

Dear Friends of St. John's,

For 132 years, St. John's University's mission has been to educate, inspire and empower students with quality education for life. These three principles are at the core of the values upon which the University was founded. In this year's report, we reflect on the many outstanding and innovative academic achievements that embody these three words as witnessed here at St. John's.

Over the course of this extraordinary year, the University's new core curriculum spotlighted the introduction of the innovative course *Discover New York*, a program which presents New York City to incoming freshmen as a living textbook, one which they can explore firsthand. Its interdisciplinary approach educates students by providing a unique opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge about the city's cultural institutions and rich history through active participation.

Our academic goals were further enhanced through the realization of facilities improvements, including the complete renovation of the Belson Moot Court at St. John's University School of Law. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology prevalent in today's law firms and courtrooms, this facility empowers future attorneys to achieve the highest levels of advancement within their profession. Other significant resource enhancements included construction of the Belson Stadium, renovation of the science labs and the expansion of the University Freshman Center. To address the ever-increasing demand for on-campus living, construction of Donovan Hall also began, a structure completed in time for the Fall 2002 semester.

This was also a year in which New York City and the country endured many hardships. Our prayers go out to all those who have been affected in any way. We are especially grateful that, despite many challenges, the University survived the year financially sound.

As one of this year's profilees observes, though, the University is not just about numbers, "St. John's is about people." And so it is with great pleasure that I invite you to familiarize yourself with a few individuals who truly embody the theme of this year's report. Their inspiring stories serve as living examples of the values we nurture in our University community.

This year, countless members of the St. John's community made outstanding contributions to our mission. A selection of highlights has been provided for you that summarizes these accomplishments—each one an example of our commitment to educate, to inspire and to empower.

Sincerely,



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President