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The Thrill Is Back

It was a season of renewed excitement as the Red Storm men's basketball team brought fans to their feet and returned St. John's to a level of national prominence reminiscent of the glory days of old. Midway through the season, following thrilling victories over nationally ranked opponents, students began poking good natured fun at Head Coach Steve Lavin's California roots by dubbing their cheering section “Lavinwood.”
Dear Friends,

As you are all aware, St. John’s University is primarily an academic institution. We have a long tradition of providing quality education marked by the uniqueness of our Catholic, Vincentian and metropolitan mission.

The past few months have served as a wonderful reminder, however, that athletics are also an important part of the St. John’s tradition, especially our storied men’s basketball program.

This issue of the St. John’s University Magazine pays special attention to Red Storm basketball, highlighting our recent success and looking back on our proud history. I hope you enjoy the profile of the legendary Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON. In his over-50-year relationship with the University, Louie, as he is affectionately known, has emerged as the face of St. John’s, embodying our mission, values and traditions of excellence. He remains a vibrant and beloved figure on campus and, like the rest of us, is excited to see what the future holds for our basketball programs.

After this past season, those futures certainly look bright.

In her nine seasons with the Red Storm, Kim Barnes Arico has orchestrated a monumental overhaul of the women’s basketball team, consistently leading her student athletes to the postseason.

Meanwhile, the country took notice as first-year Men’s Basketball Head Coach Steve Lavin guided the men’s team to a remarkable return to the NCAA Tournament, providing us with thrilling upsets and last-second victories along the way.

The success of Red Storm basketball has been a clear rallying point for alumni across the nation. Simply put, I have not seen our fan base this energized in quite some time. On behalf of each and every Red Storm fan, I’d like to thank the recently graduated seniors from both the men’s and women’s teams for all their hard work and determination. Their outstanding contributions, both on and off the court, were responsible for the Johnnies’ return to prominence and reminded us of how special St. John’s athletics can be.

On a personal note, I recently traveled to California for a family wedding and was amazed to hear the buzz that the Red Storm has generated among people who have no connection with the University, yet enjoyed following our teams this past season and watching their successes unfold. It’s remarkable to think how these student athletes, in one short season, could bring such overwhelmingly positive energy and visibility to the University.

I hope you enjoy this issue of St. John’s University Magazine, and I thank you for your continued support of our University, both on and off the court.

Donald J. Harrington, C.M.
President
features

A St. John’s legend remembers the past and sees more excitement ahead.

This former superstar is honored for a lifetime of commitment to the game he loves.

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Legendary Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON

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Commencement 2011

Red and white confetti filled the air as happy graduates were joined by their proud families and friends at Commencement Ceremonies on the Queens, Staten Island and Rome campuses. The ceremonies traditionally mark the occasion when graduates assume their new role within the St. John’s family as our newest alumni.

Mike Repole ’91SVC, ’11HON delivered the Commencement address to more than 20,000 in attendance on the Queens campus.

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CNBC’s Maria Bartiromo ’11HON was the Commencement speaker on the Staten Island campus.
It was a night for celebration as St. John’s acknowledged achievements of 16 of its most distinguished alumni at the 30th Annual Alumni Convocation on the Queens campus. Those honored have achieved success in business and the professions, and have made a commitment to live their lives in accordance with the Vincentian call to make a difference for those in need.

Alumni Convocation Honorees included:

**Medal of Honor**
Alfred V. Liberti, Ph.D. ’41G, ’07HON

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Bruce Bent ’61CBA, ’79HON
Charles M. Piluso ’76VC, ’78G, ’86MBA

**Heritage Circle**
Robert D. Kelly ’61CBA
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Senior Alumni Celebrate 50+ Years

Members of the Class of 1961 marked the 50th Anniversary of their graduation by gathering for a special Mass in St. Thomas More Church prior to attending the Jubilarian Society Dinner on the Queens campus. They were joined by other members of The Jubilarian Society, comprised of alumni who have already celebrated this important milestone.

To read the complete story and to see additional photos and video, please visit www.stjohns.edu/summer11mag
A Spiritual Gift for Alumni Couples

Love was in the air as alumni couples who met at St. John’s and later married gathered for a special Mass in St. Thomas More Church at the 3rd Annual Blessing of the Couples. During the Mass each couple received an individual blessing from one of the University’s Vincentian priests. The event concluded with the presentation of the Fidelitas Award to Carolyn (’81C) and John Sheehan ’81C (right), a couple who has demonstrated exceptional fidelity and love for each other and St. John’s.

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Red and Green on St. Patrick’s Day

The St. John’s family was well-represented as alumni, students, faculty and staff marched up Fifth Avenue in New York City’s 250th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

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MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE FUTURE

ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

The Loughlin Society is the University’s leadership giving society whose members know that the future begins with today’s students. They’re committed to doing what they can to allow these young men and women to maximize their potentials so that they can make a difference in our world.

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There are many distinct groups within our St. John’s family, and our young alumni are an important part of the University community. To keep our recent graduates connected to St. John’s and to each other, the Office of Alumni Relations sponsors an ongoing series of activities that reflect the many unique features of New York. Recent events have included ice skating at Rockefeller Center, concerts in Central Park, a visit to the trendy Meatpacking District and a pizza-sampling walking tour of Greenwich Village and Little Italy. Specially themed Young Alumni Happy Hours provide an opportunity each month for after-work socializing and networking in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

For information about upcoming Young Alumni events, please contact Kristy Horning '06CPS, '10G, Assistant Director, Office of Alumni Relations at (718) 990-6835 or e-mail horningk@stjohns.edu

To view photos from these events, please visit www.stjohns.edu/summer11mag
A Year of Great Success

The recently completed academic year was one of significant milestones for the Alumni Insider’s View…Program (AIV). Students were presented with a greatly expanded series of events created to help them obtain real-world knowledge about a chosen profession and/or field while drawing upon the professional experiences of our alumni.

The nearly 60 programs, offered both on and off-campus during the school year, attracted more than 2,000 students, with close to 450 alumni participating as panelists, discussion leaders, mentors or on-site hosts at their individual business locations. It was the exceptional willingness of our alumni to give generously of their time and talents that was the deciding factor in the unprecedented success of these unique initiatives.

“Our alumni have been sharing their expertise with St. John’s students for more than 30 years,” said Victor Ramos ’91CBA, ’93MBA, Associate Vice President, Division of Institutional Advancement, “and when we decided to more than double our programs this year, we were certain that the alumni would be there to support the effort. Needless to say, they responded wonderfully. The AIV Programs allow our students and alumni to engage each other in ways that simply wouldn’t be possible otherwise, and we’re looking forward to building on what we’ve done this year for even greater success in the future.”

Many alumni agree that they are in a unique position to make a difference for the students who hope to follow in their footsteps after graduation. For them, participation in AIV events is a practical way to show their appreciation to the University that played a role in their own success.

“When I was a student, I had the help of professors, but not as much help from alumni who had recently graduated,” recalled Lisa Dixon ’07C, who served as an alumni panelist at a recent AIV event. “It’s the alumni who can best help current students figure out what is involved after you graduate, what’s available to you and what paths you can take.”

The vast majority of AIV programs that occurred throughout the year took place on the Queens and Staten Island campuses. Alumni offered students practical information on a wide variety of topics, such as the development of telephone interviewing skills, the acquisition of professional etiquette behaviors, the necessity of developing career-oriented personal connections prior to graduation, the ways to make a positive impression in face-to-face interviews and the successful use of business-oriented social networking sites.
Paul Bailo, Ph.D. ’86CBA, Founder and CEO of Phone Interview Pro and the author of The Official Phone Interview Handbook, shared his expertise and provided students with valuable pointers at the Alumni Insider’s View... Phone Interview Pro event. “A lot of college kids are anxious because the economy got so bad around 2008,” he said. “But things are starting to get better, and I hoped to show students how important their phone communication skills are in terms of landing a job. You’ll never get hired if you can’t make a good first impression. So if I can help these students get jobs, then I’m happy to do it.”

There were also a number of special signature events that took place during the Spring semester, each a unique experience that allowed students to gain valuable insights from alumni eager to share their personal and professional knowledge. Plans are already underway to add even more of these popular and highly successful student/alumni engagement activities for the coming academic year.

If you would like to participate in an Alumni Insider’s View...Program or have a suggestion for a future event, please visit www.stjohns.edu/aiv to learn how you can share your unique experiences with our current students.

New York State Capital

Heated debate, budget resolutions and groundbreaking legislation: all in a day’s work in Albany, New York.

A group of 45 students were able to witness this political intrigue in Albany firsthand and learn from our graduates as part of the Alumni Insider’s View... New York State Capital program.

This day-long event began with an early-morning bus ride to Albany, where the students listened to two panel discussions. Featuring New York State Senators, Representatives, lawyers and lobbyists, the alumni panelists represented a wide range of professions dealing with government and politics.

The trip concluded with a tour of the New York State Capitol Building, where the students observed sessions of both the Senate and Assembly.
Located in the heart of Times Square, the New York Marriott Marquis is one of the world's premier hotels. A group of students had the opportunity to tour this bustling Midtown establishment in March thanks to the Alumni Insider's View... Hospitality Management program, and it was an experience they won't soon forget.

Marriott tour guides gave the students a behind-the-scenes look at the hotel's front desk, housekeeping offices, kitchen and executive suites. The students also traveled up to the 50th floor to check out The View — the Marquis's rotating rooftop restaurant.

Following the tour, students heard from a panel of Marriott executives and asked them questions about landing a job in the Hospitality industry.
Business Plan Competition

Students in St. John's The Peter J. Tobin College of Business put their creativity and business savvy to the test at the Second Annual Alumni Insider's View... Business Plan Competition.

Underwritten by James W. Christmas '70CBA, this program allowed students to conceive an entirely original business idea, draft a comprehensive plan, present it in front of a panel of alumni judges and compete against their peers for $15,000 in cash prizes.

A total of 76 business plans were submitted, six of which made the final round. Ideas ranged from "The ABC Express," a business seeking to provide quality and affordable pre-school and nursery care for children in underserved New York communities, to "Johnnies Bar and Grill," a St. John's-themed restaurant located across the street from the Queens campus.

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Alumni Insider's View... Programs

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Florida
Florida alumni renewed their ties to the University at receptions held in cities all across the Sunshine State, including Jacksonville, Miami, Naples, Orlando, Sarasota, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Vero Beach and West Palm Beach. Many alumni from the Naples area, including members of The McCallen Society, marched proudly behind the St. John’s University banner in the 33rd Annual Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Carolinas
Alumni from across the Carolinas gathered to socialize with other members of their University family at receptions held throughout the area, including Charlotte (right, bottom), Raleigh/Durham and Wilmington, NC (right, top) and in Hilton Head, SC.

Atlanta
Georgia alumni came together at a reception in Atlanta to renew friendships and share ideas for additional social events and other types of future chapter activities.

For the most up-to-date information on Chapter Happenings, please visit: www.stjohns.edu/alumnichapters
University Commemorates the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire

It’s one of New York City’s most tragic disasters, an accident that cut short the lives of 146 garment workers, many of whom were young, immigrant women.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, St. John’s University hosted a number of events in March across the Queens, Staten Island and Manhattan campuses. From lectures to debates, film screenings to vigils, these programs allowed students to explore the history and cultural ramifications of this pivotal moment in American history.

University Provost Julia Upton, RSM, Ph.D. ’73G, ’75G played an instrumental role in planning these commemorative events. “It has been called ‘The fire that changed America,’” she noted. “But I wonder how much it changed us. The fire fueled the international labor movement and many fire safety laws have been enacted as a result of that tragedy. But have sweatshops vanished? Does social justice pervade the workplace in America now? Those are the questions I continue to ask a century later.”

The planning for this anniversary began three years ago when, as incoming freshmen, the Class of 2011 was asked to read Triangle, Katherine Weber’s fictionalized novel about the last survivor of the Shirtwaist Fire. Since then, Dr. Upton and other administrators worked with the St. John’s community to develop creative programs to commemorate the tragedy’s centennial.

The Queens campus hosted events that dealt with many of today’s most pressing political issues. Marc Lacey, a New York Times writer who runs the newspaper’s Phoenix Bureau, delivered a lecture entitled “Immigration: The Hot-Button Topic of our Times,” describing present-day border issues and how the immigration debate has evolved since 1911.

Other programs dealt with labor laws. Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. ’84C, Executive Vice President for Mission and Student Services, delivered a lecture entitled “Then and Now: Fair Labor Conditions in a Global Context.” He discussed contemporary global labor issues in the footwear and apparel industries, focusing on the challenges that remain and the need for continued vigilance. Afterwards, the St. John’s Debate Team and a visiting team from Morocco held a public debate pertaining to the topics raised in Fr. Maher’s presentation, arguing whether or not consumers are responsible for poor labor conditions.

“I think this debate was the best thing we have done for this campus,” said Stephen Llano, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Director of Debate. “The debate was excellent, the arguments were high quality and the students spoke eloquently.”

The Staten Island campus also hosted programs, including a lecture and book signing by Dr. Richard Greenwald, Dean of Drew University and author of The Triangle Fire, the Protocols of Peace and Industrial Democracy: In Progressive Era New York. The Manhattan campus, meanwhile, featured a Triangle Fire Documents and Artifacts Exhibit on display in the Davis Library.
Great Lawn Party Draws Record Crowd

The Third Annual Alumni Great Lawn Party welcomed a record crowd of over 1,500 alumni and friends. With beautiful weather, carnival rides, a barbecue buffet and more, this growing St. John’s spring tradition was fun for the whole family.

Guests brought folding chairs and picnic blankets to camp out on the Great Lawn, catching up with old friends while enjoying the sunny afternoon. Alumnus James McGuire ’92SVC served as DJ, playing catchy pop songs and old favorites to create a festive environment.

New to this year’s party was the Kiddie Zone, an area set aside for activities intended for children. Members of the President’s Society made arts and crafts with the kids while the Squeaky Clean Band entertained them with popular children’s songs.

Alumni appreciated the chance to come back to campus, reminisce with former classmates and show their families where they went to college.

“As a parent with three kids, this has been a perfect day,” said Brian Crimmins ’99SVC, ’01MBA. “It was exciting to explain to them that this was where I went to class. It made for a fun car ride over here and for a really great day in general.”

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A Time for Fun on Staten Island

You couldn’t miss the sound of kids laughing with delight or the sight of happy families enjoying themselves. At the Staten Island Barbeque and Family Fun Fair, there was something for everyone as the children raced among the many activities designed just for them, including a wide array of rides, games, an inflatable bounce house, a face painter and a DJ to keep music and excitement in the air throughout the event.

“It’s wonderful to see our alumni and their families coming back to campus for what really is one big party,” said Nicholas A. Legakis ’97SVC, ’07MPS, Director, Institutional Advancement, Staten Island. “Everybody’s having a really great time.”

Alumni were obviously enjoying what has become one of the Staten Island campus’ signature events.

“The kids have a great time every year with all the bouncy things, and it’s good to get back to the campus,” remarked Brian Brennan ’00CBA. “I’m trying to get involved [in Staten Island campus activities] as much as I can when I have the opportunity.”
As more and more St. John’s students study abroad, the University has been steadily increasing the ways in which you can follow our students’ global adventures — right from the comfort of your keyboard!

The Division of Institutional Advancement hosted a new study-abroad blog on the “Alumni and Friends” section of the St. John’s Web site. Throughout the Spring 2011 semester, sophomore Aryanna Whitten ’13CPS wrote weekly posts about her experiences in the Discover the World program, an opportunity that allowed her to study in Rome, Paris and Salamanca, Spain.

“Seeing so much of Europe was a wonderful experience,” Whitten said. “I was thrilled to write about it online for alumni and other students to see. I hope that they were able to learn a lot from my entries and pretend as if they were there alongside me.”

Using a Flip Cam recorder, Whitten edited and uploaded weekly videos and photo galleries to give each blog a visual component. Her videos showcased some of Europe’s most impressive landmarks — the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, St. Peter’s Basilica — as well as smaller cultural highlights, including a chocolate fair in Rome and small Parisian cafés.

Aryanna also had the opportunity to deepen her spirituality while abroad, participating in Midnight Runs to feed those in need, visiting the remains of St. Vincent de Paul and touring the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Paris.

“For many of us, financial assistance was a huge factor in whether we could actually study abroad,” Whitten noted. “I hope that from watching my videos and reading my blogs, the alumni learned that their gifts went to good use and were very much appreciated. It was an experience I’ll never forget, and I hope my readers feel the same way!”

In addition to Aryanna’s, there are many other student-written blogs that you can check out on the St. John’s Web site. In March, the Office of Global Studies made its KAPLAN Global Explorers’ Blog interactive, allowing readers to post questions and receive answers from St. John’s bloggers studying throughout Europe. This initiative — a joint venture between St. John’s and KAPLAN Test Prep and Admissions — allows the rest of the University community to gain a firsthand perspective on what it’s like to live and learn in a foreign country. It also provides the blogging students with a $250 Kaplan Global Explorer scholarship at the end of the semester.

The blogs are especially helpful for fellow students back in New York who would like to study abroad in the future.

“Our goal is to give students as much information as possible to make it easier for
them to select a destination country,” said Shannon Okuonghae, Coordinator of Student Services. “The number of students who want to be bloggers has actually doubled. Participants have a strong desire to document their life-altering experiences.”

The KAPLAN Global Explorers’ Blog featured four student bloggers during the Spring 2011 semester. They were studying in various European destinations, including Spain, Paris, Sweden and Rome. From visiting castles to cruising the Baltic Sea, the students wrote about the thrilling sights and sounds of Europe in each of their weekly blog entries.

“The blog raises the level of campus awareness of the benefits of living and studying abroad,” said Judy Chen ’02MBA, Director of Business Affairs and Planning. “In fact, since we encourage our student explorers to feel free to express themselves openly and honestly, the blogs can make truly compelling reading.”

St. John’s Partners with Knicks Poetry Slam

St. John’s University and the New York Knicks have long shared the hardwood of Madison Square Garden. But starting this year, these two institutions have begun an entirely new and academic-based partnership: providing deserving students with affordable education as part of the NY Knicks/Urban Word Poetry Slam Program.

St. John’s announced in February that it will fund two full-year scholarships and twenty $5,000 scholarships to metropolitan-area high school seniors who win the Spoken Word and Written Word portions of the Knicks Poetry Slam competition.

“Through this partnership, St. John’s is delighted to encourage creativity and the pursuit of a higher education among young people in the New York area,” said Beth M. Evans, Vice President for Enrollment Management. “The effort reflects our continuing desire to assist promising students from throughout our region, across the country and around the world.”

Created in 2003, the Knicks Poetry Slam provides opportunities for high school students to creatively express themselves through written and spoken word. It serves over 20,000 students annually through school visits, a Poetry Open Audition, a college fair, workshops, poetry slams and social media.

High school students who participate in the Poetry Slam can register for either a Spoken Word or Written Word contest. Those who enter the Spoken Word competition must audition in front of three judges, participate in workshops and compete against fellow student poets. Written Word registrants must submit a portfolio of original work, write an essay entitled “Why I Write,” and demonstrate community service.

St. John’s is one of four institutions — including Adelphi University, Mercy College and the University of Wisconsin — to participate in this program.

To read these blogs and see additional photos and videos, please visit www.stjohns.edu/summer11mag
Martha Hirst Appointed Senior Vice President for Operations and Treasurer

When Rhode Island native Martha Hirst first visited New York City on a family visit as a kid, she knew she'd found her future home.

"It was like love at first sight," she recalled. "And my love affair with the City has never ended."

Hirst incorporated her passion for the City into her professional career, working for over 30 years for the City of New York. In 2010, she decided to transition away from the public sector and, in December, the Board of Trustees appointed her Senior Vice President for Operations and Treasurer at St. John's University.

In this position, Hirst is responsible for Business Affairs, Enrollment Management, Information Technology, Facilities, Conference Services, Public Safety, Marketing and Communications and Global Programs. Her extensive experience working for the City makes her an ideal fit for the job.

"The City of New York is an enormous and complex entity. While the scale of operations here at St. John's is much different, many of the issues and challenges are familiar, and I believe my work in government service has prepared me well for this opportunity," she said.

As a public official, Hirst worked closely with Mayors Koch, Dinkins, Giuliani and Bloomberg, serving as an Intergovernmental Affairs Advisor, Deputy Sanitation Commissioner and the Commissioner of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, among other positions.

Throughout her career, she focused on making New York City government more efficient, more technologically advanced and more environmentally conscious. She hopes to continue this excellent work at St. John's.

"The leadership of St. John's University is really impressive," she noted. "Fr. Harrington is a wise and strategic leader, Jim Pellow's legacy is stellar, and my new colleagues are just terrific. I am thrilled to join this team and work to serve the students of this incredible university."

Hirst is a double alumna of New York University, holding a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History and Urban Planning and a Master's in Urban Planning.

D’Angelo Elected Chair of the Board of Trustees

The University’s Board of Trustees recently elected Peter P. D’Angelo ’78MBA, ’06HON to serve as Chair. He succeeds Thomas McInerney ’64UC, ’01HON, who chose not to stand for re-election after providing extraordinary leadership as Chair since 2007.

D’Angelo has been a member of the University’s Board of Trustees since 2003 and has served on a number of Board committees. Most recently he has been Chair of the Fiscal Resource Management Committee and was a member of the Executive, Audit and Compensation, and Investment Committees as well as the Nominating and Facilities sub-committees. He has also served as Vice Chair of the University’s Board of Governors since that body was founded in 2004.

Victoria Shoaf Named Dean of The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

After serving as Interim Dean of St. John’s The Peter J. Tobin College of Business this past year, Victoria Shoaf, Ph.D. was recently elected Dean by the University’s Board of Trustees.

As Interim Dean, Dr. Shoaf amassed an impressive record, working with Peter Tobin ’65CBA, ’96HON to put together a dynamic Board of Advisors for TCB, collaborating with faculty to develop several new dual-degree programs and fostering greater visibility for the College within AACSB, its accrediting body, and the Graduate Management Admissions Council, to which TCB has recently been accepted.

Dr. Shoaf received a Ph.D. in Business (Accounting) from Baruch College of the City University of New York and has published in many peer-reviewed journals, including Journal of Business Ethics, International Business and Economics, Commercial Lending Review and the Review of Business. She is also an active member of the American Accounting Association and has served on the Board (2004-2007) and as the President (2005-06) of the Northeast Region of that organization.
In June St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. conferred a Doctor of Commercial Science degree, honoris causa, upon Ellen Thrower, Ph.D., who recently retired as Executive Director of the University’s School of Risk Management and Actuarial Science (SRM). The degree was conferred at a special Convocation Ceremony in the Saval Auditorium of St. John’s University’s Manhattan campus.

“Ellen Thrower saw the great need for the College of Insurance and its distinctive role in the insurance industry,” said Fr. Harrington. “I have no hesitation saying that we would not have been successful without the sacrifice and the vision of this special academic leader.”

Dr. Thrower was President of The College of Insurance from June 1988 until June 2001, at which time the College merged with St. John’s University and was renamed The School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science. At the time of the merger Dr. Thrower was awarded the title President Emerita of The College of Insurance.

Brandon Sweitzer has been named Dean of the School of Risk Management, effective July 1, 2011. He previously served as Interim Executive Director and former Chairman of the SRM Board of Overseers.

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At least once a week, Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON drives to the Queens campus and walks into his corner office in Sun Yat Sen Hall.

This room has been his on-campus home since 1992, when he retired from coaching and joined the University’s administration as a Special Assistant to the President.

It also serves as a veritable treasure trove of Red Storm basketball memorabilia.

The walls are meticulously decorated with countless photos, posters and banners documenting the history of St. John’s men’s basketball. Trophies and plaques stand on the desk and windowsill.
“I’ll be honest with you, I didn’t decorate this office,” Carnesecca jokes. “But whoever did sure put a lot of work into it.”

Though retired from coaching for nearly 20 years, this 86-year-old legend is as sharp as ever. His mind is like an encyclopedia, retaining the names and faces of every young man he’s coached.

He points to a photo of Greg “Boo” Harvey ’99SVC, who won three games during the 1989-90 season on last-second buzzer-beaters. The coach’s eyes light up.

“‘That kid had a sweet shot, baby,’” he says. “‘A heck of a shot.’”

A picture of Walter Berry ’10CPS hangs beside it.

“Phenomenal player,” the coach recalls. “Great athlete, fantastic scorer.”

In the center of the wall, directly behind Carnesecca’s desk, is a framed poem written by Mark Jackson ’85CBA. The coach smiles as he glances at it.

“I’ve always said, that kid sure has a way with the pen.”

It’s precisely this easy-going and approachable personality that has made Carnesecca the iconic face of St. John’s for decades, an ambassador who embodies the University’s metropolitan location, Vincentian mission and rich basketball tradition.

He’s also become one of St. John’s most honored graduates, and his impressive list of accolades recently grew longer: at the 2011 Commencement Exercises, the University awarded him the St. Vincent de Paul Medal, commemorating his over-50 years of service to the St. John’s community.

Since he retired from coaching, his résumé has continued to grow: induction to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992, an Honorary Degree from St. John’s in 2000, the University’s Spirit of Service Award in 2008 and — perhaps most notably — the renaming of Alumni Hall to Carnesecca Arena in 2004.

The coach, always humble, likes to downplay his achievements.

“It’s very nice to be thought of in that light,” Carnesecca said. “But I think it’s all a matter of longevity. If you can stick around this long, people start to associate your face with St. John’s. Plus I’ve been very lucky to spend my entire coaching career in New York City. You become part of the pavement; people recognize you, they know who you are because you’ve become part of their lives.”

A New York native and an alumnus of the University’s Lewis Avenue campus in Brooklyn, Carnesecca fell in love with St. John’s athletics during his student days. As an undergraduate, he played in three games on the 1946-47 junior varsity basketball team as a self-proclaimed benchwarmer. He also competed as an infielder on the baseball team, helping St. John’s reach its first-ever College World Series in 1949.

Along the way, he developed strong relationships with St. John’s coaching standouts like James “Buck” Freeman and Frank McGuire ’36C, men who first brought the University’s athletics to prominence.

Though his father had wanted him to become a doctor, Carnesecca knew that coaching was his passion. He served as Assistant Coach of the basketball team at St. John’s under Joe Lapchick for eight seasons, and eventually stepped in as Head Coach in 1965. But taking over an already successful program and replacing a future Hall-of-Famer in Lapchick was no easy task.
“Lapchick was a giant,” Carnesecca said. “He spent 50 years in basketball with the Celtics, the Knickerbockers, two terms at St. John’s — amazing stuff. It was very difficult to step into his shoes, but thank God I had the opportunity to learn under him first. That made the transition feel almost natural.”

Lapchick’s example both on and off the court greatly shaped Carnesecca’s approach to the game. Most notably, Carnesecca learned that charm and personality can be just as important to a coach as the fundamentals. “Aside from the Xs and Os, Lapchick taught me how to handle people,” Carnesecca recalled. “He had that rare ability to make personalities blend together, and he was never too busy to give an encouraging word.”

Those lessons paid off. Carnesecca thrived as Head Coach, his personality making him a fan favorite and a recognizable figure on the national scene. He guided his teams to the postseason in all 24 of his years at the helm.

He left the University briefly in the early 70s to coach the New York Nets of the ABA — “My purgatorial period,” as Carnesecca jokingly calls it — only to return to St. John's for arguably the most successful decade and a half of his career.

In particular, there’s the mid-'80s, a period of great success for the men’s team. From 1984 to 1986, Carnesecca amassed an overall record of 62-9, memorably reaching the NCAA Final Four in 1985. Legendary players like Berry, Jackson, Chris Mullin ’88CBA and Bill Wennington ’85SVC led the way, turning in spectacular performances during a time that Carnesecca now considers his crowning achievement.

“The funny thing about 1985 is that everyone said we had to get to the Final Four,” Carnesecca noted. “So if we didn’t make it, that would’ve been a terrible disappointment. Thank God we got there. We couldn’t get all the marbles, but we gave it a run, and those kids did a heck of a job.”

After retiring from coaching in 1992, Carnesecca served the St. John’s community in a different capacity as Special Assistant to the President. In this new role, he spent his time spreading the University’s mission, helping out at St. John’s Bread and Life and contributing to many other charitable endeavors to reach out to those in need.

“My philosophy on helping others is simple: just do it,” Carnesecca said. “It should be second nature; you see someone suffering, you help them. The great thing about St. John’s is that you don’t just learn about theology and ethics, you live it. The Vincentian Fathers used to...”
hang out with us when we were students, have lunch with us and lead by example. They were marvelous, and I’m glad to see that today’s kids are still helping out, making sandwiches and giving them to the homeless at those Midnight Runs. That’s really tremendous stuff.”

Carnesecca’s retirement from coaching ushered in a period of inconsistency for St. John’s basketball. The men’s team had its ups and downs, while the women’s squad reached an all-time low in the 2001-02 season, going 3-23 overall and 0-16 in the BIG EAST.

Fast forward to 2011 and suddenly both programs are back on track. First-year Men’s Head Coach Steve Lavin has revitalized the men’s team, taking the Johnnies to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in nine years and sending shockwaves across the nation with thrilling victories at Madison Square Garden. Women’s Head Coach Kim Barnes Arico, meanwhile, has spent the last nine seasons transforming the women’s team into a national powerhouse. Her squad made the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year in 2011 (to read more about the men’s and women’s programs, check out the feature stories on pages 30 and 32).

Both coaches have ushered in a new era of Red Storm basketball, and they cite Carnesecca as one of their major role models and sources of inspiration.

“When I think of St. John’s University, I immediately think of Coach Carnesecca,” said Barnes Arico. “I grew up watching St. John’s play, sitting in the bleachers at Alumni Hall. Just the type of man Coach Carnesecca is — he wasn’t just a basketball coach. The things he did and the value he brought to the University and our mission here at St. John’s is outstanding, and I have the utmost respect for him. He’s a wonderful man.”

Coaching at St. John’s has been a fantastic experience for this Long Island native, especially since she is still able to interact with Carnesecca, one of her longtime idols.

“When I first came here I was in awe of Coach Carnesecca,” she recalled. “For someone of his magnitude, someone I looked up to, to take the time out of his day to stop by a practice, attend one of our games or just give me a word of encouragement about our program — that means so much to me. That’s just the type of person he is, and for him to do that after 50 years of service to the University is truly incredible.”

Lavin, on the other hand, was playing Division II basketball at Chapman University in California during Carnesecca’s prime. He still followed the team, however, and viewed Carnesecca as a legendary figure.

“Those teams in the ’80s captivated the college world,” Lavin said. “The personality of Carnesecca on the sideline — his charisma, those sweaters — that made him stand out. He’s legendary: someone who’s won at the highest level, so I naturally followed the St. John’s program back then from a distance.”

One of Lavin’s favorite moments during his first year on the job came when he met Carnesecca.

“My first day on campus, Lou Carnesecca patted me on the knee at lunch and said, ‘You’ll be fine, kid. Just make sure you get the horses.’ Or, in other words, recruit at a very high level if you want to win games.
That’s the same advice John Wooden gave me at UCLA: great players take you to great heights.”

Lavin took those words to heart. He’s landed a dynamic recruiting class ranked third in the nation by ESPN and hopes to build off last year to develop a winning culture around the program.

The fan base has been reenergized and everyone on campus is excited to see the new squad in action — especially Carnesecca, arguably the Johnnies’ biggest fan. His energy is contagious when talking about the job Coach Lavin has done.

“Just look at Coach Lavin,” Carnesecca said. “His personality is fantastic — he’s got that rare ability to get people to like him, and he makes you feel right at home. I think he could run for mayor, but I sure hope he doesn’t — we gotta’ keep him here!”

The success of both the men’s and women’s programs has been exciting for Carnesecca to see. He views it as a fitting reward after nearly two decades of inconsistency.

“I’ll tell you how good it is: I can walk down the street and not be afraid,” Carnesecca jokes. “I used to walk down Union Turnpike and hear people telling me, ‘What’s the matter with the teams? When are they gonna’ win?’ And now this year, both the men’s and women’s teams are clicking. It gave us a shot in the arm. We have that tradition, that heritage, and sometimes we lose it for whatever reason. But I’m so glad we got it back, and it looks like we’re really going at it now.”

Like every other Red Storm fan, Carnesecca is now just a spectator, happy to watch his successors from the stands and cheer along with the home crowd. But even after a storied career of over-50 years of service to St. John’s, he continues to act as an ambassador for the University, attending major events and participating in a host of charitable endeavors. The St. Vincent de Paul Medal is undeniable proof of this lifelong commitment.

Today, Carnesecca is still a familiar face on the Queens campus and can often be found grabbing coffee at the Starbucks in the D’Angelo Center, attending Mass at St. Thomas More Church, walking across the Great Lawn or speaking with students and staff.

And, of course, he loves to spend time in his office — a room literally covered in fantastic memorabilia from his Hall-of-Fame career.

“This campus is a showplace,” he says, a smile across his face. “You walk across it and see the students, and it makes you feel young. I can’t get enough of it.”

Carnesecca looks around at the countless photos decorating his office’s walls. A signed poster of Chris Mullin hangs next to a photo of Malik Sealy ’92CBA. Just a small sampling of the lives he’s touched during his phenomenal run as the face of St. John’s.

“This is home,” Carnesecca says. “That’s the best way I can put it. This is home.”

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Lavin Leads Seniors to Incredible Season

When the men’s basketball team walked off the court of Madison Square Garden on January 30, 2011, first-year Head Coach Steve Lavin knew he was working with a special group of players.

The team had just earned its third victory against a ranked opponent, blowing out Duke in impressive fashion, 93-78, before a wild, sold-out home crowd.

“I could tell that the guys wanted to do a lot more of this,” Lavin recalled. “They liked getting the Garden rocking, being on ESPN’s SportsCenter every night. Once these guys started tasting success, it snowballed.”

When all was said and done, the 2010-11 Red Storm tallied six victories over Top-25 opponents, finished tied for third in the BIG EAST conference and qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the first time in nine years.

Not too shabby for Lavin’s first year at the helm, and a fitting end to the college careers of the team’s 10 senior members.

“The first of anything is usually the most memorable,” Lavin said, “and I’d say this past season was as memorable as any I’ve ever been a part of. To see this group of seniors, guys that went through some tough seasons here, be rewarded for all their hard work and loyalty — and to see the fans appreciate them like they did — inspired everyone in the program. Those guys took us on a magic carpet ride, a very exciting journey, and they’ll always hold a special place in my heart.”

Lavin’s senior-laden squad was one of the most experienced in NCAA history, and it showed: the team’s poise in late-game situations made for some thrilling last-second victories. Who could forget the buzzer-beater by Justin Brownlee ’11CPS to put away Georgetown in early January? Or the impeccable baseline lay-in by Dwight Hardy ’11CPS to narrowly edge out Pittsburgh?

All of the Red Storm’s seniors contributed to the team’s success: Brownlee, Hardy, Malik...
Boothe ’11CPS, Justin Burrell ’11CPS, Kevin Clark ’11CPS, Dele Coker ’11TCB, Sean Evans ’11CPS, Paris Horne ’11CPS, D.J. Kennedy ’11CPS and Rob Thomas ’11CPS.

These student athletes also made St. John’s proud off the court, excelling in the classroom and frequently performing community service. Lavin attended the Commencement Exercises in May to watch this special group of seniors earn their degrees.

“Seeing those guys graduate with their college degrees was such a good story,” Lavin said. “That’s what the mission and the aim of the University is all about: developing great young men and women. These particular players can feel very proud of the way they represent St. John’s, their families and especially themselves.”

In one year, Lavin steered the Johnnies back to national prominence, energizing the Red Storm fan base and bringing a noticeable buzz back to Carnesecca Arena, Madison Square Garden and New York City.

But Lavin has no plans of slowing down. The California native, who previously spent seven seasons coaching the UCLA Bruins, has snagged an impressive recruiting class ranked third in the nation by ESPN. He’s eager to showcase his newcomers to the Red Storm faithful.

“We’ve got a very hard-working group coming in, a team that fits our particular style and brand of play,” Lavin said. “We like to play up-tempo, put pressure on teams from baseline to baseline and play high-octane basketball. Next year, you’ll see a group of highly skilled, long, athletic and wiry basketball players that can create some havoc both in our full-court pressure and in our running game.”

Coaching a team comprised of mostly freshmen will be no easy task. Lavin will be moving from one extreme to the other, from coaching the most experienced team in the NCAA to the least.

“This will be the most challenging season of my career,” he explained. “There will be some growing pains, but our hope is that by February, we’ll start to gel and become a very dangerous opponent, a team that could knock some people off and make some noise coming down the stretch. But mostly I’m looking two and three years down the line as we develop a winning culture. Our goal is sustained success — we don’t want to be a one-hit wonder.”

The fan base has embraced Lavin, and the coach has thoroughly enjoyed seeing how energized the home crowds have become. Students hold up LAVINWOOD signs during games, alluding to the coach’s California roots, while other fans hold posters and signs containing some of Lavin’s most memorable quotes and phrases.

“You can’t help but feed off the electricity of this city and our fans,” Lavin said. “The Johnnies have become such a hot topic, so whether I’m grabbing some coffee, walking down the street or just buying groceries, there are always people coming up to me and wanting to talk basketball. I like the liveliness of our exchanges, and I appreciate talking with such knowledgeable fans.”

With a dynamic recruiting class on the horizon, the future looks bright for the Red Storm. But Lavin is quick to point out that the foundation was laid by that first squad he coached in 2011 — that endearing cast of seniors who thrust St. John’s back into the NCAA Tournament.

“Sometimes you coach a team that you love, but you don’t necessarily like,” Lavin noted. “There’s a real distinction there. You love all your teams, but you don’t always enjoy the company of your players. This group of seniors was so great to work with and so likable on a personal level — they cared, they had passion, they were hungry. They had the desire to leave a legacy here and accomplish something special, and that’s precisely what they did.”

To view an in-depth video on Carnesecca’s legacy and hear his thoughts on the current teams, visit www.stjohns.edu/louslegacy
A Dream Come True for Barnes Arico

Kim Barnes Arico can’t help but smile each morning on her way to work.

Who could blame her? In nine seasons as Head Coach of the St. John’s Women’s Basketball Team, she’s amassed an impressive record and led the program to one of the greatest turnarounds in the history of college basketball.

For this Long Island native, the process has been a dream come true.

“Growing up in New York, St. John’s was the basketball school,” she said. “I followed the program as a kid and I was in the stands for a lot of games, cheering on Coach Carnesecca, Chris Mullin, Mark Jackson and all the legends. So for me to be able to coach in New York and for a university that I grew up following, that’s been a phenomenal experience.”

In less than a decade, Barnes Arico has established herself as one of the most outstanding coaches in St. John’s history. After inheriting a program that went 3-24 overall (0-16 in the BIG EAST) in 2002, her hard-nosed work ethic and keen eye for recruiting immediately made an impact. Her St. John’s record speaks for itself: three NCAA Tournament appearances, three WNIT berths, eight consecutive trips to the BIG EAST Tournament and four 20-win seasons.

“It’s truly unbelievable to me,” she said. “If someone had looked at the program 10 years ago, I don’t think they would have believed where we’d be today.”

The 2010-11 season was another exceptional one for the team, racking up 22 wins and...
reaching the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year. Though the Red Storm lost to top-seeded Stanford in the second round of the tournament, Barnes Arico was impressed with her team’s overall performance and is excited to coach the returning players. Phenomenal talents such as Senior forward Da’Shena Stevens and Junior guard Shenneika Smith highlight next year’s squad.

“We’ve got a group of young ladies who have now played in two NCAA tournaments, so they’ve got experience under their belts,” Barnes Arico said. “They know what it’s like to travel on the road and compete in big games. We had to play at Florida State and at Stanford, two of the greatest arenas and two of the greatest programs in the country. That’s no small task. So the expectations are to take it one step further than we did this past season, to keep that level of consistency and continue to be a program that people talk about year in and year out.”

Her players have also been successful in the classroom, posting solid grades and consistently performing community service. Barnes Arico stresses academics and building character, and she was proud to see both of her seniors from this past season graduate at the Commencement Exercises in May.

“More than the Xs and Os, education is our main job,” she noted. “The parents of these athletes are trusting me with four years of their children’s lives. We have to help prepare them for the rest of the world, not just basketball. At the end of the day, that’s what it’s all about: sending great people out into the world who will achieve great things with their St. John’s background.”

Off the court, Barnes Arico has found similar success with her other full-time job: being a wife and mother of three. Her husband and children cheer from the sidelines at nearly every St. John’s game, and Barnes Arico credits the University’s family atmosphere with helping her juggle all of her various responsibilities.

“Taking care of both my family and my obligations as a coach is the greatest challenge for me,” she explained. “It’s something that I would not be able to do without the tremendous support of the people here at the University as well as my family at home. My husband is terrific, my mom is terrific and I always have someone with me on my side.”

Without a doubt, Barnes Arico has ushered in a new era of St. John’s women’s basketball, putting the program on the map with consistent postseason success. As the Red Storm’s reputation has skyrocketed, so too has the difficulty of its schedule. Success has led to an increase in televised marquee matchups.

The 2011-12 season will be no exception: the squad will play the outstanding Rutgers Scarlet Knights twice and will face the Baylor Bears at Madison Square Garden as part of the Maggie Dixon Classic. And the team will once again have to contend with its strongest BIG EAST rival, the nearly unbeatable UConn Huskies.

It’s a daunting schedule, but one that Barnes Arico is glad to face.

“We now have more opportunities to play these great teams, sometimes even on national television,” she said. “But what makes it all the more special is that I know these other teams are going into the games having to really prepare for St. John’s. And that’s exciting to know, for both myself and our players.”

The recent success of the men’s team has made Barnes Arico even more enthusiastic about next season and what it could mean for St. John’s. The atmosphere reminds her of those days when she’d sit in the bleachers of Alumni Hall, rooting on Coach Carnesecca and his legendary teams.

“What I witnessed this past season is the same thing I witnessed back in 1985,” she said. “When I walk out of campus, step into New York City and our surrounding areas, everyone is talking about St. John’s, Coach Lavin and the young men in his program. Our women are on board with that; we want to be the face of St. John’s as well. When both programs can do it together, that’s an amazing thing.”

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It was a telephone call that had come a number of times before, only this time there was something very different about it. For St. John’s former two-time All-American basketball great Chris Mullin ’98CBA, it was the notification that he had been selected for induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the capstone honor of a career on and around the hardwood that has spanned more than three decades.

“I was asleep at home on the West Coast when the call came in, and it was my wife who actually answered,” he said. “I’d gotten calls like this in the past, usually telling me that I had come close but didn’t make it. I liked the message much better this time, and I definitely went back to sleep with a smile on my face.”

Looking back on what he has accomplished as part of the game he loves, it’s easy to see that Mullin was entitled to smile. At St. John’s he was a standout player for legendary Coach Lou Carnesecca, averaging 19.8 points per game as a senior and helping to catapult his team into the NCAA’s Final Four and its first Number 1 ranking since 1951. For his outstanding play he received the John R. Wooden Award as the top player in the nation and was named Player of the Year by both United Press International and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.
St. John’s has always been important to Mullin, so it came as no surprise when he selected Coach Carnesecca to introduce him at the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in August.
Moving from St. John’s to the pros, Mullin was selected by the Golden State Warriors with the seventh overall pick in the 1985 NBA Draft. During his NBA career, he scored 17,911 points, averaging more than 20 points per game in six-consecutive seasons (1987-93). During his 16-year professional career he was a five-time NBA All-Star, and twice won a gold medal representing the United States in the Olympics. Once his playing days were over, he joined the Warriors’ front office staff, and now serves as an NBA in-studio analyst at ESPN.

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“Coach Carnesecca has been in the Hall of Fame since 1992,” noted Mullin, “and since you need to pick someone to present you who’s already been inducted, the choice was simple. I’ve known Coach since I was about 12 years old, and he’s been a huge influence on my life. There’s no question that he taught me the game of basketball, but there’s also no question that he taught me many life lessons along the way. Coach embodies all that I’ve ever accomplished, and we’re closer now than we ever were. I really love that man!”

Mullin’ over the numbers

- Three-time BIG EAST Player of the Year (1983, 1984, 1985)
- Two-time All-NBA Second Team selection (1989, 1991)
- Five-time NBA All-Star
- Wooden Award winner (1985)
- USBWA College Player of the Year (1985)
- Led St. John’s to the 1985 NCAA Final Four
- St. John’s all-time leading scorer
- Picked in the first round of the 1985 NBA Draft by Golden State Warriors
- All-NBA First Team Selection (1992)
- All-NBA Third Team Selection (1990)

“Coach (Carnesecca) embodies all that I’ve ever accomplished, and we’re closer now than we ever were. I really love that man!”
This will actually be the second time that Mullin will stand before the crowd in Springfield, MA as he is invited to enter the Hall of Fame. He was inducted in 2010 as a member of the 1992 Dream Team that won the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

“When I was inducted last year as part of that team, it was really great,” he said. “To me, basketball is the ultimate team sport, and when you have success it’s really about everyone on that team working together. When we were inducted as a team last year, I didn’t have to speak, and so I got to enjoy all of the festivities just by being a member of that legendary team. This year it’s going to be a lot different being inducted as an individual. I’m going to be thinking about all of the people who helped me get to where I am today — my family, my teammates and my coaches. It’s not going to be about what I did, but about the people who were such an important part of my life.”

Mullin speaks fondly of the St. John’s players who were his teammates and, together, brought the University into the national college basketball spotlight during the mid-1980s. He believes that whether they remained associated with basketball in some way or took their careers in a different direction, their ultimate success is a reflection of what they learned as players in one of the most successful college programs of the era.

“We had some really great players back then,” he recalled, “and although each has their own individual story and has taken their own individual journey, they’ve all been successful in what they wanted to do. Again, I have to say that the common thread was that we all learned from Coach Carnesecca. He showed us that no matter what business you get into, if you have really good core values that you’ve learned along the way, you can adapt and be successful in almost any situation.”

A dedicated St. John’s fan for as long as he can remember, Mullin is both excited and proud of the way the team returned to the national college basketball scene this past season. He believes that Head Coach Steve Lavin, now preparing to enter his second year at the helm, is the ideal person to bring the program back to the greatness that was so characteristic of the years when Mullin was racing up and down the court in Alumni Hall (now Carnesecca Arena).

“Steve Lavin did an outstanding job this past season, and the thing that really jumps out about him is that he knows how to win. He’s got a really great winning percentage and has taken several teams into the NCAA. He’s also got a great personality and special charisma, which coupled with his basketball knowledge and success as a coach, makes him an excellent recruiter. Steve has only been at St. John’s for one year, and he’s already embraced the program’s traditions of excellence and is well on his way to building on those traditions.”

As he contemplates his upcoming induction into basketball’s most exclusive club, this outgoing alumnus acknowledges the many special moments that will be with him as he steps to the podium after what is certain to be Coach Carnesecca’s memorable introduction of one of his favorite players and dearest friends.

“I know that I’ll be looking back with lots of different things going through my mind,” he predicted. “My Olympic experiences will definitely stand out, because it was humbling to be selected from among such a talented group of athletes to represent my country. And I’ll certainly be thinking of all of the great people who have been on my teams over the years, and of the great coaches who have made such a difference in my life. I’m at the point in my life now where the memories of the past assume greater importance, and I can look back on the people who were with me at various points in my life and realize how much they’ve done for me. That’s what I’ll be thinking about on Induction Day.”
Bricks & Mortar Update

New Stairway

In Queens, a new staircase now links the Great Lawn with the lower quad, offering direct and easy access between the upper and lower campuses. Informally known as the Grand Stair, it contains 27 sweeping steps separated by two landings, and is constructed of reinforced concrete augmented with decorative granite stone facing. The granite facing complements the appearance of the adjacent outdoor fountain located at the lower end of the staircase.

The location of the staircase, between Marillac Hall and St. Augustine Hall, was selected to enhance the flow of students traveling between the upper campus and the corridor leading to the D’Angelo Center. The project was begun on July 1, 2010 as part of the University’s Master Plan for the beautification of the Queens campus.
Notre Dame College Homecoming

More than 70 alumnae of Notre Dame College gathered to enjoy their shared heritage at the Notre Dame College Homecoming, held on Saturday, April 30 on the Staten Island campus. The event was particularly special for the Class of 1961, whose members were celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their graduation. Each alumna from this signature class received a red rose and a commemorative pin to acknowledge this important milestone in her life.

In 1977 the alumnae of Notre Dame College established the Notre Dame College Alumnae Association Sr. Helen Flynn Endowed Scholarship, named after the Foundress of Notre Dame College. Next year will mark the 35th anniversary of this scholarship, which since its inception has raised over $925,000 to benefit incoming first-year students attending the University’s Staten Island campus.

Notre Dame College became a part of St. John’s University in 1971, and members of the Notre Dame College Alumnae Association continue to play an important role in the St. John’s community.

Incoming student Kara Gavin ’15Ed (below) thanks the alumnae for her scholarship award.

Alumnae enjoyed the opportunity to come back to campus, catch up on what’s been happening with many friends from their student days and meet this year’s recipients of the Sr. Helen Flynn Endowed Scholarship.
University Welcomes New Founders Society Members

At the recent Founders Society Annual Dinner held at The New York Palace, St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. inducted seven individuals into this most prestigious donor recognition group. Membership in The Founder’s Society is reserved exclusively for donors who have made cumulative gifts of $1 million or more to the University during the course of their lifetime.

Members of The Founders Society have achieved their esteemed status by making gifts in a variety of categories such as cash, stocks, IRA distributions, annuities, trusts and inclusion in estate plans. Regardless of their individual pathway to inclusion, each member has embraced the spirit and values of St. Vincent de Paul that has always served as the very foundation of the St. John’s experience.


Individually and collectively, the members of The Founders Society are extraordinary people who have stepped forward to accept the challenge of partnering with St. John’s to make the world a better place. The University will forever be grateful for their generosity.

Insurance Leader of the Year

Joseph V. Taranto, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Everest Re Group, Ltd., was honored as the 2010 Insurance Leader of the Year at the 16th Annual Insurance Leader of the Year Award Dinner, held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. The event attracted more than 1,500 insurance leaders from the U.S. and abroad and raised a record $2.27 million to support the students and programming of the School of Risk Management (SRM) at St. John’s The Peter J. Tobin College of Business.

Presented annually since 1995, the Insurance Leader of the Year Award recognizes the contributions of outstanding individuals whose leadership in the worldwide insurance and financial services industry sets them apart from their peers.
Fostering Financial Literacy in America

St. John’s University is poised to embark upon a historic undertaking designed to promote a better understanding of the ways in which financial realities impact everyone within our society.

At a recent gathering of the St. John’s Corporate and Social Responsibility Council, Denis M. Hughes, President, New York State AFL-CIO and New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli joined University administrators in announcing a partnership between the University and the Teaching Financial Education Group for a planned National Center for Financial Literacy.

The theme of financial literacy and capability addresses the unfortunate reality that a pervasive lack of economic understanding has had a negative effect on our communities locally, nationally and internationally. The creation of this unique resource directly reflects St. John’s mission of helping the underserved, in this case those most hindered by the lack of financial knowledge.

“The opportunity to create a National Center for Financial Literacy is made possible because of the willingness of bank executives, government and labor officials, corporate benefactors and higher education administrators who are willing to all sit at the same table and discuss solutions for financial literacy that has recently been brought to light in our society,” said Jonelle Bradshaw de Hernandez, Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations at St. John’s.

In order to have the greatest impact on our society both now and in the future, the Center is expected to begin the process by educating students from kindergarten through college.

“It is critical that young people, from childhood on to adult life, become aware of how to handle money,” noted Jerrold Ross Ph.D., Academic Vice President for St. John’s Staten Island campus and Dean of The School of Education. “It is just as critical, therefore, that we develop standards for the teaching of financial literacy.”

The St. John’s Corporate Social Responsibility Council is a distinguished group of corporate stakeholders who are dedicated to addressing the educational, environmental and social needs of the community they serve. The Council includes corporations that are committed to corporate philanthropy and recognize the opportunity and importance of aligning with a nationally recognized University that has been responding to community needs since 1870.
Pharmacy Student Wins Esteemed Scholarship

The prestigious J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Scientific Scholarship is awarded to one student in the United States each year, and 2011’s recipient was Jessica Placido ’07GP, ’12Pharm.D.

This hard-working and humble graduate student, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences with a specialization in Toxicology, won the award this past May by edging out an elite pool of applicants. St. John’s was one of only 12 institutions nationwide that qualified to nominate a student for this scholarship.

“I can’t tell you how honored I am to receive this award,” Placido said. “I couldn’t have done it without the support of my family, my friends and the entire College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.”

Placido’s doctoral thesis focuses on controlled substances and drug abuse, an area that is quickly gaining the attention of the toxicology community. “Many people today abuse prescription drugs by combining them with alcohol,” she explained. “That allows the user to feel the effects of the drugs for a longer period of time. But that combination can also be deadly.”

Joseph D’Angelo ’52CBA, ’88HON is the Vice President of the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation and came to the Queens campus to personally deliver the $25,000 scholarship check to Placido.

“What’s most impressive about Jessica’s accomplishment is that she had such significant competition,” D’Angelo said. “The finalists all came from excellent, excellent schools. But Jessica really impressed us, especially with her fantastic essay. There was a sense of humility yet brilliance in what she wrote.”

Placido was honored to receive the award from such an accomplished graduate of the University.

“That makes the scholarship so much more special,” she noted. “Joseph D’Angelo is such a great man, so to receive the check personally from him is very, very special.”

Placido plans on using the scholarship money to purchase additional research equipment that will benefit her doctoral research at St. John’s and strengthen the analytical performance of her laboratory within the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.
Your Name Goes Here

St. John’s has undertaken a special initiative that will offer alumni and friends an opportunity to support the University while adding to the beauty of the Queens and Staten Island campuses.

By making a gift of $2,500, donors will have a personalized plaque affixed to one of approximately 100 outdoor, weather-resistant benches located around campus. Plaques can be inscribed in a variety of ways, such as in honor of someone dear to you or in memory of a special friend or family member. Alternatively, donors may choose to simply include their name and, in the case of alumni, their school and year of graduation.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for a donor to establish his or her legacy at St. John’s in a visible and practical way that can be enjoyed by everyone within our campus community,” noted Victor Ramos ‘91CBA, ‘93MBA, Associate Vice President, Division of Institutional Advancement.

“These are really beautiful benches, and a donor’s generosity will be apparent on campus for a long time.”

Participation in this program ensures that you or your loved one will enjoy a lasting tribute at St. John’s, a striking reflection of the importance of the University in your life. For information about how you can take advantage of this unique opportunity, please visit www.stjohns.edu/lastingimpressions.

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Suzy (’95Ed, ’97GEd) and Tom Larsen ’94CPS

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Laud Excellence in Education

Acknowledging the important role that teachers play in our society, alumni and friends gathered on the Queens, Staten Island and Oakdale campuses to recognize the achievements of some of the region’s most outstanding educators and educational administrators. St. John’s University has been producing exceptional teachers since 1908, and so it comes as no surprise that many of the award recipients were St. John’s graduates.


To read the complete story, see additional photos and view the full list of honorees, please visit www.stjohns.edu/summer11mag
1950s

Gerald Salemi ’51CBA retired after 30 years from IBM Corporation as Chief Photographer and is now President of Salemi Photo Studios, Inc. in Mahwah, NJ.

Ray Ferrero ’55CBA received the Distinguished Service Award 2010 from the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities for his exceptional involvement or significant contributions to non-for-profit higher education in Florida. He is the Chancellor at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, FL.

1960s

Philip Dolce ’63UC and Patricia Pasciuto Dolce ’64Ed celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

1970s

John Lazar ’71Ed is Senior Vice President for American Cancer Society in Greenbelt, MD.

Mark Kritzman ’73CBA received the Graham and Dodd Scroll Award from the Financial Analyst Journal for his excellence in financial writing. He is also the Chief Investment Officer of Windham Capital Management, LLC in Cambridge, MA.

1980s

Richard Corbett ’80L is Lead Counsel for the New Jersey Office of Legislative Services in Trenton, NJ.

Judith Habert ’80SVC is Publisher/Editor-in-Chief for San Diego Woman Magazine in Escondido, CA.

Sebastian Borriello and Maryann Borriello ’83CBA celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in May.

Robert Sawicki ’83CBA is Senior Vice President, Talent Acquisition and Development for Magellan Health Services, Inc. in Avon, CT.

Raymond Rotolo ’85CBA is Chief Operating Officer for Posterscope USA in New York City.


Eric Fischer ’86CBA is Managing Director and Business Development Officer at U.S. Bank Corporate Trust Services in New York City.

Edward Muro ’87SVC is the Supervisor for Nassau County Police Fleet Service Bureau in Bethpage, NY.

Lisa Jordan Kilborn ’88SVC is the Blogger/Editor of TennisFortWorth.com in Fort Worth, TX.

Andrea Papa ’88SVC was sworn-in by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo as an Appointee and is serving as the Special Advisor of HR Initiatives for the New York State Department of Insurance in New York City.

Edmund Brett ’89C received the Hartford Hospital Full Circle Award for his identification of a problem related to the pump of a mechanical heart-lung machine. His actions resulted in a national recall of the pumps by the FDA.

Denise Clark ’89SVC is Senior Bilingual Probation Officer for Sussex County Judicial Center — Probation Adult Supervision for the State of New Jersey Judiciary in Newton, NJ.

Three Alumni Meet Cardinal Egan

Members of the laity rarely have an opportunity to spend time with one of New York’s most dynamic religious figures, but that’s what happened recently for John Iacono, D.D.S. ’61C, Kathleen Lyons ’60Ed and Joseph Sciame ’71Ed. Each took advantage of the opportunity to renew their faith at the Annual Day of Recollection for the Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, held at the Church of St. Martha in Uniondale, NY. Edward Cardinal Egan ’85HON, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of New York, served as the spiritual leader for this extraordinary event, which was sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre is a Catholic chivalric order that traces its roots to the time of the First Crusade. It is considered a major Catholic Order of Knighthood, under the direct protection of the Holy See, making membership in the order a Papal honor. Within the organization, Iacono holds the formal title of Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre, Lyons is designated as Lady of the Holy Sepulchre and Sciame is deemed Knight Grand Cross of the Holy Sepulchre.
Michelle Raimo ’89NDC is President of Production for Sony Pictures Animation in Culver City, CA.

1990s

Gregory Connolly ’90CBA is Vice President, Technology Manager for Wells Fargo Bank in Charlotte, NC.

Michael Spataro ’92NDC was named 2010 Equity Salesperson of the Year and is the Managing Director for Jefferies & Company, Inc. in New York City.

George Brennan ’94SVC released his second CD of original music, Georgie Brennan — Believe.

George Quarshie ’94CPS is a Physician at Southside Primary Care Plus in Colonial Heights, VA.

Robert McParland ’97G received the Kornitzer Book Award for Charles Dicken’s American Audience (Lexington Books, 2010). The award is made in the name of journalist and Hungarian émigré Bela Kornitzer, who produced numerous books of political biography.

Maryann Thomas ’98SVC is a Certified Paralegal at Vasallo Sloane, P.L in Winter Park, FL.

Michael Permuko ’99CBA is a Certified Canine and Equine Massage Therapist at Canine & Equine Massage Therapy LLC in Point Pleasant, NJ.

2000s

Dennis Artese ’02L is a Shareholder at Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C. in New York City.

Donald Leonte ’03C is an Office Manager at H&R Block in Brooklyn, NY.

Robert Ricca ’03MBA is an Associate Attorney for Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP in Roanoke, VA.

Anthony Brown ’05P is a Pharmaceutical Industry Consultant the New York City area.

Calabe Bissett ’06C received his Juris Doctor from the School of Law at Duquesne University School in Pittsburgh, PA.

Vanessa Viola ’09MLS is a Librarian at BNP Paribas in New York, NY and at New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury, 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.

Cooking Her Way into Our Hearts

Rossella Rago ’09C is the host of the popular weekly Internet series, “Cooking with Nonna.” In each “webisode,” Rossella teaches viewers how to cook a traditional homemade Italian meal with the help of Italian grandmothers, including her very own nonna. Each installment of the series features a different grandmother and provides interviews and features on what it was like for these women to grow up in America as immigrants or first-generation Italian-Americans. It’s an endearing concept that gives the show an authentic charm.

For this charismatic young alumna, Italian food is more than just mouth-watering entrees and scrumptious desserts. It’s about a rich cultural heritage, a way of remembering the small towns and villages of Italy and uniting multiple generations of Italians. Visit www.CookingWithNonna.com for additional information about Rossella Rago and her many culinary events.

Keegan Bradley Takes PGA Tour by Storm

Keegan Bradley ’08CPS earned his first PGA Tour victory this past May at the Byron Nelson Championship.

Bradley, a former standout on the Red Storm Men’s Golf Team, won the tournament in a playoff by sinking a clutch 2-foot par putt on the 18th hole to edge out Ryan Palmer.

The field included PGA greats Sergio Garcia, Vijay Singh and K.J. Choi.

“I don’t know what to say,” Bradley said after his thrilling victory. “I can’t believe this just happened. This is a dream come true. I’ve waited for this my whole life.”

It hasn’t taken long for this talented St. John’s alumnus to make his mark on professional golf. He earned his PGA Tour Card in October 2010 and quickly notched top-10 finishes at the Bob Hope Classic in January and the Valero Texas Open in April.

His victory at the Byron Nelson Championship came nine days before his 25th birthday. Bradley is the nephew of LPGA great Pat Bradley, who won 31 tournaments, including six majors, on the women’s tour.
1970s
Virginia Alster ’75C to Gary Ellwanger – January 15, 2011

1980s
Susan Maria ’83L to Kevin Bailie – November 22, 2010

2000s
Jennifer Ticas ’02CPS to Bryan Pagliaro – December 18, 2010
Meagan Foy ’05Ed, ’07GEd to Robert Smith – October 15, 2010
Mary Ellen Szwejkowski ’73G, a granddaughter, Keira – February 2, 2010 and a grandson, Tyler – March 8, 2010

1990s
Robert Eisele ’90CBA and wife, Julie, a son, Brett Jason – September 19, 2010
Lisa Nielsen ’98CBA, ’99MBA and husband, Christopher, a son, Christopher Robert, Jr. – September 16, 2010

2000s
Danielle Miranda ’01CPS, and husband, Steven, a daughter, Deanna Dorothy – November 3, 2010

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IN PULP & LEATHER

Philip Harris ’49CBA is co-author of the classic, Managing Cultural Differences, 8th edition (Elsevier, 2011) and author of Toward Human Emergence (HRD Press, 2009).

Alexander Gallardo ’76Ph.D. is the author of A Death in Brooklyn (Lulu Press, 2011). Puerto Rican private detective Ramon Lull Lopez does his bit to reduce the crime rate, and find a modicum of justice for the people living in the warrens of crime in the underbelly of Brooklyn.

Judith Haber ’80SVC is the author of Hey, I’m Italian (Authorhouse, 2007). This book is an insider’s look at growing up Italian in New York that is filled with laugh, love and lunacy not to mention treasured family recipes and some classic Italian humor.

Ava Pennington ’80CBA, ’85MBA is author of One Year Alone with God: 366 Devotions on the Names of God (Baker Publishing Group, 2010). This one-year devotional provides 366 life changing, personal devotions that examine 122 names and attributes of God from three perspectives: who God is, who we are and how we relate to others.

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IN THE FAMILY WAY

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Leo Kanawada ’80Ph.D. is the author of The Holocaust Diaries (Authorhouse, 2010). A book that produces an enlightening narrative which challenges the conventional wisdom claiming that during World War II President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Pope Pius XII were indifferent and did little to save the millions of Jews in Nazi-controlled Europe.

Robert McParland ’97G is the author of Bloom’s How To Write about Joseph Conrad (Infobase, 2010). Bloom’s How To Write About Literature series is a valuable resource for students writing essays on great works of literature. Each volume in the series contains dozens of sample paper topics and brief discussions of how to approach the topics.
IN MEMORIAM

1930s
Leo Blum ’32L
Nicholas Garofalo ’32C
Michael Finkin ’33CBA
Frances Meade ’36NDC
Ford Cardi ’37C
Henry Grant ’37L
Harry Farrell ’38C
Salvatore Gulli ’38C
Muriel Kingston ’38NDC
Theodore Adams ’39C
Peter Battaglia ’39C
William King ’39C
George LaGiusa ’39C
Moe Leifer ’39CBA
Frank May ’39C

1940s
Edwin Dinsmore ’40C
Isidore Goldstein ’40CBA
Joseph Goward ’40C, ’49L
J. Ward Harrigan ’40C
Frank Mazzaapica ’40C
Samuel Miller ’40L
Robert Sarosy ’40C
Anthony Aiello ’41CBA
Bernard Alderman ’41L
Richard Cupertino ’41P
Kathleen Kennelly ’41NDC
Anthony O’Leary ’41CBA
John Powers ’41C
William O’Brien ’42C
Marjorie Christman ’42Ed
James LaRosa ’43CBA
Harry Sirota ’43L
John Griffen ’44C
Sr. Janice Buettner ’45Ed, ’71G
Kyle Faber ’45CBA
Mary Hartmann ’45NDC
John Faungo ’46P
Robert Johnson ’46C
Theresa Marks ’46NEd
Ethel Mary Durnin ’47NDC
SOLON goldberg ’47L
Mary Finnen ’47NDC, ’56NEd
Robert Kleinman ’47NDC
Edward Lopatynski ’47L
Thomas Maguire ’47C
Joseph Quinn ’47L
Lucille Ross ’47UC
Vincent Runza ’47C

1950s
Vincent Costore ’50L
Salvatore Cozzolino ’50CBA
Mary Creede ’50NDC
George Curtis ’50CBA
Patricia Dachille ’50CBA
Edward Gamber ’50L
George Goodwin ’50C
John Mulholland ’50L
Joseph O’Leary ’50L
Arthur O’Malley ’50C
Marie Peterson ’50NEd
Cosmo Saporto ’50C
Joseph Scarti ’50C
James Shea ’50C
Agatha Castiglione ’51NEd
Owen Clarke ’51UC, ’52L
James Dearie ’51C
Cosmo DiTucci ’51UC, ’53L
Joseph Dunn ’51P
Joan Eiler ’51NDC
Clifford Foelsch ’51UC, ’60GEd
Cono Gallo ’51CBA
George Gregorovic ’51CBA
Margaret Haggerty ’51NEd
Joseph Hoar ’51CBA
William Mullaney ’51C, ’53L
Brendan Rooney ’51CBA
Ruth Bailey ’52NDC
Elena Cirenza ’52P
Frank Nolan ’52L
Louis Sassi ’52UC
Gerard Stapleton ’52L

1960s
Robert Carey ’60L
Victoria Finnerty ’60UC, ’62G
Thomas McAndrews ’60UC
Edward Quigley ’60Ed.D., ’74PD

1970s
Margaret Purcell ’70Ed

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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 capone@stjohns.edu or via fax to (718) 990-6859.

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Robert J. Chrenc ’66CBA, ’06HON

Robert J. Chrenc ’66CBA, ’06HON passed away in February. Mr. Chrenc enjoyed a distinguished business career, serving at various times as Managing Partner of Arthur Andersen & Co., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at AC Nielsen Corp. and Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Symbol Technologies, Inc. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

A loyal and devoted alumnus, he was a member of the Advisory Board of St. John’s The Peter J. Tobin College of Business, an active participant in the Tobin College of Business Executive-In-Residence Program, a Committee Member and former Event Chairperson of the Father Dorr Golf Classic and a long-standing member of The Loughlin Society. A grateful University awarded him the President’s Medal in 1988, the Pietas Medal in 2001 and conferred a Doctor of Commercial Science, *honoris causa*, upon him in 2006.

To honor his memory and ensure that his legacy will remain alive at the University he loved, his family has established the Robert J. Chrenc Endowed Scholarship at St. John’s.
As this issue of the St. John’s University Magazine was about to go to press, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Hon. Hugh L. Carey ’42C, ’51L, ’67HON, former Governor of the State of New York and one of the University’s most beloved and distinguished alumni. Governor Carey received his Bachelor of Arts from St. John’s College in 1942, graduated from the School of Law in 1951 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1967. He died on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at his summer home on Shelter Island, NY at the age of 92.

Governor Carey amassed a truly remarkable record of service within both the public and private sectors. A decorated World War II veteran, he was part of the unit that liberated the Nordhausen Concentration Camp from the Nazis and was awarded the Combat Infantry Award, the Bronze Star and the Croix de Guerre. He entered politics in 1960 and was elected to seven terms in the United States House of Representatives. He was a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee and authored several pieces of landmark legislation designed to assure equitable treatment of the disabled. But his most memorable accomplishments were to come during his two terms as Governor of New York State. Serving from 1975 to 1982, he is widely credited with saving the City of New York from bankruptcy during the fiscal crisis of the 1970s. Among the other accomplishments of his administration were the inauguration of the memorable “I Love New York” campaign and the establishment of the famed Empire State Games, another of his determined efforts to foster equity for the developmentally challenged.

Following his political career, he returned to the practice of law, serving at one point as an Executive Vice President at W.R. Grace and Company and head of the firm’s Office of Environmental Policy. More recently, he was Senior Partner at Harris Beach, one of the nation’s top 250 law firms.

For almost three-quarters of a century, Hugh Carey, since his days as a freshman in 1938, has remained an integral part of this university as friend, active alumnus, and generous benefactor. With pride in and gratitude for his accomplishments, St. John’s has conferred upon him virtually every honor it has to give. In addition to the honorary doctorate, the University presented him with the President’s Medal, the Pietas Medal, the Medal of Honor, and the Spirit of Service Award and inducted him into the Heritage Circle. Governor Carey participated in a broad range of University activities and was a longtime member of The Loughlin Society. The Hugh and Helen Carey Residence Hall, located on the Queens campus and named for Carey and his late wife, was dedicated in 2004 and will remind generations of future students of his life and achievements. Among the most memorable of his public achievements was his service as one of the “Four Horsemen,” a group that included Senators Edward Kennedy and Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. House Speaker Tip O’Neill and that laid the groundwork for a peaceful solution to the conflict in Northern Ireland. This desire for peaceful reconciliation animated his most recent gift to St. John’s — establishment of the Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution in the St. John’s School of Law in 2009, which will remain as a permanent memorial to his vision and values.

Even as the St. John’s community mourns his passing, we also celebrate the life of this truly extraordinary man.
Join the Office of Alumni Relations and your fellow classmates at these upcoming events

MEET THE EXPERTS
September 14, 2011
Get the firsthand information you need to make the best decisions for your financial future.

THE McALLEN SOCIETY ANNUAL RECOGNITION MASS AND LUNCHEON
September 21, 2011
Gather to celebrate the University’s appreciation of the members of The McAllen Society.

10th ANNUAL ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY SERVICE DAY
September 24, 2011
Work side-by-side with the St. John’s community to help those less fortunate.

2011 ALUMNI GOLF OUTING
September 26, 2011
Enjoy a great day of golf while supporting student scholarships.

54th ANNUAL LEWIS AVENUE REUNION
October 2, 2011
Alumni from St. John’s Lewis Avenue campus gather for a special reunion luncheon.

5th ANNUAL SCHERMERHORN STREET REUNION
October 23, 2011
Schermerhorn Street alumni celebrate their days at the University’s vertical campus.

14th ANNUAL PRESIDENT’S DINNER
October 27, 2011
Spirit of Service Award recipients are honored at St. John’s premier fundraising event.

40th BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE STATEN ISLAND CAMPUS
November 9, 2011
Celebrate four decades of the University’s presence on Staten Island.

THE LOUGHLIN SOCIETY WINTER RECEPITION
December 8, 2011
Members of The Loughlin Society are acknowledged for their exceptional commitment to St. John’s.

SAVE THE DATE
THE JUBILARIAN SOCIETY DINNER
May 19, 2012
The Class of 1962 celebrates its 50th anniversary.

For the most up-to-date information regarding any of the events listed, please visit www.stjohns.edu/alumni.
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