We want to hear from you!

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As I complete my first academic year and approach my one-year anniversary, I recognize that my presence in Brooklyn and at St. Francis College has had a profound impact on my sense of hope and possibility—positively speaking. It is hope amidst the challenges that enable us to embrace change even when we recognize the deep sense of loss that is present. I mention almost every chance I get how humbling it has been to be invited to lead the College at this juncture. While I believe that many changes are necessary, our spirit and mission still hold true and sit at the core of every decision we will make. It was the spirit of place and the commitment to mission so many strive to fulfill each day that first drew me to the challenge of leading St. Francis College. Of significance, my respect for the work of my predecessors is daunting and inspiring.

And, given the work that all our faculty and staff do to create some of the most impressive learning and living conditions in the world, I would be remiss not to recognize the talent in our midst. In this issue, I want to express my gratitude to the people who devoted years of their lives in service to our students and alumni (page 10). Some you will know, others you may have encountered once or twice, but all of them made significant contributions to St. Francis College and have impacted the lives of many. Thank you very much.

Among the changes you may notice when you visit are the following:

1. While we have been in the process of updating our Enrollment Management operations, we are also relocating this component of the College to the first floor, creating a more welcoming introduction to campus.

2. By combining the offices of Development and Alumni Relations into a new Office of Advancement, all now located on the eighth floor, we hope to better engage and link together the thousands of alumni and friends of the College who want to have a stronger and deeper relationship with St. Francis.

3. The launch of a new Office of Mission, Ministry & Interfaith Dialogue, located in what was formerly the first floor chapel, is part of our strategic plan to reinforce our commitment to Franciscan Values.

There is much, much more. Our hope is to position the College to continue to thrive and to provide an excellent education to all those inclined to embrace an education rooted and grounded in the Franciscan Tradition.

Lastly, as you read this issue, we’d like you to reflect on your reading experience. We are trying something new by posting it only online. You have two ways to read it:

- as a downloadable PDF in the format of a regular issue
- or as a webpage that you can easily scroll through on your phone, tablet or desktop computer.

We ask you to please take the survey on this page and let us know how you feel.

The next issue of Terrier will be a hard copy with the Donor Report, mailed to you in late fall. Your survey submissions will help determine the future of Terrier in 2019.

In peace and friendship,

Miguel
Resistance at Tule Lake
OCTOBER 19, 2017
Forced from their homes simply because of their ancestry, more than 110,000 Japanese Americans were forced into World War II internment camps, but many resisted, leading to more severe punishments for 12,000 prisoners.

Reporter (Currents) and filmmaker Konrad Aderer told their long-suppressed story at St. Francis through his documentary Resistance at Tule Lake, and a talk with students about the film and his personal connection to Japanese internment camps.

“My grandparents were incarcerated at Topaz, which is another one of the ten camps,” said Aderer. “[They were] removed from their homes to be put in a camp but they essentially made the best of it… My mother was born there and they had another child in the camp and that was the story which everyone talked about; Japanese Americans showed what good Americans they were by cooperating, taking the whole experience and even signing up for military service.”

Aderer wants to make sure people know his family’s experience was very different and far less brutal than what happened to thousands of Japanese Americans.

The screening was sponsored by the Departments of History, Communication Arts, Sociology & Criminal Justice, and the Honors Program. Learn more about the film at resistanceattulelake.com.

Author Ron Currie
OCTOBER 25, 2017
Author Ron Currie shared his latest book, The One-Eyed Man, as the latest author to read for the Walt Whitman Writers Series.

Reflecting on how to balance comedy and tragedy in a novel, Currie said, “It’s tricky because if you go one step too far with the comedy or with the humor then your reader is going to feel that you’re not taking the dramatic aspects of the story seriously as a writer and they’re not going to care about it.”

Currie’s other work includes the novels Everything Matters! and Flimsy Little Plastic Miracles and the short story collection God is Dead, which was the winner of the New York Public Library’s Young Lions Award. In 2009, he received the Addison M. Metcalf Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Poet Susan Miller
NOVEMBER 29, 2017
The Women’s Poetry Initiative at St. Francis College and the Department of English welcomed Susan Miller, two-time winner of the Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg prize for poetry, to read from her new collection of poems, Communion of Saints.

“It is very, very difficult to play a Miller hero. It brings up, for men playing those roles a tremendous amount of sadness and anger,” said Hecht who performed on Broadway in Miller’s A View From the Bridge with Liev Schreiber and Scarlett Johansson, as well as The Price with Mark Ruffalo, Tony Shaloub, and Danny DeVito. “It brings up a feeling of outrage that things aren’t the way they should be, both as you’re working on the play; the little microcosm of this world that you’re creating; there are so many obstacles coming at you and so you get really frustrated as an actor that you don’t have a path that’s clear, and I think it also brings up a lot of frustration in the actors who go for it emotionally.”

The event celebrates the playwright’s birth on October 17, 1915. Miller lived in Brooklyn Heights in the 1940s and 50s when he wrote notable works, All My Sons, Death of a Salesman, The Crucible, and A View From the Bridge.
St. Francis College proudly announces Denis J. Salamone ’75, a Brooklyn native and St. Francis College alumnus, as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees after an enthusiastic, unanimous vote by the Board.

Chairman Salamone was the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee which successfully recruited current St. Francis College President Miguel Martinez-Saenz. He has been a member of the College’s Board of Trustees since 2006 and has served for much of that time as Development Committee Chairman.

“Denis has helped St. Francis College in so many ways since he first graduated,” said Linda Werbel, Vice President for Government and Community Relations. “His contributions already have a huge influence on the direction of the institution and under his guidance as Chairman, we expect to keep moving on a positive track.”

With a career spanning more than 40 years in accounting and finance, he currently sits on the Board of Directors at M&T Bank Corporation, having previously held the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Hudson City Bancorp, Inc. and Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. In addition Mr. Salamone is Chairman of the Board of the YMCA in Ridgewood, NJ, as well as a member of the Board of The Valley Hospital and Table To Table, a food rescue program serving the hungry in northern New Jersey.

“It is an honor and a privilege to lead the Board of Trustees at St. Francis College,” said Chairman Salamone. “Having the respect and support of my colleagues on the Board means that we are all aligned in our vision for the future of St. Francis College. Working under the leadership of President Martinez-Saenz we will be tackling an ambitious agenda and setting new goals for enrollment, academics, and athletics. Our small College has some Big Dreams and we will be working hard to make them come true.”

Chairman Salamone was honored by St. Francis College at the 2013 Charter Award Dinner helping raise more than $650,000 towards scholarships and programs at the College. He replaces John F. Tully ’67, who is stepping down after serving ten years as Chairman. John was elected to a new term as a Trustee but chose not to seek reelection as Chairman.

“Every organization benefits from a change in leadership,” said Mr. Tully. “Our new president has established a firm foundation this past year, making it a perfect time for the transition. Miguel and Denis will be a formidable team.”

“I’m excited to have the opportunity to continue to serve St. Francis College under Denis’ leadership. He is a talented and effective leader who embraces and exemplifies the mission of St. Francis College.”

Mr. Tully was the Commencement Speaker at the College’s 2015 Spring Graduation, the first one held at Brooklyn Bridge Park, where he received an honorary degree for his service and commitment to St. Francis. A Brooklyn native, he is currently Of Counsel to the international law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright U.S. LLP. Earlier in his legal career, Mr. Tully worked in a variety of government positions before joining the Exxon Corporation.

Success! Fundraising Campaign Reaches New Heights

In the fall of 2011, St. Francis College embarked on an ambitious fundraising campaign: New Heights: The Campaign for St. Francis College, with a goal to raise $45 million.

“We are thrilled to announce that as of June 2017 the New Heights Campaign raised $55 million,” said Vice President for Advancement Thomas F. Flood. “We recognize and celebrate the leadership of former President Brendan J. Dugan ’68, Chairman John F. Tully ’67, all members of the Board of Trustees, the Campaign Cabinet, Development & Alumni Relations Offices, and everyone who contributed to this successful endeavor.”

Resources from New Heights allowed St. Francis College to upgrade facilities, enhance academic programs, strengthen the campus community, and meet scholarship challenges for students who otherwise could not afford a quality, private college education.

One highlight of the campaign is the creation of the Robert J. McGuire Scholarship. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Fred Wilpon, chairman and CEO of the New York Mets, his wife Judy, as well as other generous McGuire benefactors, the program has already provided more than $3.1 million in scholarships to 80 students from underserved communities.

The New Heights campaign had a transformative impact on St. Francis College and will continue to pay dividends as the College prepares future generations of students to become community and business leaders.
The Inauguration of President Miguel Martinez-Saenz

In a deeply personal address with anecdotes about his family and an exploration of the mission of college education in the modern day, St. Francis College President Miguel Martinez-Saenz laid out an ambitious plan setting the College on a path of growth and transformation.

The speech, What the World Needs Now—A Cosmopolitan Vision for St. Francis College, delivered Saturday, January 27, was the centerpiece of ten days of inaugural events celebrating the installation of Dr. Martinez-Saenz as the 19th President in the College’s almost 160 year history.

With a first benchmark set for 2022, Dr. Martinez-Saenz said the College will now begin to raise transformational resources, grow strategic partnerships, and increase enrollment by 500 students to a total of 3,000, including 300 international students.

“This is a time for us to be bold,” said President Martinez-Saenz. “I believe firmly that the next generation of leaders has to be educated differently than in years past. And of significance, world leaders need to emerge from different parts of the globe.”

Growth will be focused on areas including Education, with the addition of Special Education and English-as-a-Second-Language programs; a doubling of Accounting, Finance, and Entrepreneurship students; and an increase in the number of students enrolled in Health Care related majors. The College also plans to grow graduate programs as well as the College’s offerings of online and hybrid courses.

President Martinez-Saenz says significant investments in campus facilities will be visible, with the addition of informal spaces for students to gather; a reimagining of the library to better suit college students including the many commuters at St. Francis; updated classrooms; and places to feature arts and music. This will help the College take advantage of its position in the heart of a vibrant Brooklyn creative community.

For Athletics, whose student-athletes are some of the most academically successful students at St. Francis, President Martinez-Saenz committed to improving facilities, as well as the quantity and quality of student-athletes. The goal is to make all teams as competitive as Men’s Soccer with its three conference championships in four years and as academically successfully as Women’s Basketball which led the nation in GPA in 2016.

Focusing on What the World Needs Now, he stressed the importance of being good to others and of leading by example.

“Sometimes we think it’s heroic when someone volunteers on a Saturday at a homeless shelter,” said the President. “In my view, the real heroes are those that imagine and work to implement a world where homeless shelters are unnecessary.”

Looking at the College’s position, “in the heart of the world’s most culturally, socioeconomically, religiously, ethnically, and racially diverse city in the world,” President Martinez-Saenz envisions a world-class institution where, “educating its students in the midst of the cacophony and chaos of an urban center is the only way to prepare students for life in the 21st century.”

He said it’s “an opportunity that will require bold risk taking and it’s not for the faint at heart.”

Concluding his address, President Martinez-Saenz said, “I believe what the world needs now more than ever are living examples of people who strive to live lives of love and service to themselves and to others.”

“I believe sincerely and optimistically that St. Francis College can be a living example of what it means to strive to live in a beloved community.”

“I can only hope that I will find the courage and the fortitude to do my part to guide us at this point in the College’s history so that we may be beacons of hope for all those that choose to come here and even those beyond.”

Inaugural Address: https://youtu.be/kZUHRMVum_8
Relive the inauguration: https://youtu.be/vdXePwjO-TQ
An Inaugural Mass was held at St. Charles Borromeo Church with The Most Reverend James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Brooklyn, as the principal celebrant and homilist.

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Inaugural events began with a nod to President Martinez-Saenz’s Cuban-American heritage and the serving of Cubano sandwiches and other cultural foods for lunch and an early dinner for St. Francis College students, staff, and faculty.

A Day of Mentorship, with Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School, NYC Urban Ambassadors, and Kiskeya Sport, was carried out in the spirit of hospitality. St. Francis College students, administrators, and faculty engaged in a rotation of hands-on activities in Nursing and Science labs, as well as in the HDTV Studio and classrooms. The day ended with a win by the Men’s Basketball team.

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Hip-hop and spoken word artist Bryony Bain performed his gripping and provocative show, Lyrics from Lockdown, an emotional journey of music, song, and multimedia that offers a window to the true-life struggles of people wrongfully convicted and sheds light on the injustices that still exist in our legal system.

International Flag Day, hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, featured flags from around the world in what became a public art exhibition just outside Borough Hall, representing the diversity within St. Francis College and the entire Brooklyn community.

Member of the St. Francis College Board of Trustees Hector Batista ’84 who helped plan the mentorship activities.
Another Fulbright Scholar for St. Francis

For the fourth time, the prestigious Fulbright Program recognizes St. Francis College with a scholarship, honoring Tyler McKinney ’17 with a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant award to work in the Netherlands.

“The Fulbright Program’s mission is needed now more than ever: to promote mutual understanding between people from the United States and other countries, and thus create positive global social ripple effects,” said Professor Franklin.

Before he became the 19th President of St. Francis College, Miguel Martinez-Saenz was part of the Fulbright-Nehru International Administrators Program, selected to spend two weeks abroad to learn about higher education in India.

Dennis Anderson (Chair, Department of Management and Information Technology) was a Fulbright Senior Specialist and Visiting Professor in Belgium at the University of Mons-Hainaut.

Miriam Salholz (Accounting and Business Law) had two Fulbright grants; to teach U.S. law at the Universite de Paris while conducting research at Institut de Droit Comparé and an Intercountry Lecturing Award to teach in Greece for the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Law.

134th Charter Day Convocation

A surprise honor for retiring Accounting Professor Geoffrey Horlick was one of the highlights of St. Francis College’s 134th Charter Day Convocation. A National Grid Scholarship and Internship named for Dr. Horlick was given to Tonya Fletcher ’21.

The Keynote Speaker was Nicholas Allard, President and Joseph Crea Dean at Brooklyn Law School. Dean Allard implored students “to be heroes, to be teachers, and to be civil.”

The St. Francis College Entrepreneurship Award was awarded to Saudia Davis, Founder and CEO of GreenHouse Eco-Cleaning.

Carol Decina ’03, Manager of Community & Customer Management at National Grid, presented the winners of the National Grid Scholarships and Internships, the 12th year these scholarships have been awarded.

In addition, the new class of Duns Scotus members were inducted and for the first time, graduating students receiving academic honors were presented with their awards. Faculty and administrators were also recognized for their years of service.

Please visit our website for a complete list of all the honorees and award recipients, https://www.sfc.edu/news-feed/~post/charter-day-celebrates-student-scholarship-20180529.

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 of St. Francis Monastery allowing the College to formally award degrees to students.
The SFC Nursing Club had a busy spring semester, holding numerous events in the community. They raised more than $1,000 at the March for Babies in April. In May, they volunteered at the St. Joseph’s Soup Kitchen in Greenwich Village, serving more than 400 meals.
Imploring the graduates to “Stand up and yell,” WNBC 4 New York Anchor and Reporter David Ushery commended the Class of 2018 for overcoming obstacles and doing the work necessary to reach Spring Commencement on May 17 at the Ford Amphitheater in Coney Island.

“If you fall, we can help pick you up. If you make a mistake, we can help you learn from it and fix it. If one door closes on you, we can help you find another door,” said Ushery. “But if you give up, if you become disillusioned, we’ve all lost. But I know you won’t. I know St. Francis. You got this. You made it this far. You are Brooklyn Strong.”

The valedictorian for the Class of 2018 was Valerie Kaufmann ’18, a Communication Arts major with a double minor in Fine Arts and French. In addition to perfect grades, Kaufmann also interned at the Smithsonian Institution, Homes for Homeless, Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness, New York State United Teachers, and in the Office of United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

“Our generation needs to take a front seat in shaping the future. That’s what our success is going to look like; not the money you make, not the fame you achieve but the communities that you help to build,” said Kaufmann who also volunteers at multiple organizations around the city. “We can be proud of the community we’ve helped to build at St. Francis. Now it’s time to pay it forward and take that engagement out into the world.”

Spring Commencement Ceremony: https://youtu.be/ol9Yn095fag
Winter Commencement

Valedictorian for the Class of 2018 Winter Commencement Kejsi Shkreta ‘18 offered words of encouragement to her fellow graduates at the ceremony January 16, 2018, “Try to not forget, we are the sum of all our experiences. Everything we do and choose not to do leads to what we will be tomorrow.”

Winter Commencement Ceremony: https://youtu.be/jgMWdP_XmFg

Spring Baccalaureate Mass

The College hosted a Baccalaureate Mass the night before commencement at St. James Cathedral Basilica with Celebrant The Most Reverend James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn (shaking hands with Nicole Salomone ‘18).

Spring Baccalaureate Mass: https://youtu.be/LCQkJMLO

From behind bars to bachelor degrees, the first three graduates of the College’s Post-Prison Program received their degrees; Johnny Perez ’18, Felix Colon ’18, and Arielle Pierre ’18. Their story was covered locally and nationally, on TV and online.
Choosing celebration instead of sadness, St. Francis College hosted a party on May 24 to honor those who retired from the College this past semester. In all, more than 350 years of experience is departing from full-time service, many taking advantage of a retirement package that was offered. From athletics to admissions, coaches to telecommunications, a host of Terriers past and present came out to wish the best to the 15 people saying their goodbyes this summer.

Vanessa De Almeida ’00 who worked with Dennis McDermott ’74 and Donna DeSiena for 16 years described the Brazilian tradition where you don’t allow departing guests to hold the door as they leave, insuring that it will not be a final goodbye. She asked all SFC members who retired, “Please don’t touch the doorknob on the way out because we want you to come back.”

Romona Caramico ’11
Admissions

Romona Caramico ’11 started working at St. Francis College in September 2000 as Secretary to the Director of Development. In October, 2003 she transferred to Admissions as Admissions Systems Manager and then later as Assistant Director until her retirement this year. While working at SFC she completed her Bachelor’s Degree in 2011, joining both of her children, Andrew Caramico ’00 and Maria Blandino ’03 as alumni of SFC. Romona played an important role at the college and will be missed for her dedicated years of service at SFC.

—Maria Blandino ’03

Steven Catalano
Director of Planning & Institutional Research

Steven Catalano’s relationship with St. Francis College was forged through his relationship with (then) Schools Chancellor, Dr. Frank Macchiarola ’62, for whom he was a driver. Dr. Mac became a fast friend and mentor to Steve and encouraged him to pursue his post-secondary education. In 2001, he began his tenure at SFC as a professor in the IT department before joining the College full-time in 2006. In a data-driven world, Steve’s impact on the college has been profound. From the creation of essential fact sheets to providing key information which led to positive rankings in USNews & World Report, Forbes, and Money, Steve has always had a passion to deliver what people needed to achieve their goal. His dedication to providing data that is accurate and meaningful gave the College the power to strategically make decisions that further the SFC mission and assist day-to-day functions across campus. His willingness to offer his assistance and share knowledge, and natural inclination towards helping others is an embodiment of Franciscanism, “Always humble, Steve consistently remembered to thank all those who were involved in getting a project to fruition—and it is now time that we thank him for his service!”

—Jennifer B. Graham and Monica Michalski ’01
Dr. Peter Gomori
has a friend. And while his retirement reduces
colleague, mentor, and, most importantly,
better and himself to be better. He's been a
up Pete's underlying philosophy: Be Better.

At St. Francis, there is one phrase that sums
students, even visiting them in their home
to keep in touch with many of his former
organize cultural events. Pete continues
teaching, service to the College and service
to the Community—Dr. Peter Gomori. Pete's
initial guidance as I designed my first classes
in Finance and Management were crucial
to my teaching effectiveness. His insights,
advice and direction on how the College works
proved invaluable. He loved sharing his
Hungarian culture with Eastern European
leadership, the department blossomed with
high student enrollment, as well as new faculty
members and staff. She is the recipient of
numerous awards, such as the Distinguished
Professor award, The Franciscan Spirit award,
and she is inducted into the Duns Scotus
Honor Society. Dr. Jackson has mentored

his physical presence at St. Francis College,
the influence he has had on it over the past
34 years will continue long into the future.”
—John Dilyard

Since coming to
St. Francis College
38 years ago Professor
Geoffrey Horlick has
had an important hand
in the success of
thousands of St. Francis
College Accounting
students. As Chair of
the Department of Accounting & Business
Law and later as Program Director of the
MS Program in Accounting, his rigorous
standards and mentorship have instilled a
high level of skill and proficiency that puts
St. Francis College accountants on par with
those from the best schools in the country.
Under Dr. Horlick's leadership, the College
began a five-year combined Bachelor's and
Master's Degree Program in Accounting
as well as a two year Master's Degree Program.
Outside of the classroom, Dr. Horlick is a
member of the American Accounting
Association, American Institute of CPAs and
New York State Society of CPAs. He has
published in Business Horizons and The
Federal Accountant and served as Author
and Editor of the Kaplan CPA Review Course
for ten years. In addition he has consulted for
Citicorp, Coopers & Lybrand, Theatre Now,
Ensemble Studio Theatre, Hughes/Moss
Casting, and Sherwood Ltd. Dr. Horlick
currently serves as a Board Member and
Treasurer of the Adoptive Parents' Committee
and has participated as a panelist at the
organization's annual conference.

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—Vanessa De Almeida '00

Donna DeSiena
Alumni Relations

“I remember first meeting Donna DeSiena when
I interviewed for the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations position. Everything
about her was positive, and filled with kindness
and light. In the 16 years
that followed that day, I would come to learn
many things about her, including how she will
probably not enjoy reading this because she
hates being the center of attention. Her humble
nature is on par with any Franciscan, as are
her deeds. When Donna wasn’t keeping Dennis
McDermott and I sane, or serving as the soul
of our office, she volunteered with her church,
or spent her evenings visiting a sick loved one.
In her 17 years at the College, she did far more
than she ever took credit for, and poured her
heart and soul into every project in which
she played a part (and she was a part of them
all). Seeing her smile every morning was the
highlight of my day, and my life is far richer for
having her in it.”
—Vanessa De Almeida '00

Geoffrey Horlick
Director, Masters Program in Accounting

Donna DeSiena
Alumni Relations

“From the first moment
I sat down in St. Francis
College as a new
Assistant Professor in
the Management
Department in 1999
until now, there has been
a constant presence
dedicated to high quality

Lynne Jackson
Chair, Communication Arts

Vanessa De Almeida '00

Sofiya Kagan
Senior Circulation Clerk

For nearly three decades Sofiya Kagan's managed the circulation desk at the SFC Library, overseeing the checking out and intake of library materials, and supervising the student workers on duty. Ms. Kagan was the face of the Library—the first person one saw upon entering and the last upon leaving. She was always firm when discussing library fines and other offenses, yet skillful and polite when helping patrons with printing, finding the right call numbers, directing them to reference librarians, and much, much more. She made an invaluable contribution to the college and will be sorely missed.

—Mona Wasserman

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Danzil Monk
Supervisor of Mailroom

Neither slow elevator, stopped escalator, nor crowded hallway ever kept Danzil Monk (29 years) from delivering inter-office mail or picking up packages to be sent out. You often heard him singing a gospel tune before you saw him, providing a melodic interlude to your day. The moderator of the Christian Club for many years, religion is deeply important to Danzil. He volunteered for 25 years on WBLS program Open Line. He now devotes much of his time as a Minister at Perfecting Faith Church in Freeport, Long Island, under Pastor Donald A. McClurkin, Jr. Danzil also sings in the choir and you can watch him every Sunday morning on the church live stream at perfectingfaith.com.

Carl Quigley ’75
Assistant Athletic Director

Cathal (Carl) Quigley graduated from St. Francis College in 1975, but he never left, going from water polo player to coach and continuing a journey that created a powerhouse program and brought thousands of top students to the College from around the world. Forty years later, even though he is retiring as Assistant Athletic Director for Aquatics, Carl will still not be far from Brooklyn Heights. “International students like myself, who never set foot in America, packed their bags one night, leaving everything they’ve ever known, took a ten hour flight to get here, unaccompanied, to be welcomed by Carl’s white mustache. He is that man that waits for us at the airport, drives us to our apartments, stops and talks to us whenever he is not sprinting around the College. He is that man who takes swimmers to eat shrimp, and lets water polo guys borrow his bike and surf board at his house in the Rockaways. Carl is that one person who made St. Francis feel like home, because he welcomed us as family. He is our American dad, that man we go to talk to, wiser in age, but just as young in spirit.”

—Vukasin Petrovic ’20

James Smith
Director of Library Services

Dr. James P. Smith, who headed the SFC Library for 17 years, was a true leader beloved by his colleagues. During his tenure he oversaw the library’s move from its old location to the new renovated space, and directed the development and maintenance of the library collection. Dr. Smith was a stern but fair leader who pushed hard to make the library relevant in the internet age. Smart, funny, knowledgeable; he always had his thumb on the zeitgeist, always up to date with new informational and educational technologies. He never micromanaged, choosing instead to support the work of his fellow librarians and trust them to bring the library to the fore of higher education.

—Mona Wasserman

Edward Stewart
Grants Manager, Government and Community Relations / Development

Though not clothed in a priest’s clerical garb, Edward Stewart always opened his door to counsel, listen, and advise his co-workers. He straddled the offices of Government and Community Relations and Development, helping to secure millions of dollars in grants for the College, including for the Nursing Labs, HDTV Studio, and a new Maker Space now being planned. During his ten years at St. Francis, he was steward to several generous alumni, deepening the connection with their alma mater and ensuring their donations were both impactful and reflective of their giving priorities. This fall, Ed will return to priestly ministry as a chaplain at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut.

—Alex Delaney ’18

John Thurston
Women’s Basketball Head Coach

Coach John Thurston has been involved in coaching college athletics for over forty years, the past six as Head Coach of the Women’s Basketball Team. He led them to the College’s first ever NCAA Tournament appearance and perhaps more impressively, the following year, the team had the top GPA in women’s basketball. “This is a huge credit to you and your staff and we are so grateful for your hard work and dedication to developing us individually and as a team. You challenge and inspire us every single day and allow us to flourish as we enter the real world. I am so blessed to have ended up here. You advocate for a total college experience and encourage us to enjoy every aspect of life. In saying all of this, the best part about you, coach, is how unbelievably caring you are about each and every single player that has played underneath you. You truly have our best interest at heart and you push us to be successful at anything we do.”

Thank You!

Romona Caramico ’11
Steven Catalano
Donna DeSiena
Peter Gomori
Geoffrey Horlick
Lynne Jackson
Sofiya Kagan
Dennis McDermott ’74
Danzil Monk
Carl Quigley ’75
Sabrina Simmons ’10
James Smith
Peggy Standing Deer
Edward Stewart
John Thurston
Jerome Williams ’76
Faculty Notes


Andrew Cotto (English/ MFA) is a regular contributor to The New York Times and has a new novel coming out in October, Cucina Tipica: An Italian Adventure (Black Rose Writing), about a disheartened American who arrives in Tuscany with his travel-writer fiancé for what is to be a year abroad and an opportunity to get his life together. http://bit.ly/Cotto-NYTimes


Suzanne Forsberg (Chair, Foreign Languages, Fine Arts & International Cultural Studies) sat on the 2018 Sintia Molina Faculty Notes

Uwe Gielen (Psychology) produced the 20th Anniversary conference for the Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology based at St. Francis. The conference was also the 30th Anniversary for Meaningful World, part of the Association for Trauma Outreach & Prevention.

Emily Horowitz (Chair, Sociology & Criminal Justice) is quoted in a story that looks at the reality and the hysteria surrounding Halloween. She also contributed to a story about sex offender registries in the French newspaper L'obs and participated in a debate about the subject for Reason Magazine held at the Soho Forum.


Mitch Levenberg (English) read his short story, The Cruller on the Passionate Justice podcast (forward to 17:35 in the podcast).

http://bit.ly/Levenberg-Podcast

Sintia Molina (Spanish) and photographer César B. Pinedo curated the exhibition, Farming, Planting and Living: Resisting Hunger and Poverty in Cuba and Dominican Republic, shown in the College’s Callahan Center Art Gallery. “This exhibition celebrates and is dedicated to the people and, especially, the women that make food available for the poor in their communities by working on the huerbos or green gardens,” said Professor Molina.

Michele Messervie-Montecalvo (Health Care Management) appeared on the Complexity Talk-Radio podcast in a two-hour show titled Sexual Harassment, Assault, Molestation and Girls and Women of Color: Victims, Visibility, Voices, and Silence. Dr. Montecalvo’s Health Care Management students went to Albany for Tobacco Legislative Day in partnership with NYC Smoke Free (pictured above). This is the third year they spoke with elected officials about vaping use, tobacco marketing, and smoke free housing.


Kathleen Nolan (Chair, Biology and Health Sciences) and Allen Burdowski (Dean of Sciences and Health Sciences) were published by the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science, a division of the National Science Foundation for their study, Cystic Fibrosis: Then and Now.


https://youtu.be/ymvPrk_DslY

Nickie Phillips (Interim Chair, Sociology & Criminal Justice) appeared on the podcast Sexology with Dr. Nazann Nadel to discuss the #MeToo Movement & Popular Media. She also contributed to the article, Why Does the Myth That Attractive Men “Don’t Have to Rape” Persist? Which appeared in Playboy.


Howard Skrill (Fine Arts) published his latest art project in the Anna Pierrepont Series on the website Belle Ombre. His pictorial essay; Evicting Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson from the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, was published in the magazine, ARTisON out of the University of Lisbon, Portugal.

Belle Ombre: http://www.belleombre.org/

the-anna-pierrepont-series/

ARTisON: http://bit.ly/Skrill-ARTisON

Gregory F. Tague (English) and Fredericka Jacks have fully funded an Orangutan Caring Scholarship that will send a deserving Indonesian student to college to study forestry or biology. The scholarship was set up as part of a service component to Dr. Tague’s Evolutionary Studies Collaborative at the College and was established with Dr. Gary Shapiro, founder and president of The Orang Utan Republik Foundation in Santa Monica, California.

www.orangutanrepublik.org

Briana Carter ‘21, Jessica Guzman ‘19, Julia Cuthbertson (NYC Smoke Free), Luis Torres (NYC Treats Tobacco), and Pamela Zvirkic ‘18 meeting with New York State Assembly Member Felix Ortiz.
New Records for Swimming and Diving

It was a record-setting season for Terriers swimming and diving as 13 records fell. The women’s squad eclipsed six individual event records and also bested three relay marks. The men’s team shattered four individual records.

On the women’s side, freshman sensation Beatriz Gomes Angelo ’21 took down three individual records (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, and 400 individual medley) as did sophomore Raphaelle Gregoire ’20 (100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, and 200 individual medley).

Fresh relay records were established in the 200 medley (Shannon Sokolow ’18, Fanny Stromstedt ’20, Gregoire, Gomes Angelo), 400 medley relay (Sokolow, Gregoire, Gomes Angelo, Melanie Lumkong ’20) and the 800 free relay (Gomes Angelo, Lumkong, Lara Milak ’20, Rebeca Tapia ’21).

Evan Augst ’18 and Marcus Da Silva ’18 spearheaded the efforts of the men’s squad with Augst setting new Terrier standards in the 200 freestyle and the 1,650 freestyle while Da Silva moved to the top of the leaderboard in the 500 freestyle and the 400 individual medley.

New Women’s Head Coach Linda Cimino

A new era in St. Francis Brooklyn women’s basketball history begins as Linda Cimino became the 13th head women’s basketball coach in Terrier history this May.

Cimino comes to Brooklyn Heights from Binghamton University where she was named the America East Coach of the Year in 2016.

“Linda embodies so many of the values we pride ourselves in here at St. Francis College,” said St. Francis College Director of Athletics, Irma Garcia ’80. “We are excited to see her continue the high standard of excellence Coach Thurston and his staff brought to our Women’s Basketball program. Her commitment to encourage female athletes to succeed on the court and in the classroom, as well as her mentoring of each player to become well-rounded members of their communities are what we most look forward to as she joins our Terrier community.”

“I am thrilled to come back to the NYC metro area, a place where I have spent most of my career and to work under the leadership of Irma Garcia, a person who has been a mentor to me,” said Coach Cimino. “I fully embrace the Franciscan mission of St. Francis College as I am deeply connected to my faith and look forward to developing strong, well-rounded leaders who will serve from their hearts. I’m eager to bring my personality and style of play to Brooklyn and continue to build upon the success of this program.”

Cimino inherits a Terrier team that finished a program high 3rd in the Northeast Conference standings. Second team All-Conference guard Jade Johnson ’20 enjoyed a breakout sophomore season and is expected to remain as one of the top players in the league over the next two years. In the classroom, the program has finished among the top four in the WBCA Division I Women’s Basketball Academic Top 25 list for the past four seasons.

In the last three seasons, the Binghamton Bearcats averaged 15+ wins and played at or above .500 in the America East Conference. This past season, the Bearcats received a bid to the Women’s Basketball Invitational (WBI), marking the first time that program reached a national postseason tournament since Binghamton moved up to NCAA Division I prior to the 2001–02 season. A win at the WHI over Youngstown State brought the Bearcats to 20 wins for the first time since the 2000–01 season, the year before it moved up to Division I.

A native of Lincoln, RI, Cimino was All-State in both basketball and softball at North Smithfield High School. She graduated from Adelphi in 2001 with a Bachelor’s degree in Health and Physical Education and her Master’s degree in Health Education from Adelphi in 2004.
Bowler Emma Catone Competes at Nationals

Emma Catone '18 competed in the United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Singles Championships, in Omaha, NE this April. Catone earned an automatic invite to the national event after placing seventh out of 174 competitors with a score of 1,240 at the 2018 Intercollegiate Singles Championship Sectional Qualifiers.

Catone, a Second Team All Northeast Conference performer, bowled the fourth highest score in qualifying, moving her to the second round of the national tournament where her tournament ended.

"I'm so proud of Emma this past year, especially the last few months where I've seen some of the best shots ever from her," said Terriers’ Head Coach Dawn Gugliaro. “Her decision-making with on lane adjustments and ball selection have been on point. Her ability to stay in the moment and focused is the reason she has been able to put up the big numbers.”

The Dynasty Lives on for Terrier Men’s Soccer

There is no disputing that head men’s soccer coach Tom Giovatto has built the model soccer program in the Northeast Conference. The Terriers (14-5-1) made their fourth NCAA appearance in the past five years after winning the NEC title for the second straight season at Brooklyn Bridge Park in early November.

Giovatto was named the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Division I Coach of the Year following another tremendous season. On a personal level, Giovatto recorded his 100th career win on October 20 in a victory over Robert Morris.

Brooklyn Bridge Park has provided an unbelievable advantage for the Terriers since beginning play at their new home in 2013. The Terriers are a combined 33-5-4 (.825) playing on the waterfront during those five seasons, never losing more than one home match a season.

The Terriers are a combined 12-0-2 over the past two years in Northeast conference play. Over the past five years, the Red & Blue are a combined 23-6-6 against NEC opponents.

They’ve outscored their NEC opponents 21-2 during the last two regular seasons and did not allow an NEC goal in all of 2016, a stretch which extended into the NEC post-season. This past season they owned a 9-2 scoring advantage and outscored their opponents, 8-0, in the 2017 NEC Championships.

A total of five Terriers were named to 2017 United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division I Men’s All-Northeast Region Teams: Defender Faouzi Taieb ‘20 and midfielder Dominick Falanga ‘18 earned First Team honors, goalie Roberto Bazzichetto ‘18 and forward Ali Tounkara ‘20 received Second Team accolades, and defender Collyns Laokandi ‘18 was named to the Third Team.

St. Francis College Athletics ahead of the Curve on Mental Health

Mental health issues have always carried a certain shame in our society and that stigma, unfortunately, extends to college athletics as well. At St. Francis College, however, this is not the case. Last summer, Irma Garcia ’80 made a bold decision that she hoped would make a long-lasting impact for her student-athletes and coaching staff. Instead of budgeting all of the department’s precious funds for routine program upgrades, the Terriers’ Director of Athletics hired Dr. Jarrod Spencer to instill the revolutionary “Mind of the Athlete Program” for the entire 2017–18 academic year.

“The Northeast Conference recently instituted a wonderful new initiative to bring experts to our campuses to help student-athletes on a variety of different topics,” Garcia explained. “Mental health was the one area I felt would benefit our student-athletes the most. We wanted to give them a tool to deal with a variety of problems that arise due to the stress of being a college student and a Division I athlete.”

“Mind of the Athlete” helps improve the emotional health of athletes. The staff believes there is so much more possible within athletes. The belief is that this potential is often blocked by limitations of the mind. The program attempts to unlock that potential by equipping athletes with cutting edge sports psychology content, resources, and skills. The mission is to help athletes thrive!

Dr. Spencer focused the first year on three main areas: how the mind works best, sleep and how it effects performance, and how to manage performance anxiety.

“I believe it’s really been a huge positive for our program,” Garcia added. “We have gotten great feedback from our student-athletes and coaches and we plan on continue our relationship with Jarrod next year.”

“If you want your son or daughter to attend a school where they are honestly cared for, St. Francis College is the place,” said Dr. Spencer. “The student-athlete is cared for deeply as a person, not just an athlete, and it’s obvious from the top-down. It’s a tangible vibe that you feel at this place and it gives me more excitement and the love to perform my job every day.”

Men’s Track and Field Returns to the Penn Relays

Five members of the Men’s Track and Field team ran in the 2018 Penn Relays, making it the second year in a row the Terriers competed in the prestigious event. The men competed in the 4 x 400 meter relay and the College Men’s Sprint Medley. Paul Clarke ’19 was the only one of the five who raced last year. The others on the 4 x 400 were Daniel Pagan ’21, Feguy Magnan ’21, and Joshua Beausil ’19. In the medley, Clarke, Magnan, Pagan, and Matthew Nieves ’21 raced, cutting more than four second off the team’s time from a year ago.

Graduate Wagner Elancieux ’18 also competed at the relays. He ran for Team Haiti in the USA vs. the World 4x100 meter event where he got to race against one of the world’s fastest men, Justin Gatlin.
Past Events  See more pictures from these and other alumni events at sfc.edu/alumnievents.

Bro. Urban Gonnoud Golf Outing
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Robert Smith '72, Frank J. Silvestri '53, Assistant Athletic Director Carl Quigley '75, and Thomas Quigley '52 + (see page 21).

Our 2017 golfers.

Glenn Braica, David B. Loutfi ’13, Joseph M. Acciarito ’12, Christopher M. Gibbons ’97, Jaime Chauca, Marie Dattero, Rob Oliva ’04, President Miguel Martinez-Saenz, Danny A. Plaza ’05, and Chase Licata.

2017 Accounting Affinity Group Reception
Friday, October 20, 2017

Phoebe ’17 and Bono ’11 Lee.

Kelsey Papanicolaou ’17, Professor John Lombardo, and Evelyn Bedoya ’17.
Past Events See more pictures from these and other alumni events at sfc.edu/alumnevents.

The Women’s Leadership Network (WLN) Career Building Workshop: First Impressions
Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Our 40th Anniversary Class: Timothy Cole ’78, Jeanmarie Costello ’78, Kathleen King ’78, Patricia Logan ’79, Mary Anne Killeen ’79, Elizabeth A. Becker ’79, and Leonard Lubrano ’78.

Alumni Night Friday, November 17, 2017

President Miguel Martinez-Saenz and former Alumni Board President Patrick Dugan ’01 with our honorees: Frank D. Petrizzo ’75, Dorothy E. Gurreri ’79, and Robert J. Wisniewski ’87.

Our Naples alumni.

Naples, Florida, Alumni Reunion
Saturday, March 17, 2018

President Miguel Martinez-Saenz with our Naples alumni.

Our Naples alumni.
Past Events See more pictures from these and other alumni events at sfc.edu/alumnievents.

Golden Terriers Luncheon
Wednesday, May 2, 2018

President Miguel Martinez-Saenz and our alumni from the Class of 1967.

Dennis McDermott ’74 shows his original letter jacket from his playing days at St. Francis College.

Watch Dennis McDermott’s ’74 entire speech at https://youtu.be/IdJIiVA7k.

President Miguel Martinez-Saenz and our alumni from the Class of 1950s.

Our Golden Terriers from the 1960s.

President Miguel Martinez-Saenz and our alumni from the Class of 1968.
Class Notes

Juan Negroni ’64 was elected Chair and CEO of IMC USA, a professional association that certifies individuals who work as outside consultants for corporate management. The 50 year old organization promotes ethics in management consulting and offers online and in-person resources. Negroni was an executive at Marriott and Hilton International before becoming a consultant.

Dennis McDermott ’74 was honored as an Irish Leader who has made a difference on St. Patrick’s Day by CPEX Real Estate at McMahon’s Public House along with State Senator Marty Golden and TD Bank Market President Peter Meyer.

Vincent A. Gardino ’75 and his brother Robert are producing a new TV series called Grave Trippers which the hope will eventually air on PBS. They were featured in The New York Times and keep everyone up to date on their Facebook page. For his day job, Gardino is Vice President and Chief Revenue Officer at Straus News.

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/gravetrippers/

Jim Hill ’70 recently held a month-long exhibit at the Douglas Stratton Photography Studio in Atlanta featuring his Mosaic Master-Pieces in honor of Black History Month. After graduation, Hill became a model, taught in Fort Greene, where he grew up, and opened his own homeless shelter before moving to Atlanta. Article: http://bit.ly/Hill-Mosaic

Marion White ’78, Senior Program Director of the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP), welcomed a group of St. Francis College students to tour a child abuse exhibit at The New York Foundling. She offered advice and help finding jobs to the students once they graduate.


Rose Marie Lanard ’84, Chief Diversity Officer at S&P Global, was the featured guest for one of the Women’s Leadership Network Power Breakfasts, an intimate gathering of St. Francis College students with an industry leader. Lanard shared her personal career journey as well as the important lessons she has learned along the way. Student who attended came from a wide variety of majors including: Economics, Psychology, Biology, and Management. The Women’s Leadership Network is always looking for more alumnae who want to help the next generation of Terriers.

Rose Marie Lanard ’84 with Kanna Ackerman ’20, Danielle Francavilla ’19, and Associate Director of Scholarship Giving Katherine O’Hagan.

Herbie Morscher ’88 and Morscher’s Pork Store in Queens were featured in a story about the how the family owned store has changed and thrived since 1955. Article: http://bit.ly/Morscher-Pork-Store

Kathleen Young (Boily) ’84, NBCT, is one of only five National Board Certified Teachers in New York in the Physical Education—Early Adolescent/Young Adult certificate area. She is also a trained Professional Learning Facilitator and facilitates National Board candidate cohort teachers pursuing National Board certification in all 26 certificate areas. She is an adjunct professor through NYSUT’s ELT program and Empire State College. Kathleen is the Aquatics President for NYS Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance—Catskill Zone and has presented at state and national conferences on the topics of Differentiated Instruction in Physical Education, Aquatic programs in schools and National Board awareness. Kathleen is employed by the Newburgh Enlarged City School district as a Physical Education Teacher at Newburgh Free Academy—Main Campus.

Citi Private Bank named Natalia Murphy ’97 new Head of Trust and Wealth Planning for North America. Murphy is responsible for developing and managing wealth planning business strategy and driving business development activities for Citi Trust in the U.S. and Canada, as well as leading a team of wealth planning specialists.

Gustavo Figueroa ’00, Senior Producer at SNY (above) has made multiple visits to Communication Arts classes to talk about the work he does behind the scenes. He says he loves the work even though he gets “none of the fame and all of the blame.” Gus also welcomed two classes to the SNY studios at 4 World Trade Center.

Suriyati Barnes ’02 is now an instructional specialist with the UFT Teacher Center, after spending 11 years working as an elementary special education teacher in The Bronx. The position provides teacher centered professional development and support to educators across New York City.

Jessica Boiardi ’05 is now the Director of Revenue Operations at Complex Networks, overseeing the pre- and post-sale teams for advertising, working through programming and products. She previously worked for Mashable and CNN.

Aridia Espinal is the latest Terrier to become an elected official, winning the special election to fill the State Assembly seat for the 39th Assembly District, which covers Jackson Heights, Elmhurst and Corona. Assemblywoman Espinal was a District Leader, and Deputy Director of the District Office for Francisco Moya, who previously held the seat. She is proud to fight for immigrants, women’s rights, and union laborers.

Kamla Karina Millwood ’01 released her fifth book in the Peach the Duck children’s book series, Peach’s Passion for Fashion. She conducts book readings at hospitals and schools and is also the public spokesperson for Green Earth Poets Cafe and Green Earth Poetry Theater. www.peachtheduck.com

Michael Rogers ’06, was recognized by RecruitingMilitary.com as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Military class of 2017. The list is put out each year for Veterans Day.

Christie Fischetti ’10 and Michael A. D’Esposito ’10 will soon celebrate their second anniversary. The couple wed in November of 2016.

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John A. Morreale ’10 and Christina M. Scotti ’11 were married in Brooklyn, NY, this past July. The couple celebrated their big day with many fellow terriers, including David P. Corbino ’07, Michael J. Angerami ’06, Angela Como-Angerami ’09, Anthony Delio ’15, Joanne Samaha Deliso ’08, Paul A. Morisi ’06, Andrew W. Slips ’10, Leonard J. Guercio ’03, Stefanie M. Morisi ’10, Jenna T. Scotti ’07, Jaclyn P. Mistretta ’10, Carolann Falotico ’11, and Christopher B. LaSalle ’10. (See photo on page 19.)

Chandra Persaud ’11 received her Master’s Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from CUNY Queens College on May 25, 2018. The elite program only accepts 16 students each year, and Chandra is happy to report that she graduated with highest honors. Chandra is excited to embark on her career, using her skills and knowledge to help improve the quality of life for children diagnosed with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Steven Stuto ’14 graduated from Kent State University College of Pediatric Medicine. On hand for the ceremony were fellow Terriers, Dr. Alan Stuto ’10, Dr. Vincent Hetherington ’73, proud father Dr. Joseph Stuto, and Dr. Joe Stuto ’09.

Spotlight

Michael Russo ’08 left St. Francis College with the dream of becoming a doctor. He was accepted to Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine and attended, carrying a near perfect GPA while majoring in Biology with a double minor in Chemistry and Information Technology.

“This was something that I truly thought I wanted and worked so hard to achieve,” said Russo. But after two years of medical school, he came to the difficult decision that nursing was his dream profession.

Russo came back to New York, enrolled in the accelerated BSN program at Stony Brook School of Nursing and 12 months later, he was on his way. During this time he met his future husband and moved to California to enter the workforce. His first job, at Children's Hospital of Orange County, came after a grueling two hour interview at a round-table with nine people throwing questions at him. Russo specialized in Pediatrics and found that he loved teaching as well. He attended California State University, Fullerton where he earned a Master's Degree in Nursing with a focus on Education.

He also earned certification in Neonatal Intensive Care and as a Lactation Counselor. “Breastfeeding and its important properties are so important and I am very much passionate about educating new families about it as well as helping them achieve it effectively,” said Russo.

After four years at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Neonatal Intensive Care, Russo moved back to New York to be closer to his family. But after a year at Lenox Hill Hospital, California came calling again and he returned to the west coast, teaching part-time at Cal State Fullerton in the BSN program. He is now Clinical Nurse Educator of the NICU at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles and once a week is a bedside nurse in the NICU at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank.

Russo said he wanted to share his story to show others that the ups and downs, big life-changing decisions, and career twists and turns can all turn out for the best.

“I am the busiest I have ever been but most importantly of all, I feel happy and fulfilled,” said Russo. “This is something that has taken me a long time to achieve. I am so happy I made the decisions I have in the past. Nursing is where my heart is and I thank God for all of my guardian angels for helping me reach the path that I am on today.”

Next up, Russo will attend California State University Dominguez Hills for a Post-Master’s Certificate in the Parent-Child Clinical Nurse Specialist program. He ultimately would like to earn a Doctorate in Nursing Practice.

New Part-Time Master’s Degree in Management

Health care institutions make up the top five employers in New York City and New York State and now St. Francis College offers a way for anyone to take advantage of the numerous jobs in the industry with its new Master’s Degree in Management.

From Clinic Administrator to Program Manager and everything in between, this flexible, part-time program provides a clear pathway to improve business leadership skills and help advance in a current job or make a mid-career switch. The program also provides valuable tools for non-profits, small businesses, and entrepreneurs.

“Because it’s part-time, our MS in Management lets you keep working while you gain new skills that you can immediately take to the office,” said Marie Segares, St. Francis College Management Professor and Director of the MS Management Program.

“Our goal is to move people through the courses in a fast, efficient way that gives them the best opportunity to complete their Masters and kick their career into a higher gear.”

Over a two and half year period, students will take 10 courses plus a capstone where they’ll work in a team to solve real problems with a real non-profit organization. All students must take both online and hybrid classes which require weekly visits to campus in Brooklyn Heights. The classes run 6 to 8 weeks each with all hybrid classes held in the evening.

The curriculum includes six foundation courses that cover organization, strategy, marketing, accounting, and information technology, which is unique for a management program.

Once the core classes are completed, students select a concentration in Health Care Management or Business Management.

Find out more by emailing Professor Segares at msegares@sfc.edu.
In Memoriam—We Remember

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

Alumni and Employees

Glen Anderson ’77
Matthew D. Anderson ’12
Angelo C. Baldi, Esq. ’64
Frank J. Barkocy ’66
Anthony R. Battista ’59
Johan Betancourt ’17
Daniel P. Blake ’57
John J. Butler ’64
Augustus J. Cammeyer ’48
Pasquale N. Carrano ’79
Bro. Xavier Castaldo ’72
Ingrid Celms ’88
Peter F. Clark ’65
Rev. Thomas J. Colgan, PE ’45
Margaret M. Costa ’78
Thomas R. Crowe ’51
John Cuddahy ’51
Robert J. Deifel ’69
John DeRiso ’55
Charles Dina ’51
Sr. Florence T. Dippold, CSJ ’70
Francis H. Dowd ’51
Reverend Anthony Failla ’52
Paul R. Fariello ’60
Francis J. Ferguson ’61
John T. Ferraioli ’66
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Joseph A. Gannon ’53
Sr. Mary Gloria Garcia, CSJ ’64
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Bruce J. Henry ’72
Joseph A. Howard ’68
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William L. Kenny ’52
Joseph P. Kramer ’56
Robert F. Lee ’52
Annette Loffredo ’89
John F. Maguire ’61
Elia G. Malara ’82
Dante V. Mammucari, Ill ’15
Rev. Eugene F. Mc Govern ’52
Erin M. McLoughlin ’79
Brendan P. McShane ’06
Leonard Montalbano ’49
William F. Morgan ’58
Ivan L. Patterson ’96
Thomas J. Quigley, Ph.D. ’52
Gilbert J. Radday ’67
Joseph W. Rau ’64
Evalds Reimanis ’79
Conrad G. Reitz, Jr. ’62
Robert W. Rose, Jr. ’89
Patrick J. Ryan ’67
Simeon Ryan ’51
Anthony Scotto ’48
Thomas F. Sharkey ’50
Mr. Walter T. Sheerin ’78
William E. Spencer ’63
Stephen P. Stern ’68
Robert F. Thompson ’57
Joseph R. Torpey ’63
Albert J. Voute ’67
Patrick J. Ryan ’67
Bernard J. Welsh ’58
William J. Woodworth ’68
Sr. Joseph M. Zick, OP ’72

Friends of St. Francis

John Burke, father of Kevin ’70
Catherine G. Coffin
Gerard P. Conley, Sr.
Rosemary DePaola, wife of Dominick ’64
Patrick Dolan, husband of Terese Rouge ’71
Mikhail Fedorchenko
Dawn Golaszewski
Joseph Goodstein
Margaret Greene, wife of Jonathan Greene ’58
Jean Hughes, mother in law to Sarah Bratton Hughes ’07
Carmelita LaCovara, grandmother to Jonathan ’17
Timothy Leary
Bahjat Loufi, grandfather to David ’13 and Richard ’10
Ann Mangone
Ilda Martinez-Saenz
Vincent Montuori
Mary Nogara
Carol Ortiz, mother of Christopher ’96
Linda Phillips
Nora Shannon, aunt to Dennis McDermott ’74
Bette Smith
Philip Stenger
Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, CSJ
Theresa Travers, mother in law to Lawrence Marsiello ’72
Daniel Woods
Robert Violetto

Thomas J. Quigley, Ph.D. ’52

Thomas J. Quigley, Ph.D. ’52, a long-time friend and a family member of the St. Francis College community, passed away on February 19, 2018. A chemistry and physics professor, Alumni Board member and a loyal Terrier, he made his last appearance as a supporter of the “Red & Blue” at a men’s basketball game, just two days before his passing. In fact, attending the game was one of his final requests. During the contest, he was recognized for his service to St. Francis College. After the victory against Fairleigh Dickinson, the student-athletes and coaches presented Dr. Quigley with the game ball.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Mary Catherine, and their sons Thomas, husband to Carolyn, and James, husband to Catherine. Thomas was the proud grandfather of Thomas, John, Mary and Anna.
Save the Date!

Learn about more upcoming events at sfc.edu/alumnievents or call 718.489.5361.

St. Francis College at MCU Park
Thursday, August 9 @ 7pm
MCU Park
1906 Surf Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11224
See President Martinez-Saenz throw out the first pitch!

Breezy Point Reception
Tuesday, August 14, 6pm
BayHouse
500 Bayside Dr, Breezy Point, NY 11697
Hosted by Sean Sheridan ’88

Hamptons Reception
Thursday, August 16, 6pm
Dockers Waterside
94 Dune Rd, East Quogue, NY 11942
Hosted by James F. Bozart ’86 and D. Baxter Winston

Bro. Urban Gonnoud, OSF Memorial Golf Classic
Tuesday, September 18
Dyker Beach Golf Course
1030 86th St & 7th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11228

Alumni Dinner
Join us Friday, November 2 at 6pm for a retirement roast for Dennis J. McDermott ’74.
Hard Rock Cafe, 1501 Broadway, New York, NY 10036
Ticket info coming soon