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St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., welcomes nearly 1,900 members of the Incoming Class of 2012 at New Student Convocation at Carnesecca Arena. The event capped off St. John’s “Week of Welcome,” a series of programs that introduced new students to all that the University has to offer.
Dear Friends,

The special relationship between St. John’s University and New York City is as old as the University itself. We were, as I am sure you know, founded to provide education to the City’s immigrants and their children, and our students benefit from the City’s cultural diversity, professional opportunities, and intellectual resources.

At the same time, however, St. John’s is increasingly becoming a global university as it prepares students to make a difference in the world through endeavors rooted in academic excellence and infused with our unique Catholic and Vincentian identity.

Among the feature articles in this issue is one on St. John’s own Global Loan Opportunities for Budding Entrepreneurs (GLOBE) Program, an initiative of the Tobin College of Business, which helps struggling entrepreneurs in nations like Nigeria, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Vietnam while giving students valuable real-world business experience.

There are other examples as well. During the 2011-2012 academic year, a record number of seven St. John’s students were selected to conduct research and teach overseas as recipients of prestigious and highly competitive Fulbright Student Grants. Globalization is also the focus of the Master of Arts program in Global Development and Social Justice, an innovative degree both in its curriculum and its use of distance learning to reach students worldwide. The program, which is linked to Catholic social teaching as well as to the University’s special Vincentian mission, encourages students to search out the causes of poverty and social injustice and explore and identify solutions which are adaptable, effective and concrete. Graduates are prepared for leadership positions in a host of governmental and non-governmental agencies including those of the United Nations.

Then there is our magnificent study-abroad program, which continues to grow by leaps and bounds, with a total of 834 student participants in 2011-2012. Through our campus in Rome, our site in Paris, our presence in Seville, and opportunities for study in many other countries, St. John’s provides opportunities for students not only to study abroad but to expand the University’s special mission of service as they log a phenomenal average of 5,500 service hours every academic year.

In addition, we are opening study abroad opportunities to students who have not traditionally been participants. Since 2006, the number of St. John’s students studying abroad who qualify as “very high need” financially has doubled and now represents 40% of our entire study-abroad student population. And the extraordinary diversity of our New York campuses is reflected in those studying abroad as well, with 57% identifying themselves as members of racial and ethnic minorities.

In sum, St. John’s brings the world to our students, and our students to the world. And I am delighted to have had this opportunity to share with you some recent accomplishments in this area.

Donald J. Harrington, C.M.
President
features

After winning the 2011 PGA Championship, former Red Storm great Keegan Bradley '08CPS has emerged as one of America’s top professional golfers.

St. John’s University students are making a difference through the GLOBE program, providing microloans to struggling entrepreneurs throughout the world.

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Something for Everyone at Alumni Great Lawn Party

Music and fun were in the air as more than 1,800 alumni and their families came back to the Queens campus to enjoy an afternoon of carnival rides, games and a barbeque on the Great Lawn.
Family Fun on Staten Island

It was carnival time on the Staten Island campus as alumni returned with their families for the Staten Island Barbeque and Family Fun Fair. The afternoon was filled with laughter and St. John’s pride as everyone enjoyed the rides, games, music and barbeque.

To read the complete story, please visit www.stjohns.edu/fall12mag
Black Alumni Reconnect at a Special Weekend

St. John’s friendships last a lifetime, and there were smiles all around as members of the Black Alumni Association and their families enjoyed an off-campus cocktail reception and family picnic on the Great Lawn.

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Embracing the Vincentian mission of service, the University community on both the Queens and Staten Island campuses participated in Relay for Life, an international effort created to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors and raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

The Class of 1962 gathered to renew old friendships and commemorate a special milestone. The Jubilarian Society is a group reserved for alumni who have graduated from St. John’s 50 or more years ago.
University Recognizes Exceptional Educators

For more than a century St. John’s School of Education has produced outstanding teachers, counselors and administrators. A number of individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of education were honored at Leaders in Education Award Dinners (L.E.A.D.) on the University’s Staten Island, Oakdale and Queens campuses.

Alumni L.E.A.D. Honorees:
Maryann Bollinger ’69Ed
Dorothea Y. Breen ’89SVC, ’99GEd
Maria Napoli Bromme ’71Ed
Peter R. Daly ’08Ed.D.
Michael C. DeMartino, Jr. ’69Ed, ’72GEd
Giovanni Durante ’05Ed.D.
Thomas J. Fasano ’89C, ’90G, ’07Ed.D.
Mary Ellen Minogue ’78Ed, ’81GEd
Donald Murphy ’06GEd, ’10Ed.D.
Laquita Outlaw ’04Ed.D.
Suzanne A. Viscovich ’93GEd, ’01Ed.D.

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Notre Dame College Alumnae Come Home

Alumnae from Notre Dame College kept their heritage alive and renewed their friendships with former classmates at this annual celebration on the Staten Island campus, during which the members of the Class of 1962 received special recognition.

Jarowski Symposium Attracts Noted Scientists

Experts from across the scientific community served as panelists and presented their professional colleagues with innovative ways to find new purposes for existing drugs at the Sixth Annual Dr. Charles I. Jarowski Industrial Pharmacy Symposium.
Students Get Unique Look at Albany

Politics came alive for over 30 students at the Alumni Insider’s View...New York State Capital Program, affording them a behind-the-scenes look at some of Albany's most notable landmarks.

During panel discussions, the students gained unique insights into the daily grind of New York politics thanks to a number of alumni politicians, including Hon. Peter J. Abbate, Jr. ’72C, Hon. Jack M. Martins ’91L, Hon. Francisco P. Moya ’97C and Hon. Diane J. Savino ’86C.

Social media and the importance of new communication methods dominated much of the conversation. Savino suggested that the students become well versed in Facebook, Twitter and other online platforms, which she noted were quickly becoming the most important and widely-used methods of communication throughout the world.

"Your youth is a tremendous asset," she advised. "Politicians are looking for people like you who are well versed in social media, who can make sure that whatever we post on Facebook or Twitter is relevant and appeals to our constituents. It's a tool that I think will continue to grow in the coming years, so be sure to accentuate that."

A second panel featured alumni with jobs in journalism, law, consulting and business. They spoke to the students about the inner workings of Albany and commented on the city's “dysfunctional” reputation in recent years.

"I wouldn’t say that they were the most dysfunctional state government in the nation, but they certainly didn’t appear to be getting the job done," said James M. O’Dato, Journalist for the Albany Times Union. "I write

“Our alumni network is so strong, and that’s something I definitely want to take advantage of. For me, this trip was all about meeting the panelists, finding out how they got here and how I too can get involved in politics moving forward.” — Edward Olive ’12C
a lot about waste, abuse and inefficiencies in state government, and one of the biggest wastes as far as I'm concerned is taxpayer dollars being spent for things that taxpayers simply don't find out about. There needs to be more transparency in New York government."

After the panel discussion, students toured the Capitol building and the New York Court of Appeals. They sat in on a session of the State Assembly and State Senate and heard politicians debate a number of heated topics, most notably whether or not mixed martial arts events should be allowed in New York.

At a networking reception afterwards, students handed out their business cards to a
Students put their entrepreneurial skills to the test at the Alumni Insider’s View Business Plan Competition and Expo. Underwritten by James W. Christmas ’70CBA, ’10HON, this popular event allowed students to submit and present their own original business plans in the hopes of winning cash prizes.

Diverse ideas ranged from nonprofit loan programs to manufacturing eco-friendly wine bottles. A record 87 plans were submitted this year, with six selected as finalists. These students presented their ideas before a panel of alumni judges.

“It’s fantastic to watch these young men and women showcase their very own business plans,” said Christmas, who also served as one of the judges. “It’s really an invaluable experience because students learn how to flesh out their concepts while simultaneously finding out what it’s like to pitch an idea in front of bosses and investors.”

Ultimately, Alejandro Rojas ’12TCB took first place in the competition and received a $5,000 cash prize. His plan, called Swapmania, is a fun and creative Web site that allows college students to trade their possessions with one another.

“One thing I’m sure of,” Christmas added, “is that Alejandro and all of these other students will have very successful careers.”
Upcoming AIV to Feature More On-Site Visits

The Fall 2012 semester of the Alumni Insider’s View...Program (AIV) will provide students even more opportunities to get a true behind-the-scenes look at today’s most exciting professions.

In addition to the popular AIV...U.S. Capital program in Washington, D.C. and the AIV...Day on Wall Street program, students will be able to take advantage of a wealth of new on-site trips that will give them an up-close-and-personal look at the professional world.

“It’s been exciting to watch our Alumni Insider’s View...Program grow each and every year,” said Victor Ramos ’91CBA, ’93 MBA, Associate Vice President in the Division of Institutional Advancement and Interim Director of Alumni Relations. “For years now, our alumni have been incredibly generous of their time, coming back to campus to speak with our students about becoming a successful professional. Now, with an increasing amount of on-site visits, more and more students will get a firsthand perspective into what it’s like to work in their desired industry.”

Students in St. John’s Peter J. Tobin College of Business will have the opportunity to visit KPMG and BDO USA, LLP — two of the top global networks of professional firms. Additional programs include a visit to AXA Financial, a leading financial and wealth management company, and BlackRock, a Manhattan-based mutual fund corporation.

Meanwhile, students of all majors will be able to take advantage of AIV at NBC Studios, Madison Square Garden, MTV/Viacom and the Offices of Sesame Street, among others.

“Our students truly enjoy these on-site visits,” Ramos added. “They’re once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, and the connections students make can often lead to internships. Simply put, these are wonderful programs, and I can’t thank our alumni and these corporations enough for their generosity.”

As in years past, there will also be a host of on-campus AIV...Programs, including the Polished and Professional Series. Co-sponsored by the Career Center, these events bring alumni speakers to campus to share their insight on topics such as business etiquette, resume building and how to ace your job interviews.

Do you want to join the growing number of alumni AIV participants? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (718) 990-6232 or by e-mail at alumni@stjohns.edu to find out how you can get involved. Your expertise will help our students get the most out of their St. John’s education!
Taking the Entertainment World by Storm

You’d better get used to the name Kevin Thompson ’09TCB: his star is rising, and he may just become television’s next big personality.

“I always knew I wanted to be an entertainer,” said Thompson, who is currently competing to become the host of Black Entertainment Television’s 106 & Park, a top-10 music video countdown show. “I’m not a comedian by trade, but thanks to St. John’s, I developed a lot of experience with warming up crowds and being a people person, which has served me well throughout my career.”

This dedicated alum has spent the past three years interning and working full-time at The Early Show, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? and The Wendy Williams Show, performing a variety of tasks like producing segments, entertaining guests and preparing crowds prior to each taping.

He cites his time at St. John’s — particularly the summers he served as an Orientation Leader — as his greatest influence.

“When I was an Orientation Leader, I was assigned with greeting and entertaining all of the students as they first came in,” Thompson explained. “My job was to entertain them for over an hour, and I had never done something like that before. I was nervous at first, but DJ Zeke (stage name of fellow alumnus Ezekiel Akinwmi ‘08TCB) advised me to just be myself, and it turned out to be a great experience.”

Thompson’s campus involvement didn’t stop with orientation, though. He also served as President of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Student Manager of the Women’s Track and Field team. His senior year, he became a member of the President’s Society, the University’s highest honor society.

“It’s funny,” Thompson said, “but once I started competing to become host of 106 & Park, quite a few people have been wanting to interview me for magazines. I always tell them to come interview me on the St John’s campus, because that’s where I was born. That’s the place that first put a microphone in my hands.”

A proud STJ graduate, Thompson recently came back to campus to warm up the crowd at New Student Convocation. For Thompson, it was just another way to give back, and he hopes to see other young alumni participating in future events and programs.

“When people look back on their college experience, they don’t always realize what they were paying for… This is the biggest support system I have, and St. John’s makes me feel like I can do anything.”
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New York Marriott Marquis
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For more information, please visit www.stjohns.edu/alumni/benefits
Nassau and Suffolk County

After a day of races and brunch at Belmont’s Turf and Field Club, alumni displayed their St. John’s pride in the winner’s circle.

Albany

Albany area alumni and their families gathered at historic Saratoga Race Course to renew friendships while enjoying thoroughbred racing from an exclusive trackside location at this popular St. John’s annual event.
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Joe Tartamella ‘04 MBA Named New Head Women’s Basketball Coach

After nearly a decade of proving his mettle as one of the top assistant coaches in the game, Joe Tartamella ‘04 MBA was named the Red Storm’s eighth Head Women’s Basketball Coach.

For this ambitious Long Island native, who worked his way up at St. John’s from Graduate Assistant to Head Coach, the opportunity is a dream come true.

“When I was a kid, St. John’s was the basketball school,” Tartamella explained. “I grew up rooting for Felipe Lopez ‘98 SVC, Zendon Hamilton ‘98 C and so many other great Johnnies. I even went to the Coach Lou Carnesecca ‘50 C, ‘60 GE D, ‘00 HO N basketball camp back when I was in high school. So St. John’s was clearly my team, and to join that tradition now as the Head Women’s Basketball Coach is something truly special.”

The selection of Tartamella comes as no surprise to the Red Storm faithful. He joined the team in 2002 as previous Head Coach Kim Barnes Arico’s first graduate assistant and worked his way up the ranks to become Assistant Coach and eventually Associate Head Coach. Along the way, he developed a national reputation for his top-notch recruiting and game-planning.

“Kim was an incredible mentor and taught me a lot over the years,” Tartamella said. “The most

Baseball Team’s Historic Year Leads to Super Regionals

The St. John’s Baseball team’s 2012 season can be summed up in one word: super.

Thanks to clutch hitting and tremendous pitching, St. John’s won its first regional title since 1980 and advanced to its first-ever NCAA Super Regional. Additionally, the Red Storm won both the BIG EAST Tournament and regular-season crowns in the same season for the first time in program history.

“I’m proud of these guys,” said Head Coach Ed Blankmeyer, who earned BIG EAST Coach of the Year honors. “We had a tough start this year and we were trying to find ourselves, but towards the end of the season, I felt that we had a chance to do something special.” The Johnnies did just that, upsetting the University of North Carolina Tar Heels in a best-of-three series to reach the Super Regionals. Junior Danny Bethea provided the most dramatic moment of the postseason, blasting a three-run, walk-off home run to propel St. John’s to the regional round.

Junior Jeremy Baltz and senior Matt Wessinger were named All-Americans, while junior Matt Carasiti earned MVP honors of the BIG EAST Tournament. By the end of the season, the Red Storm had reached No. 15 in the Baseball America poll and No. 16 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll.

The major leagues took notice of St. John’s success, and at the 2012 MLB Draft, Red Storm history was made as four Johnnies were selected in the top six rounds. Prior to that, the highest positioning of four St. John’s draft picks occurred in 2005 when the University had four players selected in the top 15 rounds.

“I am very happy and excited for this group,” Blankmeyer said. “It is a true testament to the success of the program to have four players selected in the top six rounds. They have worked hard and performed consistently at a high level and have earned this opportunity.”

To read the complete stories for all of these events, please visit www.stjohns.edu/fall12mag
All eyes were on London this summer at the 2012 Olympic Games, and St. John's University was well represented. Two Red Storm fencers and a former STJ track-and-field star competed in the games, making headlines both on and off the playing field.

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The Women’s Basketball team is coming off its most successful season in program history, having reached its first-ever NCAA Sweet 16. With a strong group of returning players, Tartamella is excited to build on that success. “We’ve been thriving both in our conference and across the country,” he noted. “Our team has an up-tempo style, allowing our defense to flow into our offense, and that’s exciting for our fans to watch. I expect great things, and we feel that we have a team that can sustain the same level of success that we’ve been having.”

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Meanwhile, former St. John’s standout Phobay Kutu-Akoi ’09C ran the 100-meter dash for her home nation of Liberia, narrowly missing the semifinal round by only 0.4 seconds. She memorably served as her nation’s flag-bearer at the Opening Ceremonies and her inspiring story as an immigrant, who fled Liberia in 1999 due to political unrest, gained national acclaim.

Kutu-Akoi holds both the St. John’s and Liberian records in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.52 seconds.
Bullpen Named in Honor of Coaching Legend

The St. John’s Baseball team honored one of its most legendary figures this past season, officially unveiling the Howie Gershberg Bullpen in right field at Jack Kaiser Stadium. Alumni, friends and the Gershberg family were on hand for the ceremony, reminiscing about the late pitching coach and celebrating his storied career.

The pitching coach from 1974-86, Gershberg helped lead St. John’s to 10 NCAA Tournament berths, including a pair of College World Series appearances. During his tenure, the pitching staff ranked in the top three nationally in ERA on three occasions and two pitchers led the nation in ERA.

Harkless Highlights Impressive List of Red Storm Pros

New York City has two NBA teams to root for, but during the 2012 NBA Draft, it was St. John’s that stole the local headlines.

With the 15th selection, the Philadelphia 76ers chose Red Storm standout and reigning BIG EAST Rookie of the Year Maurice Harkless, signing him to an official contract and later including him in a trade to the Orlando Magic.

Harkless is just one of many former St. John’s student-athletes making waves in professional sports. A number of Men’s Soccer alumni are playing significant minutes in the MLS, while Keegan Bradley ’08CPS highlights an impressive list of Red Storm golfers competing on a variety of tours (see page 28 for more on Keegan and the golf team).

Former Johnnies are excelling overseas as well. Dwight Hardy ’11CPS and Justin Burrell ’11CPS, who helped lead the Men’s Basketball team to the NCAA Tournament in 2011, earned MVP honors this past season in the Italian and Japanese professional leagues, respectively.
Franco Inducted into Mets’ Hall of Fame

There’s no question that John Franco knew how to close games. And after a storied career in the major leagues, this former St. John’s great added another accolade to his already impressive resume: induction into the New York Mets’ Hall of Fame.

Held prior to a home game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Citi Field, Franco joined legends such as Tom Seaver, Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden to become the 26th member of the Mets’ Hall — a dream come true for this tried-and-true New Yorker.

“It’s humbling, and I’m very honored,” said Franco, who rooted for the Mets while growing up in Brooklyn. He noted that the Mets’ Hall of Fame includes players who were his childhood heroes. “To be on the wall with those guys,” he said, “means an awful lot to me.”

Franco’s St. John’s family came out in full force to support him on his big day. Joining him at the ceremony were St. John’s Athletic Director Emeritus Coach John W. “Jack” Kaiser ’49C, Hall of Fame Basketball Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON, Director of Athletics Chris Monasch ’81SVC and former Baseball Head Coach Joe Russo ’67C. They presented Franco with a framed St. John’s baseball jersey emblazoned with No. 45 — his uniform number during his legendary career with the Mets.

After the ceremony, Franco visited with and signed autographs for St. John’s alumni and friends who were enjoying the game in the Modell’s Clubhouse area of the stadium.

Franco pitched for St. John’s from 1979-81 and helped lead the team to the 1980 College World Series as well as three-straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

He tossed two no-hitters as a freshman and would later say that he truly became a pitcher while playing for the University.

A four-time MLB All-Star, Franco served as Captain of the Mets and posted a career 2.89 ERA and 424 saves — the most ever by a lefty reliever.

Upcoming Athletic Alumni Events

BASEBALL ALUMNI GAME AND REUNION
Saturday, October 13, 2012
- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  Jack Kaiser Stadium
  $30 per person

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL REUNION WEEKEND
Friday, October 12, 2012
- Alumni Reception
  5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
  Taffner Fieldhouse
- Midnight Madness
  7 – 9:30 p.m.
  Carnesecca Arena
Saturday, October 13, 2012
- Women’s Basketball Practice
  9 am – Noon
  Taffner Fieldhouse
- Mass
  12:15 p.m.
  St. Thomas More Church
- Men’s Basketball Practice
  1:30 – 4 p.m.
  Taffner Fieldhouse

Reunion Weekend is complimentary for basketball alumni

MEN’S SOCCER ALUMNI RECEPTION
Saturday, October 20, 2012
- 7 – 9:30 p.m. – Reception
  7:30 p.m. – USF at St. John’s University
  Belson Suite, Belson Stadium
  $30 per person

FENCING REUNION
Sunday, October 21, 2012
- 2 p.m. (estimated) – Match
  3:30 p.m. (estimated) – Reception
  Carnesecca Arena

TRACK AND FIELD OLYMPIC NIGHT
Saturday, November 10, 2012
- 4 – 7 p.m.
  D’Angelo Center Ballroom
  $50 per person
Students Explore Bermuda’s Ecological Issues

Breathtaking coral reefs, exotic fauna and a subtropical climate: just a few of the striking features that have made Bermuda one of the world’s top vacation hotspots. But this 20-mile landmass in the North Atlantic has gradually developed a notorious reputation for its vast ecological problems, struggling with overpopulation, sustainability issues and noise pollution.

A group of 11 St. John’s University students tackled these problems head-on this past summer, traveling to beautiful Bermuda for a two-week course exploring a variety of hot-button issues.

Entitled “Discover Bermuda,” this unique St. John’s program was first suggested five years ago by alumnus Joseph Smetana ’69TCI. A former member of St. John’s Board of Governors, Smetana currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo and recognized that both organizations shared a similar objective.

“St. John’s features a major Biology program,” Smetana explained. “And the Bermuda aquarium, of course, is highly involved in Marine Biology, so it seemed to me like a great fit. Bermuda is unique in that it perfectly illustrates the effects that man’s activities have on the environment, so I knew that it would be the ideal setting for students to get a real-life look at biology in action.”

University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. agreed that the Discover Bermuda program would be worthwhile and asked Dr. Frank Cantelmo, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, to flesh out the course and serve as its instructor.

“My goal with Discover Bermuda was to develop a course that would take various disciplines into consideration,” Cantelmo said. “Within this two-week program, we tackle subjects including ecology, sustainability, business, economics, politics and religion.”

St. John’s students of various majors participated in the program, and they were joined this year by four local students from Bermuda Junior College. These young men and women have lived in Bermuda their entire lives and added an extra layer of diversity to the course.
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“I was pleasantly surprised by the response of the local Bermuda students,” Cantelmo added. “They provided a fresh perspective that helped our students tremendously as we explored the area’s diverse habitat.”

The program’s itinerary afforded students the opportunity to explore carbon-dated caves, examine lush forests and even snorkel in the beautiful Sargasso Sea. Each day, students wrote reflections on what they were studying and, for their final project, wrote op-ed pieces about relevant social issues that intrigued them.

“Some of these kids have never even stepped out of Brooklyn, let alone the United States,” Smetana said. “It’s really special to give them this opportunity to broaden their geological exposure, and Dr. Cantelmo’s genius is that he made the program interdisciplinary. Every student, no matter what they’re studying within the University, can gain something from this trip.”

Student reaction to Discover Bermuda has been overwhelmingly positive, many citing it as a life-changing and transformative experience.

Katelyn Liesner ‘12C, an Environmental Studies major, found the ‘hands-on’ nature of the program to be its most dynamic feature.

“It’s so rare that you can discuss a topic in lecture and then go out on a field trip the next day to bring that subject to life,” she said. “The course really helped me to visualize what I learned and was overall an amazing experience.”

In addition to benefitting students, Discover Bermuda, according to Dr. Cantelmo, has the potential to make significant global impacts.

“Investing in young people is essential if we hope to change some of the environmental attitudes we have today,” Cantelmo noted. “The students at St. John’s want to help improve our society, so in the long run, I believe that this program not only benefits these young men and women, but benefits our entire world.”

If you would like to contribute to the Discover Bermuda program, please visit www.stjohns.edu/give and select ‘Discover Bermuda’ in the Designation drop-down menu.

To view the video, please visit www.stjohns.edu/fall12mag
University Announces Changes in Academic Leadership

Following a dozen years as Provost, Julia Upton, RSM, Ph.D., ’73G, ’75G has chosen to return to the faculty as Distinguished Professor of Theology. Dr. Upton will also serve as Special Assistant to St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M.

A national search was launched during the 2011-2012 academic year to find a new Provost. The search did not yield a suitable candidate. Therefore, in order to ensure that the University’s high academic standards remain intact, Fr. Harrington appointed Robert A. Mangione, Ed.D., R.Ph., ’77P, ’79GP, ’93PD, ’99Ed.D., formerly Dean of St. John’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, to serve as Interim Provost. S. William Zito, Ph.D., ’66P, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been appointed to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences while Dr. Mangione fulfills the responsibilities of Provost.

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at the highest level, enthusiastic support of faculty research and the development of cutting-edge resources in computing and science education.

Dr. Upton has always been an energetic proponent of the importance of doing everything possible to enhance the University’s world-wide reputation for academic excellence. In her role as Co-Chair of the Executive Planning Committee, she spearheaded the development of a four-year academic plan that centered on raising St. John’s academic profile, emphasized writing across the curriculum and developed a plan to assess all programs of the University.

“During my time as Provost I tried to improve the academic nature of the University and support those who were endeavoring to do the same,” she noted. “As a few examples, I expanded the Honors Program to the entire University, secured funding from the Board of Trustees for a $20 million renovation of St. Albert Hall, oversaw the implementation of the University-wide core curriculum which had been developed by the faculty, and assisted in the design of the classroom side of the D’Angelo Center. But by far, the greatest privilege during those years was chairing the St. Thomas More Church building committee from design through dedication.”

Never at a loss for interesting and exciting ideas, Dr. Upton was strolling across campus with another University administrator when she conceptualized what would become the Ozanam Scholars Program, a unique and dynamic initiative that offers students an opportunity to combine service, academics and global learning. The program became a
Dr. Upton is proud of the young men and women who are addressing the issues of poverty and injustice on the local, national and international levels.

The new Interim Provost is similar to his predecessor in many ways. Dr. Mangione is also a long-time member of the St. John’s family who brings a wealth of academic expertise to this important position.

Since his first days on campus as an undergraduate student in the mid-1970s, he has participated in the exceptional growth of the University and become immersed in its unique mission of service to others.

He joined the faculty in 1979, and during his two decades in the classroom Pharmacy students attested to his outstanding popularity by voting him “Teacher of the Year” on four separate occasions. He became Dean in 1999, and in addition to his administrative and academic responsibilities, was selected to serve as the University Faculty Athletic Representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

As with many gifted academicians, Dr. Mangione has established a reputation as a talented and prolific writer, authoring or co-authoring over 100 professional publications. He previously served as Editor of the New York State Journal of Pharmacy, Contributing Editor to the Children’s Hospital Quarterly and U.S. Pharmacist, and President of the Long Island Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

Having spent nearly 40 years at St. John’s as a student, faculty member and administrator, it should come as no surprise that his research interests, which include Pharmaceutical Care for Patients with Celiac Disease, Pediatric Pharmacotherapy, and Poverty Issues in Healthcare and Education, reflect both a personal and professional commitment to the Vincentian philosophy of making a difference for those in need. When the Vincentian Mission Award was established in 1993 to recognize employees who have incorporated the University’s Vincentian mission into their professional and personal lives, Bob Mangione was the first recipient of the award.

Dr. Mangione has always recognized the importance of staying connected to the external community as an important way to better serve his students and the University. He maintains professional pharmacy licensure in New York State and is an active member of the Scientific/Medical Advisory Board of the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness.

The nationwide search for a permanent Provost has been reopened; the Search Committee established last fall, which is chaired by Michael Simons, Dean of the School of Law, remains charged with identifying and interviewing prospective candidates. Additional information on the search, including an opportunity to submit nominations and communicate with the committee may be accessed at provostsearch@stjohns.edu.

Initiative to Promote Global Solidarity

St. John’s University and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work on a new collaborative venture known as the Scholars in Global Solidarity program. The agreement was signed by St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. and Joan Rosenhauer, Executive Vice President of U.S. Operations for CRS. It is the result of several years of collaborative work between the University and CRS, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

Scholars in Global Solidarity is designed to foster the exchange of expertise between faculty working in Catholic higher education and technical experts leading CRS overseas humanitarian work. In the past, the mutual understanding and similar goals of CRS and St. John’s have produced significant programs that embody and advance global solidarity. Thus, the Scholars in Global Solidarity initiative perfectly aligns these mutual goals. St. John’s will be the third Catholic university to team with CRS in this venture, joining the University of San Francisco and Dayton University.

“This program relates the broad range of expertise and experience available in our two institutions,” said Sr. Margaret John Kelly, D.C., Executive Director of the Vincentian Center for Church and Society at St. John’s. “By uniting the academic sector with the service-provider world, mutual benefits will occur so that service to those in need will be enriched, which is our shared purpose.”

The agreement notes that St. John’s and CRS “… share a common goal with the other Catholic universities to advance the Catholic values of global solidarity, peace and social justice through scholarship, formation, service and research. The parties shall therefore work together to fulfill their common goal while affirming their different identities.”

Faculty members trained through this program will ultimately develop and implement with students and colleagues sustainable outcomes to advance the principles and experience CRS uncovers through its transformational, justice-centered work with vulnerable communities around the world. The project brings together the long history of CRS expert responses to victims of war, natural disasters and poverty with the academic resources of the universities.

“The agreement is the first step in a partnership that will build on the strengths of both institutions to develop faculty leadership in solving pressing global issues affecting the poor overseas,” noted Rosenhauer. “By linking our talents we become a stronger force with even greater foresight in fighting poverty and injustice.”

Ultimately, it is hoped that the reach of Scholars in Global Solidarity will extend to Catholic colleges and universities across the United States and that global solidarity will be a major priority that impacts communities and the lives of the poor overseas.
Notable Achievements for Exceptional Professors and Students

One of the hallmarks of all great universities is the commitment to pursue the highest level of quality in all aspects of the educational experience. The best professors inspire students with their unending quest for truth as they seek to enhance the knowledge base for all humanity. In turn, dedicated students seek to emulate and even surpass these dedicated academicians as they strive to forge their own pathway into the world outside the classroom.

During the past few months St. John’s University professors and students have received a variety of accolades attesting to the superior teaching and learning that have earned St. John’s a reputation as one of the world’s most respected universities.

Five of the University’s faculty members were recently included in The Princeton Review’s Best 300 Professors. This exclusive list was compiled from information regarding more than 42,000 professors teaching at thousands of colleges and universities from across the country and around the world. After examining additional input from students and administrators, the 300 professors were selected by the editorial staff of The Princeton Review.

The St. John’s professors who received this exceptional designation were Regis Clifford, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Economics; Joyce Boland DeVito, Esq. ’81 SVC, Professor of Business Law; Thomas M. Kitts, Ph.D. ’77 C, Professor of English; James O’Keefe, Ph.D. ’79 SVC, Professor of Criminal Justice and Andrew Russakoff, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences.

The equation of academic excellence is balanced by a variety of factors. Sharing the importance of superior teaching performance is the ability to conduct funded research designed to increase the world’s knowledge in ways that ultimately make a significant difference for us all.

Exemplifying St. John’s status as a leading research university is Simon Moller, Ph.D., a Professor of Biological Sciences in St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Moller was awarded a $900,000 research grant from The Research Council of Norway. The grant supports his research on mechanisms involved in the onset of Parkinson’s Disease. Those stricken with the illness suffer from tremors and other motor difficulties that gradually worsen.

By identifying those molecular and cellular triggers, the research may lead to earlier diagnoses and new forms of treatment. Through his research, Dr. Moller hopes to uncover early stage biomarkers that can lead to new medications and treatment methods.

The grant will allow the Department of Biological Sciences to employ four postdoctoral researchers, underwrite the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment and create more opportunities for research-based education.

A significant indicator of the University’s academic success is also reflected in the achievements of our students.

St. John’s was recently notified that seven students were selected to conduct research and teach overseas as recipients of Fulbright Student Grants, the largest U.S. international exchange program for students and young professionals who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership potential.

This is the largest number of Fulbrights ever awarded to St. John’s students in a single year. The University had 13 finalists, also the largest number ever. Although seven grants were awarded, one student ultimately declined.

The students who were awarded and have accepted their grants include Sarah Alam ’12 C; Boris Chiporukha ’10 G; Jessica Corsaro ’15 G Ed; Patrick Homeyer ’12 C; Katelyn Liesner ’12 C and Kelly Rivera ’02 CPS, ’11 G Ed.

The powerful combination of exceptional professors and gifted students ensures that St. John’s will continue to build on its foundation of educational excellence while achieving additional academic success in the future.

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Five Members Added to University Boards

St. John’s University recently added four new members to its Board of Trustees. They include Rev. Gregory P. Cozzubbo, C.M., William J. Janetschek, Jr. ’84CBA, Lewis Rice, Jr. ’74SVC and Patricia C. Skarulis ’66C, ’68G. The Board of Trustees is the official governing body of the University.

Kevin F. Reed ’75C was added to the Board of Governors, a select group that advises the Board of Trustees and the University President on strategic issues relating to St. John’s.

Fr. Cozzubbo is currently Assistant Provincial of the Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Mission. Since his ordination in 1984 he has served the Vincentian community in many different ways, including as Vocation Director and Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul parish in Philadelphia. Fr. Cozzubbo embodies the Biblical exhortation to “visit those in prison” through his service as a Chaplain in the Prison Ministry Program of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Chaplain within the Philadelphia Prison System. He formerly served as a member of the University’s Board of Governors.

William J. Janetschek, Jr. graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration cum laude from the College of Business Administration in 1984. He currently serves as Chief Financial Officer and Partner at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Company. He continues to embrace the Vincentian values he learned as a child, and is particularly committed to providing educational opportunities directly to young people from financially burdened families. In 2009, a grateful University presented him with the Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award and in 2011 he received the prestigious Spirit of Service Award. He is a member of both The Founders Society and The Loughlin Society.

Lewis Rice, Jr. earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice from St. Vincent’s College, now the College of Professional Studies, in 1974 and presently serves as Vice President of Global Security and Trademark Protection at Estee Lauder Companies, Inc. Earlier in his career, he was a Special Agent in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), retiring in January 2001 as Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Office. He has embodied the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul in numerous ways, including service as a Trustee of Hale House. In 2009, St. John’s recognized his service to the community by honoring him with the Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award, and two years later he became a member of the University’s Board of Governors.

Patricia C. Skarulis earned her B.A. in Mathematics from St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1966 and her M.A. in Mathematics from what was then the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1968. She is currently Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. She has participated in a wide variety of community initiatives, including serving as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Find Aid for the Aged, Inc. In 2006 she was elected to the University’s Board of Governors and was awarded the Pietas Medal in recognition of her extraordinary loyalty and fidelity to St. John’s.

Kevin F. Reed graduated from St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1975 with a B.A. in Government and Politics. Prior to his retirement, he served as Managing Director at Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., a global stock brokerage, investment banking and asset management services company. An enthusiastic fan of Red Storm athletics, he is a long-standing member of the Red White Club and also supports the University as a member of The Loughlin Society.

We welcome our new Board members and wish them well as they work to further the mission, values and programs of St. John’s.

Change in Name and Leadership for St. John’s Future Pharmacists

There’s always something new and exciting happening at St. John’s University, and in recent months that’s been particularly true at St. John’s College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions. Effective with the start of the Fall 2012 semester, the University’s Board of Trustees approved a request to give the College a new designation.

It will now be known as St. John’s University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

“The new name was selected for a variety of reasons,” noted Interim Provost Robert A. Mangione, Ed.D., R.Ph., ’77P, ’79GP, ’93PD, ’99Ed.D., former Dean of St. John’s College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions. “We believe that it is an accurate reflection of who we are today, as well as an indication of where we will be heading in the future. For example, with the future anticipated launch of our Master’s of Public Health degree, the popularity of our existing Physician Assistant program, and the strength of our Toxicology program, it was our collective opinion that a new and more comprehensive designation would better embrace our current and future academic initiatives.”

The name change will not be retroactive. All designations on previously issued transcripts and diplomas will remain as they currently exist.

Concurrent with the new name, there has also been a restructuring of the administration of the College.

Following the appointment of Dr. Mangione as Interim Provost of the University, S. William Zito, Ph.D. ’66P, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Associate Dean for Assessment and Planning, has been named Acting Dean by St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M.

Prior to becoming Associate Dean, Zito served as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 1993-1999. He has garnered several “Teacher of the Year” awards and is a past recipient of the St. John’s President’s Medal, a prestigious honor awarded to outstanding individuals in recognition of the extraordinary service and support that they have rendered to the University as well as the external community-at-large.
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Bradley Puts St. John’s Golf on the Map
On the 17th hole of the Atlanta Athletic Club, former Red Storm great Keegan Bradley ’08CPS sank a putt for the ages.

He’d just recorded a backbreaking triple bogey on the 15th, placing him five strokes behind the leader and seemingly out of contention to claim the 2011 PGA Championship.

But as Bradley stood over his birdie putt at 17, wearing his Sunday red in honor of St. John’s, he told himself one simple reminder: “Don’t let that 15th hole define your tournament.”
What happened next would etch Bradley’s name in the record books — the confident stroke, the perfect line, the roar of the crowd, the fist pump. His incredible putt became the quintessential moment in one of golf’s greatest comebacks, a five-shot turnaround in the final three holes that resulted in Bradley becoming one of only three players in history to win his major debut.

“I told myself that if I could just end the round with a couple of birdies, I’d be right back in the tournament,” Bradley recalled. “And I was able to do that, which I’m obviously very proud of.”

Winning the 2011 PGA Championship made Bradley the first Red Storm alumnus to win a major title, and it was just the tip of the iceberg for this promising young talent. He also claimed the HP Byron Nelson Championship and earned Rookie of the Year honors in 2011.

His sophomore campaign has been similarly impressive, highlighted by a come-from-behind win at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational over seasoned veteran Jim Furyk. Bradley’s stellar and consistent play earned him a spot on the Ryder Cup, golf’s most prestigious international competition.

And to think — just four years ago, he was graduating from St. John’s with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management.

“I’m not surprised by my success,” Bradley said, “because I’ve worked very hard, and this is what I’ve always wanted to do. But it’s been surprising how fast it all happened, the quickness of how it all took place.”

Indeed, Bradley’s meteoric rise to golf stardom has been anything but conventional. This Vermont native, son of a PGA Professional and nephew of LPGA Hall-of-Famer Pat Bradley, grew up surrounded by the game, but decided not to attend a traditional collegiate golfing power in a warm-weather climate, such as Florida or Georgia.

Instead, he chose St. John’s — a New York City university known more for its basketball, baseball and soccer programs than golf.

But Frank Darby ’79CBA, the 18-year Head...
“I loved the whole history of St. John’s. I just liked everything about it, and I was also interested in playing all of these courses on Long Island. I enjoyed the team atmosphere, and Coach Darby and the rest of the guys were great.”
Coach of Men’s Golf at St. John’s, had quietly developed his team into an elite program in the BIG EAST, and the coach hit it off immediately with Bradley.

“I have a friend who runs the Challenge Cup Tour,” Darby recalled, “and one day he called me up and said, ‘Hey, I got a great kid for you to meet.’ So I drove out to see Keegan and his father for lunch in Fairfield, CT. We talked for a while, and he understood what our program was all about and saw the success we’ve had developing young players.”

Bradley ultimately committed to St. John’s without ever stepping foot onto campus, a decision he considered a no-brainer.

“I loved the whole history of St. John’s,” Bradley said. “I just liked everything about it, and I was also interested in playing all of these courses on Long Island. I enjoyed the team atmosphere, and Coach Darby and the rest of the guys were great. So it was actually a pretty easy decision.”

A committed Boston sports fan, it took some time for Bradley to adjust to life in the Big Apple, a town notorious for its rabid devotion to the Yankees, Mets, Jets and Giants.

“The Red Sox actually won a World Series while I was at St. John’s,” Bradley said. “And the Patriots were coming off a couple of Super Bowls, so I didn’t have any shortage of Boston sports in my life.”

Allegiances aside, the welcoming atmosphere of the University made Bradley feel right at home, and he spent his college days like most other St. John’s students: hanging out with friends between classes and practice. Like so many alumni, he looks back fondly on those four years of his life.

“People love the atmosphere at St. John’s,” Bradley said. “It was fun and very independent, and I followed the basketball team every chance I could.”

As the years flew by, Bradley enjoyed increasing success on the golf course, gradually establishing himself as one of the Red Storm’s all-time greats. By the time he finished his collegiate career, he’d won nine tournaments, second-most in St. John’s history, and Darby recognized his special talent.

“I knew he had a lot of firepower,” Darby said. “The one thing that separates the good players from the great players is the ability to make birdies, to score out there. Keegan’s freshman year was an acclimation to New York City, and after that he just took off, getting a little bit better every year.”

Bradley credits Darby as a mentor who helped his game reach the next level and praises the coach’s hands-off approach.

“Coach was always helping me with certain aspects of the game,” Bradley noted. “But he was really tremendous in how he let me do my own thing, let me kind of teach myself sometimes. That was huge for me.”

In 2008, Bradley turned pro and competed on the National Golf Association Pro Golf Tour (formerly the NGA Hooters Tour), where he won two tournaments but failed to qualify for the PGA. Undaunted, he joined the Nationwide Tour in 2010 and finished 14th on the money list, finally earning his PGA card.

Since then, Bradley’s legend has grown, winning three PGA tournaments — including his incredible PGA Championship — and emerging as one of the game’s top young guns. He’s signed endorsements deals with Cleveland Golf and Srixon, modeled for Tommy Hilfiger and even hit trick shots off the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier as part of a promotional event. He routinely plays in pairings with Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy and considers Phil Mickelson a good friend and mentor.

So, in other words, Bradley is officially a golf rock star. Not bad for a kid who’s less than five years removed from his St. John’s graduation.

“Success hasn’t changed me at all in terms of who I am,” Bradley explained. “Things have changed a bit on the golf course and with what I have to deal with in terms of the media, but who I am as a person has remained the same, and
that’s very important for me to play good golf.”

One look at Bradley’s popular Twitter account (@Keegan_Bradley) proves his point. Though he now boasts nearly 100,000 followers, he’s still the same person he’s always been, tweeting about his favorite movies, the Red Sox, his practice rounds and, naturally, St. John’s sports.

“We have a lot of St. John’s red on the leader board at the Met Golf Association Open,” Bradley tweeted in August. “Bring it home boys!”

Whether he’s shouting out to St. John’s or endorsing a local charity in his hometown, Bradley’s recognition of his roots is unique in an industry where loyalty is hard to find. He remembers where he came from and wants to give back, something Darby thinks will be important for future St. John’s golfers.

“Down the road, I see Keegan helping our players to develop on the tour,” Darby said. “He’s always wanted the best for his teammates, the team and St. John’s. And now, I think he likes the idea of being a mentor, because he was mentored himself by a lot of good people.

“The only issue we have with him,” Darby joked, “is the Red Sox and Patriots. But luckily he’s been quiet about that this year.”

After two seasons on the PGA Tour, Bradley now leads a whirlwind life, filled with tournament victories, Ryder Cup appearances and high-profile endorsements. But from his Sunday red to the STJ logo stitched on his bag, he continues to make his passion for St. John’s obvious.

“I’m very proud of my St. John’s education,” Bradley said, “and I really enjoyed my time there. Any time I can meet with fellow alumni and Red Storm fans, it’s always a fun experience for me.”

Keegan Bradley is now the face of St. John’s athletics, a trailblazer for a Red Storm program on the rise. And though he may have jumped into the national spotlight at the Atlanta Athletic Club, there’s no question that his incredible journey began in Queens.

“It’s an honor to have been able to coach him,” Darby said, “and an honor to have him as a friend right now. Keegan is a no-problem, passionate kind of kid, a kid on the tour who genuinely loves being there. He takes care of people and does things the right way.”

In 2011, Bradley’s beloved Boston Red Sox honored him during a game at Fenway Park.

Inset above: Bradley’s family including his mother, his sister and nephew were in attendance as he threw out the ceremonial first pitch.
If you didn't know before Keegan Bradley made it big on the PGA Tour, you certainly know now: St. John's does have a Golf program. And yes, it's really good.

With a conference-record nine BIG EAST Championships, the Red Storm has been producing talented young golfers at an astonishing rate. Since taking over as Head Coach in 1994, Frank Darby has brought the program to prominence, establishing St. John's as an elite force in the Atlantic and the Mid-Atlantic region. Bradley's recent success only validates the program and has certainly helped Darby in his recruiting efforts.

"I look back at where the program was when Keegan came in and where it is now," Darby said, "and it's like leaps and bounds. It's all due to confidence, since kids know that if they put in hard work, they can be just like Keegan. He's got the STJ logo on his bag and he wears the Sunday red — what more can we ask for? He's a great ambassador for the University and is 100% in our corner."

But Bradley is not the only St. John's alumnus making waves. Andrew Svoboda '03TCB, who owns the Red Storm record of 13 collegiate tournament victories, is currently 10th on the Web.com Tour money list and is in line to join Bradley on the PGA Tour in 2013.

Mike Ballo, Jr. '10CPS, meanwhile, won the 2012 Westchester Open and competed in the first round of PGA Tour Q-School in 2011.

Joe Saladino '02CPS — a two-time Metropolitan Golf Association Player of the Year — recently added to his impressive resume with a win at the Walter J. Travis Invitational, a prestigious amateur tournament on Long Island.

"Prospective students see that we've developed guys like Keegan and Andrew Svoboda," Darby noted. "They see that we can get kids to the PGA Tour, and they like the schedule we play."

There may very well be a few more St. John's alumni joining the PGA Tour in the near future, as Darby's current squad is an impressive group: Ryan McCormick '14CPS is coming off a stellar season, with victories at the 2012 Met Amateur and the 2012 New Jersey Amateur, in addition to a second-place finish at the 2012 Met Open; Pat Wilson '13TCB qualified for the 2012 U.S. Amateur field and made the sectional round of U.S. Open qualifiers; and Dylan Crowley '15TCB qualified for the U.S. Amateur, the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship and the sectional round of U.S. Open qualifiers.

Bradley has taken notice of the team's recent success, and he's one of the squad's biggest fans. He frequently follows the local amateur leader boards, rooting for the St. John's players who are walking in his footsteps.

"The team is doing great," Bradley said. "Coach Darby has put together another group of outstanding players, and it's amazing the type of guys he can get into the program. I think they're going to be great for the next few years."

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Blessing Omotayo had nothing more than a dream.

The Nigerian native and single mother of two had been struggling mightily to support her family and make ends meet. A seamstress by trade, she desperately needed a sewing machine to help her business thrive and escape poverty.

Thanks to St. John’s University students, and the ambitious Global Loan Opportunities for Budding Entrepreneurs (GLOBE) Program, her prayers were finally answered.

Through GLOBE, students provided Omotayo with a $130 microloan, allowing her to purchase a sewing machine and help her family live the life they deserve. Nearly two years later, she’s paid back the loan, her children are enrolled in school and she’s slowly saving up enough money to rent her own shop — a complete turnaround for this deserving borrower.

But the success of GLOBE doesn’t end there — in fact, Omotayo’s story is just the tip of the iceberg.

Created in 2009, St. John’s GLOBE Microloan Program is a student-managed academic program that provides loans to entrepreneurs in the developing world. The course educates students on how to run a not-for-profit organization while simultaneously helping the impoverished throughout the world.

Currently operating in Nigeria, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Vietnam, GLOBE has become a significant force of international change.

“Microfinance is a way of dealing with poverty in extremely impoverished regions by providing these individuals with a dignified route out of their financial situation,” said Dr. Linda Sama, Associate Dean for Global Initiatives and the founder of St. John’s GLOBE Program. “The true allure of microfinance is that it’s not a handout, it’s a hand-up — that’s a cliché, but it’s entirely appropriate. Simply put, microfinance makes the impoverished responsible for their own welfare in a very sustainable way.”

The study of modern microfinance is based largely on the work of Dr. Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi banker, economist and Nobel Peace Prize recipient who pioneered the concept in the 1970s. His theory was simple yet incredibly effective: provide loans to entrepreneurs too poor to qualify for traditional bank loans.
“When we started GLOBE in the Spring 2009 semester,” Sama continued, “none of the students had read Dr. Yunus or knew much about microfinance. Three years later, I’d say around 90% of our students are well versed in Dr. Yunus’ concepts, and I think that’s a great testament to how popular GLOBE has become on campus.”

An average of 20 students, all juniors and seniors and studying any major, participates each semester. These students are broken up into four groups: Marketing and Fundraising; Finance and Risk Assessment; Accounting, Audit and Enterprise Development; and Technology and Communications. Each group handles a different aspect of the program, from deciding which loans to approve to advertising around campus to maintaining GLOBE’s Web site and social-media presence.

“Daughters of Charity do the field work,” Dr. Sama noted. “They’re the ones who directly work with the impoverished in their respective countries, and they provide us with the loan applicants. Our students, meanwhile, approve the loans and raise the money, generating contributions from other students, professors, administrators and alumni.”

Hadia Sheerazi ’10C was the first Liberal Arts student to join GLOBE, and she found the experience incredibly rewarding. An international student from Pakistan, Sheerazi was already familiar with the work of Dr. Yunus and jumped at the opportunity to put his theories into action.

“What I found so rewarding about GLOBE was that it wasn’t just writing papers and discussing theoretical concepts,” she explained. “This was an opportunity to actually be part of a real-life microloan program, to develop your own research and implement your own ideas. It allows the students to grow in so many unique ways.”

A member of the Finance and Risk Assessment team, Sheerazi used her background in Political Science to innovate the assessment process.

“When you look at potential loan applicants, you have to realize that they don’t live in vacuums,” she said. “They’re members of a community shaped by its own culture and religion, and they’re undoubtedly affected by these variables. So my job was to assess the socio-economic factors of a region’s politics and see how the world events surrounding a borrower’s country might impact them.”

One of Sheerazi’s favorite examples is a borrower who hoped to sell petroleum from one local village to another. The Finance and Risk Assessment team not only had to research the financial feasibility of this plan, but also investigate the possible risks and dangers of petroleum storage, and the positive impact the business would have on the local community.

“GLOBE taught us to think in creative ways,” Sheerazi explained. “If you look at loans strictly from an economic sense, you can lose sight of what’s important. It’s not all about the bottom line, and GLOBE’s emphasis on a borrower’s cultural ramifications and social concerns is something I found admirable.”

Marco Sementilli ’11TCB had the unique opportunity to become a GLOBE Fellow, allowing him to travel with Dr. Sama to

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Dr. Sama and GLOBE
Receive High Praise

It’s not just St. John’s that’s buzzing about GLOBE. The program has also gained significant acclaim in the greater academic community, highlighted by Dr. Linda Sama recently receiving the 2012 Innovation in Entrepreneurship Pedagogy Award from the Academy of Management (AOM) Entrepreneurship Division and McGraw Hill.

“I heard they were accepting applications for innovative programs, so I sent one in and wrote up the story of GLOBE,” Dr. Sama said. “I thought for sure that the award would go to a much more mainstream program, so the fact that they are really paying attention to social entrepreneurship like GLOBE makes me very happy.”

Dr. Sama received the award at the annual Academy of Management Conference in Boston, MA. GLOBE was selected out of a field of 27 nominations, and AOM praised the program’s unique delivery, systemic change potential and hands-on learning approach.

And what did Dr. Sama do with the $1,500 cash prize she received with the award?

“I put it right back into GLOBE,” she said. “At least five borrowers will benefit from that money.”

ANSWERED PRAYER

In Vietnam, a worker who crafted baskets by hand, needed a machine to help make them quicker in order to make the necessary amount.
Vietnam in May 2011. There, he met with fieldworkers from the Daughters of Charity to get a firsthand look at the impoverished that the program seeks to help.

“In GLOBE, we handle the logistics behind the microloans, but the Daughters are the ones who physically work with our borrowers on a daily basis,” he explained. “In Vietnam, I was able to meet potential borrowers, and theirs were heartbreaking stories. One man crafted baskets all day for a living, and he greatly needed a machine to help him produce the necessary amount. Stories like his made me realize more than ever how essential GLOBE is.”

Over a year removed from his trip to Vietnam, Sementilli — who now works for the wealth management firm UBS — often reflects on the remarkable ways that GLOBE shaped his life.

“It’s truly one of those life-changing classes, and I find myself constantly asking: ‘how can I help?’” he said. “Since then, I’ve participated in Habitat for Humanity projects through my job and I’ve taken advantage of various other service opportunities. GLOBE showed me what it’s like to see poverty face-to-face, and the mission of the program never ends.”

In addition to directly running the program, students in GLOBE have visited the United Nations and have welcomed a host of prominent speakers to campus, including Dr. Yunus himself. But Dr. Sama shows no signs of slowing down and hopes to grow GLOBE further in the coming years, expanding the number of countries it operates in. She also hopes to continue to raise awareness and generate even more support from the St. John’s community, allowing GLOBE to provide more microloans to those in need.

“This program teaches students an invaluable lesson in today’s world,” Dr. Sama said. “What is the interface between business and society, and how can we make a difference? And, judging by the overwhelming response from students, it’s clear that GLOBE is transformative, changing their perspective on philanthropy and how they can make a difference as business professionals.”

It’s rare for an academic course to simultaneously educate students while impacting the global community. But based on the wealth of positive reactions — and with inspiring stories like Omotayo’s — the GLOBE program has pulled it off with flying colors.

If you would like to contribute to the GLOBE Program, please visit www.stjohns.edu/give and select “Tobin College of Business” in the Designation drop-down menu and then “GLOBE – Global Microloan Program” in the Account drop-down menu or by visiting www.stjohns.edu/globe
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St. John’s University alumni are exceptional in so many ways. They have achieved personal and professional success in every career and profession, and many have continued the spirit and values that they learned at the University by embracing the Vincentian commitment to the service of those in need.

Each year St. John’s honors a group of its most accomplished graduates at the Annual Alumni Convocation. At this year’s ceremony, held in St. Thomas More Church on the Queens campus, 18 extraordinary alumni were recognized with a variety of awards.

One such honoree was Nickolas Davatzes ’62C, ’64G, ’95HON, who received the Medal of Honor, which is the highest recognition St. John’s can bestow upon an alumnus. Davatzes earned his B.A. in Economics in 1962 and his M.A. in Sociology in 1964, both from St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Currently Chief Executive Emeritus at A&E Television Networks, during his 22 year tenure as Chief Executive Officer he developed channels and programs that are now available in more than 150 countries worldwide. He founded The History Channel, The Biography Channel, The Military History Channel, The History Channel Internacional and The History Channel en español and initiated the launch of The Crime and Investigation Network.

Not surprisingly, giving back to the University that means so much to him has always been important to Davatzes.

Over the years this extremely generous and committed alumnus has supported the University in numerous ways, both personally and professionally. He served as Co-Chairperson of St. John’s 1993-1994 Annual Giving Campaign, has been a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, established three endowed scholarships to provide financial support for deserving students, served as Co-Chairperson of the 2003 President’s Dinner and initiated the unique electronic biographies for the President’s Dinner Spirit of Service Award Honorees.

In addition, Davatzes and his wife [Dorothea Hayes Davatzes ’66Ed] support the University as members of The Founders Society and The Loughlin Society.

“St. John’s provided me with a frame of reference for life,” he acknowledged. “I think that the principles of leading a good Christian life by rendering service to others were all developed for me at St. John’s. And then, of course, St. John’s gave me the basis of my career. It also provided me with my wife, who’s always been very important to me.”

The Medal of Honor is the most recent addition to the list of awards that Davatzes has received from St. John’s. In recognition of his outstanding loyalty and generosity, a grateful University presented him with the Pietaes Medal in 1989, conferred an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree upon him in 1995, and honored him with the President’s Medal in 2002. For this extraordinary alumnus, receiving the Medal of Honor was a reflection of the values that have been an important part of his life since his earliest days at St. John’s.

“This award is important to me because it represents the culmination of the kinds of activities that I’ve been involved in at St. John’s and at other organizations,” he said. “Getting it from a Vincentian institution is really important to me because of the Vincentians’ commitment to service, which is something that my wife and I believe in. But I have to say that it was a big surprise. I never expected it, but I’ll always be grateful for it.”

2012 Alumni Convocation Honorees

MEDAL OF HONOR
Nickolas Davatzes ’62C, ’64G, ’95HON

HONORARY DEGREE
Doctor of Laws
Robert L. Turner ’62C, ’12HON

Doctor of Letters
Christopher Ruddy ’87C, ’12HON

PIETAS MEDAL
Rev. Elmer Bauer III, C.M. ’02MBA
Barbara Black, D.P.S. ’62G
Michael J. McInerney ’72ND
Patricia Connell Shea ’62Ed
Sister Mary Jean Tague, D.C. ’62P
James A. Tomlinson ’82SVC, ’91MBA

HERITAGE CIRCLE
Nat Calamis ’72SVC
John P. McConville ’62L
Sister Catherine Mezzacapo, C.S.J. ’52Ed, ’56G
Frank J. Pannizzo ’59UC, ’62L

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Vincent P. Colman ’82CBA
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Alumni Golf Outings

The stars were out at this year’s Carnesecca Golf Classic, as special guests helped to raise approximately $250,000 for Red Storm sports. The outing also honored two beloved members of the STJ community: Richard Chapdelaine ’84HON and John W. “Jack” Kaiser ’49C.

A quarter-century has passed, but the Father Dorr Golf Classic shows no signs of slowing down. Named in honor of Rev. James F. Dorr, C.M. ’79GeD, the outing has raised more than $3.1 million throughout its history, and this year’s — the 25th anniversary — added $125,000 to that total.

The School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science hosted the 9th Annual Howe Scholarship Golf Outing. Named in honor of Robert E. Howe, who passed away in 1999, the outing raised approximately $31,000 towards the Robert E. Howe Endowment Scholarship Fund, a merit-based scholarship that provides exceptional internships for students.
More than 160 alumni and friends came out to support Red Storm Baseball at the Jack Kaiser Golf Classic, formerly known as the Bullpen Golf Outing. Frank Franceschini ’60C, ’62GEd and Bill Permakoff ’67Ed, ’77GEd received the Jack Kaiser Advocate Award — the highest honor St. John’s Baseball bestows on alumni and friends — for their exceptional support of the program. The outing also honored St. John’s 1985 Baseball BIG EAST Championship Team.

The Richmond County Country Club played host to the 33rd Annual Staten Island Golf Outing, which raised nearly $25,000 in support of student scholarships. Additionally, four individuals were honored for their outstanding contributions to the St. John’s and Staten Island communities: Mary McAloon-Kenny ’36NDC (posthumously), Patrick F. McDermott ’72CBA, Terrance McGinley and George S. Wonica ’96SVC.
US Open Tennis Gala

Members of the Red White Club watched world-class tennis at St. John’s US Open Tennis Gala, held on the opening night of the US Open Tennis Championships. Organized in part thanks to Harry R. Beeth ’67CBA, ’70MBA and his wife, Vanna (pictured below), the event gave alumni the chance to mix and mingle while watching some of the sport’s biggest stars. All proceeds went to the Red Storm Men’s and Women’s Tennis programs.

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1960s

Louise Skalko ’60Ed established for St. John’s University The School of Education, the Louise Skalko Endowment Scholarship, giving special consideration to applicants with hearing loss or other disabilities. After retiring she started a Cochlear Implant Center, a collaborative effort between East Tennessee State University, ETSU Quillen College of Medicine, Mountain Home Veterans Administration Hospital and other local ENT Doctors and Audiologist in the area.

Nicholas Zacchea ’60CBA conducted workshops on fraud prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution for accountants, investigators and other professionals that live in the Kingdom of Lesotho, South Africa.

Sonia Nieto ’65Ed was named the Wits-Claude Leon Distinguished Visiting Professor to the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Joseph Hickey ’66C retired after a 45 year career in aerospace financial management with the Grumman and Telephonics Corporations in Long Island, NY.

Valerie Angelillo ’68Ed, ’72GEd, ’87PD Principal at H. Frank Carey High School in Franklin Square, NY was one of 11 honorees to receive the Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award for her impact on public education in Nassau County.

1970s

Gary Lawson ’70L was elected 2012 Chairman of the Board of Snowball Express, a national non-profit for the children of U.S. Service members killed since September 11, 2001.

Frank Dinger ’71MBA was honored by Mercy College for his accomplishments as a notable executive in the fields of publishing, real estate, finance and luxury marketing at their 31st Annual Trustees’ Scholarship Dinner in New York City.

Michael Sabatino ’72MT is a Councilman for the Yonkers City Council in Yonkers, NY.

Paul Oliveri ’78L is Of Counsel to Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C. in New York City.

1980s

Tonya Frichner ’80SVC received an Honorary Degree from Colby College in Waterville, ME.

Michael Papa ’80C received Central Michigan University’s 2012 President’s Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity for his career work documenting and evaluating social change in developing and developed countries.

Frances Gatto ’85P is a certified Zumba and Zumba Gold Instructor.

Victor Muro ’87CBA, ’89MBA received the GAMA International’s James H. Kruegar First Class Award for his outstanding leadership in the insurance, investment and financial services industry who have led their agencies or firms to the No. 1 position in their company in the preceding year.

1990s

William Ryan ’90CBA is Vice President of Sales and Business Development for Intermdex in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Annemarie Simeone ’90NDC a Member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. is Second Vice President for the Resource Center of Somerset, Inc. in Somerset County, NJ.

Gregory Pietrzak ’91SVC is Co-Owner of Macina & Pietrzak, LLC in New York City.

Theresa Berrios ’92NDC, ’96GEd received the National Outstanding Teacher Award 2011-12 from the National Association for Special Education Teachers. It’s awarded to 26 special education teachers who have demonstrated outstanding achievement as a teacher in the field of special education.

Susan Doss ’92CBA, ’94MBA is Senior Vice President of Marketing Strategy and Performance for MRM World, a Division of McCann Worldgroup in New York City.

Harold Deiters ’93CBA is Director-at-Large for the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is a Senior Manager in the Litigation and Valuation Services Group at Holtz Rubenstein Reminick LLP in Melville, NY.

James Schiro Appointed Lead Director at Goldman Sachs

James J. Schiro ’67CBA, ’95HON has been named Lead Independent Director at Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

An executive with extensive accounting and insurance experience, Schiro spent more than three decades in senior management positions at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. In 2002, he joined Zurich Financial Services AG, Switzerland’s largest insurer, as Chief Operating Officer for Group Finance. After only a few months he was promoted to Chief Executive Officer, the first non-Swiss executive to hold that position.

In his new capacity Schiro will serve as Chairman of the Board’s Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.
Daniel Wiig ’95CBA is serving a three year term as a Board of Director for the New York County Lawyers’ Association and Co-Chair of the Association’s Young Lawyers’ Section. He is also Co-Editor of the “Commercial Division Law Report” and a Member of the New York State Bar Association’s House of Delegates.

Vincent Accardi ’05CPS is a Coordinator of Marketing and Ticketing Operations for the Department of Athletics at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, NY.

2000s

Sean Suckiel ’07C was ordained as a Priest for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

Sergio Waldeck ’07APC is Director of Financial Planning and Analysis at Federal Reserve Bank of New York in New York City.

Giancarlo Pattugalan ’08C was ordained as a Priest for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

Keri Dodge ’10C received an Honorable Mention for her artwork for Japan Day NYC 2012 in New York City.

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Joseph Hassett ’51CBA is the author of Dusk in Del Rio (Vantage Press, Inc., 2012). A native Bostonian tries his luck in this brave new frontier world of Del Rio, TX, but gets more than he bargained for when he’s bullied into a showdown with a gunslinger. Fleeing for his life and driven out of town he vows to return someday to win back his reputation and the heart of his true love.

Linda McFadden ’56UC is the author of Where’s Sylvia? The Story of an American Child Lost in Nazi Germany (CreateSpace, 2011). A true story of a Roman Catholic girl from the Bronx who, when only six goes with relatives to visit Blitzhrieg, Germany in the Spring of 1939. She becomes trapped for the duration of World War II. Her tale is the harrowing account of her lost childhood and her survival as an enemy alien waiting to be rescued by invading American troops who can reunite her with her long suffering mother.

Joanne Hughes ’57UC is the author of Miracles in an Ordinary Life, The True Story of Special Moments of God’s Love (Book Baby, 2011). This inspirational book will encourage you to look into your own life to find the little (and not so little) miracles there. What is proved is the incredible goodness of God.


Susan Pickford ’65Ed is the author of Removing the Habit of God: Sister Christine’s Story 1959-1968 (SBP Collaboration Works, 2012). A shy young girl is proudly but reluctantly escorted to her new home by her parents as a Postulant in the Ursuline Sisters’ Motherhouse in Long Island, NY. Living in a convent, she could not imagine how her life would evolve over the next nine years.

Donald Gallagher ’77G is the co-author of Stolen Glory: The U.S., the Soviet Union, and the Olympic Basketball Game That Never Ended (GM Books, 2012). A book that explores in details why Collins, the sparkplug of the ’72 team and now the Head Coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, and his former teammates—all of whom are still alive—continue to insist the gold medals were wrongly awarded to the Soviet Union.

John Palicka ’71CBA is the author of Fusion Analysis (McGraw Hill, 2012). A book that combines the major investing forces into one blended strategy. The forces are fundamental, technical, behavioral and quantitative.

Daniel Cillis ’78MBA is the author of Statehood of Affairs (Universe, 2011). A novel of political adventure that provides an excursion into a hidden history of New Mexico and its long struggle to achieve statehood. By leading the audience through an international plot centered around the mysterious Article X of the Treaty of Mesilla, known as the Revert Document.

Maureen Connolly ’97C, ’00GEd, ’06Ed.D is the co-author of Getting to the Core of English Language Arts, Grades 6-12 (Corwin Press, 2012). In this book, the authors uncover the benefits of the Common Core State Standards for the teaching of reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language, and they provide lessons from the field for grades 6-12 that effectively guide students in meeting these standards.
in memoriam

1930s

Belle Meiman '33CBA
Daniel Bernstein '34CBA
Joseph Lotito '35C
Evelyn Rosenwasser '36UC, '38L
Samuel Gell '37CBA
Anne Hynes '38UC, '42G
John Bellizzi '39P
Milton Kean '39L
Max Stern '39CBA

1940s

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G. Joseph Gregory '49P
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Thomas Stedina '49C

1950s

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William Mahoney '50C
James McCartney '50L
John McConnell '50C, '53L
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Robert Poggenburg '50CBA
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1960s

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1980s

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1990s

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2000s

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Betty Hoppenwasser '72G
James Imholz '72GEd
Michael Shamens '72VC
Janice Anderson '73Ed
Lila Feinberg '73G
Frederick Scheriff '73C
Albert Tablante '73L
Effie Faye '74G
Robert Ronckovitz '74ND
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James Gallagher '75L
Timothy Cassidy '76C
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2010s

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Thomas Rohan, Jr. '88L

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2020s

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Tasha Smials '07CPS

2030s

Kirsten Leray '12CPS
Leon R. DaSilva ‘99HON

Leon R. DaSilva ‘99HON, a longtime friend and benefactor of St. John’s, passed away in September at the age of 90. DaSilva Academic Center on the Staten Island campus and both DaSilva Field and DaSilva Residence Hall on the Queens campus inextricably link the DaSilva name to St. John’s. He is the only person whose name is memorialized on more than one campus of the University, making him a unique as well as extraordinarily generous benefactor.

A native of British Guyana and a decorated World War II veteran, he came to the United States after the war and began his quest for the American dream. Starting out as a building superintendent, he used his astute financial judgment to make wise investments and eventually became owner of the buildings. Thus began a remarkable career in real estate and business centered on Staten Island.

His relationship with the University began through his son, John, a St. John’s student-athlete who was a member of the University’s hockey team. When John was tragically killed in an automobile accident the year after his graduation in 1980, the elder DaSilva set out to assure that his son’s name was forever linked to the University he had loved. He began a generous and planned giving program that would continue for more than 60 years.

DaSilva’s endowments were directed toward improving student life and residence halls as well as the athletic programs. The University conferred upon him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. St. John’s recognized him again in 2004 with the Medal of Honor, the highest award that St. John’s can bestow.

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Always maintaining his affection for the University that meant so much to him, Pierce was a member of The Founders Society, the prestigious donor recognition group of St. John’s most generous supporters who have made gifts in excess of $1 million over the course of their lifetime. He also established and supported the Leo W. and Marjorie L. Pierce Scholarship Endowment Fund, designed to offer scholarship assistance to a number of the University’s most deserving students.

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Pierce is survived by his second wife Betty, eight children, three step-children, 26 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Leo W. Pierce, Sr. ’39C, ’99HON

Leo W. Pierce, Sr. ’39C, ’99HON, a self-made business executive and one of the University’s most generous and respected alumni, passed away in July at his home in Florida at the age of 93. Pierce graduated cum laude from St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1939. Shortly after graduation, as the country prepared for the inevitability of World War II, he was drafted into the Army. A month before leaving for basic training, he married the former Marjorie (Peggy) Kinnaly, a childhood schoolmate destined to be his wife for more than 60 years.

Although he began his military career as a Private, his talents and abilities quickly earned him a series of promotions, and when he received his honorable discharge in 1945 he held the rank of Major. After completing his military service, he began a stellar business career and subsequently founded the L.W. Pierce Company, a recognized leader in the sale of office equipment and business systems. The company flourished and soon evolved into Pierce Business Archives, adding business records management and storage to its client services.

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In Memoriam

Submissions to In Memoriam must be received by letter, e-mail, as a printed obit, or using this form from a family member, guardian or legal executor to: Lisa Capone, Division of Institutional Advancement, St. John’s University, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY, 11439. Via e-mail to caponeLI@stjohns.edu or via fax to (718) 990-6859.

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October 11, 2012
Get advice from alumni in the fields of trusts and estates, financial planning, accounting, investment management and real estate.

**AIV…U.S. CAPITAL NETWORKING RECEPTION**
October 18, 2012
Stay connected to alumni in the DC area and meet current St. John’s students who want to know what really happens inside the Beltway.

**SCHERMERHORN ALUMNI CRUISE**
October 21, 2012
Sail around historic New York Harbor while enjoying an onboard lunch with your fellow Schermerhorn Street alumni.

**BREAST CANCER WALK**
October 21, 2012
Put your Vincentian values into action by walking to raise money and awareness of the fight against breast cancer.

**15TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT’S DINNER**
October 25, 2012
Join us as we support student scholarships and honor our Spirit of Service Award recipients at this annual event.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**
November 11, 2012
Remember the deceased members of our St. John’s family at this special Mass in St. Thomas More Church.

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November 15, 2012
Renew your contacts with fellow alumni and meet students looking for career connections at this popular annual event.

**WINTER CARNIVAL**
December 6, 2012
Bring your family and enjoy holiday festivities that include pictures with Santa, a fireworks display and the lighting of the University Christmas tree.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**
December 8, 2012
Get into the holiday spirit with a concert of traditional Christmas music and Scripture readings that joyously proclaim the birth of Jesus.

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**BLESSING OF THE COUPLES**
February 9, 2013

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY BREAKFAST AND PARADE**
March 16, 2013

**ALUMNI GREAT LAWN PARTY**
April 27, 2013

**THE JUBILARIAN SOCIETY DINNER**
June 1, 2013

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## Men’s Schedule

11/1 vs. Sonoma State @ Carnesecca Arena
11/6 vs. Concordia @ Carnesecca Arena
11/13 vs. Detroit @ Carnesecca Arena
11/15-18 DIRECTV Charleston Classic Tournament @ Charleston, SC
11/21 vs. Holy Cross @ Carnesecca Arena
11/24 vs. Florida Gulf Coast @ Carnesecca Arena
11/29 vs. South Carolina @ Carnesecca Arena

12/1 vs. NJIT @ Carnesecca Arena
12/4 vs. San Francisco
12/8 Madison Square Garden Holiday Festival @ MSG
12/15 Brooklyn Hoops Winter Festival @ Barclays Center
12/21 vs. UNC Asheville @ Carnesecca Arena
1/2 vs. Villanova*
1/5 vs. Cincinnati*
1/9 vs. Rutgers @ MSG*
1/12 vs. Georgetown @ MSG*
1/15 vs. Notre Dame @ MSG*
1/19 vs. DePaul*
1/23 vs. Rutgers*
1/27 vs. Seton Hall @ MSG*
1/30 vs. DePaul @ Carnesecca Arena*
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2/6 vs. Connecticut @ MSG*
2/10 vs. Syracuse*
2/14 vs. Louisville*
2/20 vs. USF @ Carnesecca Arena*
2/24 vs. Pittsburgh @ MSG*
3/2 vs. Providence*
3/5 vs. Notre Dame*
3/9 vs. Marquette @ MSG*
3/12-16 BIG EAST Championship Tournament @ MSG

## Women’s Schedule

11/3 vs. Farmingdale @ Carnesecca Arena
11/9-11 WBI Tip Off Invitational @ Daytona Beach, FL
11/17 vs. Hofstra @ Carnesecca Arena
11/21 vs. Iona @ Carnesecca Arena
11/25 vs. Hartford
12/1 vs. Boston University
12/9 Maggie Dixon Classic @ MSG
12/15-16 St. John’s Chartwells Holiday Classic @ Carnesecca Arena
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