the Pontifical Order of the Knights of St. Gregory the Great by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

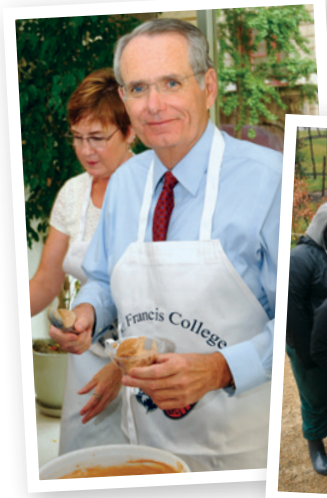
President Dugan's good work was recognized by many organizations including the Greater Jamaica Development Corp., the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai Brith, Helen Keller Services for the Blind, the Crohns and Colitis Foundation, the American Jewish Congress, Neighborhood Housing Services, Good Shepherd Services, Touro Law School, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the Brooklyn Children's Museum, the Boy Scouts of America, and Brooklyn Legal Services Corp.

President Dugan's family hailed from Kilcar County, Donegal and he cherished his Irish heritage. A sentiment reciprocated with honors from the St. Patrick's Society of Brooklyn and The Great Irish Fair.

Brendan J. Dugan is survived by his wife Barbara A. Dugan, his sons Joseph (Stephanie), Michael and Patrick (Christina), and his six grandchildren (Brendan C., Ryan, William, Helena, Colin, and Mary). He is also survived by his sister Patricia Barry and his brother Brian.

He was 69. •

View Dugan's address during his official convocation on October 2, 2008 at **https://vimeo.com/2437082**



LEFT: *Dishing out ice cream for students at an ice cream social during his inaugural week in 2008.* **BELOW:** *With volunteers at Brooklyn Bridge park for the 14th Eileen C. Dugan Memorial Run in 2012.*

A Grandson's Thoughts

At the 2017 Brendan J. Dugan '68 Memorial Meadow Brook Club Golf Outing, Dugan's grandson Brendan C. Dugan (pictured below-left during the 2008 inauguration events and at right from the video) offered his thoughts on what his grandfather means to him. Watch the video at **https://youtu.be/qkn7LXIEwno**

NURSING

An eye on the expanding health care field led President Dugan to look for ways For St. Francis College to feed into that growth. The renovation of the Nursing Lab with the introduction of robotic simulators answered that call and the number of applications skyrocketed, making nursing the fastest growing major at St. Francis. The College has celebrated its Nursing students at each step in their educational transformation with the addition of a White Coat Ceremony upon admittance to the program and the first Pinning Ceremony held on May 12 to mark their graduation. At Spring Commencement this May, the first of that new crop of students graduated, with more than 30 walking across the stage. They will next take their NCLEX exam to become certified RNs and begin their careers helping others at public and private hospitals, in the military, and in private practice.

CAMPAIGN FOR BIG DREAMS

As Chairman of the Campaign for Big Dreams which ended in 2006, President Dugan led a $40 million fundraising effort that changed the face of the College. The campaign led to the construction of the 35,000 square-foot Academic Center, with its three-story library, HDTV Studio, and Maroney Forum for Arts, Culture & Education. In addition, the Anthony J. Genovesi Athletic Center, Thomas J. & Anita Volpe Lounge, and DeBlasio Family Lobby were also built as a result of the campaign. This campaign also set the stage for the Eileen C. Dugan Life Sciences Center which supports the growing pre-med programs at the College. •

Students are formally welcomed into the Nursing program at the February 8, 2017 White Coat Ceremony.

Former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Frank J. Macchiarola '62, Fr. Michael Carrano '66, former Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Chairman Emeritus Thomas J. Volpe with Brendan J. Dugan '68 at the ribbon cutting to open the Academic Center in 2006.

In Their Own Words

When President Dugan passed, there was a massive outpouring of thoughts and remembrances from friends, family, colleagues, and the St. Francis College community. Here are just some of their words.

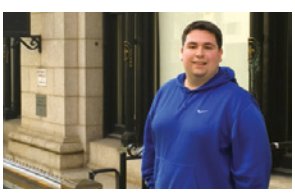
"When you think of Brooklyn, when you think of business, when you think of St. Francis College, you certainly think of Brendan Dugan."

Kenneth D. Daly '88 President, National Grid New York

"Brendan's parish family of St. Mary Star of the Sea was blessed by his drive and determination to continually help strengthen and better his Church. Brendan was so much more than just a Parish Trustee… he knew the history of our parish and identified what was possible for us to achieve. Our new five-million-dollar Parish Center would never have even been attempted without Brendan's vision, financial acumen, and guidance. Brendan recognized that we needed the Center, needed that space, to begin again a Religious Education program for our children to build their faith."

Fr. Chris Cashman, Pastor, St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish

"When I was a high school senior, I was overwhelmed when trying to pick a college to go to. I had been to many open houses at other colleges and left all of them unimpressed. In October 2011, I decided to go to the SFC open house. I first walked into the Callahan Center not sure where to go, when this gentleman approached me and welcomed me to the college. We had a nice conversation about my high school academic career and he told me about the programs the college offered. The gentleman I spoke to did not have a name tag on. I just remembered how genuinely nice, warm, and welcoming this man was; I hadn't really met anyone like that at the other colleges I had visited prior to visiting SFC. I had assumed this gentleman was just a recruiter or faculty member and moved on. When I went on the school tour later that day, I was handed a brochure. When I opened it, I saw the gentleman I spoke to on the back of the brochure! I was stunned; I couldn't believe that the college president just spent all of this time getting to know me in the Callahan Center. At that exact moment, I knew that I had found my home for the next four years. When many people think of a college president, they think of someone who is rarely seen and never meets with students. That was not President Dugan. This man genuinely cared about this college, its students, and faculty members. He was very active in this college and was always willing to spend time with the students and faculty. President Dugan truly embodied the Franciscan Spirit. I want to personally thank President Dugan for not just spending time with me that day, but also for leading incredible fundraising efforts for scholarships at this college."



Michael O'Halloran '16

"A man of wisdom, strength and faith — a strong and gentle leader who will be deeply missed."

Marilyn Gelber, President Emerita, Brooklyn Community Foundation

"I first met Brendan when I was graduating from SFC as an accounting major. I had interned at one of the large CPA firms but quickly discovered that it was not for me. Brendan was a senior officer at National Westminster Bank and he got me into the NatWest credit training program. Twenty-nine years later I am still in banking and still love what I do, so thank you Brendan, it was a privilege to know you."

Josephine Savastano '87, Regional Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Remembering Brendan J. Dugan '68

> Brendan Dugan, president of @SFCNY, will be remembered for his love of family, faith, and #Brooklyn's future. I share in mourning his loss."

Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President

> Brendan Dugan's faith was simple, yet deep. He loved his family and he loved St. Francis College, his alma mater, where he worked in continuing its long and rich history in Brooklyn. Brendan's life was special to his family, to the college community of St. Francis and beyond, as he extended his friendship to all he met."

Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn

Brendan's Big Dreams Fund

In honor of Brendan's great work, and to continue his mission, SFC has established **Brendan's Big Dreams Fund**. The resources donated to the Fund will be used to execute his plans for the future of the college, including state-of-that-art technology, scholarships, and enhanced learning spaces.

To donate, visit **https://donate.sfc.edu/pages/Brendans-big-Dreams-fund** or contact the Office of Development at 718.489.5361, **development@sfc.edu**.

> His years of dedication to Brooklyn are apparent in his work for the Catholic diocese of Brooklyn, the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, and many more local institutions and organizations."

Downtown Brooklyn Partnership

Brendan J. Dugan '68 Memorial Meadow Brook Club Golf Outing

The foursomes were filled and the dining room packed for the newly christened Brendan J. Dugan '68 Memorial Meadow Brook Club Golf Outing on June 20. This was the 20th annual golf outing at the Meadow Brook Club in Jericho, the first one was hosted by President Dugan and fellow St. Francis College alumnus **Edward Travaglianti '70**.

"We do this to celebrate Brendan's life, continue his great work, grow the enduring Franciscan legacy he loved, and advance his personal goal of helping every Terrier that comes through the doors of St. Francis College realize their dreams," said Mr. Travaglianti, President of TD Bank Long Island.

Including the most recent event, the outings have raised more than $3 million for the college.

During the day, golfers had the choice to play 18 holes on the newly restored, world class Meadow Brook course or take part in a two-hour golf clinic with a PGA professional. The event ended with a cocktail reception, awards, and an auction. •

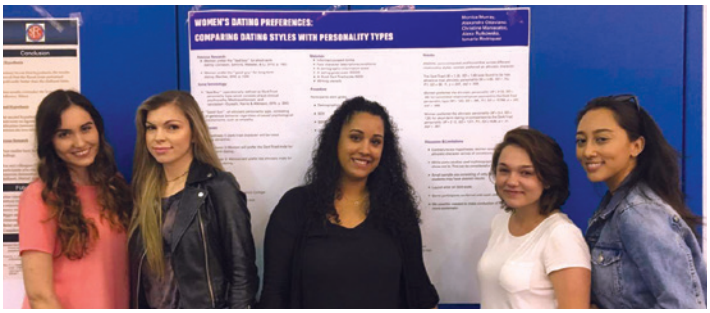
The Brendan J. Dugan **MEMORIAL** GOLF OUTING

Ed Travaglianti '70, Joseph Dugan, Barbara Dugan, Patrick Dugan '01, Vice President for Development Thomas Flood, and Chairman of the St. Francis Board of Trustees John F. Tully '67.

Edward Travaglianti '70

SFC Students on the Go

Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society members went to the United Nations, January 27 for the 18th Annual Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) conference at UN Headquarters. This year's conference, Refugees: The 21st Century Challenge, was attended by Education Professor **Peter Leibman '71**, **Tyler McKinney '17**, **Kristina Hernandez '17**, **Cristina Perez '17**, **Claireteza Felix '17**, and **Jhane Castillo-Facey '17**. •



SFC Psychology students **Christine Maniscalco '17**, **Alexa Rutkowska '19**, **Ismarie Rodriguez '17**, **Monica Murray '18**, and **Alexandra Ottaviano '18** won first place for best poster at the 25th Annual Pace University Psychology Conference May 12. Their poster "Women's Dating Preferences: Comparing Dating Styles with Personality Types" looked at whether women want to be with "good" or "bad" guys. The research was conducted as part of Professor **Karen Wilson**'s Experimental Psychology course. •

Psychology Professor **Arwina Vallejo '03** took members of her Psychology of Women course to meet with chef and former owner of Anisette, Suzanne Letulle Riva (Carroll Place, Follia, Cotta) to talk to the students about her experiences as a female in restaurant industry. The students spoke to Riva about overcoming stereotypes and facing bias in certain careers, two topics that were part of on-going class discussions.

Attendees included **Iyana Powell '18**, **Casey Pyle '18**, **Gladys Adusei '19**, Tierah Fredrique, Kristal Lewis-Bullen, **Erin Gonzalez '19**, and Angela Hudelson with Chef Suzanne Letulle Riva and Professor **Arwina Vallejo '03**. •

Growing human organs in pigs, eliminate ravaging disorders like cystic fibrosis, or stopping mosquitoes from transmitting the Zika virus; scientists are looking for ways to achieve it all through a new forma of gene therapy called CRSPR and St. Francis College Biology and Health Care Management students heard about progress from a leading expert in the field. Chair of Biology and Health Sciences Department **Kathleen Nolan** brought six students to the City College of New York to learn from and meet Dr. George M. Church, a professor of Genetics and Health Sciences and Technology of Harvard and MIT at the Tenth Annual Louis Levine-Gabriella de Beer Lecture in Genetics. He spoke about how CRISPR, a technique that allows scientists to alter DNA might be able to make amazing medical breakthroughs and even help reverse the aging process. •

Faculty Notes

Yadira Moran-Ulrich '02 (Assistant Director of Human Resources) was featured in the February 2017 issue of *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. Yadira talked about the challenges of maintaining a diverse, inclusive environment. **http://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication/?i=384015&ver=html5&p=6**

Peter Leibman '71 heads the collaboration between the Education Department and Boody Junior High School, which now employs more than 30 St. Francis graduates thanks to Principal Dominic D'Angelo. Their story was featured on a recent episode of *Currents*, titled "A Partnership Grows In Brooklyn." **http://netny.tv/episodes/currents/partnership-grows-brooklyn/#.WDXVQ2QrI18**

Dr. Steven M. Lipson (Biology) presented his research paper, "Mechanism of Anti-rotavirus Synergistic Activity by Epigallocatechin Gallate and a Proanthocyanidin-Containing Nutraceutical" at the American Society for Microbiology "Microbe 2017" conference in June in New Orleans. Professor Lipson's research reported for the first time, a mechanism to explain how certain plant chemicals interact to produce an improved anti virus effect. The work is scheduled to be published in the journal, *Food and Environmental Virology*.

Estelle Press (Nursing) was featured in an issue of *Women in Higher Education* for the story "Nursing Education Addresses an Evolving Health Care Landscape." Nurse Press talked about the importance of offering all people access to equal healthcare options and treatment.

Howard Skrill's (Fine Arts) pastel on paper creation, *Daniel Webster from the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, University Heights, the Bronx, 2013* was part of the exhibition "Picturing Social Justice and Human Rights" at the Boston Graduate School for Psychoanalysis in Brookline, Massachusetts. In addition, his drawing of Edward Snowdon was published in the March 2017 issue of the magazine *Average Art. The Grief Diaries: A Magazine of Art & Writing about Loss* featured Skrill's drawings from his frequent trips to Green-Wood Cemetery.

Daniel Webster: **http://www.bgsp.edu/gallery-1581/picture-social-justice/item-64/**

Grief Diaries: **http://www.thegriefdiaries.org/art-by-howard-skrill**

Jennifer Wingate (Fine Arts) is now Editor of the peer-reviewed scholarly journal *Public Art Dialogue* (Routledge). She also co-chaired a panel Public Art Dialogue (PAD) at the College Art Association annual conference in New York in February. Professor Wingate arranged for the organization's award reception held at the Queens Museum with special guest Mierle Ukeles, who came in from Israel to attend. In addition Wingate delivered the lecture "Citizen Artists: World War I and the Creative Economy" at Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. •

Men's Soccer Developing into the NEC'S Next Dynasty

Led by Northeast Conference Coach of the Year **Tom Giovatto**, the men's soccer team captured their third NEC championship in the past four seasons. Making the accomplishment more memorable was that fact that the Red & Blue hoisted the trophy for the first time on their home turf at Brooklyn Bridge Park after defeating Saint Francis U. in penalty kicks last November.

The Terriers set a new league record by not allowing a single goal in NEC contests. The team went on to battle Dartmouth in the NCAA College Cup, coming up just short as they fell in the closing moments of double-overtime, 1-0.

Three Terriers earned National Soccer Coaches of America All Northeast Region Team honors at the conclusion of the season. Defender **Collyns Laokandi '18** was selected to the First Team while forward **Yussuf Olajide '17** and defender **Dominick Falanga '18** were named to the Second Team.

Laokandi, who was named the Northeast Conference and ECAC Defensive Player of the Year led a stingy defensive unit that ranked 12th nationally in goals against average (0.65) during the regular season.

Olajide and Falanga tied for the team lead with 12 points last season. Olajide scored a team-high six goals, five of which were game-winners. Falanga recorded three goals and had a team-high six assists.

Faouzi Taieb '20 became the first Terrier since Kevin Correa in 2012 and seventh overall to claim the NEC Rookie of the Year Award.

Salvatore Barone '17 (First Team All Northeast Conference), **Roberto Bazzichetto '18** (First Team All Northeast Conference) and **Fabian Suele '17** (Second Team All Northeast Conference) also earned post-season accolades. •

Don't miss Men's Soccer first home game, Tuesday August 29th at 7pm vs. Lafayette under the bright lights of NYC at Pier 5 in Brooklyn.

Gerard Leaves Lasting Legacy on Volleyball Court

Senior outside hitter **Domenique Gerard '17** was named to the Second Team All Northeast Conference squad for the second consecutive year. She is the first Terrier to be named to the All-Conference Team in successive seasons.

The native of Newark, New Jersey finished her career with a school record 1,026 kills. She ranked 7th in the NEC in 2016 with 2.76 kills per game and was 9th with 0.29 service aces per game.

"I want my teammates to experience winning because they have a whole career ahead of them," Gerard said. "The freshmen have all told me at least once this season, 'I want to be a player like you. You play with so much confidence.' That's what I came here for originally, to make a difference." •

Domenique Gerard '17

Annais Cummiskey Earns Prestigious Conference Honor

Sophomore All Northeast Conference runner **Annais Cummiskey '19** was named co-winner of the 2016 Northeast Conference Scholar Athlete Award for Women's Cross Country. Cummiskey sports a 4.0 grade point average in Mathematics, and earned a bronze medal last fall at the NEC cross country championships. The Tenafly, New Jersey native set the St. Francis record at the meet and earned All-Conference honors for the second straight year.

"It's definitely a huge honor because our conference has talented athletes and great students all-around," a humbled Cummiskey said. "To even be considered for it was great."

Throughout the season, Cummiskey strung together a number of quality performances on the course. She placed fourth in the Monmouth Kickoff Meet to open the season, and followed that up with a seventh place finish at the Fordham Invitational.

"It's a huge honor and it's great to be recognized because I work really hard not only training for cross country, but also on my schoolwork," Cummiskey said of her balancing act. "I think it's great that they have an award like this in our conference. It's definitely something that I will continue to strive for." •

Annais Cummiskey '19

Class Notes

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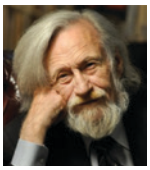

John J. McDermott '53 was named by TheBestSchools.org to their list of The Most Influential Living Philosophers. McDermott holds the position of University Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Humanities at Texas A&M University. His work is primarily focused on the philosophy of culture in American literature and philosophy. He has written, compiled, or contributed to books on William James, Josiah Royce, and John Dewey, and is a former President of the William James Society.

Anthony A. Lombardo '69 was appointed Chief Business Officer of Advaxis, Inc. this April. Advaxis is a biotechnology company developing cancer immunotherapies. Lombardo brings nearly 30 years' experience in the field of life sciences to the position. Previously, Lombardo was President and CEO of E-Z-EM Inc., a company focusing on oral imaging contrast agents where he transformed the company in eight years to a combined value of approximately $450 million, up from a market value of approximately $10 million.

Joseph L. Sclafani '70 has been a member of the Board of Directors for E*TRADE Financial Corporation since 2008. He was formerly Executive Vice President and Controller of JPMorgan Chase & Co., responsible for corporate financial operations, regulatory reporting, financial accounting and reporting and accounting policies until December 2006. His 38 years of experience include 27 years at JPMorgan Chase & Co. and its predecessors. Mr. Sclafani also spent 11 years at KPMG as a certified public accountant.

Steven Virgadamo '77 was selected to launch the Entrepreneurial Leadership Series at New York's Fordham University. The series focuses on Leading through Crisis. Virgadamo is a long-time advocate of school choice and an expert in managing and leading schools, colleges and universities through dynamic planning processes. He spoke about Planning to Avert Crisis on November 4, 2016, at the Fordham Lincoln Center Campus before hundreds of Board Members as well as the Chief Executive Officers and the Chief Operation Officers representing hundreds of schools from throughout the United States.

Patricia (Laguerre) Nicholas '89 was inaugurated in June as the 75th president of the New York State Podiatric Medical Association (NYSPMA). She is the first Caribbean-born female to hold this position. Born in Haiti, Dr. Nicholas has been a practicing podiatrist for over 24 years and currently works at her private practice, Lite Step Podiatry in Wading River, NY. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree and minors in French and Philosophy, Nicholas earned her doctoral degree at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine in 1993 and completed her residency at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center.

"When I entered St. Francis College, I was just 16 years old. I was majoring in biology/pre-med but was unsure of which area I wanted to pursue. Then, during my senior year, **Dr. Frank Spinosa** (**'76**), a St. Francis alumnus and NYSPMA member, called looking for pre-med students to work in his office … and that is when I was introduced to the field of podiatry."

Dr. Nicholas is also the founder of the Kindest Hearts Foundation which she founded after volunteering in the wake of the 2010 earthquake. Kindest Hearts is focused on helping to rebuild the town of O'Rouck (Anse-a-Veau).

Sabrina Bejaoui '08 (left) is engaged to be married to Javier Lee this July.

Alia Kasem '13 is working to improve traffic on Staten Island. After graduating with a BA in English from SFC she went to NYU Tandon School of Engineering and earned her master's degree in transportation planning and engineering. She now works for the Department of Transportation as a borough-wide planner, analyzing traffic and finding ways to alleviate it.

Jeannette Raymond '14 was the lead author for a paper published in the March 2017 issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*. The article, "Use of Unannounced Telephone Pill Counts to Measure Medication Adherence Among Adolescents and Young Adults Living With Perinatal HIV Infection," found that people who completed all the phone calls were more likely to take their medication.

Nicole Cisek '15 and **Giuseppe Pellegrino '16** are proud to announce their engagement. Giuseppe is an NYC firefighter working in Dyker Heights and Nicole is an Examiner for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) in lower Manhattan. •

Past Events More Past Events will be featured in the next issue of *Terrier*. Also, check for more photos and events at **sfc.edu/alumnievents**

Bro. Urban Gonnoud Golf Outing, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

John Haran '70, Christopher Danaher, Jim Profilio, and John Casey '77.

Kevin Sullivan, Len Lubrano'78, Timothy J. Cole '78, and Matt Lubrano.

2016 Accounting Affinity Group Reception

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Firoj Ahmed, Vuk Kesic, Ailana Musaeva, Stefan Perunicic '17, and Vanessa Rivera '09.

Chandradath Ramotar '13, Joseph Acciarito '12, and Josephine Acciarito '13.

Alumni Paint Night

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016

Wilton Thomas '03, Daniella Sanderson '07, Alicia Browne '05, Antonevia Ocho-Coultes Oddman '04, Ann Marie Vega '03, and Reva Thomas '99.

Alumni Terrier Night honoring Patricia Moffatt Lesser '77 and J. Christopher Mangan '83

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016

Our honoree Patricia Moffatt Lesser '77 with her family and friends.

Our honoree J. Christopher Mangan '83 with his family and friends.

Pi Alpha/Andy Virga Memorial Scholarship Fund Dinner honoring George Brennan '70

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

The Brennan Family.

George Brennan '70 with Judy Virga and his Pi Alpha brothers.

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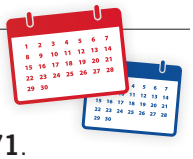


Learn about more upcoming events at **sfc.edu/alumnievents** or call the Alumni Office at **718.489.5471**.

SFC at the Subway Series

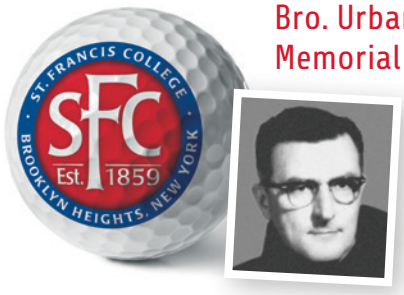
Thursday, August 17, 2017

Get your tickets for this Yankees/Mets Battle at Citifield!
Call the Development Office at 718.489.5361

Hamptons Gathering at Dockers Restaurant

Thursday, August 24th

Hosted by Jim Bozart '86
Reserve your seat at 718.489.5361



Bro. Urban Gonnoud, OSF Memorial Golf Classic

Tuesday, September 19
Dyker Beach Golf Course

All the Fun...Without the Run!

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Join St. Francis College as a volunteer at this year's NYC Marathon on Sunday, November 5th. For the 5th consecutive year, the Terriers will take over Mile 11 of the 26.2 Mile Race and we want you to join us!

Register to volunteer at our location (#SFBKMile11) in Williamsburg by creating a volunteer profile at **www.mynyrr.org**. Make sure you select "Fluid Station: Mile 11" to confirm your spot as a volunteer with the Terriers! For more information, email **mmartini@sfc.edu**.

Let's share that **#TerrierPride**!