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There were fun times galore during Reunion Celebration Weekend 2008 held in June as 900 alumni, their family and friends returned to campus for a full roster of activities including a Gala Dinner Dance held in Taffner Field House.
Dear Friends,

As St. John’s begins another academic year, I am delighted to share with you news about our University’s strength.

Both Moody’s Investors Service and Standard & Poor’s recently assigned underlying ratings on the University’s long-term debt. In assigning an A3 rating, Moody’s noted several significant positive indicators, saying that “St. John’s University has made unusually large gains in its reputation and market position over the last decade, with freshman selectivity improving to 45.7% in fall 2008 from 81.5% in 1999.” The report continued,

“In fall 2008, increased recruiting efforts to new markets resulted in an extraordinary 47% increase in first-time freshman applications over the prior year.” In addition, Moody’s commented positively on what it viewed as the “transformation” of the institution from an exclusively commuter school toward a residential university. Standard & Poor’s, which assigned an A- rating, made similar observations.

Both agencies also commended what they termed “fiscally prudent management.” They noted a history of positive operating balances, strong investment returns, and successful fundraising efforts. This last item merits special mention here, because this issue of the St. John’s University Magazine includes this year’s Honor Roll of Donors. Let me take this opportunity to express our ongoing gratitude to those very special individuals whose generosity ensures that our University will continue to flourish.

As always, I appreciate this opportunity to introduce the St. John’s University Magazine. I hope that you will enjoy the articles in this issue and that they will bring you closer to the University and your fellow graduates.

Donald J. Harrington, C.M.
President
**FEATURES**

Jim and Tommye Schiro’s travels around the world have helped give them a greater appreciation of home, family and alma mater.

The School of Education has enjoyed a century’s worth of growth and success.

St. John’s University has a great deal of appreciation for its benefactors.

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Hope for New Graduates

More than 16,000 alumni, friends and family were in attendance at the Queens and Staten Island campuses for this year’s Commencement Exercises.

St. John’s President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., offered the address to the more than 2,500 graduates at the 138th Commencement Ceremony held on the Queens campus. Fr. Harrington spoke of Pope Benedict XVI’s historic visit to New York in April and patterned his advice to the new alumni after some words of wisdom from His Holiness.

“The message Pope Benedict XVI related to all of us is to be ‘Bearers of Hope,’” Fr. Harrington said. “I’m optimistic about our world because there are so many wonderful people who continue to work hard to make the world a better place. Go out and walk in the world today and be that Bearer of Hope.”

The ceremony also included a stirring Student Address from Whitney Coleman ’08C. “St. John’s has fostered within us an identity, discipline and a sound doctrine for which to follow,” Coleman said. “The greatest part of the St. John’s tradition is our ability to give back. With great responsibility comes great sacrifice and we must never forget to do our part to impact the lives of others.” Honorary degrees were presented to Sr. Anthony Barczykowski, D.C. who was cited for her tireless relief efforts in New Orleans during the Hurricane Katrina tragedy and Irving Burgie, the “father of modern Calypso” who was honored for his musical contributions to the entertainment industry.

At the Staten Island campus, WCBS television anchor Dana Tyler was the featured Commencement speaker and she urged the crowd to follow their passions in pursuing a career. “It’s much easier to have a job that you love and love what you are doing,” she said. “There are so many opportunities out there, find one that not only fits your talents, but lets you grow and be your authentic self.” Tyler was also the recipient of an honorary degree and shared the stage at the Grymes Hill campus with Rev. Vincent J. O’Malley, C.M. ’28C, a long serving Vincentian who also received an honorary degree.

The Class of 2008 was treated on both the Queens and Staten Island campuses to a hospitality tent where members from the Office of Alumni Relations were on hand to congratulate and welcome the new alumni. Bill Schaeffer ’73CBA, Director of Alumni Relations, said the tents were just one of several outreach activities including cap and gown distribution where students received copies of Life After School Explained, a handy guide which offers tips on navigating life post graduation. “As the graduates have completed their studies and are now poised to enter the next phase of their lives, we want them to know that the Office of Alumni Relations is here to assist them along their way,” he said.
Meeting of the Presidents

During a trip to Asia in June, St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. met with the new President of Taiwan, President Ma Ying-jeou.

The historic visit was an enjoyable one and Fr. Harrington said he was gratified for the opportunity to meet the head of state. The Taiwanese President, who is a graduate of New York University, was very familiar with St. John’s, Fr. Harrington said. “President Ma lived in Queens when he attended NYU, and he visited the St. John’s campus many times,” Fr. Harrington said. “I was very gratified to hear him speak of his great respect for our University. And I assured him of our desire to maintain and strengthen the ties that bind us.”

Fr. Harrington, who also met with Vice President of Taiwan Vincent C. Siew, said his trip to Taiwan and Hong Kong offered the opportunity “to reconnect with our alumni in the region and to tell them about all of the remarkable ways by which the University continues to be transformed.” It also highlighted the strong ties between St. John’s and that area of the world. “The relationship between St. John’s University and China goes back many, many years, and the relationship between China and the Vincentians has an even older history than that,” he explained. “St. Johannes Gabriel Perboyre, a Vincentian priest who lived at the beginning of the 19th century, was the first saint to be canonized for China. The ties between Taiwan and the University go back at least as far as the 1950’s when the Institute of Asian Studies was founded. Over the years, many students have come to us from this region, and St. John’s has more than 1,000 alumni who live there. And so our bonds are strong and deep.”
Tomorrow’s Leaders

The Commissioner for the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) in July hailed a new pilot summer program at St. John’s which provides skill building for inner city youth and their parents.

The Leadership and Career Academy is the brainchild of Richard Sinatra, Ph.D., Associate Dean of The School of Education and Director of the Academy. The program is an outgrowth of the successful summer literacy camp held at St. John’s for more than a dozen years which is co-sponsored by After-School All-Stars of New York City (ASASNY), the New York City Housing Authority and St. John’s University’s The School of Education. The Academy brings together youth ages 7-12, and parents from seven transitional shelters throughout Queens and Brooklyn. During the four week program, the parents and children travel to the Queens campus to take part in separate, yet coordinated educational tracks designed to improve their job, personal finance, literacy and physical health skills. Dr. Sinatra said he was especially appreciative of the cooperation he received from the schools within the University such as the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions whose professors taught the parents how to read medication labels. “The faculty from the various schools have all participated and done their jobs well,” he said.

Patrese Kissoon, a 10 year old participant from Brooklyn, said he enjoyed the many activities. “The teachers are so nice,” he said. “St. John’s is a beautiful place.” DHS Commissioner Robert V. Hess toured the University’s facilities and said the program offers disadvantaged families hope. “For many of the children that are here today, I suspect it’s the first time they have ever been on a college campus,” he said. “We spend so much time thinking ‘Will our children graduate from high school’. Wouldn’t it be a much better goal to say ‘Our children are going to go to college and they are going to go to a great university like St. John’s’.”

Spotlighting An Educator

Dr. Catherine Hickey, Secretary of Education of the Archdiocese of New York, was honored at The School of Education Dean’s Convocation held on the Queens campus in April. Hickey received a national award from the University Council on Educational Administration during a presentation made by Dr. Gene Geisert, Chair of the Department of Administrative and Instructional Leadership. Hickey, who has been instrumental in guiding one of the largest and most diverse Catholic school system in the nation to unprecedented success, was hailed by St. John’s University’s School of Education Dean Jerold Ross, Ph.D. “She is a monument of our time in Catholic education,” he said.

With a career spanning more than 20 years, Dr. Hickey has been a life-long Catholic educator who has been awarded numerous honorary degrees of letters and law and is a member of the Governor’s Education and Social Services advisory councils. Prior to her appointment as the only layperson named Secretary of Education for the Archdiocese, she also became the only laywoman to be appointed Superintendent of Schools. “A continuing partnership between St. John’s University and the Archdiocesan schools is now underway and we’re proud to work closely with Dr. Hickey on this initiative,” Dean Ross said. “This coincides with our mission as a Catholic, Vincentian and Metropolitan University to provide quality educational offerings and service to the community.”

Dr. Hickey receives the award from Dr. Geisert.
First Graduating Class

The first graduates of an innovative degree program were one of the highlights of the 12th St. John’s Commencement ceremony held at the Rome campus in July.

Twelve students completed the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a Concentration in Global Development and Social Justice program. The degree is offered through a partnership between St. John’s and Caritas of Rome which is a part of Caritas Internationalis, a worldwide network of Catholic relief, development and social service agencies. The students represent the United States, Canada, Haiti, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Rwanda and participated in the unique, interdisciplinary degree program designed to help further the Church’s mission of advancing sustainable global development and social justice.

Conceptualized by Dr. Annalisa Saccà, Professor of Italian at St. John’s, and Dr. Riccardo Colasanti, General Secretary for Caritas of Rome, the master's program places a special emphasis on students from the world’s least developed nations and participating students receive scholarship funding from St. John’s, Caritas of Rome, and the Idente Foundation. The inaugural class received notebook computers distributed by St. John’s which were equipped with wireless internet access and Skype voice-over IP software that allowed students and instructors to communicate with each other from around the world.

The program has been hailed as a success. “The students in the Global Development and Social Justice Concentration have continually surpassed our expectations, taking us in directions we never imagined we would go,” said Rev. Jean-Pierre Ruiz, S.T.D., Director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program. “The extent of networking that has taken place in these first two years has shown us how effective distance learning can be in building a global community where students can truly enjoy and learn from each other.”

Caritas was also well represented by Lesley-Anne Knight, Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis, who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters during the Rome Ceremony. Appointed in 2007, Knight is the Chief Executive Officer with responsibility for the management of Caritas Internationalis and delivery of its strategic plan. Joining her in being honored were His Eminence Leonardi Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, who was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws; Professor Emmanuele Francesco Maria Emanuele, President of Fondazione Roma who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts; Very Reverend Michael J. Carroll, C.M., Provincial Superior, Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Mission, was presented with the International Medal; and Reverend Monsignor Albin J. Grous, S.T.D., Pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Drexel Hill, PA was presented with the President’s Medal.

Special Honors

St. John’s University Richard Lockshin, Ph.D. was honored in July by Cell Death & Differentiation (CDD) with a special issue to commemorate his 70th birthday.

Dr. Lockshin has been with the University since 1975 and is a full professor in St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Department of Biological Sciences.

The monthly research journal focuses on the field of programmed cell death and apoptosis. More than 40 years ago, Dr. Lockshin first coined the expression “Programmed Cell Death” (PCD) when he deciphered the basic rules that govern the destruction of intersegmental muscle cells during silkworm development.

According to an editorial appearing in the special issue of CDD and authored by Zahra Zakeri “Cell death is now the focus of much research not only in the area of basic science but also in understanding and controlling many diseases such as cancer, degenerative diseases, infection, and many others.” Gerry Melino, Editor of CDD, said Dr. Lockshin is a pioneer. “We decided to honor Richard Lockshin because he was one of the very, very early scientists working on cell death,” he said. “He is really deserving in the community.”

It is not the first time Dr. Lockshin has been feted. In December 2007, a scientific symposium was organized at The Rockefeller University in New York, NY by Zakeri and Hermann Steller to honor Dr. Lockshin for his contributions to the field of cell death where he is still actively working and one of the foremost authorities. More than 300 scientists were in attendance.
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Alumni Association (TCBAA) held their annual board meeting and networking reception in April where they honored three St. John’s professors. About 75 attendees enjoyed a complimentary buffet and drinks at The Inn at New Hyde Park where Larry W. Boone, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Management, and Director, Executive-In-Residence Program; Adrian P. Fitzimons, Ph.D. ’68Ed, ’71MBA, Professor, Accounting and Taxation; and Igor M. Tomic, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Economics and Finance, and Academic Director, Financial Services Institute were honored with plaques as exceptional professors who have had a significant impact on their students and their respective areas of study. TCBAA President Catherine Camera ’65CBA said the evening was a great one for members to gather and recognize worthy faculty. “The economy is a little unsure, but something we can always depend on is excellence, especially excellence in the Vincentian spirit,” she said. “When we see it, we need to recognize it.”

Mark Ventimiglia ’81C, ’83MBA has served as First Vice President of TCBAA and said the annual meeting serves as “an excellent networking opportunity.” “I participate because I want to give back,” he said. John Fusco ’07TCB works as a banker and said Fusco said. “You never know who you are going to meet at these events.” Beth Conroy ’93CBA, ’98MBA is a former Second Vice President and said the evening typified what makes St. John’s special. “TCB is a strong business school,” she said. “Being in the New York market and being able to network with so many different people in the various industries is pretty powerful.”

The evening’s formal program began with opening remarks from Bill Schaeffer ’73CBA, Director of Alumni Relations, and was followed by the invocation by Rev. James F. Dorr, C.M. ’79Ed. After Camera welcomed those present, Steven Papamarcos, Ph.D., Dean of The Peter J. Tobin College of Business, offered updates on some of the many happenings at the college including plans for the establishment of a Graduate Education Center at the Manhattan campus, the doubling in size of the TCB Executive-In-Residence program and the completion of the Financial Information Lab on the Queens campus among other highlights.

Former TCBAA President Kenneth Ramondino ’77CBA, ’81MBA welcomed new board members Farrah McIntosh ’00CBA, Martha Osejo ’04TCB and Talibah Stigger ’07TCB. A special tribute was also held in honor of John W. Dobbins, Jr., Ph.D. a beloved TCB professor who passed away in March.
**Bringing Cheer**

Led by an alumna, a group of St. John’s students hosted a dinner in June for residents and their family members at Ronald McDonald House of Long Island in New Hyde Park, NY. April Merenda ’75SVC, Assistant to the Dean-External Affairs at the College for Professional Studies (CPS), organized the event which treated the very special guests to a virtual smorgasbord of tasty dishes. The idea grew out of Merenda’s personal desire to give back as well as her responsibilities overseeing the internship and externship programs at CPS. “It was completely in line with what I am doing,” she said. “And Ronald McDonald House was the perfect site because we have five students who interned there.”

Merenda said students majoring in Health Services Administration, Human Services, and Hospitality/Event Management have enjoyed meaningful internships at the facility, but did not have much interaction with the children and their families. “Helping out with dinner for the families was simply an honor,” said student Afreen Sultana ’08CPS. “At the end of the day when the families came back from the hospital for dinner, they were really happy to see us there.”

Kathy Bihn ’71Ed is Director of the Long Island Ronald McDonald House, which acts as a “home away from home” for sick children and their families. She praised the St. John’s group for their efforts. “April, her family and the CPS students experienced an evening with an unprecedented number of family members in attendance—more than 90 were in-house—during a record heat wave in which temperatures rose to 100 degrees,” she said. “But they pulled it off! It was a great dinner with such style and grace and we are forever indebted to their kindness and generosity.”

Merenda said the day proved to be so successful that she has received calls from other organizations including Madison Square Garden and the New York Police Department inquiring as to how they can do something similar with their interns from St. John’s. Despite the work and challenges putting together the dinner, Merenda said everyone derived a great deal of satisfaction from their act of service. “Once we saw the smiles on the faces of the children and their parents, it made it all worth it,” she said.

**STJ Coach and Alumnus Help Bring Home Silver**

Red Storm Head Fencing Coach Yury Gelman and former Red Storm fencer Keeth Smart ’01TCB helped the United States Men’s Fencing Team capture the Silver Medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Gelman, who has been with the University since 1995, led the team of fencers which included Smart, Tim Morehouse and Jason Rogers who defeated Hungary and Russia to make it to the gold medal match.

In the quarterfinals, down 40-36, in the race to 45 points, Smart came on in the final round against Zsolt Nemcsik to tie the Hungarians at 44. On the last point, Smart helped send the team to the semifinals in an upset victory over Hungary, 45-44. In a semifinal versus Russia, the U.S. team was trailing, 40-35, when Smart defeated Stanislav Pozdnyakov ending the bout with a final score of 45-44.

In the Gold Medal match, the U.S. trailed France throughout, but rallied late and narrowed the gap, 44-37. The French would eventually prevail when Julien Pillet, made the final touch to win the gold, while the U.S. Men’s Sabre team took the silver medal.

Gelman said that while he was disappointed that Smart didn’t win in the individual competition he was pleased with his performance as part of the team effort which snagged a medal.

To prepare to compete in the Olympics, Gelman said the team approached it as a normal competition. “We just practiced as usual because we try not to make it a big deal,” he said. “When you make it a big deal that puts too much pressure on the athletes. Also, we practiced in New York right before and I think they came to the Olympics in a real good mood or at least less nervous.”

Gelman also coached during the Olympic Games held in Sydney in 2000 and Athens in 2004 and said the games in Beijing were well organized and had great facilities.
Throughout the summer, incoming St. John’s freshmen and their parents were treated to orientation sessions which helped acclimate them to the University.

New Student Orientation began in June at the Queens campus and July at the Staten Island campus and continued through August. The incoming students toured the campus, participated with their peers in service activities at sites throughout New York City and learned about college life at St. John’s. Their parents also had the opportunity to learn of the many services and activities available to their sons and daughters.

Prior to the mandatory orientation, every student was asked to read Krista Tippett’s book, *Speaking of Faith—Why Religion Matters and How to Talk About It*. “We chose this book for our students to read because it speaks to individuals of all religions and will give everyone a common base and understanding of the University’s mission,” said University Provost Julia A. Upton, RSM, Ph.D. ’73G, ’75G. The mission is St. John’s foundation and has helped to draw students from around the world.

That is especially true for children of alumni, many of whom have looked to their parents’ fond memories of their time at St. John’s and decided to continue the legacy. Frank De Lucia ’77CBA

Parents and new students turned out in large numbers for Move In Day and Orientation.
helped his daughter Ivana (‘12C) move into the dorms on the Queens campus in August from their home in Manhasset, NY, and said he was amazed at how the University has grown. “What I was really impressed with is how many supports there are and how many programs they have for students,” he said after completing parent orientation. Having his daughter attend a school with such a strong Catholic identity was also important to him, he said. “The Vincentians have done well with keeping the Catholic message strong,” he said. “I like that the Vincentian mission is so central to St. John’s.”

Ivana said she plans to major in psychology and she feels comfortable attending her father’s alma mater. “My dad went to St. John’s and he loved it so that helped in my decision,” she said.

On Move In Day, representatives from various offices including the Freshman Center and the Office of Alumni Relations were present to assist, and fun activities including a faux climbing wall and product give aways added to the festive atmosphere.

Memories of NDC

The former Notre Dame College (NDC) was celebrated and remembered in May at a special Mass and Homecoming held on the Staten Island campus.

More than 100 alumnae, friends and members of the St. John’s community gathered for the day which began with a celebratory Mass followed by a champagne hour. Lunch was then held during which time members of the 50th anniversary class were presented with brooches and the recipients of a four-year, $4,000 Sr. Helen Flynn Scholarship were announced.

Alumnae from the classes of 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1968 celebrated the anniversaries of their graduation from NDC which is now the St. John’s Staten Island campus. The college first opened its door on the Grymes Hill campus in Staten Island with 13 students and graduated its first class in 1935. It remained a small, private women’s college until it merged with St. John’s University in 1971. Today there are more than 1,500 active alumnae who were students prior to the merger.

During the day, alumnae were also given the opportunity to purchase memorabilia including sweatshirts, totes, a slideshow and original tea sets. These nostalgic tea sets were used by the ladies for formal teas, a favorite memory of many NDC alumnae. “We wore hats and white gloves and tea was poured in a certain way. Mother Saint Egbert taught us formal tea etiquette we will never forget,” recalled Nancy Jensen ’58NDC.

As a token of their esteem for alma mater, members of the anniversary classes raised a gift totaling $7,605 for the scholarship this year. More than $87,600 has been raised since the inception of a Brick program in 1999 where personalized bricks are purchased in tribute to a classmate, family member or special occasion and laced on Flynn Hall Terrace, the former commencement site of Notre Dame College.

Fresh white daises and single red rose table centerpieces were donated by Patricia Campbell ’54NDC, President of the Notre Dame College Alumnae Association and Master of Ceremonies for the special day. The event concluded with gratitude for the many warm smiles and fond memories. “I’m so very happy with the turnout,” said Roberta Perrin-Canfield ’58NDC. “I’ve been to my 40th, 45th, and now 50th anniversary. What a wonderful day!”
**New Chief Advancement Officer**

St. John’s University has tapped one of its own to lead the Division of Institutional Advancement.

In September, Robert Wile ’99SVC assumed the role of Chief Advancement Officer. He adds those duties to his position as Vice President and Chief of Staff in the President’s Office. He previously served as Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement. University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. praised Wile for his performance. “Rob’s knowledge of institutional advancement is outstanding,” he said. “He worked closely with me, as President, on a wide variety of capital campaign activities; serves as an institutional liaison with the University’s Board of Trustees; and has traveled with me to visit with alumni and other benefactors throughout the globe.”

The Division of Institutional Advancement is made up of several offices including the Office of Alumni Relations, Corporate and Foundation Relations and Annual Campaigns.

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**Staten Island BBQ Draws Families**

Alumni and their families flocked to the Staten Island Summer Barbeque held at the Staten Island campus in June.

The event was sponsored by the Durso Financial Group of Wachovia Securities and Clem Snacks, Inc. and attracted 138 people who enjoyed good food and the many activities featured. The alumni gathered ranged from those who were members of the first graduating class of the Staten Island campus in 1972 to the more recent graduates from the class of 2008. Tom Joyce ’73CBA, ’77MBA was thrilled with the day. “This was one of the best picnics I have attended at St. John’s and the thing that made it special was the fact that you had alumni that were just out of school and alumni that graduated a number of years ago and everyone mingled well,” he said.

Held in Spellman Courtyard, the barbeque featured picnic tables covered in red and white linens and bearing sugar-filled centerpieces to delight the sweet tooth. The menu consisted of traditional, all-you-can-eat BBQ items along with ice cold refreshments. The great lawn was dotted with recreation for all ages in addition to face-painting, temporary tattoos, sandy candy, a bouncer and a special magic show for the smallest St. John’s guests. Music was provided by Unlimited Entertainment which kept the crowd entertained while tours of the campus were provided throughout the day by St. John’s Student Alumni Association members. Larry Durso ’75NDC said he loved returning to the campus. “It’s great to have an event on Staten Island again,” he said. “This is a great start that we must continue to build. It was great to catch up with some old friends.”

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**Learning From The Best**

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business (TCB) Management Club hosted a TCB Entrepreneur Night on the Queens campus in April. Alumni guest speakers were from I. Jeffry Wengroff ’73CBA; Stacie N.C. Grant ’92C (third from l.); Charles J. Antonucci, Sr. ’78CBA (fifth from l.); Justin Gerena ’05TCB (next to Antonucci); and Robert Durso ’05TCB (next to Gerena).
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**Southern Hospitality**

More than 20 alumni and friends gathered in Charlotte, NC, in June for a dinner to meet, greet and share stories about alma mater.

The group met at the Lava Bistro in Charlotte’s lakeside boardwalk area and Andrea Papa, ’88SVC, Associate Director of Student Engagement and Regional Programs, welcomed everyone, provided updates on the University and introduced Mike Maroney ’87SVC, the Charlotte Alumni Chapter Coordinator.

Those present enjoyed appetizers, a main course and a sampling of the restaurant’s desserts in a private loft room on the bistro’s second floor. Peter Augusta ’62C came to the dinner and said he was surprised to discover how many other alumni reside in the area. “I attended this gathering because I wanted to meet other alumni from St. John’s and learn about what’s going on with the University,” he said. “I found out that two other couples attend the same parish as my wife and I.”

Everyone indicated that they looked forward to future alumni chapter gatherings which are currently being planned and include baseball and basketball games and a dinner in South Park area of downtown Charlotte.

**Race Day**

The day was fair and the horses were in fine form in May when more than 50 alumni and friends gathered for the annual Central and Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapters Day at the Races at Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport, NJ.

Throughout the day participants mingled as they cheered on their favorite horses and enjoyed two exciting photo-finishes. They also posed for a group picture to commemorate the day at the races. “It’s a wonderful event,” said Central New Jersey Chapter Coordinator Mike Bart ’85CBA. “It’s our fourth year and attendance for this event grows every year. It’s the cornerstone event of the Central and Northern New Jersey chapters. I’m looking forward to next year!”

**Virginia is for STJ Lovers**

The Greater Hampton Roads/Richmond Alumni Chapter held their Fourth Annual Day at the Races at Colonial Downs Racetrack in New Kent, VA, in August.

Alumni ranging from graduation years 1948 through the 1970’s and their friends enjoyed a private suite with a balcony overlooking the track. Good food and drinks, self service betting terminals and closed circuit televisions added to the enjoyment. A race named in honor of St. John’s University alumni was held followed by a Winner’s Circle Presentation of the winning horse. “What another great event,” said Joe Farnitano ’76NDC. “I look forward to this every year.”

Arthur Kavit ’48P said “It was a friendly group and a great day.”

**Members of the Greater Hampton Roads/Richmond Alumni Chapter at the racetrack.**
An Evening with the President
Alumni in the Washington, DC area met with University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., when he visited in May.

United States Chamber of Commerce President Thomas J. Donohue ’63C, ’85Hon served as host, and the event was an opportunity for 65 alumni and friends of the University to mingle and learn more about the latest, exciting initiatives at St. John’s. Elaine Chao ’91Hon, Secretary of Labor for the United States Department of Labor, was present and offered remarks. Special guests included School of Law Dean Mary C. Daly and Hall of Fame Men’s Basketball Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00Hon. The evening drew some of the best and the brightest of our nation’s capital including Harvey Pitt ’68L, ’02Hon, former Chairman of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Elizabeth McGowan ’52UC said she very much appreciates being an alumna and enjoys getting together with other alumni. “My four years at St. John’s gave me so much value,” she said. John Neary ’61CBA is the Albany Chapter Coordinator and said the day was a great one. He added that he hopes such alumni events encourage others to become involved with the chapter. “The event was very good,” he said. “Everyone I spoke to shared that they had a great time. It was an opportunity for alumni both from the local area, and from downstate, to meet one another and share St. John’s camaraderie.”

Baseball Games
It was a great night for baseball in August when more than 100 St. John’s alumni, friends and incoming freshmen attended a Long Island Ducks minor league baseball game at CitiBank Park in Central Islip, NY.

A pre-game picnic and raffle set the tone for the festive evening before the group settled back to enjoy the game. The location was perfect for alumni living in eastern Long Island, said Diana Serinskas ’68Ed. “It was great that the venue was in Suffolk County,” she said. John Wolff ’05CPS is a member of the Long Island Ducks management team and was thrilled with St. John’s presence in the crowd.

“It was great to see the strong turnout from the alumni of St. John’s,” he said. “Everyone is having a great family experience.”

The outing was one of a few organized around minor league baseball this past summer for alumni and friends. In June, the Northern New Jersey Chapter attended a New Jersey Jackals vs. Nashua Pride game and the Central New Jersey Chapter attended a Lakewood BlueClaws vs. Belmarva Shorebirds. Alumni and friends from the Staten Island campus attended a Newark Bears vs. York Revolution game held in July.

Albany Day at The Races
The 350-acre Saratoga Race Course made for a splendid location as 40 alumni and friends gathered under a Festival Tent for the annual Albany Alumni Chapter sponsored Saratoga Day at the Races in Saratoga Springs, NY.

There was a buzz of excitement during the St. John’s University-sponsored second race and a raffle was held. The alumni winners included Vincent Petraro, ’77C, ’80L, Dineen Permahos ’87C and Judith Francomano ’60Ed, the winner of the grand prize, a St. John’s inscribed iPod shuffle.

Elizabeth McGowan ’52UC said she very much appreciates being an alumna and enjoys getting together with other alumni. “My four years at St. John’s gave me so much value,” she said. John Neary ’61CBA is the Albany Chapter Coordinator and said the day was a great one. He added that he hopes such alumni events encourage others to become involved with the chapter. “The event was very good,” he said. “Everyone I spoke to shared that they had a great time. It was an opportunity for alumni both from the local area, and from downstate, to meet one another and share St. John’s camaraderie.”
Members of the St. John’s community rejoiced at the historic visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to the United States in April. The eyes of the world were on his trip, and St. John’s University was actively involved in some of the events connected to the Pontiff’s visit. Themed “Christ Our Hope, Apostolic Journey to the United States 2008,” the Pope’s voyage began in Washington, DC, where he enjoyed a private welcome by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. In the days to follow, he celebrated Mass, met with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and held a meeting with representatives of Catholic universities and colleges at The Catholic University of America. The meeting was directed by Very Rev. David M. O’Connell, C.M., President of The Catholic University of America and a trustee of St. John’s University. St. John University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. attended that meeting and later reflected on it. “In his words, Pope Benedict celebrated what Catholic education has accomplished,” Fr. Harrington said. “The educators were celebrating that with him. Everyone left the room truly energized.”

Fr. Harrington enjoyed a unique position in that he was also present in 1987 when then Pope John Paul II called a meeting of the presidents of the Catholic colleges and universities at Xavier University in New Orleans, LA. At the time, Fr. Harrington was President of another Vincentian institution, Niagara University, and he said he looked forward to such a rare opportunity 21 years later of being in the company of the current Holy Father. “Being at both meetings gave me, I believe, an extraordinary opportunity to assess what the impact has been since Pope John Paul II’s message to the presidents and how Catholic colleges and universities have changed and become stronger as a result of that,” he said. “Most Catholic institutions today are far more explicit than in the past about their Catholic missions.”

The campuses were abuzz as students, faculty, administrators and staff prepared for the Pope’s visit to New York City after his travels in Washington, DC. Daily masses focused on the visit were held at the Queens, Staten Island and Manhattan campuses and the Papal Flag was raised on the Queens campus. “The raising of the papal flag marks a joyous and important time in the Catholic church,” said Tori Migliore ’98C, ’01GEd, Campus Director for University Ministry and Director for the Vincentian Volunteer Service.

“A View of History”

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A Youth Rally held at St. Joseph’s Seminary and College, also referred to as Dunwoodie, in Yonkers, NY, attracted several St. John’s students who waited hours amongst the tens of thousands to hear the Pope speak. Some of the students shared their thoughts and experiences on the University website which chronicled the trip. “I know that I have become inspired by him and will always remember his smile and message, as well as his devotion to the youth who are the now and the future of the Church,” reflected Rob Cote ’10TCB. “The rally proved to me that the youth of the Church are a vibrant faith
community.” Maggie Snyder ’09C said she was surprised to discover, not a harsh theologian, but rather a cheery, almost grandfatherly Pontiff. “I will always remember the Pope’s visit, not only for his wise words, but for the light of Christ which shone through his charming and endearing self,” she said.

His address combined practical advice with spiritual consolation, and his presence was a lesson in enduring humility and grace.”

On Sunday morning, Fr. Harrington was also invited to meet the Holy Father at the residence where he was staying. The pair spoke briefly of St. John’s in New York and Rome and Pope Benedict XVI thanked Fr. Harrington for the great service the University provides.

Fr. Harrington (r.) greets His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI along with Archbishop Celestino Migliore ’06HON (c.), Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.

▲ St. John’s was well represented at the Youth Rally held at St. Joseph’s Seminary and College in Yonkers, NY.

Members of the St. John’s community at the Papal Mass held at Yankee Stadium.
**New Members on Board**

New appointments abound at St. John’s University, which has welcomed new members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors as well as a new Executive Vice President for Mission and Branch Campuses.

Hon. Theodore T. Jones ’72L, ’07HON; Suzanne M. Halpin ’78SVC, ’86CBA; and Brian T. Shea ’83CBA were elected in May to membership on the University’s Board of Trustees, the body that has responsibility for the overall governance of the institution.

Jones is an Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals who after graduation from the School of Law worked as a Criminal Defense Attorney with the Legal Aid Society. After serving in private practice, he was elected to the Supreme Court with a term beginning in 1990. In January 2007, he was nominated by the Governor of New York to the New York State Court of Appeals and was sworn in as Associate Judge of the Court after Senate confirmation.

Since 2000, Halpin has been Executive Vice President of Rubenstein Communications, a major New York Public Relations firm where her clients include Rockefeller Center, the Whitney Museum of American Art and the New York Post among others. She formerly was Vice President for External Affairs for St. John’s University, where she handled media relations and special events. Prior to working at alma mater, she served in a variety of high profile positions including as Director of Media and Community Relations for Long Island Lighting Company, Press Secretary and Senior Assistant Vice President for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation and Executive Producer for the Midday News at the former WNEW-TV news station. Prior to her election to the Board of Trustees, she served on the University’s Board of Governors.

Shea is President and Chief Operating Officer of Pershing LLC, a subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. There he shares overall management responsibility with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for Pershing affiliates globally. He also co-chairs Pershing’s Executive Committee and is a member of the Operating Committee of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. He currently serves on the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (formerly known as the National Association of Securities Dealers) Variable Annuity Utility Task Force. He is also a member of the Securities Industry Financial Markets Association. Like Suzi Halpin, he has served previously on the University’s Board of Governors.

Very Rev. Michael J. Carroll, C.M. in his capacity as Provincial Superior, Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Mission, is an ex officio member of the Board. He previously had a 16 year career at St. John’s where he was responsible for many initiatives and served as Executive Vice President for Mission and Branch Campuses.

Several individuals who had served previously on the Board were re-elected: Denis P. Kelleher ’65CBA, ’91HON; James J. Schiro ’67CBA, ’95HON; Rev. John W. Gouldrick, C.M. ’99HON; Very Rev. David M. O’Connell, C.M. ’05HON.

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**New Executive Vice President**

Rev. Patrick Griffin, C.M. is the new Executive Vice President for Mission and Branch Campuses where he is responsible for promoting and supporting the Catholic and Vincentian character of St. John’s across all levels of the University community. He also oversees the campuses in Staten Island, Manhattan and Oakdale, NY. As a former member of St. John’s Board of Trustees, he served as Chair of the Personnel Committee and had membership on the Executive and Fiscal Resource Management Committees. He is a graduate of Niagara University, where he earned a B.S. in Physics, and he also holds advanced degrees from Mary Immaculate Seminary and The Catholic University of America. Early in his priesthood, he taught in St. John’s University’s Theology Department.

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See How We Are New

The St. John’s University award winning Web site will launch with a brand new look. The site will be unveiled this fall and promises not only an enhanced appearance, but also additional types of content that embrace the most cutting edge technology. The improved homepage will include a more robust navigation system and information structure, shortcuts to an array of Web tools, quick access to academic information and engaging interactive and educational features. The overall design of the Web site has been upgraded to allow more of an ease of navigation for those visiting. There will be “peek ahead” navigation so that alumni will have easy access to more information at their fingertips. That means, no matter where an alumnus lives, he or she can maintain their connectivity to alma mater.

Adam Bell, St. John’s Director of Web Development and Technology, says the popularity of blogs as well as social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook and the increased use of interactive sites like Wikipedia, dictate that the site must transform. “We are keeping atop of emerging technologies,” he says. “That means more connectivity and staying current with where the Web is now.”

The World Wide Web had a different landscape when the stjohns.edu Web site launched a major redesign in 2003 which coincided with a new brand identity. Users were treated to an upgrade two years later when the site expanded to better accommodate the breadth of stories within the University. Visitors to the current site can find information on everything from academic programming to information about events and news pieces. Whether the goal is keeping up with the Red Storm or learning more about University life, it’s all just a click away.

But today’s site user wants more than just data and the new launch will showcase a crisper, cleaner look that is visually appealing and includes a strengthened approach towards the use of a variety of media including video. The information on the site will be consistently updated to keep it current and alumni will have the opportunity to see themselves in some of the success stories that will be featured. Catering holistically to the audience is key in creating a vibrant web presence, says Caren Batzer, Director of Brand Communications at the University. “With the clarity of the new site and the ease of operation it makes it easier to see where the connections are,” she says. “You can see how the prospective student, the current student and the alumnus all come together to create the St. John’s story.”

An important link in that St. John’s narrative continues to be its student population. Servicing prospective students has always been a key initiative of the site and Bell notes that the potential alumni of tomorrow are taking full advantage of the University’s site. “Now, a majority of our prospective students are going online to apply to St. John’s,” Bell says. The new site upgrade could very well help improve that figure at a time when the University has seen an explosive increase in applications.

Bell says the University is committed to embracing new technology as it becomes available and that is evident in the use of “virtualization” as part of the revamped site. Server virtualization is currently a very hot topic in the IT field and in the case of the .edu site refers to the use of multiple systems in a way that maximizes the amount of time the site is live. This also allows for the updating of new software, technologies, etc. without causing disruption to the servers. St. John’s has always been forward thinking in its approach, Bell says, having launched the laptop initiative, which offers computers to all incoming freshmen and its Intel ranking as one of the top 10 unwired campuses in the United States. “We are really putting forth technology that is state-of-the art,” Bell says.

▲ A look at the newly designed home page.

▲ The new Alumni and Friends page.
At the heart of St. John’s University is the devotion to its Vincentian mission. In April, 57 members of the University community gathered as the first graduating class of the Vincentian Mission Certificate Program (VMC).

The VMC program is designed to strengthen the mission by engaging St. John’s employees in direct service to those in need. The first graduating class represented employees from both the Queens and Staten Island campuses and consisted of individuals with a commitment to St. John’s enduring values of excellence, leadership and service. For many, it marked a journey which would shape their lives.

St. John’s launched its innovative VMC program as part of the University’s 2007 Founders Week activities. The timing was a dramatic affirmation of the program’s purpose: Founders Week is St. John’s annual celebration of the Vincentian mission which proved to be the foundation for the University 138 years ago. The VMC program is just one of a number of ongoing initiatives implemented by the University, such as the Ozanam Scholars Program and University Service Day, to help employees, faculty and students make the Vincentian mission a vibrant part of their daily lives.

Very Rev. Michael Carroll, C.M., former Executive Vice President for Mission and Branch Campuses and now Provincial Superior, Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Mission, was instrumental in the creation of the VMC program. At the April graduation ceremony he recalled how challenging the process initially was for students. Congratulating the graduates, he noted, “You’ve now become the standard by which all classes are measured.”

VMC participants attended a Vincentian Heritage Retreat in Germantown, PA, and had the opportunity to tour facilities working in direct service to the poor. They visited Face to Face, an organization dedicated to the health and stability of the entire community. The building housing the organization was in serious need of repair, so VMC participants raised $7,500 to aid in those efforts.

George and Josephine Pietramala were the only married couple to attend the program together. Both lead very busy lives at St. John’s — he as Director of Facilities and Auxiliary Service for the School of Law and she as Associate Director of the Office of Financial Aid — but they stressed that time can always be found to accomplish something on behalf of others. “We didn’t think anything of it — working a full day, then making 150 sandwiches and going into Manhattan for a midnight run,” Mr. Pietramala said. His wife echoed those sentiments, adding, “St. Vincent just got under our skin and he’s not going to leave us.”
The New Millennium

As St. John’s continues to explore ways to better serve its students, a special Presidential Summit was held in May to examine “the Millennial Generation.”

The Millennials, as they are known, are the estimated 80 million individuals born between 1980 and 1995 and experts say they think, learn and act differently than any generation before them. They are the group for whom technology has always been a part of their lives and they are constantly bombarded by media. At the Queens campus, St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. hosted a summit attended by more than 700 administrators, faculty and staff that spent the day learning about this unique group and brainstorming possible ways to better educate and meet the needs of the population.

“This can be a transformational moment in the history of our University and I pose to all faculty, administrators and staff that the greatest challenge facing us right now is addressing the needs of our students,” said Fr. Harrington. “But before we can answer the question — we have to know who [the students] are. The first step begins today.”

University Provost Julia A. Upton, RSM, Ph.D. ’73G, ’75G set forth the charge for the event before introducing a “60 Minutes” segment on the Millennials.

“It’s a day for all of us to be thinking, interacting, wondering, responding, challenging and learning together how to be better University citizens,” Dr. Upton said. After the television segment, there was a presentation by two featured two keynote speakers, Jeffrey Nevid, Ph.D., Professor from the Department of Psychology in St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Director of the Clinical Psychology Program, and Mike Hayes, Author of Googling God: The Religious Landscape of People in their 20’s and 30’s and co-founder of BustedHalo.com, an online magazine for spiritual seekers in their 20’s and 30’s.

The pair discussed the world in which the Millennials have grown up, having come of age in the shadow of events such as 9/11, the Iraq War and the shootings at Columbine. Most importantly, they pointed out, they are a group who are technologically advanced. “They are children of the Internet,” Dr. Nevid said. “They are a tech savvy generation who has never known a world without personal computers.” Texting, iPods and social networking sites have become an integral part of the Millennials lifestyle. “I think that Facebook has really given young people a real sense of belonging to something greater than themselves,” Hayes said. “Young people are looking to belong to something.”

The session also included a lively panel discussion with six St. John’s students who spoke candidly about their experiences at the University and what they value. “The Millennials” also took questions from the audience and participants offered some ideas for how to improve current practices. Fr. Harrington stressed the importance of such a gathering.

“We stand on the verge of another great challenge,” he said. “In the past we have asked wondering, responding, be thinking, interacting, brainstorming possible ways to better educate and meet the needs of the population.”

“Now the question to be asked is, ‘How do we wish to serve our students?’”
BUILDING BRIDGES

After James J. Schiro ’67CBA, ’95HON took the helm as Chief Executive Officer at Zurich Financial Services, Barron’s Magazine dubbed him the “Transformer” for leading the company from what had been an annual loss of $3.4 billion to what is today a profit of $6.6 billion. But that is only part of the story, for Schiro and his wife Tommye are also helping to transform lives.

From New York City to New Orleans and Zurich, the couple is boundless in their energy and committed to a variety of causes. And while their list of philanthropic endeavors is long, they remain devoted to St. John’s. Jim Schiro says he and his wife are only reciprocating the many blessings they have received. “[St. John’s] allowed me to exceed my dreams,” he said during a recent interview.

Jim and Tommye Schiro both hail from modest backgrounds. He was born and raised in Brooklyn and she was born in Manhattan but moved to Brooklyn with her family when she was about eight years old. As a student at the Schermerhorn Street campus, Jim often received rides to school from Tommye’s older brother. “Tommye was in high school,” Jim recalls. “She would sit in the front seat of the car, but no one was allowed to talk to her. I remember she would get out of the car and she would walk up the steps and I thought she was attractive.” “And that was in my [school] uniform,” Tommye says, smiling at the memory. Later, the pair met again at an evening Mass when she was a student at Brooklyn College and he offered to give her a ride home, so taken with her that he forgot that she lived across the street from the church. They began dating and later married in 1968.

He says she has been supportive since day one. A member of a large family and the son of a millinery worker, Jim received scholarship funding for college from the Knights of Columbus as his father was a member. He also worked at First National City Bank of New York (now Citibank) which also helped pay for his education. After graduation, he began an extremely successful career at Price Waterhouse where in 1995 he was elected Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Three years later, he led the merger of that company with Coopers & Lybrand to form PricewaterhouseCoopers, and he subsequently served the merged firm as Chief Executive Officer.

In 2002, he joined Zurich Financial Services as Chief Operating Officer — Finance and within months was appointed Chief Executive Officer. Since coming to Zurich, he has straddled two continents, spending a great deal of time in Switzerland for work. The climb up the corporate ladder was steady, yet steep, but Tommye and Jim have traveled the path together.

Tommye, Jim says, is “a great partner. The most important thing you can say in life is ‘I couldn’t have done it without you,’” he says. “And I am so fortunate to be able to say that.” The travel, bouncing between countries has been a sacrifice, more so for her he believes, but they agree that they have always managed to make an adventure of it. “We have had great times together and the ability to laugh and have a sense of humor got us through,” he says.
It has helped that Tommye understands the value of travel. They both embrace the University’s Discover The World program where students learn, live and perform service abroad and say it is so important for young people to have that experience.

“I think that young people have to have a good sense of who they are and then be open to learn from others. But you are a teacher also. You always have to keep in mind that you are a reflection of your society when you travel.”

As one of the titans of industry, Jim has long understood the importance of globalization and being a citizen of the world. His announcement last January of a scholarship program that will fund the enrollment of Chinese students in the Master of Science degree program in Management of Risk at The Peter J. Tobin College of Business was met with excitement and accolades. True to his humble nature, he made the public proclamation as he was being honored by the School of Risk Management at the 13th Annual Insurance Leader of the Year Dinner.

He spends a great deal of time and finds fulfillment in recruiting and mentoring the younger generation, he says. “Young people need a plan,” he remarks. “Not a plan that is so rigid that it isn’t flexible, but they have to be realistic and manage their expectations.”

That type of attitude is what has helped take the Schiros around the world. Their home in Princeton, NJ, contains collections of items from their many travels including wedding kimonos that are about 1,000 years old. It is also filled with other items they hold dear: family photos of their children Justine and James Jr., books, paintings and the many awards and accolades they have received for their philanthropic endeavors.

The Schiros also spend a bit of time in New Orleans where they are supporters of St. Michael Special School located in that city. The school is designed for students with major learning difficulties and the Schiros have taken it to their hearts. Through their involvement, they have also become good friends with celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse who is also a supporter of the school. Photos from a dinner Emeril hosted show the Schiros having a great time with guests including former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a consultant for Zurich Financial, and his wife.

They have also brought a bit of the States to Europe. Tommye is credited with discovering a local exhibit in Princeton about bridges that were the impressive works of Swiss structural engineers. After reading about the exhibit put together by Princeton University Professor David P. Billington, his team from the Department...
of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and the Princeton University Art Museum, Tommye informed her husband and the pair agreed that the exhibit should also be shown in Switzerland. Some of the engineers’ accomplishments included the George Washington Bridge and the Verrazano Narrows Bridge in New York and the Felsenau and the Sunniberg Bridges in Switzerland. With a focus on “building cultural bridges,” the Zurich sponsored event titled Art of Structural Design: a Swiss Legacy was well received in Switzerland, and Billington was present to offer a guided tour of the exhibit.

But for all their high profile friends, international travel and cross continent projects, the couple is just as happy cooking together at home and spending quality time with their immediate and extended family which has grown to include a new son-in-law, Dr. John Tsiouris. That family includes St. John’s. Jim has been a member of the Rome Board of Advisors and served as Co-Chair of the University’s 125th Anniversary Celebration in 1994–95. He was Chair of the inaugural President’s Dinner, the University’s premier fundraising event, in 1998. He served for several terms on the University’s Board of Trustees, where he chaired the Audit and Compensation Committee and served on the Executive Committee. He was recently re-elected to the Board of Trustees and says he views remaining close to alma mater as a natural response to all that St. John’s has done for him. “I remember when I was a student and the University helped you and cared for you not just academically, but spiritually and as a person,” he says. “You shouldn’t forget to give back.”

Those who know them best say there’s no chance that will ever happen. Dick Kearns is Chief Administrative Officer at Zurich Financial Services and has worked with Mr. Schiro for more than 36 years beginning during his time at Price Waterhouse. He sees their generosity in giving of their time and resources as a reflection of their spirits. “In Tommye and Jim’s case, it’s always remembering where they came from and passing on opportunities to others that were afforded to them,” Mr. Kearns says. “They are people that hold family and faith at the heart of what they do. It’s their way of being grateful for life’s blessings.”

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As The School of Education proudly celebrates a century of existence, it stands strong in the knowledge that it is grounded in its mission and has grown to exceed the dreams of its founders.

The School of Pedagogy formally opened on September 28, 1908, as a part of St. John’s College at the campus in Brooklyn. Then President Very Reverend John W. Moore, C.M. and Rev. Edward L. Carey, C.M., an Early College Prefect and Registrar who later became Dean and Vice President, had been monitoring the trends in education and had made the determination that championing the cause of moral betterment in education was a worthy one. During the early 1900s, there was an emphasis on solely factual knowledge and the pair decided to develop a curriculum which challenged that prevailing philosophy and also served to prepare teachers in a more humane manner. This focus on stronger training was particularly significant because during that time only a two-year course was required for state teaching certification and St. John’s became the second institution of higher learning in New York State to introduce graduate courses for teachers.

To assist in the effort, a faculty of distinguished educators including three priests and 13 laymen was formed at St. John’s with John H. Walsh, Associate Superintendent of New York Public Schools, serving as Dean and Fr. Carey acting as Registrar.

The initial courses counted towards a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree and attracted a number of men and women including public school teachers, the religious and educators in specialized fields. Current School of Education Dean Jerrold Ross, Ph.D. points out that during those early years, public school teachers were drawn to St. John’s because of its mission and its affordable tuition. “The generous scholarships afforded the poorest children enabling them to attend St. John’s also brought an undergraduate population whose interests lay in teaching in public schools as well as Catholic schools,” he reflects.
Board of Trustees, pleased with the success of the educational initiatives, decided within a few years to provide advanced graduate degrees for students. During the 1911 to 1912 school year, the School of Pedagogy’s catalogue contained an announcement that the degree of Master of Pedagogy could be conferred upon a candidate who was successful in “presenting an acceptable thesis and completing the required number of courses.” By 1913, both religious and lay were candidates for graduate degrees in education and many took advantage of such an opportunity as the Board of Education by this point was insisting upon graduate study and higher academic degrees for teachers. Two years later, the school was renamed the College Extension and the curriculum was expanded to include courses in experimental education, educational philosophy, classroom management, educational psychology and principles of education.

In 1924, St. John’s established the Department of Education which offered courses in teaching methods, educational history, philosophy and psychology. In 1933, St. John’s College was abuzz with being granted full University status and the offering of Ph.D. degrees by the Graduate Division of Arts and Sciences. That same year also saw the addition of a summer session for the College Extension to accommodate the schedules of the teachers and prospective teachers who clamored to take classes. With the impetus of the graduate program, the name became the College Extension and Graduate School.

Two years later, the school was renamed Teachers College and on May 19, 1936, a group met to organize an Alumni Association. Their enthusiasm and love of their college translated into a successful first year of events including a card party held at the 14-story Hotel Bossert — in its heyday known
as the “Waldorf=Astoria of Brooklyn” — a Communion Breakfast and a Dinner Dance at the Hotel St. George located in the heart of Brooklyn Heights. There was cause for even more excitement in 1937 when the first Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) degrees were conferred and a slew of requests led Teachers College to inaugurate a Nursing Education program. The following year saw the founding of Phi Lambda Tau Sorority to “promote scholarship and social activity among the female members of Teachers College.”

Tragedy struck shortly after the sorority’s founding as troubles in Europe began to escalate into World War II and the number of students and faculty declined as the war progressed. When the war ended, Teachers College joined with the rest of the University to meet the needs of the returning veterans desiring to complete their education.

By 1942, the education program was flourishing and grew so expansive that Teachers College was divided into graduate and undergraduate divisions. The curriculum was expanded to reflect advances in education, psychology and educational philosophy and the Department of Nursing Education was spun off into a separate school. In 1943 it became possible to earn a degree in elementary education or secondary education and there was also available a certificate course in Methods in Kindergarten and Nursery School Practice which was a novel idea in the 1940s.

The University as a whole was expanding and in 1955 The School of Education was created, bringing together the undergraduate and graduate programs under one administration on the new Queens campus at Hillcrest.

The next year, a Reading Clinic was established to aid children to increase their speed and comprehension and a graduate training program in Remedial Reading and a Speech Clinic were simultaneously established. In 1957, extension courses in Education were first offered in Syosset, Long Island, and the need was so great and the program so popular that the following year additional extension courses were offered in Oakdale and Blue Point, Long Island.
A program in Human Services was approved in 1978 and with that approval came a renaming as the School of Education and Human Services. A few years earlier, the former Notre Dame College had merged with the University, becoming the Staten Island campus and with the incorporation of its program in 1998 all of the University’s education programs were brought under a single administration. In 2001, the Human Services program was transferred to the College of Professional Studies and University Trustees approved the return to the name The School of Education. In 2003 courses in Adolescent Education, designed for career change students wanting to enter the field of education, were introduced. That program was followed by
an M.S. in TESOL, Special Education, Literacy and School Building Leadership degrees being introduced the following year at the University’s Oakdale location in Long Island. In 2005, The School received a prestigious national accreditation for its program under the Teacher Education Accreditation Council and in 2008 its first Ph.D. in Literacy was introduced.

These days, The School of Education continues to thrive and exceed all expectations. It is actively involved with each of the dioceses — New York, Brooklyn and Rockville Centre — and is working with schools in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island to provide teachers there with quality professional development. Partnerships like those with St. Brigid School in New York City and Middle School 216 in Fresh Meadows, NY, where St. John’s developed an after school program for some of the lowest performing students, are just two examples of how The School of Education is reaching beyond traditional methods to better the lives of teachers and students. Dean Ross notes that while The School has and continues to develop new and innovative ways to be of service, it is deeply rooted in the Vincentian mission. “The University began as a means to educate the poor children of immigrant families and it continues to do so today,“ he says. “The countries where they are from have changed, but the mission has remained the same. The School of Education continues in its desire to offer itself as a resource to further the education of those most in need while preparing leaders in education who combine knowledge with qualities of caring and who go forth to lead their field.”

Save the Date

The School of Education Centennial Celebration continues so mark your calendar for just a few of these exciting, upcoming events:

**November 13 - Queens campus**
Honorary Convocation and Dinner honoring Carol Gresser ’59Ed, Shirley Griggs and Josephine Pacini.

**February 24 - Queens campus**
Hartigan Forum

**March 25 - Queens campus**
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Reunited

Reunion Celebration Weekend 2008 in June saw more than 900 alumni, their family and friends of the University return home to the Queens campus to share memories and good times.

The weekend was open to all with special significance for those who graduated in years ending in “3” and “8” and celebrating graduation anniversaries. On Friday, June 13, attendees who were taking advantage of the overnight accommodations available in the dorms began checking in. The second annual Dr. Charles I. Jarowski Industrial Pharmacy Symposium drew attendees who enjoyed a full day of presentations and a reception at the event which honors a distinguished former professor and attracts some of the most distinguished leaders in the pharmaceutical industry. That evening, Alumni Convocation was held in Taffner Field House to honor 24 distinguished alumni who are extremely accomplished in their various fields, and Medal of Honor recipient Donald F. Reid, Esq. ’58CBA, ’62L, ’87HON was the keynote speaker.

There were several other events that evening sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations which allowed them to venture off campus for a night of fun in New York City. Some chose to attend a New York Mets baseball game at Shea Stadium in Flushing, NY, while still others felt the pull of the Great White Way and attended a performance of South Pacific on Broadway. “It was a great way to start the weekend,” said John Craine ’58C who attended the musical with his wife Mary (’58Ed). “The show was fantastic.” Red Storm Bowl-A-Rama at Bowlmor Lanes in downtown Manhattan allowed alumni of all ages to have a ball. “This was a very innovative idea for an event because many young alumni work in the city,” said Amelia Barbagallo ’06TCB, ’08MBA who very much enjoyed the convenience of the location.

The fun continued on Saturday where early risers could participate in a yoga session on the Residence Village Lawn and those who were staying in the dorms dined at Montgoris Hall. St. John’s has changed a great deal and that was highlighted by a trolley tour where riders learned of the transformation of the Queens campus in the past decade, from dorms to the new University Center/Academic Center scheduled to open in September 2009. One
thing that hasn’t changed is the mission, and Rev. Kevin G. Creagh, C.M. ’91SVC, ’04PD, Associate Vice President for International Sites and Alumni Chaplain, led a tour of St. Thomas More Church and gave those present a glimpse into the many ways that St. John’s Vincentian identity is alive and well today.

He discussed how the Vincentians chose to serve the underprivileged in New York including establishing St. John’s University and the many ways they are still making their mark in New York through service.

Those celebrating their 25th, 40th and 50th graduation anniversaries had special anniversary suites and the latter were also feted on Saturday night during the Loughlin Society Reception and 50th Medal Ceremony. “Tonight we come together to acknowledge the exceptional support that our Loughlin Society members have provided during the past year and to publicly acclaim those wonderful alumni who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation,” said Victor Ramos ’91CBA, ’93MBA, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

“They helped to write the history of this great university, and that history is the foundation upon which our exceedingly bright future rests.”

Later that evening a Gala Dinner Dance was held in Taffner Field House. The highlight of the weekend, the dance included a special presentation to members of the classes of 1933, ’38, ’43 and ’48 as well as the presentation of a record-breaking class gift of more than $2 million. Three couples Marie Kaiser Napoli ’89C, ’93L and Paul J. Napoli, Esq. ’92L; Dolores C. Kaiser ’53UC and John E. Kaiser ’53L; and Patricia M. Shea ’83C and Brian T. Shea ’83CBA were honored with the Fidelitas Award which is given to alumni couples who attended the University, married and have consistently demonstrated their deep commitment, dedication and love, as a married couple, for alma mater.

Attendees dined on appetizing dishes and danced to a live band playing classic tunes. Carleen Kelly ’83CBA thoroughly enjoyed the evening and said she looked forward to being more involved with her beloved school. “I have had a great career and I really owe it to St. John’s,” she said. “I wish that I had done more for the University over the years but now that I have gotten older and have some more time, I really want to do more.”

The weekend wrapped up with a Mass held at St. Thomas More Church and a special champagne brunch held in Montgoris Hall. June Bell ’68Ed, ’72GEd attended the brunch with her daughter Laurette Bilka ’06Ed and the pair said they enjoyed it immensely. “My daughter likes St. John’s and she attended here so I thought she would enjoy coming to some of the Reunion events,” Bell said. “I’m just sorry we didn’t plan on going to all the events.” Bilka said she was influenced to attend the University because of her mother’s great experience as a student and alumna. “She really pushed for me to come here,” Bilka said.

University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. concluded the festivities by congratulating all of those celebrating their graduation anniversaries. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation to those who returned home to alma mater. “We are very grateful to you for continuing to keep St. John’s a part of your life,” he said.

Fall 2008
Bricks & Mortar Update

Carnesecca Arena Renovated

A $5 million renovation of Carnesecca Arena began this past summer as part of a multi-phase upgrade of the facility.

Formerly Alumni Hall, Carnesecca Arena will sport a new playing surface and seating area and enhanced ticketing and lobby areas. “The renovation of Carnesecca Arena is vital, not only to our basketball programs, but to the entire athletics department since it houses most of our student-athletes, administrators and coaches,” said Chris Monasch ’81SVC, St. John’s Director of Athletics. “Carnesecca Arena is the heart of our athletics program. The work done this summer is a significant start to the project, which will be completed over the course of the next few summers.”

Generous commitments made by donors to the University’s Carnesecca Initiative enabled the beginning of the second phase of renovations. Headed by alumnus and former basketball star Mel Davis ’75CBA, the Carnesecca Initiative is a fundraising effort aimed at updating the facility. The first phase of the upgrade was completed last fall with the dedication of the state-of-the-art Student-Athlete Center for Excellence, a 4,500 square foot facility located on the main level of Carnesecca Arena which serves as the home for the Student Development for Athletes program.

The building opened in 1961 and with the completion of the new upgrades, Red Storm fans will enjoy a completely renovated interior with brilliant sight-lines from each of the arena’s 6,000-plus seats, a climate-controlled atmosphere and the addition of 800 chair-back seats to the lower seating bowl. Head Men’s Basketball Coach Norm Roberts praised the plan. “The Carnesecca Arena renovation will have a great impact on our basketball program,” he said. “The renovations will be something that our current student-athletes will certainly enjoy, and its impact on recruiting will be tremendous. The new Carnesecca Arena will also provide an enhanced game-day atmosphere for our student body and fans as well.” Women’s Head Basketball Coach Kim Barnes Arico concurred. “Since we play most of our games at Carnesecca Arena, we’re very excited for the renovation and its ability to continue to boost our game-day atmosphere,” she said. “The intimacy of Carnesecca Arena is perfect for women’s basketball, and we hope that the new features will encourage our fans to pack the house and support our teams. With great home crowds, the benefits to our program now and in the future will be incredible.”

Future renovations for the venue include a refurbishing of the locker room areas and administrative offices and a reconditioning of the arena’s exterior façade, matching Carnesecca to its adjoining counterpart, the Taffner Field House basketball training facility.
Dining Hall Upgrade

A $1 million upgrade to Montgoris Dining Hall has been designed to make the dining experience at the Queens campus more enjoyable for students.

Instillation of secondary self-serve areas outside the main serving area and new seating occurred during the summer. Kenneth Waldhof, St. John’s Executive Director of Auxiliary Services, said the secondary areas introduced two brand-new concepts for Montgoris. “We’ve introduced ‘Menutainment’ where students find made-to-order meals and options throughout the day,” Waldhof said. “This made-to-order exhibition-style cooking destination offers fresh herbs and spices, meats, vegetables and more to be sautéed by chefs. [Students] can create their own meal, selecting from a variety of fresh and healthy ingredients.” Low- and no-fat cooking techniques are a special feature of Menutainment, he added. A second added feature is “myPantry,” a self-assisted kitchen concept that allows students to have “a help-yourself dining experience available throughout the day,” Students can prepare the selections themselves or have a Chartwells staff member prepare for them.

An upstairs lounge area was converted to dining space and new dining tables and chairs were installed on both the main and upper levels. New flooring on the main dining level and a freshened interior completed the upgrade.

Library Gets New Look

As part of a multi-year Campus Master Plan, a $14 million renovation project took place over the summer at the Library in St. Augustine Hall on the Queens campus.

The upgrade and update include a relocated, centralized reference desk at the entry to the third floor, a “satellite” reference desk located on the fourth floor and a new configuration of the two floors which provides additional quiet study space with seating for 500. Individual and quiet group study areas are now located around each floor’s perimeter and furnished with study tables and carrels, tablet-armed chairs and a mixture of soft seating. Open stack areas are located at the center of each floor, where several consultation rooms are available for students and faculty to meet and interact informally. Office space for Library faculty and staff is included on the third floor as well as a student multi-functional computer lab/classroom.

Many of the changes were implemented to allow for a better exchange of ideas and information between students and faculty. “In surveys, meetings and one-on-one conversations with students, faculty and library administration, the vision for a new library has come into focus,” said St. John’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer James P. Pellow, Ed.D.

“Our intent in undertaking this project is primarily to better serve our students and to bring faculty together at the center of the campus. The new interior of the Library’s third and fourth floors is designed to be student-centered and is intended to promote academic excellence and encourage innovation at St. John’s.”
Founders Society Inducts New Members

A very special evening was held in New York City in June for a prestigious group of St. John’s University alumni and friends. A cocktail reception and dinner at The Lotos Club offered the opportunity for University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. to express his appreciation to members of The Founders Society. “In addition to being St. John’s most generous donors, the members of the Founders Society are true visionaries who reflect the Vincentian values of caring and concern for others,” he said. “Through their exemplary leadership and commitment, they continually play a vital role in the University’s achievements and have been a major catalyst in every aspect of our ongoing transformation.”

The event also included an induction ceremony for new members John (’73L) and Mary Beth Birchby; William (’76C) and Lesley Collins ’83SVC; and Paul (’63CBA) and Carol Evanson. Inducted posthumously was former faculty member Dr. J. Jean Hecht who was represented by John Brennan, Ph.D., Director of the Honors Program and Associate Professor of History at the Staten Island campus. In his remarks, Fr. Harrington thanked each of the inductees and discussed their strong and continued commitment to the University.

Another mark of the esteem in which the group is held can be found in the naming of Founder’s Village, the Queens campus courtyard student townhouses. The new townhouse community opened in August and features three-story, Collegiate-Gothic style townhouses organized around five landscaped courtyards. Upper class students live in seven-person apartments which can be entered from semi-private courtyards and balconies. Each apartment includes two double bedrooms and a triple bedroom sharing a living room, kitchen, and two baths and boasts wireless internet access.

The Founders Society is a donor recognition group for the University’s most generous supporters, and donors of $1 million or more to the University are eligible for membership to this prestigious society. For a full listing of all of the members of the Founders Society, turn to the Honor Roll of Donors in this magazine on page 34.
A Weekend Get Away

Members of The Loughlin Society and The McCallen Society were treated to a weekend at the races at Saratoga Springs, NY, in August.

The getaway was a token of appreciation to members of the University's top-level giving societies, and the group of 35 donors began the weekend with a welcome cocktail reception at the Saratoga Hilton. On Saturday, attendees went to the racetrack where they watched the races from a suite and were later given a private tour of the paddock. The group also watched a race named in honor of St. John's and a few took part in the Winner's Circle presentation after the St. John's race.

On Sunday morning, the guests had breakfast and then enjoyed a walking tour of Saratoga Springs. It proved to be a full weekend where the group relaxed, toured the town and sampled great cuisine at area restaurants. Robert Handal ’57CBA, ’69MBA, a member of both societies, enjoyed the getaway and said that he appreciates what St. John's did for him as a student and what the University continues to do for those in need. “I'm from Brooklyn and I love helping the kids in the city,” he said.

“I'm proud to be an alumnus because I admire what the Vincentians—and St. John's are doing for them.”

Stacey Philips Varghese ’99C, Associate Director of The Loughlin Society, said she believes that the donors in attendance are especially deserving of recognition from the University. “Our guests this weekend (Benefactors’ Council and Trustees’ Circle members) belong to the highest levels in The Loughlin Society, these members give us leadership level support through their donations,” she said. “Their commitment and involvement with the University is inspiring.”

The McCallen Society is the distinguished gift society whose members honor the St. John’s legacy by including the University in their estate and financial plans. The Loughlin Society is the leadership gift society that helps the University build on the legacy that began over 138 years ago. A variety of exclusive events are held throughout the year for members of both societies. Some events held this year have included Cinema in the City, The McCallen Society Day of Reflection and a summer concert reception held on the Queens campus on the Great Lawn.

For more information about The McCallen Society and its events, contact Susan Damiani ’87CBA at (718) 990-7562, e-mail damianis@stjohns.edu or visit www.stjohns.edu/giftplanning

For more information on The Loughlin Society and its events, contact Philips Varghese at (718) 990-2982, e-mail philipss@stjohns.edu or visit www.stjohns.edu/loughlinsociety

Standing from l. Edward Powers ’54C, ’06HON and Handal; and seated from l. Doris Powers and Charlene Boyer enjoyed the weekend.
All for Lou

Beloved Hall of Fame Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON was honored by more than 200 alumni and friends of the University at the 2008 Lou Carnesecca Golf Classic held in May at the North Hempstead Country Club in Port Washington, NY.

The event raised $342,000 in cash and in kind contributions for the Carnesecca Initiative — a planned $30 million, multi-year renovation of Carnesecca Arena — and attracted many legends from St. John’s and New York City basketball history. Attendees included former NBA players Willis Reed, Rick Barry, Charles Oakley and Julius “Dr. J” Irving who along with others braved the blustery weather for a day on the links. Also present to honor their mentor were 29 former STJ basketball players including Chris Mullin ’85CBA, Jayson Williams ’90SVC and Frank Alagia ’76SVC.

Carnesecca was thrilled with the turnout and the love he felt from the attendees. “It was a great, enjoyable day,” he said. “It was so good to see so many of our former players, and so many of the players we played against! I had a great time, one I’ll never forget.” St. John’s fans in attendance were able to interact with the hardwood legends throughout the day and were also able to participate in live and silent auctions for St. John’s collectors’ items and other sports memorabilia. Some of the items up for bid included tickets to Major League Baseball’s All-Star Weekend at Yankee Stadium, a basketball autographed by the stars of the St. John’s 1985 Final Four team and an authentic Lou Carnesecca sweater. Several one-of-a-kind items were also auctioned off, including dinners with Carnesecca, Reed, Barry, Williams, Walter Berry, Earl “The Pearl” Monroe, Walt “Clyde” Frazier and others. Irving also included for a lucky bidder a surprise trip to Atlanta and a round of golf at his exclusive course.

Alumnus Dominic Camera ’64C hosted the event at his club and said it was “spectacular.” “It was one of the most enjoyable golf outings I have ever attended and I have been to quite a few,” he said. “It was indicative of the great love and respect that exists for Lou.” Bruce Beck of WNBC News 4 New York served as the evening’s Master of Ceremonies at the dinner and reception which concluded the day.

More than 100 attendees ventured to the Hempstead Golf and Country Club in Hempstead, NY, in June for the Rev. James F. Dorr, C.M. Golf Classic. Formerly the Newman Golf Classic, this year’s outing raised more than $220,000 and benefits the Fr. James Dorr Scholarship Fund, named in honor of the beloved Vincentian who has been the heart and soul of the event since its inception. Now in existence for more than 20 years, the event has raised over $2 million.
Alumni Golf Outings

More than $40,000 was raised to benefit the Red Storm baseball program as part of the 11th Annual Bullpen Golf Outing held in July at Pelham Country Club in Pelham Manor, NY. Mike Palladino ‘87CBA (third from l.) received the Coach Jack Kaiser Baseball Advocate Award, the highest honor that the St. John’s baseball program bestows and given to an individual who possesses the same characteristics as Coach Kaiser: loyalty, dedication, hard work and exceptional support of the baseball program.

The School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science/College of Insurance Alumni Association held its Eighth Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament in May at the Crystal Springs Country Club in Hamburg, NJ. More than $12,000 was raised to aid students and programs and 54 players enjoyed the day of fun with their fellow alumni. The School is part of The Peter J. Tobin College of Business.

The 29th Annual Staten Island Golf Outing held in July at the South Shore Country Club drew more than 100 golfers and raised more than $19,500 for the Sipp/DeStefano Scholarship Fund. The scholarship benefits worthy and qualified students attending St. John’s Staten Island campus and since its inception the Sipp/DeStefano Scholarship Fund has awarded more than $123,000 to 68 students. Following the rounds of golf, attendees enjoyed a cocktail hour followed by dinner where Patricia Bean ‘80CBA, ‘88MBA, retired Director of Marketing and Estimating, The Sweet Construction Group; Larry Arann, Ph.D.; David Lehr, Esq. ’68Ed, ’72L, Attorney at Law; and Dennis McKeon, Executive Director, Where to Turn, Inc. were honored.
An All Star Century

The 100 Years of St. John’s Basketball Banquet was held in June and attended by more than 300 former players, alumni, friends and fans who packed the New York Athletic Club at Central Park South to honor a century of hardwood success and pay homage to St. John’s 50-man All-Century team.

The event drew to a close the year-long celebration which highlighted St. John’s storied history on the court. WNBC-4 Sports Anchor Bruce Beck served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, and along with Jim O’Connell ’76CBA, National College Basketball Writer for The Associated Press, recapped “The Early Years” (1907-08 to 1939-40), the “Classic Times” (1940-41 to 1972-73) and “The Modern Era” (1973-74 to 2006-07) of St. John’s basketball. Beck also gave a rundown of the All-Century team members from each era, many of whom were on hand to receive thunderous applause from fans across the ages. One crowd favorite was Jack “Dutch” Garfinkel ’42CBA (1938-41), who represented the legends from The Early Years.

Hall of Fame Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON spoke to the assembled crowd and shared his reflections from a 60-plus year association with St. John’s basketball program. “What a wonderful evening,” he said. “There was so much love in the room, you could really feel it.” “It was an evening that everyone in attendance will always remember,” said St. John’s Director of Athletics Chris Monasch ’81SVC. “The 50 gentlemen on the All-Century team have contributed so much to our program’s legacy.”

Three-time NBA World Champion Bill Wennington ’85SVC, who starred on the hardwood for St. John’s from 1981-85, represented the University’s long list of distinguished athletes by thanking the coaches, administrators and fans for contributing to their outstanding collegiate experiences. Other speakers included University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. and Head Men’s Basketball Coach Norm Roberts. Fr. Harrington praised the evening and the history of the program. “St. John’s has always been about success, and so were the great basketball players of the past century, both on and off the court,” Fr. Harrington said. “They took their opportunities and made the most of them, which is what we’ve been doing at St. John’s since 1870.” Proceeds from the year-long celebration of 100 Years of St. John’s Basketball benefit the Carnesecca Initiative. Headed by former St. John’s All-American and former NBA star Mel Davis ’75CBA, the Carnesecca Initiative is the University’s major fundraising venture to support the renovations of Carnesecca Arena.

Endowed Scholarships

An endowed scholarship allows a donor or donors to leave a lasting legacy for generations to come. With a current beginning funding level of $25,000 which can be established through a one time gift or a pledge paid over time, the scholarship can be made in the donor’s name, the name of a loved one or the name of someone significant in the donor’s life.

We would like to recognize and thank the benefactors who endowed the following scholarships during the 2007-2008 year:

- Richard J. Stadelberger Scholarship Fund
- Rosen/Munhall 9/11 Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
- The Scharfenberger Family Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Mary Beth and Matthew Hayes “Spirit of Inquiry” Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Drs. E. Lawrence and Adele V. Deckinger Advertising Research Fund
- Fredrick Hundt Memorial Scholarship Fund

For more information about endowed scholarships or to endow a scholarship contact James Monnier ’74Ed, ’79 GEd, Assistant Vice President for Development, at (718) 990-2421 or e-mail monnierj@stjohns.edu
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Visit www.stjohns.edu/loughlinsociety to learn how you can become a part of this very special society whose impact lasts for more than 20,000 lifetimes.

PLAN ON ATTENDING AN UPCOMING EVENT:

- Thursday, December 4, 2008
  The Loughlin Society Reception

- Saturday, December 6, 2008
  Pre-Christmas Concert Reception
Legal Eagle

Michael Stafford ’67Ed, ’72L joined the Long Island, NY-based law firm of Farrell Fritz, P.C. The Garden City resident was a Partner at Rivkin Radler, LLP and is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Florida Bar where he has been a member of the Executive Council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section since 1992. He is Treasurer of the School of Law Alumni Association and is also an honorary trustee of Variety Child Learning Center in Syosset, NY where he served as a Board member for 19 years. He is also a former Garden City Chamber of Commerce Board Member and also served on Advisory Committees to the Diocesan Television Center and Mercy Hospital as well as other community organizations. Prior to practicing law, he was a sportswriter, political reporter and editor for United Press International and Sports Information Director at St. John’s. In 2007, alma mater presented him with the Alumni Outstanding Achievement award.

In Knee’d of Care

Giles R. Scuderi, MD ’77C implanted the NexGen LPS Flex Mobile Knee Prosthesis, the first of its kind implanted in the United States, at Franklin Hospital in Valley Stream, NY. He is a director of the Install Scott Kelly Institute for Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine and helped to design the implant. The Food and Drug Administration recently approved the knee implant, which provides for greater mobility and was designed for use with minimally invasive procedures. Franklin Hospital is part of the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System.

Bernard Babb ’53C, ’58L was inducted into the University’s Heritage Circle during the 27th Annual Alumni Convocation.

Sheila McCahey-Rosenfeld ’59UC is President for Toonces Computer Consultants in Bonita Springs, FL.

Richard McCracken ’62C, ’66G is an Alumni Dean Emeritus at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX.

Alfred Poggi ’64C was re-elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association in Harrisburg, PA.

Kenneth Buttner ’67CBA is an Executive Director, Internal Audit for Educational Testing Services in Princeton, NJ and was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen in Trenton, NJ.

John Fitzwilliam ’69C holds the rank of Inspector and serves as the Commanding Officer of the Communications Bureau/911 and has been with the Nassau County Police Department for 37 years in Long Island, NY.

Linda Marlowe ’70Ed, ’74Ed retired after 38 years in education, 37 of which were with Sachem School District #5, Holbrook, NY.

Joseph Rinaldi ’75CBA celebrated his 20th anniversary in Federal Law Enforcement and is a Postal Inspector in New York City.

Edward Ruggiero ’75CBA is a Senior Vice President and Treasurer for Time Warner Inc., in New York City.

Richard Santoro ’75C is a Vice President and General Manager for Time Warner Telecom in Tampa, FL.

Kenneth Ferrara ’76MBA is a Senior Bank Examiner for the Federal Bank of New York in New York City.

Jeffrey Shapiro ’76L is Partner and Head of the Miami and Fort Lauderdale offices of Carmean & Lehr LLP and was nominated to the Council on Litigation Management in Miami, FL.

James Toomey ’76C is Managing Counsel for The Travelers Insurance Cos., Inc., in New York City.

Leonard Schlein ’77P celebrated 25 years in business as Owner of Rancho Pharmacy in La Mesa, CA.

Ralph Lamparello ’77L is a Managing Partner for Chasan Leyner & Lamparello in Secaucus, NJ.

John Bonando ’78NDC is an Assistant Vice President for Student Services at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania in Slippery Rock, PA.

Robert Bruno ’78C is a District Court Judge for the Nassau County District Court in Hempstead, NY.

Mark Loewe ’78C is General Manager of Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club for Penn National Gaming in Longwood, FL.

Frank Bruno ’80C is a Vice Chancellor for Administration for the University of Colorado at Boulder, CO.

Noel Hall ’80CBA is a Principal and National Practice Leader for Ryan & Co. in Dallas, TX.

Robert Laverty ’80P was appointed Vice President of U.S. Corporate Communications for Eisai Corporation of North America in Woodcliff, NJ.

Ruben Parnies ’81C is a Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and was appointed to the National Board of Medical Examiners in Omaha, NE.
**What a Waste!**

Angelo Dell’Olio ’80SVC (c.), Charles J. Mahoney ’86CBA (r.) and former St. John’s student Lawrence Colangelo (l.) all work for IESI, the sixth largest waste removal and recycling company in North America which provides refuse and recycling services to office towers, commercial buildings, hotels and retail establishments in New York City. Dell’Olio says they all met on the job and enjoy sharing their St. John’s memories with each other and those they meet. “It is truly amazing that we come across so many real estate professionals on a regular basis who also attended St. John’s,” he says. “We have started a tradition of hosting some of these clients at St. John’s alumni gatherings before Red Storm games. We find it a great way to stay close to the University, keep contact with our clients and have a genuine good time.” The trio are standing in front of bales of paper sorted at their state-of-the-art recycling facility in New York City for shipment to paper mills for recycled paper. IESI recycles over 120,000 tons of mixed office waste annually which saves more than two million trees per year.

**Thomas Cosentino ’83SVC** is President for Yellowlab Public Relations in Matawan, NJ.

**Anthony Diaz ’83CBA** is an Attorney for the law firm of Anthony J. Diaz, P.A. in Winter Park, FL.

**Robert Sawicki ’83CBA** is Vice President, Leadership and Professional Development at the Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., in Hartford, CT.

**Anant Tinaphongs ’83CBA, ’85MBA** is a Managing Director for Logistics Management Services Ltd. in Huaykwang, Thailand.

**Rev. Joseph Davanzo ’84CBA** is a Pastor for the Christ of King Roman Catholic Church in Commack, NY.

**Anne Lin ’84P, ’86Pharm.D.** is Dean and a Professor for the School of Pharmacy College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore, MD.

**Robert Marino ’84SVC** is a Director of Network Sales for ION Media Networks in New York City.

**Mark Arning ’85MBA** is General Auditor for the New York Life Insurance Company in New York City.

**Barbara Boscia ’85NDc** is a Senior System Specialist for Mitsubishi Motors North America in Cypress, CA.

**Michael Giarraputo ’85CBA** is a Senior Vice President of Business Development for Mindset Marketing Solutions in Scottsdale, AZ.

**Victoria Ohanian-Forte ’85SVC, ’96P** is a Staff Pharmacist for Bronx Psychiatric Center in Bronx, NY.

**Augusta Sanfilippo ’85SVC, ’94MBA** is a Managing Director for Credit Suisse in New York City.

**Valerie Bell ’86Mls** is an Assistant Director of Public Services for the Ocean County Library in Toms River, NJ.

**Mark Boccia ’86CBA** is the Co-owner of Bourbon Street Restaurant in Bayside, NY as well as the Co-owner of Austin Ale House in Kew Gardens, NY.

**Susan Chapple ’86SVC** is a Corporate Sales Manager for The New York Times in Scottsdale, AZ.

**Joseph Conte ’86CBA** is a Managing Director for Lazard Middle Market in New York City.

**Lorraine Engel ’86C, ’93GEd** is an Assistant Principal at P.S./M.S. 114, The Belle Harbor School in Belle Harbor, NY.

**Howard Tanney ’86MBA** is a Managing Director for N.I.R. Group, LLC in Roslyn, NY.

**Steven Deluca ’87SVC** is Vice President and Publisher of Details, which is part of Condé Nast Publications in New York City. He previously worked in senior roles at a number of Condé Nast publications including as Associate Publisher of Condé Nast Traveler, Publisher of Rolling Stone and Associate Publisher of Maxim, Vanity Fair and In Style. His appointment at Details, a monthly men’s magazine, marks a return for him as he worked there earlier in his career as a salesperson and Advertising Director.

**Steven Archer ’88CBA** is a Managing Partner for New England Financial Insurance Company South Florida Financial Strategies in Boca Raton, FL.

**Christine Mcauley-Clancy ’88SVC** is a Managing Editor for The Wall Street Journal Asia in Hong Kong, China.

**Dayna Sawyer-Clark ’89SVC** is a News Anchor for News/Talk 760 WJR in Detroit, MI.
Fabiola Milord ’90C was named to the recently created Task Force on Public Health Dentistry and Access by the New York State Dental Association and is a Dental Director for Catholic Charities Dental Services in Freeport, NY.

Maureen Murphy ’90VC is a General Counsel for the New York City Department for the Aging in New York City.

Morris Rosenbaum ’90CBA, ’93MBA is a Senior Personnel Administrator for the New York State Division of Human Rights in Bronx, NY.

Darleen Aimonovitch-Boyle ’92C, ’94G is a Managing Director for Trust Company of the West in New York City.

Rene Irizarry ’92 MBA is a Plant Controller for PepsiCo in Goodyear, AZ.

Matthew Pinto ’92CBA joined Marcum & Kliegman LLP as Partner-in-Charge of the Firm’s Real Estate Financial Services Group in Melville, NY.

Jesse Maltzman ’93CBA is a President for Maltzman Financial Strategies in Rye, NY.

Christopher Brenner ’94VC is in his 15th year as an Emergency 911 Operator for the Southampton Town Police, and also holds the rank of Lieutenant as a volunteer firefighter with the Southampton Fire Department both in Southampton, NY.

Bill Mitaritonna ’94SVC is a Teacher and Basketball Coach for Hills West High School in Dix Hills, NY.

Ari Damianos Rosenedis ’95VC is a Store Manager for Steve & Barry’s in New York City.

Cheryl Smith ’95C is a Staff Attorney for the New York City Department of Education in New York City.

Kathleen Von Braunschwig ’95G, ’01G was ordained to Ministerial Standing by the Metropolitan Association of the New York Conference, United Church of Christ. She also serves as Clinical Chaplain at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, NY.

James Jampayas ’96P is a Pharmacy Manager for Rite Aid in Durham, NC.

Mark Kaley ’96VC, ’00L is the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer for Imagitrend, Inc. in Sarasota, FL.

Francine Digiaimo ’97NDC is a first grade teacher at P.S. 14 in Staten Island, NY.

James Fertitta ’97SVC is a Vice President for Goldman Sachs Operations Division in Jersey City, NJ.

Nicholas Legakis ’97VC, ’07 MPS has been promoted to Director for the Office of Institutional Advancement at St. John’s University’s Staten Island campus.

Rev. John Manno ’97C was appointed Administrator of St. James Church in Syracuse, NY.

John Lemanski ’98 MBA is a Senior Manager for Margolin, Winer & Evens LLP in Garden City, NY.

William O’Driscoll ’98 SVC, ’03 MBA is a Circulation Manager for Business Insurance Magazine in New York City.

Jennifer Graham ’99VC is currently in the Educational Doctorate Program in Instructional Leadership at The School of Education, and is an Administrative Manager at North Shore-LIJ Health System in Lake Success, NY.

Diane Mitchell ’99 Ed.D. is Principal for Felix Festa Middle School in West Nyack, NY.

Robert Searson ’99 Ed.D. is a Director of Graduate Education for St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY.

Marlene Ebanks ’00CBA is a Sales and Service Specialist for 1-800-Flowers.com in Carle Place, NY.

Francesco Sciacchitano ’00 MBA was appointed Director of the Twinng Project AGCOMNTRA which is funded by the European Commission and he will work in Cairo from September 2008 to September 2010.

Salvatore Banchetto ’02C is an English teacher for the New York City Department of Education in Brooklyn, NY.

Lauren Murphy ’02C is an Executive Administrator with Inferential Focus in New York City.

Anthony Portello ’02C is the District Superintendent for the New York City Department of Sanitation in Queens, NY.

Guclu Tumer ’02 MBA is a Manager for CEM YARN and Fabric Corporation in Istanbul, Turkey.

Christie High ’03 CPS is a Senior Account Executive for Janine Gordon Associates in New York City.

Donald Leconte ’03C is a Senior Tax Advisor for H&R Block in Brooklyn, NY and is also a Realtor and Notary Public for Century 21 Laffey Associates in Bellerose, NY.

Amy Leung ’03 CPS was interviewed for an article about Women in the Digital World entitled “The Digital Divide: Does Technology Need a Makeover?” in MediaPace and is an IT Coordinator for American Business Media in New York City.

Alfred Mancuso ’03C completed his doctorate in School Psychology at Alfred University in Alfred, NY and has entered his second year as an Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ.

Jonathan Miravite ’03 CPS is a Senior Service Management Specialist for Rockefeller Group Technology Solutions in New York City.

Christopher Boaillis ’04 PharmD. received the Heart of Gold Award from Convenant Healthcare and is a Staff Pharmacist for Convenant VNA Infusion Pharmacy both in Saginaw, MI.

Kelly Kazemier ’04 CPS is Director of Communications for Dowling College in Oakdale, NY.

Georgia Vanessa Miatto ’04C is a Technical Assistant in the Office of Grants and Sponsored Research at the University’s Queens campus.

Nicole Stuckey ’04 CPS is Owner and CEO of A Tailored Event in Staten Island, NY.

Barbara De Laew ’05 CPS was appointed to the Board of Directors for the New York City Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television for the 2008-2009 term. A Talent and Board Operator for Cox Radio Long Island’s 106.1 WBUJ-FM where she goes by the radio moniker “The Beautiful Stranger,” she is also completing her Master of Arts Degree in Media Studies at The New School University in New York City.

Charissa Gigatti ’05 CPS, ’07 Ed.D. was inducted into the Cambridge Who’s Who Executive, Professional and Entrepreneurial Registry and is a teacher at P.S. 139 in Queens, NY.

Paula McKeown ’05P is Principal at St. Peter’s Girls High School in Staten Island, NY.

Christie Ruscio ’05T CB is a Manager and Co-owner of Cohen’s Fashion Optical Store in New York City.

Lorraine Tawfik ’05 Ed.D. is an Assistant Dean in the School of Education for SUNY College at Old Westbury in Old Westbury, NY.
Richard Lynn ‘06TCB, ‘08MS has joined Clifton Gunderson LLP as their Senior Accountant/Consulting in Timonium, MD.

Nicholas Antaki ‘07TCB is a Private Client Associate at Bernstein Global Wealth Management, and a Registered Representative and Agent of Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC both in New York City.

Kristin Fabbio ‘07Pharm.D. completed her Pharmacy Residency at Erie VA Medical Center in Erie, PA.

Du Nguyen ‘08GEd is a Deputy Manager of Recruitment, Training and Development for Sacombank Securities in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

IN HOLY MATRIMONY

70s

Steven Minerva ‘76VC to Zoraida Cruz - December 14, 2007

80s

Barbara Boscia ‘85NDC to Eddie Orozco - February 15, 2008

Victoria Ohanian ‘85SVC, ‘96P to David Forte - June 9, 2007

90s

Cheryl Smith ‘95C to Alain Massena ‘97C, ‘00L - October 29, 2006

Francine Di giaimo ‘97NDC to Steven Scherma - February 10, 2006

Christopher Balone ‘99C to Michele McErlean - May 3, 2008

IN THE FAMILY WAY

80s

Victoria Ohanian-Forte ‘85SVC, ‘96P and husband, David, a son, David George - August 16, 2007

Maura Tully- Leahy ‘86C and husband, William, a daughter, Tara Aileen - July 17, 2007

90s

Maureen Murphy ‘90SVC and husband, Kevin, a son, Liam Patrick - January 4, 2008

Anne Vernieri-Sc anlon ‘91P and husband, Eric, a son, Dennis Andrew - May 30, 2007

James Jampayas ‘96P and wife, Cherry, a son, Jaden Grant - April 8, 2008

Francine Di giaimo ‘97NDC and husband, Steven, a son, John Francis - September 7, 2007


William O’Driscoll ‘98SVC, ‘03MBA and wife, Maureen, daughters, Bridget – April 20, 2006 and Shannon Rose – May 1, 2008


Vicky Paraskevopoulos ‘99P and husband, John, a son, Stamatis John - February 19, 2007

00s

Salvatore Banchetto ‘02C to Christiane Herbst - February 13, 2005

Nazanin Ganjian ‘02P to Perry Nazarian - September 14, 2008

Lauren Murphy ‘02C to Kenneth Monica - May 2, 2008

Anthony Portello ‘02C to Christina Bellini - December 1, 2007

Jonathan Miravite ‘03CPS to Maria Baliao - November 18, 2006

Sandy Palmieri ‘03TCB to Robert Alarco - November 6, 2005

Feona Persaud ‘03CPS to Mark Singh - May 10, 2008

Jennifer Sutera ‘04Ed to Thomas Cederroth - October 29, 2005

Michael Capello ‘05MBA to Marysol Nova - September 28, 2007

Duane Cornish ‘05CPS to Thandi Edwards ‘06C - June 28, 2008

Andrew Green ‘05C, ‘06G to Barbara Kolodziejski ‘08TCB - May 24, 2008

James Lynch ‘05CPS to Amanda Poormon - June 21, 2008

Christie Ruscio ‘05TCB to Frank Libretta - May 24, 2008

Vincy Titus ‘05CPS to Albert Daniel - August 16, 2008

Christina Marchese ‘07CPS to Nathan Lennon - March 8, 2008

We Need Your Help

We are looking to reconnect with alumni with whom we have lost touch. If you know of anyone with whom we have lost contact or have lost contact with us, we would like to hear from you. Please submit their contact information, including e-mails, to alumnotes@stjohns.edu and help us stay in touch with our alumni.
F. Anthony D’Alessandro ’64Ed has had several articles and poems published including “Conquered by Croagh Patrick” which appeared in the March 17, 2008, issue of Christian Science Monitor and the poems “Theme Park Daddy” and “Brooklyn Bridge” which appeared in Free Verse Poetry Journal and Pyramid Literary Journal respectively.

Florence Terranova Gatto ’60UC is the author of The Scent of Jasmine (Legas, 2007).


James Manago ’82C is the author of a biography about actress Shirley Booth titled Love Is The Reason for It All: The Shirley Booth Story (BearManor Media, 2008).


Daniel Serrano ’01L is the author of Gunmetal Black (Grand Central Publishing, 2008), his first novel.

David Brown ’30L
Leonard Montagnino ’34C
Sylvestor Garamella ’35L
Aaron Sweetman ’35CBA
Joseph Hoey ’37L
Morris Goldin ’38L
Nickolas Abramo ’39C
Benjamin Miller ’39P
Leonard Schwartz ’39L

George Schulz ’40C
Moe Karash ’41CBA
Kenneth Phelan ’41C
Gaspare Rorolo ’41C
Alfred Saint James ’41C
John Byrne ’42C
Nicola Stefano ’42CBA
Philip Charles ’43CBA
Louis Feld ’43P
J. Vincent Hughes ’43CBA
Daniel Sheehan ’43C, ’47G
Frank Votto ’43C
George Cevasco ’45C
Matthew Hartman ’45L
Anthony Cardi ’47CBA
Thomas Horan ’47C
Mary Nicoletti ’47UC
Joseph Cerbone ’48L
William Edwards ’48CBA
Attilio Ray Marangione ’48L
Joan Osterndorf ’48Ed, ’51L
Murray Brown ’49CBA
James McNeely ’49L
Mary O’Keefe ’49UC

Helen Cardone ’50UC
Alice Coughlin ’50CBA
Owen Fitzgerald ’50C
William Fanshawe ’50C
Eugene Tomei ’50L
Orazio Caponetto ’51P
Thomas Costigan ’51C
Michael D’Auria ’51L
Kevin Fogarty ’51C, ’54L
Elfrieda Sokolski ’51P
Elizabeth Boland ’52Ed
Ralph Crudo ’52L
Sr. Alice Dolan ’52Ed, ’55L
Robert Morgan ’52C
Leo Ross ’52C
Agostino Stratico ’52UC
Donald Dunn ’53CBA
Joseph Hetterich ’53C
Joseph Kunzeman ’53L

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Cornelius Lyons ’53L
Charles Brennan ’54CBA
Richard Garley ’54L
Arthur Mallon ’54CBA
Robert Mirque ’54UC
John Ahern ’55C
George Boehme ’56L
Raymond Huggard ’56C
George Lamoureux ’56CBA
Edmund Patrick Looney ’56CBA
William Aiken ’57CBA
George Costigan ’57C, ’58Ed
Willaim Korchak ’57CBA
Albert Boera ’58L
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John J. Clark, Ph.D. ’48CBA

A native of Brooklyn, Dr. Clark completed his undergraduate degree in 1948 at the former College of Business Administration, now The Peter J. Tobin College of Business. During his long and distinguished academic career, he worked at alma mater where he served as Professor of Economics and Dean of the College of Business Administration from 1950 to 1969. He left St. John’s to become the Royal H. Gibson Sr. Professor of Business Administration and Dean of Graduate Studies at LeBow College of Business at Drexel University, where he served from 1969 to 1990. A consultant to the Savings Bank Association of New York, he authored and co-authored 14 books in the fields of business, economics and finance as well as numerous articles. He was also an honored recipient of the United States Naval Institute Medal and the Military Review Award, lectured for the War College and authored more than 30 articles on military and naval history.

Grace Dondero, Ed.D. ’70Ed, ’71GEd

Dr. Dondero was beloved at the Staten Island campus where last April she was honored at The School of Education Leaders in Education Awards Dinner (LEAD). In 2005, the University launched the Staten Island LEAD event to honor those who have garnered significant accomplishments in the fields of education and educational administration throughout the area. The award was one of several Dr. Dondero received during her career including the Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award from St. John’s University where she earned a B.S. and M.S., both in Education, completing a doctorate in Education at Fordham University. She was a New York City Public School teacher for more than 20 years and served on the St. John’s faculty for 12 years before retiring with the rank of Associate Professor. She returned the abundance of affection to the University and the Dr. Grace M. Dondero Endowed Scholarship exists to benefit the St. John’s students to whom she dedicated herself for so many years.

Alan Seiden

As an All-American guard, Alan Seiden helped lead the St. John’s men’s basketball team to win the 1959 National Invitation Tournament (N.I.T.) Title. When St. John’s defeated Bradley in overtime during the 1959 N.I.T. final, held at Madison Square Garden, he scored a team high of 22 points. According to an obituary in The New York Times, legendary basketball coach Joe Lapchick had planned to take Seiden out of that historic game during the late stages of the second half. Seiden had picked up a fourth foul and was called to the bench where he implored the coach to be allowed back in the game. He went on to avoid picking up an additional foul and scored 13 points. Oftentimes mentioned with his backcourt partner Gus Alfieri ’59C, ’64GEd, Seiden scored a career 1,374 points at St. John’s and was a two time team captain. He averaged 21.9 points as a senior and received the 1959 Haggerty Award as the most valuable college basketball player in the New York Metropolitan area. He went on to play for the Pittsburgh Rens in the American Basketball League and later in life operated a ticket agency in Fort Lee, NJ.

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Accursia (‘55CBA) and Andrew Sichenze, Esq. ‘57CBA, ‘58L

Things didn’t start off very smoothly between Andrew Sichenze and the then Accursia Amplo. It was one of the first days of class in January 1951 on the Schermerhorn Street campus when Accursia walked in with the Registrar of the University. The Brooklyn native had registered for class a bit behind the other students and was brought in to be introduced to the professor. Andrew says she immediately grabbed everyone’s attention. “At the time we were mostly men in the class with only a few women,” he recalls. “She was a knockout redhead. The whole class was looking at her.”

Determined to make an impression, Andrew approached her with what he thought was a clever line. “I asked her ‘What are you here for, your MRS,’” he now says. Accursia didn’t take too kindly to the remark and gave him a few choice words.

Undaunted and determined, the young Andrew, who lived in Richmond Hill, began taking the same subway as Accursia, never talking to her but gradually moving closer and closer to where she sat. “I never gave up,” he says. She eventually warmed up to him but then Andrew had another obstacle to overcome — her strict father whose permission had to be secured before she could date anyone. When Mr. Amplo visited the campus on a day the pair was heading to an event, Accursia took the opportunity to mention that she had been asked on a date by a classmate or two. “Her father told her to point out the guys who had asked her out and she could have pointed out a lot more because she was the best looking girl in the whole school and just about everyone wanted to date her,” Andrew explains. “She pointed out me and another guy and I think what it was is that I looked more Italian so I won out.”

The pair got engaged in 1954 and married two years later. Andrew served as a member of the Army in Korea before returning to complete his studies at the School of Law.

He embarked on a thriving legal career and she worked briefly in Research for J.R. Williston & Company before leaving to raise their four children including daughter Cornelia (‘88GEd) who shares her parents’ love of alma mater.

Today, the couple lives in Bay Ridge, NY, and are the proud grandparents of six, including four redhead granddaughters, one of whom shares her grandmother’s name and is the very image of her. They say they are extremely blessed to have found each other. “St. John’s was very good to me,” Andrew says. “I received my education from St. John’s Prep, St. John’s University and St. John’s School of Law and it also gave me my beautiful bride.”
Theresa (’95P) and John Benvenuto ’94CBA

A carpool helped bring together John Benvenuto and the former Theresa Catherwood. John’s friends from the neighborhood, Anthony Giura ’95P and Louis Riso ’95P, were fellow classmates of Theresa’s and the guys would meet up in the cafeteria at St. Albert Hall to drive home together. That was during their freshman year in 1990 and constantly running in to each other helped spark a friendship between John and Theresa. By the following year, they were dating and marriage followed in 1996.

These days the couple carpool together and live with their two children in Berkeley Heights, NJ. Theresa works for Novartis Pharmaceuticals and John loves his career as a fourth grade teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School in Stirling, NJ.

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Getting the Goods on Consumers

Robert Chrenc ’66CBA, ’06HON knows consumers.

Through his very successful career as a former Managing Partner of Arthur Andersen & Co., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for ACNielsen and Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Symbol Technologies, he gained a worldwide perspective on the consumer goods industry and marketing. He has rendered service to several high profile, international clients including Hershey Foods, Colgate-Palmolive, Estee Lauder and Kraft Foods and is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Monster Worldwide, Inc. the parent company of Monster®, well known as a leading global online careers and recruitment resource.

He recently took a break from his busy schedule to share his thoughts on a few things including the state of the current marketplace and how sweet it was to work with Hershey.

You gained a worldwide perspective on the consumer goods industry during your tenure with Arthur Andersen & Co. where some of your clients were stalwarts like Kraft Foods and Hershey. What are some of the valuable lessons you learned during that time? Arthur Andersen was a great firm that taught you a lot about client service, working with the clients and caring about the clients. That was one of the tenets of my career. I always cared for the clients and worked hard for them.

You worked for ACNielsen, which is premier in the field of marketing information. In the current economy, how valuable would you say is market research? Extremely valuable because this economy is very, very difficult. I always like to say that when I was a kid, you went down the cereal aisle and there was Cheerios, Kelloggs and Wheaties. Now there are a hundred different brands, flavors and sizes so to understand what the customer really wants the consumer goods companies really need the market data that ACNielsen provides.

Consumer confidence seems to be lagging a bit right now. Is there anything you think companies can do to inspire their customers? Of course it’s a particularly challenging time with escalating oil prices which are rippling through the economy and the housing crisis isn’t helping. I think that most of the larger companies have to stay the course and get through this down economic cycle. What we are going to see is a shake out of companies that aren’t as well managed. After 40 years, I’ve been through many business cycles and the stronger companies will survive.

What are some of the biggest differences you see in the marketplace since you started in corporate America?

The biggest change clearly is globalization. When I started, basically every company had international operations but they were relatively small in comparison to their domestic business. Now, most multinational companies have operations all over the globe.

Some of your clients were iconic companies. Did you have any favorite products? I would have to say Hershey Foods was one of my favorites. We would arrive at eight o’clock in the morning and get a cup of coffee and about five candy bars every day. I would put them on my desk and by the end of the day they would miraculously be gone!

Robert Chrenc
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December 3, 2008
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St. John’s annual Winter Carnival and Tree Lighting ceremony kicks off the Christmas season. Join the students at alma mater on the Queens campus as they host fun outside festivities and light the St. John’s Christmas tree.

December 6, 2008
21ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Hear the sounds of the Christmas season. Share the joy of the season at this traditional concert on the Queens campus and bring music to your ears.

December 13, 2008
NUTCRACKER BALLET
Join fellow alumni and friends for a performance of this legendary and traditional Christmas story. Enjoy the story of a young German girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a fierce battle against a Mouse King with seven heads.

March 17, 2009
ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE
Mark your calendar to join St. John’s at New York City’s most famous parade as we add a bit of red to the sea of green! It’s a day when everyone is Irish so come and enjoy a pre-parade celebration to be held prior to marching with fellow alumni.

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Nov. 22  Howard  Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 1  St. Francis  Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 8  NJIT  Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 14  Bethune-Cookman  Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 20  Marist  MSG
Dec. 21  Holiday Festival Championship/Consolation  MSG
Dec. 27  Miami  MSG
Jan. 3  Notre Dame*  MSG
Jan. 15  Connecticut*  MSG
Jan. 22  Cincinnati*  Carnesecca Arena
Jan. 24  Rutgers*  MSG
Feb. 1  USF*  Carnesecca Arena
Feb. 8  Louisville*  MSG
Feb. 19  Duke  MSG
Feb. 22  Seton Hall*  Carnesecca Arena
Feb. 24  Syracuse*  MSG
Mar. 3  Georgetown*  MSG

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WOMEN’S SCHEDULE

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Nov. 25  Army  Carnesecca Arena
Nov. 28  Stony Brook  Carnesecca Arena
Nov. 30  Vermont  Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 3  Monmouth  Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 16  Howard  Carnesecca Arena
Dec. 20  Buffalo  Carnesecca Arena
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