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Alumni Reunion Celebration 2010 had something for everyone. On the Queens campus, alumni and their families enjoyed a traditional barbeque, carnival rides and games, a fantastic DJ and a live concert by Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes.
Dear Friends,

One of the many wonderful things about the St. John’s University experience is that it is so subtly and yet so lastingly transformative. From the day our students first step onto campus, they embark upon a journey of discovery that will have a profound impact upon them for the rest of their lives.

A few weeks ago, as I presided at the Commencement ceremonies for St. John’s 140th year, I was delighted to share in the joy of the graduates and their families as they marked this important milestone. About to enter a world filled with uncertainty, they were looking to the future with hope and optimism, ready to meet whatever challenges and seize whatever opportunities they would encounter along the way. Not only were these hopeful young women and men prepared academically, they were venturing forth into the world bearing the spiritual, cultural and social resources necessary to make a difference in the way that St. John’s alumni have done for countless generations.

I often marvel at how seamless is the transition from student to alumnus. Even though the day-to-day affiliation of both groups to the University is significantly different, the deep sense of devotion and love for alma mater remains a characteristic of every member of the St. John’s family. On the weekend following Commencement, hundreds of alumni, their families and friends, filled the Queens and Staten Island campuses for the many events of Alumni Reunion Celebration 2010. Some had graduated more than six decades ago, while others had been on campus only a week prior as they became our newest alumni. Although separated by distance or age, our graduates are bound together by the uniqueness of their St. John’s experience.

Embracing the spirit of Vincent, each of our graduates, in her or his own way, makes a lasting difference in communities near and far. I trust that you are as proud of that reality as I am.

The stories contained within these pages are reflections of the uniqueness that will forever be a part of what makes St. John’s so incredibly special. I know that you will enjoy them as much as I have, and I hope that they will reaffirm and strengthen your connection to the University that means so much to us all.

Donald J. Harrington, C.M.
President
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Commencement

St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. presided over Commencement ceremonies on the Staten Island and Queens campuses, marking the transition of the members of the Class of 2010 from students to alumni.

Distinguished writer Pete Hamill served as the Commencement speaker on Staten Island and Bob and Suzanne Wright, Co-founders of Autism Speaks, addressed the graduates in Queens.

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Business Plan Competition

Business creativity was on display as students and alumni of The Peter J. Tobin College of Business participated in the inaugural Alumni Relations Business Plan Competition Expo. Underwritten by James W. Christmas ’70CBA, the event was a unique presentation of six original business plans that had been selected from a pool of 52 submissions to compete as finalists for $15,000 in cash awards.

Creators were required to present their ideas before a panel of business professionals who evaluated their plans on a variety of factors such as creativity, uniqueness, product or service need, marketability and overall sustainability.

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Wyckel Jean

More than 1,300 St. John’s University students, administrators, guests and visiting high school students packed Carnesecca Arena to attend a lecture given by Grammy award-winning artist Wyckel Jean.

Jean and his foundation, Yele Haiti, have become central to the relief effort for Haiti since the 7.0 magnitude earthquake rocked the island nation in January.
Greg Mortenson

Best-selling author and international peacemaker Greg Mortenson delivered an inspirational speech titled “Promoting Peace Through Education” to more than 2,000 St. John’s University students, administrators, faculty and staff in Carnesecca Arena and to more than 200 in the Campus Center on the Staten Island campus during the University’s annual Founder’s Week celebration.

Misty May-Treanor

Women’s beach volleyball Olympic gold medalist, Misty May-Treanor, spoke at St. John’s University as part of the 13th Annual Women in Sports Day to celebrate women’s achievements in the field of sports.

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Notre Dame College Homecoming

Notre Dame College alumnae returned to the Staten Island campus for Homecoming 2010, an opportunity for them to relive their student days and reconnect with their fellow graduates. A special acknowledgement was made to the Class of 1960, celebrating their 50th anniversary.

TCBAA Networking Reception

Alumni and friends gathered at The Inn at New Hyde Park on Long Island for The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Alumni Association Networking Reception, an annual event that honors some of St. John’s most exceptional Business professors.

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During the past few months students participated in a variety of Alumni Insider’s View… Programs, each of which focused on either a unique aspect of a particular career or provided information about specific skills needed by students as they embarked upon their future professions.

One program brought students together to network with Albany-area alumni who hold significant positions within the New York State government and related professions. Others drew upon the willingness of alumni holding degrees in academic majors such as History, English, Communications and Hotel Management to discuss the many careers available to students currently studying within those majors. A seminar in Business Etiquette offered practical advice on how students should prepare for and conduct themselves during interviews for internships or jobs, as well as how to act comfortably at business dinners and other corporate activities once their career has begun.
The following alumni served as mentors, hosts or panelists for these exceptional programs:

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- Eli Avila, M.D., J.D., MPH, FCLM, Esq. ’03L
- Christina Buzzetta ’05CPS
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- Christopher Galletta ’03CPS
- Roseanne Gatto ’01C
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- Lois Nicotra ’77NDC, ’83GEd
- Richard Nicotra ’76NDC, ’86HON
- Mark O’Rourke, Esq. ’02L
- Hon. Peter Rivera, Esq. ’74L
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- Frank Sanchez ’03CPS
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Our recent graduates came together to reconnect with the University and each other at a number of events throughout the greater New York metropolitan area. There was ice skating at Rockefeller Center, socializing and networking at themed happy hours at trendy locations uptown, downtown and all around New York City.

To read the complete stories of these events, please visit www.stjohns.edu/spring10mag
For information about upcoming Young Alumni events, please contact Elisa Douglas, Assistant Director, Office of Alumni Relations at (718) 990-6168 or email douglase@stjohns.edu
Miami Happy Hour
Alumni and friends from the South Florida area enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and reconnect at the Miami Alumni Chapter Happy Hour in North Miami Beach. The event was co-hosted and co-sponsored by Darren Kiley ’88 SVC, Miami Alumni Chapter Leader and Victor Visconti ’68 Ed.

L.A. Kings Hockey Game
It was a battle for east-west bragging rights as alumni gathered for an exciting NHL hockey game between the LA Kings and the NY Rangers. Alumni demonstrated their hometown pride by urging their favorite team to victory.

Nassau Basketball Reception
Nearly 200 alumni and friends gathered at Jameson’s (owned by Robert Sullivan ’81 CBA and Mark McEntee ’81 CBA) in Floral Park, Long Island for a special reception with Hall of Fame Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50 C, ’60 G Ed, ’00 HON and many members of legendary St. John’s men’s basketball teams, including players from the 1985 NCAA Final Four team.

Upcoming Chapter Events
- Arizona Alumni Chapter Saturday, June 19, 2010 Golf Outing and Luncheon
- Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter Tuesday, June 29, 2010 New Jersey Jackals baseball game
- Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter Saturday, August 14, 2010 Night at the Racetrack – Meadowlands
- Central New Jersey Alumni Chapter Thursday, August 19, 2010 Lakewood BlueClaws baseball game

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Commitment to Service Continues to Define St. John’s

When Bishop John Loughlin of Brooklyn approached the Congregation of the Mission in the late 1860s with a request to establish a college to serve the immigrant population of New York, he did so knowing of the long-standing Vincentian tradition of reaching out to those in need. Today, more than 140 years after St. John’s admitted its first students, that commitment continues to burn brightly throughout every facet of the University.

One of the more recent examples of St. John’s focus on service is the establishment of the Vincentian Institute for Social Action (VISA), a University-wide initiative that encourages participation in activities designed to advance the Vincentian commitment to social justice and systematic societal change. The primary purpose of VISA is to harness the unique intellectual, social and spiritual synergies of the University to focus upon and contribute to solving the global issues of poverty and social injustice.

Students have the opportunity to combine study in their academic discipline with service and experience that help them develop the knowledge and skills necessary to make a difference in the lives of those in need. They have demonstrated their enthusiasm for the practical applications of service by assuming a leadership role in the NYC Service College Challenge, an initiative launched by New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in response to President Barack Obama’s national call to volunteerism. The NYC Service College Challenge is designed to partner with colleges and universities to connect students, faculty and staff with their surrounding communities and encourage service learning as a key component of the on-campus learning experience.

“The College Challenge is important for the Vincentian Institute for Social Action because it provides St. John’s with the opportunity to shape our students’ service to the community in a distinctly Vincentian manner, particularly to those who are poor and living in need,” noted Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. ’84C Vice President, Student Affairs. “It is a great way for others to see the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul in action.”

As a long-standing partner with New York City on a variety of community service endeavors, the University never hesitated when offered an opportunity to take part in this significant initiative.

“We agreed to become involved because we believe in the project, because we have a growing partnership with the city and because our students want to participate in this project,” said James P. Pellow, Ed.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “In fact, during early focus group planning meetings held by the city, one of our students suggested the idea of creating a competition between college students. With over 100 colleges in the city and 600,000 college students, this is an excellent way for the city to harness the energy of vibrant, smart, passionate citizens of New York.”

As with all service activities, the individuals providing the assistance often receive significant satisfaction from sharing their time and talents with others.

“Our students benefit from the participation in many ways,” noted Pellow. “They are provided with the network and contacts to serve those most in need. They can learn from others doing service and participating in NYC College Challenge service projects. And they receive recognition for their good work, which is not necessary, but is appreciated by most students. Most importantly, they have the chance to work with many of the very best social agencies in the city and perhaps the world, so they receive an education unlike anything that is available in a traditional classroom. The city becomes their classroom.”

“The College Challenge has two inherent strengths which directly relate to our students,” agreed Fr. Maher. “First, it is focused on service to the community which is so important to all college students today. Second, it creates a healthy form of competition which has a real benefit to the people of New York City.”

True to form, St. John’s students have responded positively to the chance to put their Vincentian values into action in ways that directly impact real people with real needs. They perform their service in a variety of settings, including visiting nursing homes and soup kitchens, tutoring educationally disadvantaged students, distributing food
and clothing to the homeless and participating in Habitat for Humanity projects to eliminate poverty housing and provide decent shelter locally and nationally.

Darren Morton ’98GEd Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs is pleased to see large numbers of students embracing the College Challenge. “So far we’ve had nearly 1,300 students participate in this program,” he said. “Those students have contributed more than 23,000 hours of service, and that service has directly impacted the lives of so many people. That’s really what St. John’s mission is all about.”

In addition to participating on the College Challenge, St. John’s has established partnerships with New York City in a variety of other service initiatives. One of these innovative programs is the creation of the Advantage Academy, a cooperative effort with the Department of Homeless Services to support education of individuals from homeless and formerly homeless single parent families. Another is a long-standing partnership with the New York City Housing Authority in support of the Afternoon All-Stars Program to provide disadvantaged youngsters the opportunity to develop learning skills and enhance their social development. And at St. John’s Bread and Life in Brooklyn, established as one of four drop-in tax preparation centers by Mayor Bloomberg, students trained by the IRS’ Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provided low income New Yorkers with computers and internet access for tax-related matters. For the third straight year, 85 undergraduate seniors and graduate students, all accounting majors, have helped nearly 2,500 residents secure income tax refunds totaling more than $5.6 million during that 3 year period.

Pellow believes that participation in the College Challenge is yet another reflection of the unique spirit that has served as the heart and soul of St. John’s throughout its entire existence.

“The mission of the University is to provide a high quality academic experience in a Catholic and Vincentian tradition, with a special focus on our metropolitan heritage,” he said. “In fact, we recently revised the mission statement to include language that specifically invites the city to take advantage of our rich resources. By helping the Mayor achieve his vision for a city whose citizens are engaged in meaningful service to fellow New Yorkers, we move the University closer to achieving President [Rev. Donald J.] Harrington’s [C.M.] vision of preparing students for leadership in a global community and having St. John’s become known worldwide for addressing issues of poverty and social justice. In short, participation in the NYC College Challenge becomes part of the execution and implementation of the vision of two great leaders — Mayor Bloomberg and President Harrington.”
Celebrating the Year for Priests

Encouraging his early followers to be involved in seminary work, St. Vincent de Paul noted: “Oh, what a wonderful thing a good priest is.” He believed that a good priest was one who served both the physical and spiritual needs of God’s people, and he wanted the Vincentian community to carry out this important ministry. St. John’s University has taken these words to heart.

Pope Benedict XVI has designated June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010 as the Year for Priests. As the Church celebrates by reflecting on the priesthood’s service of bringing Christ’s words to the faithful, St. John’s continues to provide educational formation for local seminarians from a cross section of dioceses and religious communities. More than 75 seminarians, including 10 Vincentians, are currently either pursuing their baccalaureate degrees at St. John’s or taking advantage of other University programs to meet their academic formation prerequisites.

Rev. Patrick Griffin, C.M., Executive Vice President for Mission and Branch Campuses, explained that St. John’s commitment to preparing young men for the priesthood is consistent with the Vincentian charism. “This commitment goes back more than 350 years to St. Vincent de Paul and, as such, is an integral part of our Vincentian mission,” he stated. The University offers this support both financially and academically. “St. John’s Vincentian charism is giving me the opportunity to get a good college education,” said senior Robert Rodriguez, a seminarian of the New York Archdiocese for whom the University is providing a half-tuition religious scholarship.

St. John’s also meets the needs of the many seminarians who decide to pursue the priesthood after obtaining their college degrees or after attending graduate school. The University has developed a customized two-year certificate program enabling seminarians with degrees to take necessary credits in undergraduate philosophy and theology courses. This program is making it possible for Kevin Zubel, a former accountant and now a candidate for the Redemptorist Fathers, to be able to qualify for the major seminary where priests are trained. “St. John’s is very encouraging to seminarians,” he said. “The University is willing to make necessary changes and to work with us to accommodate the demands of our schedules.”

St. John’s has established academic formation relationships with a number of area seminaries, including St. John Neumann Seminary in Yonkers, Cathedral Residence of the Immaculate Conception in Douglaston, St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, CT, the Redemptorist Program at the Parish of the Immaculate Conception in the Bronx and the Miraculous Medal House in Jamaica.

The Vincentian tradition of training seminarians who can respond to the current needs of the Church is reflected in many ways at St. John’s. For example, half of the New York Archdiocese’s 22 seminarians presently attending St. John’s come from Latin America and are not native English-speakers. “St. John’s supports their educational formation,” says Rev. Luis F. Saldaña ’93C, Rector of the New York Archdiocese’s St. John Neumann Seminary, “by providing them with an intensive English-language program.” Individuals who bring unique backgrounds and gifts to their journey towards ministry also find a place at the University. For example, Charles Boyle who decided to begin the study for the priesthood after 15 years as an IBM executive, studies here and recently joined the St. John Fisher Seminary Residence in Bridgeport, CT.

St. John’s Vincentian and Catholic environment is another attraction for seminarians, helping them make the transition from seminary residence to college campus. They mention the comfort they get from seeing the large number of St. John’s students who worship daily at St. Thomas More Church.
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Following his graduation from St. John’s School of Law in 1993, Denis Kelleher began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County, prosecuting numerous trials involving murder, narcotics trafficking and other violent felonies. After a five-year tenure as an Assistant District Attorney, during which he rose to the level of Senior Assistant District Attorney, he entered private practice as a defense attorney, obtaining favorable verdicts and dismissal of charges for clients accused of securities, insurance and healthcare fraud and a variety of white-collar crimes. Since July, 2009 Kelleher has been Of Counsel to the firm of Schlam Stone and Dolan, LLP, representing clients in white-collar federal criminal actions and regulatory investigations, securities arbitrations and other commercial litigation.

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They also cite similarities between their compositional make-up and that of the student body, particularly in range of age, diversity and working class background. These similarities are further reinforced by the unity of mission, especially an emphasis on compassion and service toward those in need. Reflecting these sentiments, Mexican-born Redemptorist Mario Gonzalez said, “I am comfortable here because the University fosters an environment where faith plays a role in the classroom and where a diverse student community encourages freedom of thought and belief. Seeing so many St. John’s students who, like us, dedicate themselves to helping the poor doors for me to new and unimagined experiences.” He anticipates that this important chapter in his formation, including being exposed to other cultures and ways of living, will help him find peaceful solutions when called upon to resolve differences. Garcia cited the knowledge he is gaining from his philosophy courses that is contributing to his spiritual development. “Professors like Rev. Robert E. Lauder, Ph.D. and Alice Ramos, Ph.D. are challenging me to think more deeply about the purpose of life,” he said.

Seminarians are especially grateful for St. John’s state-of-the-art technology and laptop policy. They see these benefits as and abandoned further affirms my belief that God is acting in our lives.”

“All of these factors,” said Rev. Gerard Luttenberger, C.M., “strengthen our seminarians’ spiritual calling while adding an extra dimension to their intellectual maturation.”

Attending St. John’s also gives seminarians the unique benefit of being able to live in the world but not be of it, of being able to hold the Gospel in one hand and the newspaper in the other. “This exquisite balance,” says Fr. Griffin, “allows seminarians to learn about changes and trends in our world equipping them to be able to better understand the concerns of their future parishioners.”

Underscoring this view, Colombian-born Vincentian Andres Garcia, a St. John’s senior, observed, “St. John’s has opened helpful in enhancing their Internet skills to enable them to effectively communicate their message. “Like St. Vincent de Paul,” said Garcia, “we, too, need to be innovative in finding ways of spreading our message. Using the Internet is an essential tool if we want to transmit our Vincentian story globally.”

For all these reasons, Rev. Patrick Keyes, C.S.S.R., Rector of the Redemptorist Fathers’ Parish of the Immaculate Conception, considers his seminary’s relationship with St. John’s to be essential. “For Redemptorists, the goal of education is to train well-formed ministers who are, above all, service-oriented and prepared to be able to work with people of diverse backgrounds,” he stated. “For us, St. John’s is a perfect fit.”

St. Vincent would be pleased.

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Repole with one of his many winning thoroughbreds, Lights Off Annie, affectionately named after his mother.
a NO-FRILLS son of alma mater

Mike Repole ‘91SVC doesn’t like titles or organization charts.

“I’ve always believed that in any business, and really in any organization, everybody has a role to play, and each of those roles is important to the overall success of the operation. I believe in a level playing field. Whether you’re the CEO or a new clerk in the shipping department, you’ve probably got something that the organization can use to make itself better. As the head of my businesses, I’ve always wanted to hear what everybody else had to say.”

An extremely outgoing and genuinely likeable man whose favored business attire is jeans and sneakers, Repole looks and acts nothing like the successful corporate executive who, at only 38 years of age, had already sold his former company to Coca Cola for a huge profit.

Regardless of what he has achieved in so many areas of his life, he’ll always be “Mike from Queens.” That’s the way he wants it, because that’s who he is.

The 41 year-old Repole describes himself as a “…down to earth guy who just happens to be successful. I don’t know how to be anybody else. I’m the same person I’ve always been, and that’s the way it should be. I call my grandmother, who’s 84 years old, and my parents every single day to tell them that I love them. Making money and being successful doesn’t have to turn you into a different person. Nobody should have a sense of entitlement just because they’re successful and making money. That’s just wrong.”

Repole grew up in Middle Village, a typical middle class Queens neighborhood just a few miles west of St. John’s University. The son of a devout Catholic family, he attended St. Margaret’s Elementary School and Holy Cross High School before coming to St. John’s as a Sport Management major. Although the cost of providing him with a private Catholic education undoubtedly taxed his family’s finances, his parents managed to do what was necessary to be certain that he received a superior, faith-based education.

“’The most important thing for my husband and me was that Mike got a good education,” said Repole’s mother, Annie. “We wanted our kids to have a better education than we had, and so sending them to good schools took precedence over everything else.”
“My parents were never rich but they provided me with the things that mattered,” recalled Repole. “They didn’t have two nickels to rub together, but they sacrificed everything that they had for my education. When I walked out of St. John’s I didn’t have a dollar to pay back in student loans because my parents had taken care of everything. I came from a loving home and I got a great education.”

Realizing the sacrifices that his parents were making for him, Repole admits that while he wasn’t driven to become “book smart”, he was committed to making the most of the education that his family had worked so hard to provide. “I didn’t just want to be in college, I wanted to graduate from college. I wanted that for myself, but I also wanted that for my family. My graduating from college was important to them, so that made it important to me.”

Repole acknowledged that his ideal job would have been as General Manager of the New York Mets or Head Coach of the St. John’s men’s basketball team. When neither of these positions was immediately available, he focused his competitive nature on the business world and quickly capitalized upon his entrepreneurial skills to assume a leadership role as Co-founder and President of Energy Brands, Inc., known as Glaceau, makers of Vitaminwater, Fruitwater, Smartwater and Vitaminenergy, new products just emerging onto the bottled water scene. The concept of an enhanced, vitamin-enriched water appealed to the health-conscious Repole, and he assembled a team of like-minded individuals to propel the brand to unimagined heights.

The company was ultimately sold to Coca-Cola for $4.1 billion. He now owns a majority stake in Pirates Brands, manufacturers of the popular Pirate’s Booty snack lines. The company has been creating healthy snacks since 1987 and includes a variety of baked, all-natural snacks free from fryer and trans fats.

In addition to Pirates Brands, he holds interests in other enterprises, including Energy Kitchen, a chain of healthy-eating restaurants in New York City and Kind Healthy Snacks, manufacturers of all-natural whole nut and fruit bars.

Throughout his career Repole has maintained an open-door policy with all of his employees, encouraging them to share...
their ideas, suggestions and concerns with him regardless of their position within the company. “If you talk the talk, you’ve got to walk the walk,” he remarked. “You have to lead by example. People are not afraid to tell me the truth or to tell me that I’m wrong. If anyone can show me that I’m wrong, and can tell me why, I’ll change on a dime.”

Many of his most senior executives are friends from Queens who have known, and in some cases grown up with, him for many years. Their relationships are uniformly ones of mutual loyalty and respect.

“I met Mike when I was eight years old,” noted Joseph Serventi, Vice President, Corporate Development at Pirates Brands. “He was a coach and counselor at the Forest Hills Community Center where my friends and I spent time. He was always like an older brother to me when I was eight, and here we are 23 years later and we still have that same kind of relationship in the business world. Working for Mike is sometimes a lot of pressure, but it’s always a lot of fun. He works hard and plays hard, and he’s instilled those values in all of us here at the company. If you know Mike, you know that he’s got a huge heart and he’s very loyal to his family, to his company, to St. John’s and even to his horses.”

Mike will always do the right thing, especially when it comes to taking care of his employees,” agreed John Camus, Vice President, Operations at Pirates Brands. “I’ve known Mike for about 30 years; we were childhood friends. He’s really committed to making sure that everybody works hard and has fun. He’s totally driven to be the best and he sets a great example for all of us. I have to say that Mike brings out the best in everybody.”

According to his wife, Maria, one of Repole’s most defining characteristics is his total honesty, both at home and in his social and business interactions. “Mike says what he wants,” she said. “He always tells it like it is because for him, that’s the only way. And it goes both ways. You can tell him anything you want, disagree with him as much as you want, and he’ll listen to what you have to say. He’s not thin-skinned and I’ve never known him to hold a grudge against anyone.”

Repole acknowledges that Maria has always been his strongest and most loyal supporter in everything he’s ever wanted to do. Where others dismissed his ideas as dreams, Maria saw it as a given that he would turn those dreams into reality. “I’ve totally supported him in everything he’s ever done,” she noted. “I’ve always believed in him, because I could see that he had a way
of making his dreams come true. Mike is very quick and very competitive. He can do 19 things at once and at times it’s hard to keep up with him, but I’ve always had complete faith in him and totally believe in him.” The Repoles have been married since 1999.

Reflecting an ongoing love of sports that has always been another prominent characteristic of his personality, Repole is an avid and successful owner of thoroughbred racehorses. In 2009, the 51 wins of Repole Stables made him the leading racehorse owner in New York, and he also led the owner’s standings at Monmouth and the Meadowlands. Given his background, it’s not surprising that many of his horses are named after family members, including No Shopping Maria (named for his wife), Lights Off Annie (for his mother), Benny the Waiter (for his father) and Nonna Mia (for his grandmother). His racing silks are colored blue and orange, reflecting the colors of his beloved New York Mets.

“As a kid growing up, I was always fascinated with racing and trying to understand the information available about the various horses. For me, reading a racing form was like trying to predict the future — as much of an intellectual exercise as anything else. One of my courses for my major at St. John’s was Racetrack Management. Of course, I loved it!”

Repole is genuinely grateful for the blessings he has received in life, and has embraced the Vincentian values of caring and concern for others that have always marked the uniqueness of the St. John’s experience. Happy to share his success with others, he has established the Nonna’s Garden Foundation to reach out to individuals and organizations with special needs. The foundation is named in honor of his maternal grandmother, and reflects her lifelong passion for cultivating a loving garden for the members of the Repole family.

“To me, Nonna’s Garden is about the nurturing of causes that are important to me and my family,” he said. “When I was starting the foundation I asked Grandma what causes she thought it should support. She thought about it for an entire day, and finally told me that she wanted it to support poor and sick children. My grandmother grew up poor and she lost a daughter to what today would be an ordinary childhood illness, so her suggestions were understandable and really meaningful to our family.”

Nonna’s Garden also supports causes that have impacted the Repole Family, such as St. John’s University and Holy Cross High School, as well as those that hold a special significance for colleagues and friends. Repole acknowledges that his goal is to “…get more involved in the foundation, with my time as well as my money. A hundred years from now, when I’m not around, I want Nonna’s Garden to be around. I want people to know the story of my grandmother. That’s a great legacy for her, and she deserves it.”
A loyal alumnus with a lifelong affection for St. John’s, Repole received the President’s Medal at the University’s 2009 commencement ceremonies on the Queens campus. The President’s Medal is awarded to an individual who has achieved exceptional personal and professional success and/or rendered outstanding service to the University or society. Repole qualifies on all counts.

He admits that his connection to the University began even before he set foot on campus. “As a kid I was always a big fan of St. John’s basketball. I remember getting onto packed trains and going into Madison Square Garden for games. It was great when St. John’s made the Final Four in 1985, and I really look forward to those glory days coming back. The basketball program can do so much for the University. It’s our front porch. There are so many people all across the country whose only knowledge of St. John’s is our basketball program, and if that’s not offering a good and successful image, the awareness of the entire University suffers. It’s unfair, but that’s the way it is.”

He is excited about a resurgence of the program under new Head Coach Steve Lavin. “Lavin was a great choice. He’s a motivator, a mentor and a teacher as well as a coach. He can rally the alumni to come back to St. John’s just because of the success of the Red Storm.”

Repole recognizes the importance of giving back and is committed to staying even more connected to alma mater in the days ahead. “I don’t want to just give back financially,” he remarked. “Anyone can write a check, but for me it’s also about hiring St. John’s students as interns and graduates in my businesses and talking to the current students. I want to impress upon them that they can be like me, and that if they put their mind to it and are willing to work hard, they’ll be successful. I know that I relate really well to young people, and I’m looking forward to doing whatever I can to inspire them to follow their dream. My favorite poem is “Success” by Ralph Waldo Emerson. I read it every day, and it’s all about how real success isn’t about making money, it’s about earning the respect of others, finding the best in others and leaving the world a bit better. Those are the values that mean a lot to me, and the ones that I want to share with others.”
RED STORM LOOKS TO
LAVIN
FOR RETURN TO
GREATNESS
The new Head Coach of the Red Storm men’s basketball team grew up in the San Francisco Bay area, the youngest of six children in a traditional Catholic family. He began his college career at San Francisco State, and when his coach left to take a position at Chapman University, he followed him there for his last 2 years.

Immediately after graduation in 1988, Lavin was hired as an Assistant Coach at Purdue University. He left Purdue three years later to head back to his native California as Assistant Coach at UCLA where, after five years, he was named Head Coach. He remained as Head Coach of the Bruins for the next seven years, amassing a 145-78 record and leading the team to the NCAA tournament five times.

In 2003 he left UCLA to transition into the next phase of his career as a Sports Analyst at ESPN. After seven years in front of the cameras, the chance to come back to the hardwood as Head Coach at St. John’s was an opportunity he simply couldn’t refuse.

“For me, going back to coaching was a function of three separate factors — the opportunity, the timing and the fit. There are certain criteria that you look for as a coach in terms of being successful, and I saw that those criteria were present at St. John’s. The

For Steve Lavin, deliberate planning and timely execution have always been the keys to his success, both on and off the court.
University has an outstanding recruiting base, it’s got the BIG EAST conference and the opportunity to play in Madison Square Garden, which is probably the greatest basketball stage in the world. All of those factors added up and led me to a direct sprint into the arms of St. John’s.”

Lavin’s mother, Mary, is excited about the opportunity for her son to return to coaching at a university she describes as “…so humane, from the senior administration on down, and so different from any place he’s ever been before. Steven has an amazing view of life, in that he takes what he does very seriously but doesn’t take himself seriously. His time at ESPN was great, because he was still involved with basketball but from a different perspective. Now that it’s time for him to go back to coaching at a place as special as St. John’s, he’s happy. And like parents everywhere, because he’s happy, we’re happy.”

“The new coach is as strongly committed to the person-to-person aspect of his role as he is to diagramming the Xs and Os. “Throughout my career there have been wonderful people who’ve helped me to get to certain stations in my life,” he said. “They set such a good example for me, and I’ve always wanted to be able to do that for others. For me, that’s one of the real joys of coaching.”

Although his time at St. John’s has been brief, Lavin has already crafted a solid plan to bring the Red Storm back to the days when it was one of the premier college basketball programs in the country. “The first thing we needed to do was secure the best possible staff,” he noted, “and I really think we’ve done that. At the same time we had to recruit the best available players for the 2010 entering class, hopefully a few players who can elevate our level of play over the next year. I’ve always believed that if you get the staff and start to recruit effectively, which is the lifeblood of any athletic program, you’ll make progress. One of my immediately goals is to make the NCAA Tournament, because once we get into the tournament special things can happen.”

Although Lavin acknowledges the need to recruit players nationwide, and even worldwide, he is well aware of the importance of attracting “homegrown” talent from the greater New York metropolitan area. “It’s critical that St. John’s gets its fair share of the top players in New York City,” he remarked. “If we get some of the best local players and use our global reach to attract excellent players worldwide, then we’ll field a really competitive team.”

St. John’s Hall of Fame men’s basketball coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON
is excited by what he sees as the Red Storm’s bright future with Lavin at the helm. “Steve Lavin has so many qualities that are really important in a head coach,” he said. “He comes to us with the best credentials of anyone who has ever coached the men’s basketball team here. I’m also very impressed with his personality and his manner with people. He’s very affable and makes people like him, and that will make him an excellent recruiter. I really believe that he’ll do a great job turning our program around.”

Coach Lavin noted that the Vincentian values are ones that have always resonated with him, both personally and professionally. “St. John’s is a very special place,” he said, “and that was one of the things that influenced my decision to come here. It’s important that our players have a wide-angle lens through which they can look at the world. They need to see that basketball is just one component of their life. I’m well aware that as a coach I need to win games, create revenue streams, make runs at the tournaments and put people in the seats. To me, none of those things are mutually exclusive, and I plan to devote my time to doing them all.”

“Steve has a really good ability to work with young people,” noted his father Albert “Cap” Lavin, an outstanding player himself and Hall of Fame inductee at the University of San Francisco. “He frequently speaks to his players about the importance of their having a long-term life plan, and urges them to realize early on that they need to think about what they’ll do with their life after basketball.”

Lavin shares the University’s commitment to making a difference for those in need, noting that involving his players and coaches in community service projects “...creates a synergy and a cohesion that goes far beyond the basketball court. It gives you pause to realize that many of these individuals are fighting for their very lives, and that puts the things that are important to us in our own lives into sharp perspective.”

Already putting his Vincentian values into action, Lavin recently participated in the BTIG “Commissions for Charity” Trading Day, an annual event in which movie and television stars and sports celebrities work with BTIG LLC in an initiative in which the brokerage firm donates equity, fixed income and derivative trading commission profits to various charities. “It was a great honor to participate with BTIG and an all-star cast for such a virtuous cause,” said Lavin, who had designated St. John’s Bread and Life as his particular charity. “St. John’s Bread and Life serves just under 2,000 meals per day to less fortunate men, women and children in Brooklyn. The ability to help them in this way, in conjunction with St. John’s University’s Vincentian mission, is humbling.”

Lavin sees the future of the Red Storm as extremely positive, but is quick to remind everyone that long-term change is an ongoing process that shouldn’t be expected to happen overnight.

“Be patient,” he urged. “I’m old-fashioned in terms of the way I was raised and in my approach to basketball. While [the staff and] I want to move the program forward as quickly as possible, we need to be diligent and make deliberate choices to achieve incremental success on all fronts. I really believe if we do that, the rest will take care of itself. The success, the excitement, the buzz — that will all be generated if we adhere to those old school values. That’s the only way I know how to be successful.”
Since the earliest days of the University, our alumni have been an important part of the St. John’s family. They have distinguished themselves in all areas of business and the professions, and have carried the University’s unique Vincentian mission of service to others into communities near and far. On Friday, May 21, 2010 St. John’s acknowledged the achievements of 25 of its most notable graduates at the 29th Annual Alumni Convocation on the Queens campus. The evening began with a cocktail reception and dinner for the honorees and their guests in the Ballroom of the D’Angelo Center, followed by the conferring of honorary degrees and the presentation of awards by St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. in St. Thomas More Church.
Alumni Convocation honorees included:

**Honorary Degree**
James Christmas ’70CBA
Doctor of Commercial Science, *Honoris Causa*
Samuel Lionel ’40L
Doctor of Laws, *Honoris Causa*

**Medal of Honor**
Milton Mollen ’50L, ’78HON
Fioravante Perrotta ’52C, ’55L, ’02HON

**President’s Medal**
Francis Looney ’39C, ’40L
Robert Orlich ’69CBA, ’75MBA

**Pietas Medal**
Vincent Alexander ’75L
Brian Brehey ’90CBA, ’96L
Richard Fieltz ’50P
Joseph Gagliano, Jr. ’82C, ’85L
John McInerney ’66UC, ’70L
Lawrence Ruisi ’70CBA, ’75MBA

**Heritage Circle**
Louis Carnesecca ’50C, ’60Ge’d, ’00HON
Gerard Fernandez, Jr. ’50L
Joseph Meighan ’60CBA, ’67MBA
Anita Rogers ’55UC

**Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award**
Josephine Cuccia ’45L
Greg LaCasse ’80VC
Anna Lukachik ’80Ed
Kevin McGovern ’75L
Thomas Quinlan ’90MBA
Mary Carole Schafenb ’70Ed, ’80PD
Nancy Schleyer ‘80Ed, ’06Ge’d
Mahendra Shah ’77GP, ’85Ph.D.
Vincent Tomasi ’85CBA

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Bricks & Mortar Update

D’Angelo Center

In the few months since the D’Angelo Center opened, it has quickly become the hub of student life on the Queens campus. The offices of Student Government, Inc. and other student organizations have been relocated from their former quarters in the University Center into spacious locations located throughout the new building.

Students can be seen throughout the day studying, reading, chatting or just relaxing in the comfortable living room-like atmosphere of the main lounge, and the variety of reasonably priced food and beverages available to the campus community adds to the homely atmosphere of this newest addition to the University.
Blessing of the Couples

More than 125 alumni couples gathered in St. Thomas More Church on the Queens campus for the second annual Blessing of the Couples ceremony. A highlight of this joyful event was the presentation of the Fidelitas Award to Jeanne K. ('70 Ed, '80 MBA) and Paul M. Carroll '69 CBA, '71 MBA, '80 PD, Margaret L. ('70 Ed) and Peter P. D’Angelo '78 MBA, '06 HON and Eleanor B. ('70 Ed) and Michael G. Devlin '70 CBA, '74 L. The Fidelitas Award is presented to alumni couples who have demonstrated exceptional fidelity and love for each other and St. John’s.

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Alumni and their families gathered on the Queens campus to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon and evening at the Alumni Reunion Great Lawn Party and Concert. Prepared for hours of food, carnival rides, games and music, many attendees brought picnic blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy themselves in typical St. John’s style.
The Staten Island campus hosted the Alumni Reunion Barbeque and Family Fun Fair. The event included volleyball, demonstrations of arts and crafts, face painting, a magician, ladder ball, a Sponge Bob bouncer, an inflatable slide and a DJ who created a party atmosphere that kept the excitement at a fever pitch for hours.
JUBILARIAN SOCIETY DINNER

St. John’s most senior alumni and their guests gathered in the D’Angelo Center for an elegant dinner hosted by St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. Each alumnus or alumna was a Jubilarian, a designation reserved for those individuals who are celebrating, or have already celebrated, the 50th anniversary of their graduation from St. John’s.

MASS AND BRUNCH

The celebration weekend concluded with the Alumni Mass and Brunch, where the Class of 1970 was honored for their 40th anniversary of graduating from St. John’s.

YOUNG ALUMNI

Our young alumni and guests gathered at The Park, an upscale venue in Manhattan’s trendy Meatpacking District, for the Reunion Rendezvous at The Park.
Giving Back

L.E.A.D. Events

Alumni and friends gathered on the Queens, Staten Island and Oakdale campuses to acknowledge the achievements of exceptional educators and educational administrators at the Leaders In Education Awards Dinners (L.E.A.D.).


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Insurance Leader of the Year

St. John’s University’s School of Risk Management (SRM), a part of St. John’s The Peter J. Tobin College of Business, honored Lord Peter Levene, Chairman of Lloyd’s, as the “2009 Insurance Leader of the Year” at its 15th Annual Awards Dinner in Manhattan. The event attracted an overflow crowd of more than 1,200 guests and raised $1.53 million in funding for SRM students and programs.

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Frank Mulzoff ’51CBA, ’57GEd is Associate Basketball Coach for Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Ray Ferrero ’55CBA is University Chancellor and CEO for Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

James DeFilippi ’65C is the owner of Brown Fedora Books, an electronic book publishing company in Colchester, VT.


George Northcroft ’66CBA, ’70MBA is Regional Administrator for the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Northwest Arctic Region in Auburn, WA.

William Permakoff ’67Ed, ’77GEd was selected into the East Tennessee High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and is a teacher/coach in the Moore County School District in Carthage, NC.

Lawrence Chartrand ’69C retired after 39 years as a Secondary English teacher, the last 30 years for Patchogue-Medford School District in Long Island, NY.

Rev. Ransford Manigault ’69GEd is Director of Music for Anglican Episcopal Church in Jamaica, NY.

Barbara Ruth Peltzman ’69GEd received the Teachers of Honor designation from Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education. She is an Associate Professor and Director of Field Experience in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University’s Staten Island campus.

Richard Noeth ’70GEd is an Independent Consultant in Iowa City, IA. He will co-direct an upcoming national study of the placement tests and placement scores used by the nation’s two-and four-year colleges and universities, which are sponsored by Governing Board of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. He was inducted into the Griffin Society and named the 10th Distinguished Alumnus in the history of the College of Education at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN.

Kenneth Ferrara ’76MBA is Director of Credit Risk for Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas in Irving, TX.

Robert Berman ’77L is Counsel for Kleinberg, Kaplan, Wolff & Cohen, P.C. in New York City.

Valerie Scopaz ’77C is Community Relations Specialist for Stony Brook Southampton in Southampton, NY.

Richard Silver ’77C, ’81L is Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Legal Officer for AXA Equitable in New York City.

Vincent Gallenti ’78MBA is President of Cambridge Organizational Consulting Group in Cambridge, MA and is pursuing his Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from the University of South Africa in Pretoria, South Africa.

Barbara Donnellan ’79C, ’81G received the 2009 Fannie Mae Volunteer of the Year Award for her role in expanding the Youth Leadership Greater Washington program through enhanced planning, fundraising and recruiting in Washington, DC.

If you haven’t already, join our growing alumni community on Facebook to find old friends and learn what’s new at St. John’s!
**Alumni Take Their Red Storm Pride on the Road**

In January a group of five alumni brought the definition of “fan” to new heights when they traveled on a chartered flight with the members of the St. John’s University men’s basketball team to North Carolina for a game against the Blue Devils of Duke University. The memorable trip was made possible through the generosity of donors who were grateful to show their support for the Red Storm in a tangible way.

The alumni making the trip were all members of the Red White Club, an organization established in 1983 to help support the scholarship and program costs for the University’s athletic program. The Red White Club serves as an arm of the Athletic Department by sponsoring many events, including hospitality at all home games, a Tip-Off Dinner prior to the season, and several select away game trips.

The group that traveled to Duke included John Munari ’90SVC, ’96MBA; Patrick Muchow ’87CBA, ’92MBA; Kevin P. Barry ’06MBA; Peter Carufe ’90SVC and Michael Herlihy ’89CBA.

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**David Castro-Blanco ’80C, ’90Ph.D.** is Director of the Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology Program for the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, IL.

**Susan Certoma ’80CBA, ’85MBA** is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. Brokerage Processing Services Business in New York City.

**Craig Coughlin ’80SVC, ’83L** was sworn in as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly in January and will represent the 19th Legislative District part of Middlesex County, NJ.

**William Devery ’80C** and his wife, Acquilynne Devery ’85SVC will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on September 22, 2010.

**James Wrynn ’81CBA, ’84L** was nominated by the New York State Senate and confirmed by Governor David A. Paterson to be the 40th Superintendent of the New York State Insurance Department in New York City.

**Elaine Freeman ’83C, ’87MBA** is a Commercial Insurance Broker for E.G. Bowman in New York City.

**Linda Rocco ’83SVC, ’05MLS** is a Librarian for I.S. 51 Edwin Markham in Staten Island, NY.

**Gus Nuzzolese ’85L** was named Number One Producer of the Office Leasing Department of 2009 and is Senior Executive Director for Sutton & Edwards, Inc. in Lake Success, NY.

**Jose Muniz ’86SVC** received his master’s degree in Information Technology from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**Anna Cobo ’88SVC** is Dean of Student Development and Campus Life, New York for Berkeley College in New York City.

**Thomas Montemagno ’89CBA** is Senior Vice President, Programming Acquisition for Cablevision Systems Corporation in Bethpage, NY.

**Dimitrios Argyros ’90CBA, ’94MBA** is Executive Chairman for Euro Solar Parks, Inc. in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ.

**Louis Hyman ’90SVC** is on the Advisory Board for MedeFile International, Inc. in Cedar Knolls, NJ and is Executive Vice President of SigmaCare in New York City.

**Romona Black ’91C** is an Actress and plays Sylvia Jones in Keepin The Faith: Mamma’s Got a Boyfriend, which is available on DVD.

**Tara Scott ’94SVC** obtained her J.D. degree from the University of Miami in Miami, FL and has her own practice, Tara Leigh Scott, P.A. specializing in Criminal Defense in Boca Raton, FL.

**Robert Saville ’95L** was honored by the Queens Community House at their 35th Anniversary Gala held at the Acela Club in Citifield for his pro bono legal service to the organization. Queens Borough President Helen Marshall presented him with a proclamation declaring November 5, 2009 as “Robert Saville Day” in the borough of Queens. He is a Counsel for Winston & Strawn LLP in New York City.

**Anton Stubbs ’95CBA** is Logician for the United States Marine Corps Systems Command and serves as Captain in the United States Marine Corps, Individual Ready Reserves in Quantico, VA.

**James Jampayas ’96P** is a Pharmacist for RiteAid in Creedmoor, NC.

**Michael Napoleone ’97L** was recognized in Florida Trend magazine under the annual Florida Legal Elite list for 2009 as one of the top 1.8 percent of Florida’s 56,000 lawyers.
Irene Hudson ’99P was elevated to Principal in the Litigation, Patent and Trademark & Copyright Groups for Fish & Richardson in New York City.

Rose DeInnocentis Ruesing ’99C, ’03GED is a teacher for St. Nicholas of Tolentine School in Jamaica, NY.

Patrick Smith ’00C, ’06L is an Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing for The School of Law on the Queens campus.

Rhonda Farkas ’02Ed.D. was selected as a Cahn Fellow, a program for distinguished New York City Principals at Teachers College, Columbia University. She is a Principal for P.S. 152K in Brooklyn, NY.

Carolyn Caccese ’04L is an Associate for Salendar, Sack, Schwartz & Kimmel law firm in New York City.

Lauren Friscia ’07MBA is an Account Manager for Imeem in San Francisco, CA.

Nicole Urena-McCallister ’08Ed is a first grade teacher for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools system in Bamberg, Germany.

Alexa Alioto ’09CPS was an intern for the show “Private Sessions” of A&E Television Network in New York City.

Serafino Celano ’09Ed.D. was elected President of the New York State Association of School Personnel Administrators (NYSASPA) and is an Assistant Superintendent for Personnel in the Garden City Public Schools in Long Island, NY.}

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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 who has 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.

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In Holy Matrimony

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First Middle/Maiden Last

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In The Family Way

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IN HOLY MATRIMONY

Philip Harris ’49CBA
is the author of Space Enterprise: Living and Working Offworld in the 21st Century (Springer-Verlag New York, LLC, 2008), a must read for those interested in understanding the origins and future directions of humankind as an emerging spacefaring species.

James Rush ’51UC
co-authored A Christmas Gift (Kensington, 2009), a story of a jewelry store heist on Christmas Eve that is thwarted by a 12 year old girl who has magical powers she inherited from her Gypsy great-grandmother.

Richard Lamb ’53Ed
is the author of Spiritual Identity Theft: And How to Avoid It ( Publish America, 2009) his third book is about a plethora of wonderful titles the Bible has conferred on God’s people, and offers practical ways we can claim them for our own.

Lucas Amato ’55CBA
published Scriptural Meditations: For the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Franciscan Crown, Seven Sorrows and Rosary (ACTA Publications, 2008) Bible quotes that are provided before every prayer, so that one can more easily minimize distractions while meditating on the mysteries.

James Starrs ’58C
co-authored The Death of Meriwether Lewis: A Historic Crime Scene Investigation (River Junction Press, LLC, 2009) commemorates the 200th anniversary of Meriwether Lewis’s mysterious death on the Natchez Trace.

Daniel Fitzgerald ’69MBA
is the author of The Artist (AuthorHouse, 2010) his fourth novel.

Irene Shifren ’71G, ’81Ph.D.

IN THE FAMILY WAY

Salvatore Fichera ’81CBA and wife, Ryoko, a son, Nicholas Hiro – July 22, 2009

Elinor Takenaga ’90SVC and husband, Hiroyuki, a son, Saizo – October 5, 2009

James Japayas ’96P and wife, Chemy, a son, Ashten Luke – August 18, 2009

Kaliopi Petris ’97C, ’00P and husband, Peter, a son, Nicholas – September 3, 2009

Cara Morea ’00L and husband, Christopher, a son, John Christopher – August 7, 2009

Anthony Portello ’02C and wife, Christina, a son, Anthony Benedict – August 12, 2009

ALUMNOTES

George Mangiaracina ’58UC to Dolores Kurowski – November 13, 2009

Linda Rocco ’83VC, ’05MLS to Patrick Higgins – October 14, 2007

Tara Scott ’94VC to James Meehan – May 21, 2010

Pamela Segal ’98MBA to Glenn Friedman – September 26, 2009

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James Starrs ’58C
co-authored The Death of Meriwether Lewis: A Historic Crime Scene Investigation (River Junction Press, LLC, 2009) commemorates the 200th anniversary of Meriwether Lewis’s mysterious death on the Natchez Trace.

Elizabeth Hill ’76NDC
co-authored Singing Meditation: Together in Song and Silence (Unitarian Universalist Association, 2009) introduces the spiritual practice of singing meditation, which combines repetitive singing of short, simple, interfaith songs with periods of undirected silence.

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Richard J. McGuire ’50C
St. John’s University and New York Knicks basketball legend Dick McGuire passed away in February. He was a well-remembered star for the St. John’s teams of the 1940s, known for his playmaking ability, superb court sense and ball handling under pressure. McGuire was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.

“Dick was one of a kind,” said St. John’s Hall of Fame Basketball Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON. “He was a great ballplayer and coach and a better human being. All of basketball is going to miss him.” In 2006 the University celebrated McGuire’s outstanding contributions by conferring “Basketball Legacy Honors” upon him. A permanent banner of McGuire in memory of the star for the St. John’s teams of the 1940s, known for his playmaking ability, superb court sense and ball handling under pressure. McGuire was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.

In Memoriam

Rev. John G. Nugent, C.M. ’81HON
Rev. John G. Nugent, C.M. passed away in February. A priest for more than 60 years, he was a former Provincial of the Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Mission. Born in Brooklyn in 1922, he graduated from Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a swimmer. He entered the seminary in 1940 and was ordained a Vincentian priest in 1949.

Fr. Nugent received a JCD in Canon Law from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in 1953 and a Doctor of Laws honoris causa from St. John’s University in 1981. From 1981-84, he served as President of Niagara University. Fr. Nugent was a member of the Board of Trustees at St. John’s University from 1965 to 1968 and again from 1972 to 1991. During his nine-year tenure as Provincial, he served as Chair of the St. John’s Board. He was a Trustee Emeritus at the time of his death.

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