Alumni Insider’s View…U.S. Capital
Students gathered in Washington, DC for the 30th Annual Alumni Insider’s View…U.S. Capital Program, a three-day opportunity in which DC area alumni share their expertise and allow students to explore careers and experience the inner workings of both the government and private sectors.
Dear Friends,

It has become a St. John’s tradition to hold, at least annually, a Town Hall meeting at which I and some of the University’s senior administrators discuss the State of the University with faculty, administrators, and staff. I am now delighted to have the opportunity to share some of the same points with you.

I am happy to report that the past year at St. John’s University has been one of remarkable success despite the volatile economic climate that continues to have a significant impact on individuals and institutions around the world, St. John’s achieved a balanced budget for fiscal year 2010 and is on target to repeat that for FY2011.

Enrollment targets were met for Fall 2010, with 3,117 new students entering the freshman class, a three percent increase. Equally noteworthy is the fact that this increase in enrollment was accompanied by further enhancements in the academic profile, as the average freshman combined SAT score for standard admission students rose by 10 points. We also had a 30 percent increase in the number of transfer students.

One of our greatest challenges continues to be financial aid. As you know so well, our Vincentian mission dictates that the University reach out to academically qualified students from families bearing the burden of ongoing financial hardship. Approximately 48% of both last and this year’s incoming classes are characterized as being in “Very High Financial Need.” To assure that a St. John’s education remains affordable, the University distributed over $187 million in financial aid directly from its own funds last year, and this year’s amount will be even greater.

Especially given the difficult economic climate, we are so, so grateful for the great generosity of our loyal alumni and friends who made the fundraising efforts during the past fiscal year the most successful of any non-campaign year in University history. We exceeded our goal by almost $8 million, an extraordinary accomplishment under any circumstances but especially noteworthy during these times. You will find the names of our most generous supporters listed within the Honor Roll of Donors contained in this issue. Heartfelt thanks to them and to all who contributed to this year’s campaign.

I also direct your attention to the cover story of John (’73L) and Mary Beth Birchby, a wonderful couple whose legacy at St. John’s encompasses three generations. I trust you will enjoy reading about this unique family as much as I have.

As we reflect on a year filled with unprecedented achievements and plan for a future of unlimited potential, I again thank you for your support.

Donald J. Harrington, C.M.
President
features

This loving and caring couple are part of a multi-generation St. John’s tradition.

Our generous supporters continue to make a lasting difference throughout the University.

Consistent with the University’s mission as a Catholic, Vincentian and Metropolitan institution of higher education, the University abides by all applicable federal, state and local laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, marital status or disability in admitting students to its programs or in administering its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, athletics and other institutionally administered programs or activities generally made available to students at the University. In accordance with these laws, the University also prohibits retaliation against anyone who has complained about discrimination or otherwise exercised rights guaranteed under these laws. In addition, the University continually strives to fulfill its educational goals by maintaining a fair, humane, responsible and non-discriminatory environment for all students and employees. All University policies, practices and procedures are administered in a manner which preserves its rights and identity as a Catholic and Vincentian institution of higher education.
Women in Leadership

Five exceptional alumnae came together to share their experiences and insights about the role of professional women in today’s society with other members of the St. John's family at a Women in Leadership breakfast seminar in New York City.

The program was co-hosted by St. John’s The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Alumni Association (TCBAA) and the St. John’s University Alumnae Association.

Panelists included Jenny Alonzo ’87SVC, Laura Cranston, R.Ph. ’84P (member of the University’s Board of Governors), Diane M. D’Erasmo ’76CBA, Kathryn A. Morrissey ’71C, ’79MBA and Angie Onassis Parlions ’01C, ’06MBA. Ingrid Fray, Instructor of Management at St. John’s University, served as moderator.

To read the complete story, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter11mag
Pharmacy Gala

Graduates of the Post B.S. Doctor of Pharmacy Program, a unique post-graduate offering in St. John's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions that provided hundreds of practicing pharmacists with an exceptional opportunity to earn their Pharm.D., gathered to celebrate the success of this special program.

To read the complete story, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter11mag

Guests enjoyed an opportunity to mingle and catch up with each other personally and professionally at a cocktail reception and dinner in the ballroom of the D’Angelo Center on the Queens campus.
University Service Day

Members of the St. John’s University community came together for an opportunity to bring the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul to life by serving the less fortunate members of our community at the annual University Service Day. Some of the activities included reaching out to the homebound, refurbishing a community center and visiting senior citizens in a nursing home. To read the complete story and to see additional photos and video, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter11mag
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To show our appreciation, St. John’s alumni receive special discounts and benefits with the following partners:

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- Budget
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- Follett
- Harry & David
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- Howard Johnson
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- Liberty Mutual
- Marsh Alumni Services
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- Microtel Inns & Suites
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For more information, please visit www.stjohns.edu/alumni/benefits
Schermerhorn Reunion

More than 100 alumni enjoyed a cocktail reception and lunch at Pete’s Downtown Restaurant under the shadow of the Brooklyn Bridge as they gathered for the 4th Annual Schermerhorn Street Reunion. They were eager for the opportunity to meet and share memories with old friends and former classmates who attended St. John’s vertical campus in downtown Brooklyn.

Lewis Avenue Reunion

It was a day for smiles, laughter and a touch of nostalgia as alumni who attended St. John’s University’s historic campus on Lewis Avenue came together to relive old times and reconnect with friends from their student days at the 53rd Annual Lewis Avenue Reunion. The event began with a concelebrated Mass in St. Thomas More Church on the Queens campus.

To read more about the reunion stories on this page, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter11mag
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 tomorrow’s future begins today with our students. And they’re committed to doing what they can to make it happen.

The generosity of our members ensures that the students will continue to receive a world-class education.

Become a member today and receive advance notice of many University activities and exclusive networking receptions throughout the year.

Visit www.stjohns.edu/loughlinsociety to learn how simple it is to make an impact on the future.
The Office of Alumni Relations continues to expand an initiative designed to increase opportunities for alumni to participate in St. John’s student engagement activities. Known as the Alumni Insider’s View Program, it is comprised of a variety of unique opportunities that enable current students to obtain real-world knowledge about a chosen profession and/or field while drawing upon the professional experiences of our alumni.

During the 2010-2011 academic year there are 52 Alumni Insider’s View Programs scheduled to take place both on- and off-campus, an increase of more than 100% from the 25 events of the previous academic year. Each is intended to address a particular aspect of student’s time at St. John’s, from adjusting to residential life and choosing a career to developing business etiquette and sharpening their interview skills.

“The Alumni Insider’s View Programs are great opportunities for both our students and alumni to benefit from interacting with each other,” said Victor Ramos ’91CBA, ’93MBA, Associate Vice President, Division of Institutional Advancement. “From the students’ point of view, they’re mentored by some of our most successful and committed alumni, and the information and guidance that they receive is really priceless. On the other side, the alumni get to meet bright students with a great work ethic who are eager to do whatever is necessary to succeed in college and in their future careers. Those are the students they’ll keep in mind when they’re looking to hire new employees for their own firms. These programs are a win-win for everyone.”

Since a goal of each of these programs is to foster student engagement, the University is assisted by a select group of students who have embraced the role of Student Insiders. They attend Alumni Insider’s View Programs, create video interviews with participants and share everything with their fellow students through postings on social networking sights such as Facebook and Twitter. Student to student communication is an important aspect of all student engagement initiatives, and the Student Insiders provide immediate and direct feedback that offers students the firsthand information they need when deciding on which programs to attend in the future.

“When you’re a part of the Alumni Insider’s View Programs you get to meet and learn from the people who have already gone through what you’re going through and have succeeded,” said Alumni Insider Nicole App ’14Ed. “That’s really amazing! I try to get as many other students as I can to get involved in them as well. These
insider's view
programs can help us succeed right from the start, and we really need to take advantage of them.”

Ultimately, the success of these programs rests upon the willingness of our alumni to come forward and share their expertise with the students who are today where they were a number of years ago. As we look to increase the number and scope of our offerings in the future, the participation of alumni mentors will become even more important.

If you would like to take part in an Alumni Insider’s View Program or have a suggestion for a future event, please visit www.stjohns.edu/alumni/aiv to learn how you can become a part of this exceptional student engagement initiative.

Creating an identity for the program

It’s time to see your future!

An extensive marketing campaign utilizing print and electronic media as well as social networking sites has been undertaken to promote AIV throughout the St. John’s University community. The visual identity features a consistent look and branding on promotional materials such as posters, flyers and advertisements that can be found in areas frequented by students throughout the Queens and Staten Island campuses.

ALUMNI INSIDER’S VIEW

A unique addition to the campaign is the implementation of “myAIV,” where students share their thoughts about and reactions to specific programs in videos posted on the Web site.

Upcoming AIV Events

QUEENS CAMPUS

- February 8, 2011
  TCBAA Speed Networking
- February 9, 2011
  Young Alumni Success Stories
- February 15, 2011 (2 events)
  - College To Career
  - Education Job Fair
- February 22, 2011
  Choosing a Major
- February 24, 2011
  Phone Interview Pro
- March 2, 2011
  Careers Outside the Classroom
- March 8, 2011
  Maureen A. Hartigan Forum
- March 15, 2011
  LinkedIn Presentation
- March 21, 2011
  Autism and the Law
- March 22, 2011
  Communications Connection
- April 2, 2011
  Business Plan Competition Expo
- April 5, 2011
  Sports Management Connection
- April 11, 2011
  New York State Capital

Additional topics to be scheduled in the Spring 2011 semester; Etiquette, Dress for Success, Hospitality Management and Carol Gresser Forum

STATEN ISLAND CAMPUS

- January 26, 2011
  College to Career
- February 8, 2011
  TCB Connection
- February 24, 2011
  SJC Connection
- March 2, 2011
  Etiquette Class
- March 15, 2011
  Communications Connection
- March 22, 2011
  Choosing a Major
- April 5, 2011
  Mock Interviews – School of Education

Additional topic to be scheduled in the Spring 2011 semester; Hotel Management

For complete details, please visit www.stjohns.edu/aiv
30th Annual Insider’s View in the U.S. Capital

The concept of encouraging alumni to formally share their insights and experiences with current students began three decades ago when alumni from the Washington, DC area offered students a behind-the-scenes look at what was really happening inside the Beltway. Over the years that early offering has grown in size and stature, and is now a three-day event filled with exclusive tours, panel discussions and a networking reception with area alumni.

This unique experience offers students information and career advice from Washington, DC area alumni holding key positions within the government and private sectors.

The agenda began with a visit to pharmacy giant MedImmune, hosted by Robert Fuentes, M.S., Pharm.D. ’77P, Senior Director for Medical Information at MedImmune and a member of the University’s Board of Governors. The following day, students gathered in the South Congressional Meeting Room of the Capitol as alumni panelists shared information about topics ranging from employment opportunities to the role of the military in the 21st century. The program concluded with a tour of the Market Watch Room of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and an exclusive look at some of the many historic locations within the United States Capitol building.

“A lot of students are afraid to make the jump to DC for their careers,” said Washington, DC Alumni Chapter Leader Laura Cranston, R.Ph. ’84P, Executive Director, Pharmacy Quality Alliance, Inc. and a member of the University’s Board of Governors. “It’s important that they know that there is a large St. John’s alumni network here to support them.”
Recognizing that our young alumni are an important part of the St. John’s family, the Office of Alumni Relations sponsors a series of events throughout the year that will appeal to this unique population. Young Alumni Happy Hours, held on a monthly basis at trendy locations throughout the greater New York metropolitan area, offer our recent graduates an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones while remaining connected to St. John’s. Each Happy Hour has a distinctive theme, usually reflecting the unique qualities of the particular venue in which it is held.

For information about upcoming Queens Young Alumni events, please contact Elisa Douglas, Assistant Director, Office of Alumni Relations at (718) 990-6168 or email douglase@stjohns.edu

For information about upcoming Staten Island Young Alumni events, please contact Andriana Lewinsky ’04CPS, Assistant Director, Office of Institutional Advancement at (718) 390-4145 or email lewinska@stjohns.edu

To view photos from these events, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter11mag
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Alumni Career Connections

Each year nearly 3,000 students begin their freshmen year at St. John’s. Another 3,000 enter the job market or pursue further education. As an alumnus, you can help!

Redstorm Recruitment
Connect the talent of the St. John’s family with internship and job opportunities.

COACH (Count on Alumni for Career Help)
Serving as a mentor is a chance to be a role model for others and is a great way to “give back” to the University.

For more information on connecting with the Career Center:
www.stjohns.edu/services/career/alumni
chapter happenings

Expanded Focus on Regional Alumni Chapters

With over 160,000 living alumni, it’s not surprising that a number of graduates live in areas outside of the greater New York metropolitan area. Although far removed from St. John’s University geographically, they remain an important part of the St. John’s family, and we are committed to keeping them connected to the University and to each other in as many ways as possible.

In order to strengthen that connection, William G. Schaeffer ’73CBA, Director, Alumni Relations, has personally assumed the responsibility of working with St. John’s Regional Alumni Chapters on an individual basis. In his new role Schaeffer will visit chapters across the country, meeting with Chapter Leaders and area alumni to determine how the University can encourage greater alumni participation at the local level.

“Each chapter is different,” noted Schaeffer, “and what works very well for one may not be useful for another. My role is not to dictate what these chapters should be doing, but to listen to their plans and see how St. John’s can help them achieve their goals. Ultimately, we all want to increase the numbers of active alumni across the country, because we know that staying connected to the University is beneficial for everyone. How we make that happen will be determined on a chapter by chapter basis.”

During his visits Schaeffer will bring the area alumni up-to-date on what’s happening at St. John’s and offer details on the many changes that have taken place at the University in recent years. He will also invite them to contact him directly if they plan to be in New York so that he can arrange for them to have a personal tour of what is now referred to as “the new St. John’s.”

“For most of our out-of-town alumni, the University is very different from what it was like when they were students here,” noted Schaeffer. “Many of them come to New York on occasion for business or pleasure, and I’d love to show them around campus so that they could see for themselves how much we’ve changed.”

Currently there are 41 active Regional Alumni Chapters in locations across the country. For information about existing chapters or to see if there is a chapter in your area, please visit www.stjohns.edu/alumni/community/chapters.

If you would like to start a chapter in your area please call Schaeffer at (718) 990-6802 or e-mail schaeffw@stjohns.edu.

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William G. Schaeffer ’73CBA
Director, Alumni Relations
Men's Basketball coach Steve Lavin joined the Orange County Alumni Chapter for dinner at Prego Restaurant in Irvine, CA. The alumni chatted about old times, while Lavin spoke about the bright future of St. John's basketball and the exciting 2011 recruiting class. Chris Kelly ’84CBA, Orange County Alumni Chapter Leader, planned the event.

On a warm evening in Scottsdale, AZ, members of the Arizona Alumni Chapter came together at the Elephant Bar and Restaurant for a night of food, fun and socializing. Many guests were wearing the traditional St. John's red as they enjoyed a wide variety of global dishes, prepared using the Elephant Bar’s unique hardwood grill. Peter O'Reilly ’69CBA, ’74MBA, Arizona Alumni Chapter Leader, organized the outing.

There are future Alumni Chapter events being planned in April/May 2011 in the Boston, MA, Philadelphia, PA, Hartford, CT and Washington, DC areas. Please visit www.stjohns.edu/alumni/community/chapters for the most up-to-date information.
Students have now assumed a direct involvement with St. John's University fundraising efforts with the introduction of a new initiative designed to share information about St. John's while soliciting financial support from alumni and friends.

Begun in August, the Student Phonathon employs selected and highly trained students to make personal telephone calls to potential donors from facilities on the Queens campus. These outgoing young men and women share information about themselves and answer questions about what's happening at St. John's. They also inquire about how St. John's can be responsive to the potential donor's needs and interests.

“The opportunity for students to speak directly with our alumni and friends is an exciting next step in our development efforts,” said Victor Ramos '91CBA, '93MBA, Associate Vice President, Division of Institutional Advancement. “I can’t think of anyone who can tell the story of St. John’s better than the students who live it every day.”

As part of their conversation, the student callers solicit gifts and pledges from the recipients of their calls. They invite the potential donors to support the School or College from which they graduated, the student activity or team they were a part of, or anything else to which they’d like to contribute. In every case, the callers convey the message that it is the students who are the ultimate beneficiaries of their generosity. At the conclusion of the call students encourage the recipients to complete a brief follow-up online survey, giving them an opportunity to offer further feedback about how the University can serve them better.

In addition to sharpening the communication skills that will be helpful when they’re ready to begin their own careers, student callers enjoy the opportunity to interact with the University’s alumni and friends as fellow members of their St. John’s family, rather than simply as names on a solicitation list.

“The Phonathon has been a great experience for me,” said Sophia Thoyo, a sophomore in St. John's College of Professional Studies. “Besides asking our alumni to support the University, it’s fun to get to know them and hear about what they’re doing now that they’ve graduated. I especially like to learn what St. John’s was like back in their time, before the dorms and the new D’Angelo Center.”

Telephone solicitation is not a new concept at St. John’s. For the past few years it had been conducted by an off-campus service engaged by the University’s Office of Annual Campaigns.

Under this new program, it is expected that students speaking directly with potential donors will have a personalizing effect on St. John’s telephone solicitation efforts while serving as yet another means of strengthening the connection between the University and its alumni and friends.
Pope Benedict XVI Appoints New Vincentian Bishop

In June, Pope Benedict XVI appointed the Very Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., as Coadjutor Bishop of Trenton, NJ. Bishop O’Connell was elevated to the episcopacy by Bishop John M. Smith in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton on July 30, 2010.

A member of St. John’s University’s Board of Trustees since 2008, he prepared for the priesthood at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, PA, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1981 and a master’s degree in Moral Theology in 1983. He was ordained a Vincentian priest in 1982.

Then-Fr. O’Connell joined the University’s administration in 1990 as Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The following year he was appointed Dean and served as Associate Vice President and Dean until 1998. He then assumed the presidency of the Catholic University of America in Washington DC, and served in that capacity for 12 years until being named bishop.

“We rejoice with Bishop O’Connell and with the Diocese of Trenton in this appointment,” said Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., President, St. John’s University. “His special gifts of mind, heart, and spirit are abundantly visible to all of us who have been privileged to know and work with him. St. John’s is a stronger and better University for his years of service, and we are grateful for all that he has been and done for us. May he enjoy many years of fruitful and happy service to the people of God.”

Bishop O’Connell has selected as his motto Ministrare non Ministrari, a Latin phrase meaning “to serve and not be served.” It is taken from the Gospel reading that was proclaimed at his priestly ordination in 1982, and the Gospel that was proclaimed again at his Episcopal ordination in July.

New Board Members

St. John’s University recently welcomed a new member to the Board of Trustees and four new members to the Board of Governors.

Joseph M. Mattone, Sr., Esq. ’53C, ’55L, ’94HON was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees, the body that has responsibility for the overall governance of the University. He is Chairman and CEO of Mattone Group Company, LLC and is also a partner in a private legal practice. Mattone is a member of The Founders Society, the donor recognition group exclusively for St. John’s most generous supporters, and a member of the Board of Directors of St. John’s School of Law. Formerly a member of St. John’s Board of Governors, he was awarded the President’s Medal in 1985, the Medal of Honor in 1993, was inducted into the Heritage Circle in 2003 and received the Spirit of Service Award in 2004. In 1994 a grateful University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

The new members of the Board of Governors are Paul M. Carroll ’69CBA, ’71MBA, ’79APC; Neil Gabriele; Robert F. Kalenka ’84CBA, ’91MBA and Lewis Rice, Jr. ’74SVC. The Board of Governors advises the Board of Trustees and the University President on strategic issues relating to St. John’s.

Paul M. Carroll is a triple alumnus who earned his B.S. in Economics in 1969, his M.B.A. in Economics in 1971 and his Advanced Professional Certificate in Accounting in 1979, all from St. John’s College of Business Administration, now the Peter J. Tobin College of Business. Carroll has held positions as Senior Vice President at The Dime Savings Bank of New York, Senior Vice President and Vice President at Chase Manhattan Bank and First Chicago National Bank and Senior Vice President at Anchor Savings Bank/WAMU Bank, the position from which he retired. In February, he and his wife Jeanne were presented with the Fidelitas Award for their lifetime of devotion to each other and to St. John’s at the Blessing of the Couples Mass in St. Thomas More Church. He is a long-time member of The Loughlin Society.

Neil Gabriele is a Managing Director at Bluff Point Associates. Prior to joining Bluff Point, Mr. Gabriele was a management consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers in their financial services practice. He previously worked for Optech Systems (now part of Matrix Financial Solutions) in an operating role and also for Fidelity Investments in several capacities, including as a systems analyst and trader. He earned a B.A. in Political Science at the University of Richmond in 1994 and an M.B.A. in Electronic Commerce at Vanderbilt University in 2000.

Robert F. Kalenka, a double alumnus, received his B.S. in Accounting in 1984 and his M.B.A. in Finance in 1991, both from St. John’s College of Business Administration, now the Peter J. Tobin College of Business. He then began a successful career in business at a number of prestigious firms and currently serves as Chief Operating Officer at Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. He has consistently demonstrated his devotion to St. John’s through membership in The Loughlin Society, support of The Father Dorr Golf Classic and participation on the Tobin College of Business Advisory Board. He received the Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award in 2009.

Lewis Rice, Jr. received his B.S. in Criminal Justice from St. Vincent’s College, now St. John’s College of Professional Studies, in 1974. He became a Special Agent in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, remaining with the DEA until he retired in January 2001 as Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Office. He then joined senior management in the private sector and currently serves as Vice President for Global Security and Trademark Protection at Estee Lauder Companies, Inc. In 2009, St. John’s recognized his service to the community by honoring him with the Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award.

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

One of the most defining aspects of the St. John’s University experience lies in the realization that it is by giving that we truly receive. For the past six years, St. John’s students have put their Vincentian charism into action by traveling to Panama to live, work and share in the daily lives of families from the Volcan region.

Known as the Panama Plunge, the two-week trip is designed to strengthen the participants’ foundation of faith and deepen their sense of spirituality by immersing them into a situation vastly different from anything they’ve ever experienced. Students who wished to participate underwent an extensive screening and preparation process conducted by staff members of the University’s Office of Campus Ministry and members of the Vincentian community. Of the nearly 60 applicants, 15 were finally selected to take part in this transformative event.

After arriving in Panama, students met their host families and began to learn the realities of life in the region. They spent their days on a variety of labor-intensive projects, such as working on pepper farms, tomato farms, sugar cane plantations and dairy farms, quickly becoming part of their new families by doing the same chores as their hosts.

“The Vincentian charism stresses mutuality and reciprocity,” said Tori Migliore ’98C, ’01GEd, Campus Director, University Ministry. “One of the keys of the trip is to really bond with the host families. For example, if a student lives with a dairy farming family, they get up at 4 a.m. to milk the cows, clean everything up, eat lunch, milk the cows again in the afternoon, clean up again and come home to dinner with their families. They quickly see how hard that work really is. Being a real part of these families has a profound effect on our students, allowing them to embrace the dignity of these hard-working and genuinely spiritual people. It’s something they’ll never forget.”

One of the participants in the most recent Panama Plunge was Joseph C. O’Connor ’82CBA, a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, who was accompanied by his daughter Brianna, a sophomore at Fordham.

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Joseph C. O’Connor ’82CBA, University Trustee
University, and his niece Kristin Murphy, a sophomore at Providence College. A prayerful man who wanted to deepen his own understanding of what it means to serve the poor, O’Connor took time away from his job and family to live as a modern day Vincent.

“I decided to take part in the Panama Plunge because I felt that, despite my 23 years of active involvement with St. John’s, I wanted to take part in something that is perhaps the most purely Vincentian of everything our university has to offer,” said O’Connor. “Since I have been a Trustee, I have been so moved by our students, our Campus Ministers and our Vincentian priests unending zeal for service to the poor and combating social injustice.”

He noted that joining the group of students in Panama was a truly transforming experience. His activities included clearing fields on a farm, expanding the foundation to the chapel in town, assisting in the production of sugar from sugar cane and painting the local elementary school. The opportunity, however, to live with a family in Panama — to eat, laugh, pray and discuss their shared humanity — was what he treasured most in his daily routines.

“The families of Panama gave us literally the food we ate, the beds we slept in and replaced the loving families we temporarily left behind in the United States,” said O’Connor. “I deeply and genuinely learned that is in giving that we receive.”

According to Migliore, the most defining aspect of the Panama Plunge is “…the strengthening of everyone’s foundation of faith. Anytime our prayer life is calling us to be a stronger voice for the poor, our foundation is not only about ourselves but about others as well. What’s different about service at St. John’s is that we get to know the names and see the innate goodness of the poor that we’re serving. It allows us to see the dignity of God in everyone, which is really special.”
New Administrative Appointments

During the past few months St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. announced the appointments of Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. ’84C, Dr. Kathryn Hutchinson ’92G and Dr. Jerrold Ross to new positions within the University administration.

Fr. Maher was named to the position of Executive Vice President for Mission. He succeeds Rev. Patrick Griffin, C.M. who has been appointed as Director General of the Daughters of Charity with assignment to Paris.

Fr. Maher most recently served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Executive Director of the Vincentian Institute for Social Action (VISA). He will continue to have responsibility for VISA in his new position.

“I am extremely excited and grateful for this new opportunity,” said Fr. Maher. “I look forward to continuing the great work of my two predecessors, Fr. Michael Carroll, C.M. and Fr. Patrick Griffin, C.M. Our Catholic and Vincentian mission is among St. John’s greatest treasures, and our office will continue to focus efforts toward developing our shared mission with our faculty, administrators, staff and students.”

Fr. Maher holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from St. John’s University, and two master’s degrees earned at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, PA. He received the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary and Graduate School of Theology. He serves on the Board of Trustees at Niagara University and DePaul University.

Dr. Hutchinson succeeds Fr. Maher as Vice President for Student Affairs. She previously served as Senior Associate Vice President in the Division of Student Affairs.

“I am honored to be entrusted with the position of Vice President for Student Affairs,” said Dr. Hutchinson. “We are so fortunate to be able to serve a wonderful student community at St. John’s, filled with diversity and hard-working young adults. I am excited about the Division of Student Affairs’ commitment to excellence as we work to engage our students in career development, leadership development and community service, as well as educational, cultural and social activities of all types. I look forward to collaborating with the units across campus to make the St. John’s experience the best it can possibly be.”

Dr. Hutchinson received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN and earned her M.S. in School Psychology at St. John’s University. She holds a Ph.D. in School Psychology from Teachers College of Columbia University and is professionally certified by New York State both as a psychologist and a school psychologist.

Prior to coming to St. John’s, she served for 10 years as Executive Director for Counseling and Psychological Services at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY.

Dr. Ross is now Academic Vice President for the Staten Island campus, which includes the recently established Notre Dame Division of St. John’s University, comprised of all faculty, administrative and support staff based on Staten Island.

In his new role, he will centralize the academic leadership for the University community on the Staten Island campus and will be charged with shaping and leading the Notre Dame Division. Ultimately, he will be responsible for providing the leadership that will enable the Staten Island campus to become an ever stronger and more vibrant unit of what has come to be known as “the new St. John’s”.

“The Staten Island campus provides marvelous opportunities for many exciting projects,” noted Dr. Ross. “We’ve already undertaken a number of initiatives to increase enrollment and recruit a highly qualified student body. We’ve introduced a three-year undergraduate program that saves students both time and money, expanded the ROTC program that was based in Queens and housed in The Peter J. Tobin College of Business to Staten Island and re-introduced the Liberal Studies program in the College of Professional Studies to provide an opportunity for students to acquire the academic skills and knowledge that will prepare them for the jobs of the 21st century.”

Dr. Ross has been Dean of St. John’s The School of Education since 1995. During those years, he has been instrumental in developing a number of creative research and training projects, many of them in partnership with both elementary and secondary public and private schools within the New York metropolitan area, and in securing external funding for them. He will continue to serve as Dean while assuming this new position.

He holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from New York University and a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from Emerson College in Boston. He previously served as President of the New York College of Music as well as Director of the renowned Town Hall in New York City.
that clearly means so much to him will be felt for years to come.

Pellow acknowledges that he is most proud that he was able to “…help Fr. Harrington and the Board of Trustees shape the plan for transformation and then implement many of the key strategies – the rebuilding, the reshaping of the student body and the constant drive for improving excellence at every level to improve our service to students. It’s work that will never be totally completed, but I think we’ve made good progress.”

Not surprisingly, his time at St. John’s has had a significant impact on him, both personally and professionally. As someone who has helped to engineer the transformation of the University from a relatively local commuter institution into a technologically sophisticated global university with a worldwide reputation for excellence, he is grateful for the opportunities for growth that were imbedded into his St. John’s experience.

“Twenty years of helping a wonderful group of people implement the special mission of St. John’s would have a positive impact on anyone,” he noted. “On one level, I’m a much stronger professional thanks to Fr. Harrington’s mentoring and his willingness to let me tackle complex challenges, always providing support and always willing to allow me to learn from mistakes or missteps. The dramatic transformation of St. John’s over the past decade has amplified those growth opportunities. And on the other hand, being able to embrace the Vincentian service mission, the ability to help shape and support academic service programs for students and to work with so many wonderful New York City social agencies, has enabled me to realize in a special way the Vincentian spirit that was planted during my days as a student at Niagara University.”

Although eagerly looking forward to meeting the challenges that surely lie ahead in his new position, Pellow admits that a part of him will always be attuned to the Vincentian philosophy that lies at the heart of St. John’s commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. It is his hope that he will be remembered for whatever contributions he has made towards keeping that legacy alive.

“In some small way, it would be gratifying to be remembered for helping to move forward Vincent’s vision - people serving God by serving others and doing so with impact. Action with impact is how I envision Vincent’s legacy. I think, together with a wonderful team of professionals, we’ve been able to do some good work over the years that have made a real, measurable difference in the lives of many of our students and many of our neighbors in the communities we serve. If I could choose my own legacy at St. John’s, that would be it.”

As he transitions to his new role at CIEE, Pellow sees similarities in his current and future job descriptions that will allow him to continue to mold future leaders both nationally and internationally.

“CIEE has a strong position in the field of international educational and student exchange in and out of the United States, working in more than 50 countries and serving about 40,000 participants across a wide array of programming,” he said. “It offers a wonderful management opportunity to join a successful team and organization with such an honorable mission, glorious history and true legacy of quality and accomplishment.”
or as long as he can remember, John D. Birchby, Esq. ’73L wanted to go to St. John’s University. The son of alumnus Kenneth L. Birchby, Esq. ’49L, ’88HON, John recognized early in life the significance of strong family ties. He acknowledges that his father served as a powerful role model, ultimately influencing him to continue the Birchby legacy of entering the legal profession after graduating from St. John’s School of Law.

“My dad was an unusual man — a fantastic father, a fantastic businessman, and he was my best friend and my guiding light. I remember when I was a little kid I asked my father what he did and where he went to school, and I remember my father saying he went to St. John’s. It was the first time I had ever heard of St. John’s, and once I found out what my father did and where he went to school, in the back of my head that’s what I wanted to do. I remember as a kid following St. John’s in basketball, and it was because my dad went to St. John’s. And I was very lucky to be able to go there myself. It’s been a life-changing experience for me.”
ohn has enjoyed a long and successful career as a private practice attorney, and is proud that he “...developed a practice that was all my own, built with my own blood, sweat and tears.”

His professional specialization is focused in the areas of real estate, bankruptcy and estate work. He enjoys the personal interactions that are such an important aspect of a small legal practice, as compared with the sense of anonymity that frequently characterizes a larger firm. “I always say it’s like being the old country doctor, where you’re giving personal help to individual clients. They’re coming to you because of who you are and what you can provide for them, and that’s a huge difference from being a corporate attorney. There’s a lot of satisfaction in that.”

Being a partner in a small firm also offers an opportunity to reach out to others in personal and practical ways.

“Over the years, John has hired a lot of family members, including our four boys and a niece, to work there for the summers during college,” noted his wife, Mary Beth. “A daughter of one of our good friends just finished law school, and she tells everyone that she went because she wanted to be like Mr. Birchby. That’s the kind of role model that John has always been.”

Despite his many accomplishments, what matters most happens at the end of his busy day, when he unwinds and shares in the love of the people who have always meant the most to him.

“The most important thing to me is really Mary Beth and our four boys,” he said. “I’ve been at my law firm in Paramus, New Jersey since 1975, and it’s been a joy. I’ve really enjoyed working there all these years. But the love of my life is Mary Beth and my kids. Our firm is located six miles away from home, which enabled me to come home for school plays, coach soccer for the boys, help out with basketball and get involved in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. So, it was a number of years of just pure fun and enjoyment for the boys and me, with Mary Beth by my side.”

Although not a St. John’s alumna, Mary Beth shares her husband’s affinity for the University that has always been important to him, and now means so much to them both. She is quick to acknowledge the special sense of warmth and acceptance that has always made her feel a part of the St. John’s community.

“St. John’s really makes you feel like family,” she said. “I didn’t go to St. John’s, but I’ve always felt very welcome there, and they have adopted me as part of their family. St. John’s gives its students a great education and a strong sense of caring about others, which means that they go out into the world with not only an academic foundation but an ethical foundation as well.”
She credits St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. with setting the tone that makes everyone with a connection to the University feel like they belong. “St. John’s has always gone out of its way to make me feel very comfortable,” she said. “A lot of it is Fr. Harrington, who is just a special person. He takes a personal interest in you, as does everyone on his staff. They remember you, and they always care.”

The Birchbys continue to be impressed with the changes that have taken place at the University since John was a student in the early 1970s. They are pleased that while St. John’s has evolved into one of the world’s most respected institutions, its commitment to providing an exceptional education for young people who might otherwise not have had an opportunity to earn a college degree has remained unchanged.

“When I was there, St. John’s was basically an inner-city school,” recalled John. “Today, it’s offering a higher education for people in the metropolitan area and around the world, and there are so many scholarship opportunities for students who need them. Look at the famous and successful alumni of St. John’s. Would they have been as successful or had the same opportunities without St. John’s? I think not. St. John’s stands out as offering a great opportunity to every individual. My dad is a fine example of that. He went to St. John’s Law School at night, and everything that he did in his life was because of the education he got at St. John’s.”

Wanting to express their appreciation for what St. John’s did for both of them, John and his father decided that it was important to give back to the University in a meaningful and practical way. In 2003 they established the Kenneth L. Birchby and John D. Birchby Scholarship Fund to help defray the educational expenses of several deserving students in St. John’s School of Law each year. The scholarship fund currently has assets of more than $1 million.

John and Mary Beth were also instrumental in providing funding for a major facilities upgrade of a lecture hall in the School of Law, a decision that was made after John was on campus for a Continuing Legal Education course.

“When I was walking through the Law School building a few years ago, I noticed that one of the lecture halls on the left had been renovated, and it looked very nice. But I saw that the other on the right looked the same as it had 35 years ago. I told Mary Beth, ‘I know we give each year to the scholarship fund, but this building has a beautiful lecture hall to the left, and the one on the right really needs additional work.’ I spoke to [the late Law School] Dean [Mary] Daly about it and she mentioned that they could definitely use a contribution to renovate it. So Mary Beth and I discussed it and called Dean Daly and said we’d like to help renovate the lecture hall, and now it looks a lot better.”

Dedicated in 2009, the Birchby Lecture Hall incorporates state-of-the-art technology, such as a professor’s smart podium to operate lighting, audio, video and internet connectivity as well as functional and comfortable furnishings for the students.

In recognition of his outstanding legal career and exceptional generosity, the School of Law presented John with the Belson Medal in 2005. Three years later, the University presented John with the President’s Medal and inducted him and Mary Beth into The Founders Society, an exclusive donor recognition group reserved for St. John’s most generous supporters.

The Birchby legacy at St. John’s continues in the person of John and Mary Beth’s son Timothy, who is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Elementary Education at The School of Education. A former Paralegal and Writer’s Assistant in Los Angeles, he acknowledges that his decision to change careers was “…a natural
progression for me at this time in my life. I’ve always loved working with children, and especially having a child of my own now, it’s all the more relevant for me.”

Once Timothy decided to change careers, he didn’t need to think twice about where to go for his new degree. He remembered hearing his grandfather and father tell stories about their experiences at St. John’s, and was happy to carry the Birchby tradition into the next generation.

“St. John’s has quickly become my own second family,” he said. “I feel very lucky for the opportunity to be there. I’m going at night, and everyone’s there because they want to be there. We’re all working towards the same goal, and that really increases the sense of community at St. John’s. We’re all trying to help each other achieve the same thing.”

A humble and unassuming couple who radiate kindness and warmth, the Birchbys have embraced the Vincentian ideals by happily offering assistance to others without any expectation of acclaim or recompense. Their reward lies in seeing the impact that they’ve made on the people they’ve helped, and hoping that they’ve served as an inspiration for others to do the same.

According to Mary Beth, “When students whom we’ve helped tell us that they want to do something for us in return, we tell them, ‘When you see someone else who needs something, help them. Pass it on.’ For me, I hope we’re remembered just to encourage others to give if they’re in a position to do so. I hope we inspire others to do the same.”

“We all have a responsibility to give back and help those who need help,” agreed John. “You know, it’s very nice that the University put our name on the lecture hall. It wasn’t necessary though, and it’s not necessary that our name be on the scholarship. What’s important is that the lecture hall got redone, and those scholarships exist. Mary Beth and I have been very blessed that we’ve been able to help, and we would be remiss if we did not help others who needed it. The special values that have always served as the foundation of St. John’s are very true ideals that have stood the test of time. They’re not outdated, and I’m sure they never will be.”
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**Bricks & Mortar Update**

**New Outdoor Fountain**

As part of the ongoing beautification of the Queens campus, a sparkling fountain has been installed in an area designed to serve as a welcoming focal point for members of the University community strolling between the upper and lower campuses. The fountain measures 18 feet in diameter, with exterior walls constructed of Granite Stone Veneer over concrete block. The interior features contrasting grey and pink granite cobblestones designed to create decorative shell inserts.

The location was selected to be on an axis with a new set of sweeping stairs connecting the upper and lower campuses, adding to the beauty of the recently refurbished main corridor centered on the illuminated tower of the D’Angelo Center.

**Mattone Atrium**

St. John’s School of Law recognized the generosity of Joseph M. (’53C, ’55L, ’94HON) and Mary Ann Mattone by naming a well-appointed and newly-refurbished room built to be the heart of its community as the Mattone Family Atrium.

Michael A. Simons, Dean, St. John’s School of Law, noted that by naming the atrium after the Mattone Family, it will stand “…as a testament to what love of family, hard work, living a moral life and helping our fellow man can do for communities small and large.”

Joseph and Mary Ann Mattone are among the University’s most generous and loyal supporters. They are members of The Founder’s Society, an exclusive donor recognition group reserved for those who have made gifts to St. John’s of $1 million or more during their lifetime. They are also both recipients of the Spirit of Service Award, established by St. John’s University to recognize those exceptional persons whose vision, accomplishments and good works have had a profound impact on their communities and our world.
Admissions Welcome Center

Furthering its commitment to providing exceptional service to prospective students, St. John’s University has established an Undergraduate Admissions Welcome Center in what was formerly Council Hall on the Queens campus. The Welcome Center provides a wide variety of services to potential new and transfer students and their families as well as to Guidance and College Counselors from area high schools and community colleges.

“This new facility is centrally located and easily accessible to anyone who’s interested in coming to St. John’s,” said Corinne Blomquist, Associate Director, Events, Office of Admissions. “We’re here to answer questions about the status of an application and help with everything possible to make admission into St. John’s as smooth as possible.”

Visitors to the Welcome Center can speak with an admissions counselor, participate in one of two daily information sessions and tour the Queens campus.

Bookstore Renovation

Renovations have recently been completed on the St. John’s University Bookstore on the Queens campus, giving that important service a brighter and more modern appearance.

A wood floored entranceway bearing the St. John’s seal has been added, and the tinted front windows have been replaced with transparent glass, allowing for eye-catching displays of University merchandise. There are new lighting fixtures and ceiling tiles, a more modern checkout area and new, multi-toned carpeting throughout, giving the entire venue a fresh, new look.

“Our bookstore now has a new, brighter look which I’m sure our students appreciate,” said Bookstore Manager Denise Servidio.

“We’re all looking forward to providing our St. John’s family with an even better shopping experience now that all of the remodeling has been completed.”

Alumni are reminded that they are eligible for a 10% discount on all items purchased at the bookstore.
President’s Dinner Raises $2.2 Million

When 1,052 alumni and friends of St. John’s University gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria for the 13th Annual President’s Dinner in October, they were participating in a historic event that raised $2.2 million in revenue to support student scholarships, making the 2010 event the most successful in St. John’s history. What is equally significant is that this outpouring of generosity occurred at a time when most institutions are continuing to experience a decrease in charitable contributions due to the ongoing fiscal downturn that has impacted nearly every segment of the global economy.

St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. thanked those in attendance for their willingness to invest in the mission and students of the University. “This year over $200 million of our institutional funds will be given to students who need such help. Our doors must always be open to those in need, or we cease to be St. John’s University.”

The highlight of every President’s Dinner is the presentation of the Spirit of Service Award to outstanding individuals who have lived their lives to reflect the Vincentian philosophy of caring and compassionate concern for others. This year’s honorees included Paul J. Evanson ’63CBA, ’10HON, Chairman, President and CEO, Allegheny Energy, Inc., Hon. Raymond W. Kelly ’71L, ’98HON, Commissioner, New York City Police Department and Mary Ann Mattone, Community Advocate.

One of America’s most successful corporate executives, Evanson has spent his professional career stewarding and preserving the country’s energy resources for current and future generations. He is a member of St. John’s Board of Trustees and formerly served as a member of the University’s Board of Governors. St. John’s awarded him the Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award in 1995, the Pietas Medal in 2003 and in 2010 conferred upon him a Doctor of Commercial Science, honoris causa.

The only individual to serve as Police Commissioner of the City of New York for two separate tenures, Kelly is known as one of the world’s foremost law enforcement and counter-terrorism experts. Honored to recognize his outstanding career and unmatched commitment to public service, St. John’s presented him with a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, in 1998, the President’s Medal in 2001 and the Medal of Honor in 2005.

Mattone has been making a difference for the people of New York for her entire life. She was appointed by Mayor Rudolph Guiliani as his representative to the Queens
Botanical Garden and as a member of the Cultural Advisory Board of the City of New York. She is a Trustee of the Queens Borough Public Library, Chairperson of Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio’s Annual Christmas Luncheon to promote scholarships for children from Brooklyn and Queens and a member of the fundraising team for the Ozanam Nursing Home. Grateful for her outstanding support, the University awarded her the President’s Medal in 2003.
Alumni Tee Off for Scholarships

One of the most enduring and popular alumni events, the Alumni Golf Outing was held in October at the Nassau Country Club in Glen Cove, Long Island. This annual event attracted over 100 alumni and friends and is organized to generate funds to support the Long Island Alumni Golf Outing Scholarship Fund for St. John’s most deserving students.

The 2010 Alumni Golf Outing produced nearly $70,000 in revenue for scholarship assistance.

This year’s honoree was John J. Desmond ’74CBA, Partner-in-Charge of the Long Island office of Grant Thornton and a member of their Partnership Board. For this loyal alumnus, being honored by St. John’s was “…better than I could have imagined. It was a spectacular day, and the camaraderie between friends was wonderful.”

Founders Society Inducts New Members

The opportunity to make a significant commitment to the uniqueness of the St. John’s University experience as reflected in our Vincentian mission and values resonates strongly for many of our alumni and friends. For a select few, membership in The Founders Society, reserved exclusively for donors who have made gifts totaling $1 million or more to the University, represents the culmination of a lifetime of generosity that goes well beyond the norm.

St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. inducted six new individuals into this prestigious organization in 2010. The most recent members of The Founders Society include William Janetschek, Jr. ’84CBA, Fioravante Perrotta, Esq. ’52C, ’55L, ’02HON, Michael (’91SVC) and Maria Repole and Brian (’83CBA) and Patricia Shea ’83C.

The University is grateful to these and all of the members of The Founders Society whose commitment to serving others in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul has translated into an exceptional sense of giving.
Members of The Loughlin Society gathered in December at the New York Palace for the Annual Winter Reception. This popular event is an opportunity for St. John’s to show its appreciation for the exceptional support provided by its most generous donors. St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. expressed his appreciation to the guests for their loyalty to the University during the past year. “Tonight we have much to celebrate, and it’s because of the people who have made St. John’s special,” said Fr. Harrington. “Where would we be without the members of The Loughlin Society? How different a university we would be! As I stand here and look out at so many familiar faces, wonderful people whom I’ve come to know so well, I thank you for continuing our mission and making it even stronger.”

The reception included remarks from the Sheehan Family. Carolyn (’81C) and John Sheehan ’81C and their daughter Mary ’11TCB spoke of the influence that St. John’s has had on nearly every aspect of their lives.

To read the complete story and to see additional photos and video, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter11mag
1960s

James Costello '61C is Corporate Retirement Director for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in New York City.

Robert De Melia '61L retired after 30 years of federal service as Supervisory United States Attorney for the Department of Army and was the recipient of the Civilian Service Award for outstanding career achievement.

Lawrence Ryan '63C retired from John F. Kennedy International Airport, where he was Trade Operations Chief for Customs and Border Protection in Jamaica, NY.

Robert Mallin '64C retired after 37 years of teaching Physics and Chemistry at Dobbs Ferry High School in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

John Wasacz '65C is Interim Dean of the School of Science at Manhattan College in Bronx, NY.

Leland Degrasse '67Ed is Chair of New York State Bar Association's Judicial Section in Albany, NY.

Robert Falter '67UC received the 2010 Educator of the Year Award from the Worcester Massachusetts Regional Association of REALTORS®.

John Frankovich '68CBA is President/Owner for JF Search, Inc. in Midlothian, VA.

Pedro Aldahondo '69C, '93MBA retired after 41 years of service with Alk-Abello, Inc. as Pharmaceutical Director of Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs in Port Washington, NY.

1970s

Edward Hayes '70C was ordained a Deacon for the Diocese of Rockville Centre in Rockville Centre, NY.

Richard Reilly '72GE is Chairman to the Massachusetts Joint Labor-Management Committee for Municipal Police and Fire in Boston, MA.

James Murphy '74C, '78L and Angela Sarcia '74Ed celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.

Anthony Barbera '77CBA, '87MBA is an Assistant Professor of Accounting and was appointed Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at SUNY Old Westbury in Old Westbury, NY.

Leland Degrasse '67Ed is Chair of New York State Bar Association's Judicial Section in Albany, NY.

1980s

Lloyd Fishman '77MBA is President of Elcam Medical, Inc. in Hackensack, NJ.

Thomas Chan '79SVC is Assistant Chief, serving as Commanding Officer of School Safety Division for the New York City Police Department.

Elaine Stack '79L is Judicial Hearing Officer in Nassau County Family Court in Westbury, NY.

Edward Bednarczyk '80CBA, '86MBA is Director of Transportation for Veolia Transportation Services in Phoenix, AZ.

Joan D’Andrea ‘80SVC, ‘82MLS is an Adjunct Professor of English in St. John’s College of Professional Studies and was nominated by her class for the “Professor of the Year” award; she also celebrated 50 years at the University.

Joseph Tarantino '80CBA was honored by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for his unique contributions to the organization, he is President and CEO of Protiviti in New York City.

Joanne Bollhofer-White '85P, '89GP received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Florida in Gainsville, FL.

Katherine Bedard '86Ed is Director of Advancement Services at Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

Daniel Mullin '86SVC is Senior Vice President, Department of Investigations for Major League Baseball in New York City.

Barbara Shaheen Alesi '82L is a Partner at Counselors at Law Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo, Cohn & Terrana, LLP in Uniondale, NY and was chosen by her peers as 2010 New York Super Lawyers®.

Robert Sawicki '83CBA is Senior Vice President of Talent, Learning and Performance at Magellan Health Services in Avon, CT.

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Richard Vreeland '86CBA is a Youth Services Manager for Workforce Development at Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont in Charlotte, NC.

Gregory Winfree '86SVC is Chief Counsel of the United States Department of Transportation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration in Washington, DC.

Donald Paulson '87MBA received an Honorary Patriot Award by the Seaford Community for his significant contributions to the community or schools in Seaford, NY.

Daniel Deegan '89L is a Partner at Counselors at Law Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo, Cohn & Terrana, LLP in Uniondale, NY and was chosen by his peers as 2010 New York Super Lawyers®.

1990s

Leslie Francis '92L is an Assistant Professor at CUNY Queensborough Community College teaching Business Law and Business Management in Queens, NY.

Karen Mateo '92SVC was selected to Radio Ink Magazine’s list of Most Influential Women in Radio 2010, she is Vice President of Communications at CBS Radio in New York City.

Tara O’Grady '94SVC, '96GEd is Program Manager at the Lincoln Center Institute for the Arts in Education in New York City and was named by the Irish Voice as one of the 100 Most Influential Women of 2010. She released a CD entitled Black Irish and recently recorded her first music video.

Matthew Turk '94SVC is an Assistant Sports Information Director at California State University in Bakersfield, CA.

Dennis Waszak '95SVC works for The Associated Press Sports Department and is the Associated Press New York Jets Beat Writer in New York City.

Daniel Wiig '95CBA is Co-Chair for Young Lawyer’s Section of the New York County Lawyers’ Association and is an Attorney-at-Law at Mintz & Gold LLP in New York City.

2000s

Jennifer Lauria ‘02Ed.D. is an Associate Professor in the Education Department at Wagner College in Staten Island, NY.

Sal Federico ’03CPS is Director, Sports Events at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Philip Minichielo ’03CPS is Front Office Manager at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH.

Karla Pettaway ’04CPS, ’05G graduated from New York Law School in May and joined Schpoont & Cavallo, LLP as an Associate in New York City.

Laura Camerlengo ’07C was appointed a Curatorial Fellow for the Costume and Textiles department of Philadelphia Museum of Art in Philadelphia, PA.

Josue De La Rosa ’07CPS is a Survey Statistician for the Census Bureau in Suitland, MD.

Just a few years ago, Jermaine Cole ’07CPS was a Communication Arts student at St. John’s University. Today, he is poised to become one of the hottest stars in the world of rap music. Rap has always been an important part of his life. By the time he was 15 years old, he was creating his own distinctive style of music. Two years later, he was comfortable enough with his own music to share it with others on the Internet. He recently earned a spot on fellow musician Jay-Z’s latest album, and became the first rap artist to be signed on Jay-Z’s recording company label Roc Nation. Cole, who performs under the name J.Cole, is currently putting the finishing touches on his first solo album, which is scheduled to be released before the end of the year.

In April, hip hop magazine XXL described him as one of the top 10 up and coming rappers of the year. His first single, “Who Dat” has already achieved great success on Black Entertainment Television’s popular show 106 and Park.

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1970s
Thomas Giordano ‘78CBA, ’81L to Linda Westphal – January 16, 2010

1990s
Matthew Turk ’94SVC to Sara Kahler – July 11, 2010
John Flynn ‘98C, ’05GEd to Christine Curcio ‘00C, ’04GEd – April 18, 2009

2000s
Jason Acerra ‘01C to Kerri Rogers ’03C – June 13, 2010
Roger Canales ‘04TCB, ’05MBA to Harumy Kunifuta ’03TCB – September 24, 2010
Karla Pettaway ’04CPS, ’05G to Binoy George – September 6, 2010
Thomas Scalici ’04CPS to Annmarie Ciraulo ’05C – July 23, 2010
Andrew Green ’05C, ’06G to Barbara Kolodziejski ’08TCB, ’09MBA – May 24, 2008
Adrian Moonian ’05TCB to Naiomi Mahabir ’08TCB – July 4, 2010
Francis Cavanagh ’07L to Tara Cook ’07MPS – May 30, 2009

IN THE FAMILY WAY

1990s
Dennis Waszak ‘95SVC and wife, Daria, a daughter, Kylie Rose – November 7, 2009
Lucy Liu ’96C and husband, Wayne Ng ’97Ed, a son, Jacob Wayne – June 5, 2010
Robert Wolejsza ’97SVC and wife, Eileen Wolejsza ’03GEd, a son, Ryan – April 2, 2010

2000s
Justin Mathison ’00CBA and wife, Sharon Mathison ’00Ed, ’04GEd, a daughter, Ethan Thomas – August 12, 2010
Nicole Portanova ’03Ed and husband, Scott O’Hara ’03CPS, a daughter, Madison Rose – July 16, 2010
Andrew Green ’05C, ’06G and wife, Barbara Kolodziejski ’08TCB, ’09MBA, a daughter, Claudia Josephine – July 5, 2010

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Richard Lamb ’53Ed is the author of *Bind Up the Broken Hearted: Inner Healing Today the Isaiah 61 Way* (Publish America, 2010). His fourth book are words from Isaiah, Chapter 61, the keystone of an effective modern inner healing ministry.

Victor Colaio ’57CBA is the author of *Between Two Bridges* (BookSurge, LLC, 2009). A shortened memoir about the writer’s growing-up on the lower east side of Manhattan from the mid 1930’s to 1960.

Linda Frank ’61C, ’64GEd is the author of *The Madonna Ghost* (Universe, Inc., 2009). Seventeen-year-old Annie Tillery and her Aunt Jill set off for Long Island’s Fire Island for a vacation of surf, sun, and sailing. Annie is happy to leave behind the stress of her relationship with her parents. Aunt Jill, who is an NYPD detective, is mixing her vacation with a case she must keep secret from Annie, who is suspicious nevertheless.

Margaret Malone ’61Ed is the author of *A Sweater for Duncan* (Raven Tree Press, 2010). Her 10th book is a picture book that explains a gentle story of a penguin growing up.

Frederick Von Burg ’61Ed, ’65GEd is the author of *Evolution and the Bible – A Convergence* (CreateSpace, 2009). A book that draws on the knowledge of the new scientists and biblical scholars to elucidate what he has maintained all along, that there is no insurmountable contradiction between science and faith.

Donald Farinacci ’63C is the author of *Truman and MacArthur: Adversaries for a Common Cause* (Lulu.com, 2010). This book tells a story of events which occurred during a brief but momentous period in American history, involving two extraordinary men, President Harry S. Truman and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.


Joseph Rutch ’83NDC is author of *Grampa & The Roller Coaster* (AuthorHouse, 2010). Two typical kids growing up, a sad and lonely grandfather and a trip to an amusement park brings a family together in a story that proves you never know what surprises are up someone else’s sleeve.

Rosemarie Lopresti ’98CBA, ’00GEd, ’09GEd is the author of *The A to Z’s Of College Admissions Guiding High School Juniors, Seniors, And Parents Through The Application Process* (Rosemarie LoPresti, 2010). The A to Z’s of College Admissions guides high school juniors, seniors and parents through the college application process.

Kevin Sean O’Donoghue ’09L is the author of *Historic Photos of Queens* (Turner Publishing Company, 2010). The borough of Queens has been many things — a playground for wealthy Manhattanites, a recreation area for pleasure seekers, a highly industrialized pocket of New York City, and one of the most beautiful and residential sections of which the city can boast.

Daniel Serrano ’01L is the author of *Boogie Down* (Grand Central Publishing, 2010). When a rap impresario is murdered on the eve of a corporate merger, NYPD homicide detective Cassandra Maldonado is sent to investigate.

Nicholas Hirshon ’06CPS is the author of *Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum* (Arcadia Publishing, 2010). Never before has an author thoroughly researched the history of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.
1930s
John Freese, Sr. ’32C, ’35L
Roslyn Gersten ’34CBA
Joseph Horowitz ’34P
Eugene Morris ’34L
Samuel Friedman ’35CBA
Ada Giaramita ’35P
Richard Gretsch ’36L
Anthony Parente ’36L
Maurice Resnicow ’36L
Morris Schneider ’36L
David Cullen ’37CBA
Lawrence Roeback ’38CBA
Julian Salis ’38L
Jack Astor ’39L
Philip Lorber ’39L

1940s
Robert Ludwig ’40C
Beatrice Sands ’40L
John Tedaldi ’40C
Milton Bernstein ’41CBA
James Brogan ’41CBA
Jerome Litwin ’41L
Helene Bostwick ’42NDC
Albert Giordano ’42CBA
Saul Goldstein ’42CBA
John Remuzzi ’42C
Frank Williams ’43P
Thomas Cody ’44L
Jesse Newman ’44UC
Francis Rhinow ’44L
Morton Blalock ’47L
Samuel Goldberg ’47L
Jack Messina ’47CBA
Peter O’Reilly ’47UC
August Becker ’48L
Rosemarie Damato ’48NEd
Josep Eber ’48CBA
Albert Gennarelli ’48L
Samuel Kisseloff ’48L
Irving Leider ’48CBA
Samuel Goldberg ’47L
Francis Rhinow ’44L
Jesse Newman ’44UC
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Morton Blalock ’47L
Samuel Goldberg ’47L
Jack Messina ’47CBA
Peter O’Reilly ’47UC
August Becker ’48L
Rosemarie Damato ’48NEd
Joseph Eber ’48CBA

1950s
Arthur Argiriou ’50L
Eamon Brennan ’50UC
John Bruzza ’50L
Stephen Czanowicki ’50P
Daniel Eisenberg ’50L
Seamor Kirschenbaum ’50CBA
Evelyn Leeds ’50UC
Wallace Riess ’50P
Sherwin Allen ’51L
Charles Ciccarelli ’51C
Harry Conn ’51C, ’53Ed
Benjamin Dean ’51L
Bruce Manson ’51UC
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Augustus Dabroski ’52P
Joseph Feeley ’52CBA
Vincent Lanna ’52L
James Merode ’52L
Patricia Morris ’52Ed
Angela Mullen ’52Ed, ’57G
Mary O’Brien ’52G
Susan Smith ’52NEd
Andrew Carlin ’53C
Madeleine Cochick ’53NEd, ’55GEd
Rudolph Favoci ’53P, ’63G
Peter McDonough ’53CBA
Jerald Ordover ’53L
Charles Reilly ’53C
Joan Fraser ’54UC
William Heidelberger ’54C
Thomas Lynch ’54L
Michael O’Brien ’54CBA
James Colontrubo ’55L
Robert Devine ’55C
Sr. Kathleen Jacobsen ’55Ed, ’61G
Vincent McCormack ’55Ed
James McMahon ’55CBA
Peter Rocchio ’55L
William Brennan ’56UC
Eugene Clavin ’56L
Mary Culhane ’56L
Peter Domony ’56L
Francis Gimble ’56G
Robert McGrade ’56CBA
Maureen McGeedy ’56NDC
James Reilly ’56CBA
Paul Rossi ’56CBA
Mary Browne ’57UC
Richard Davis ’57CBA
John Leyden ’57CBA
Patrick McCullogh ’57CBA
Sr. Dolores Ryan ’57Ed

1960s
John Cleary ’60CBA
Michael Lynch ’60CBA
Evelyn O’Brien ’60UC
Caroline Schosser ’60NEd
Dorothy Behringer ’61PhD.
Thomas Gordon ’61CBA
Albert Kapusinski ’61CBA, ’66MBA
Neil Marcon ’61P
John O’Brien ’61UC
John Kehoe ’62L
John Maggio ’62L
Frank Pellegrini ’62C, ’64G, ’70PhD.
Anne Marie Petrolluci ’62UC
Patricia Schneider ’62Ed
Thomas Bresnan ’63CBA
Theresa Klesitz ’63NEd, ’80GEd
Mary Benedetti ’64Ed
Virginia Berry ’64Ed
Bob Ellison ’64Ed
John Fleming ’64L
James Harold ’64CBA
Helen Kloppenberg ’64NDC
Dennis Maceliko ’64C, ’66G
Suzanne Maggio ’64Ed
John McCauley ’64C
James Ring ’64CBA
Joseph Wiersch ’64Ed
Ann Yetman ’64GEd
Theresa Gallagher ’65G
James Gibson ’65L
William Strasser ’65L, ’73G
John Bellieu ’66CBA
Joseph Conti ’66L
Murray Dorfman ’66G
Thomas Horstmann ’66CBA, ’75MBA
Joseph Melone ’66L
Gabrielle Michaud ’66NEd
Gloria Boyd ’67Ed
William Donnelly ’67CBA
Florence Closs ’69Ed, ’71GEd, ’74PD
George Gleason ’69MBA

1970s
Richard Cicchoki ’70C, ’74Ed
Thomas Doyle ’70MBA
Jean Howlett ’70Ed
Quentin Palmer ’70G
Donald Teese ’70C
Gaetano Antonacci ’71UC
Grace Campanelli ’71Ed
Sr. Mary M. O’Connor ’71G
Bruce Faullkner ’72C
Mario Hewitt ’72SVC
James Proccaccini ’72C
Anthony Benenardo ’74C
Robert Davenport ’74L
Lewis Rosenthal ’74G
David Wambagu ’74CBA
Raoul Carroll ’75L
Barry Eskanazy ’75CBA, ’77MBA
Garrett Kelleher ’75MBA
George Jerus ’77MBA
Allan Matson ’78Ed
Joanne Galardi ’79C
James Judge ’79G

1980s
Marva Gordon ’80D.A., ’83PhD.
Martin Hansen ’80VDC
Michael Jazwinski ’80NDC
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Anne Asuto ’81C, ’87MBA
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Duncan Wanene ’82VDC
Donna Zucchi ’82VSC, ’88CBA
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Patricia Cirillo ’83L
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Elias Marcus ’85Ed
Ralph Bass ’86MD.
John Jamoulis ’86L
Gail Plasmatifree ’87CBA, ’93MBA
John Cerio ’88C
Sr. Eleanor O’Doherty ’88MLS

1990s
Niamni Henry ’93Ed
Katherine Evanice ’97G

2000s
Peter Ntiudis ’00C
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Maxine Belson ’98HON

In November, St. John’s University mourned the passing of dear friend and honorary alumna Maxine Belson. She was the wife of Trustee Emeritus Jerome “Jerry” Belson ’48L, ’80HON, and together with him was one of St. John’s most generous benefactors.

For almost a quarter-century, Maxine Belson was a vibrant and vital force at the University, and the Belson name is and has long been familiar to members of the St. John’s community. Jerome and Maxine Belson Hall, the original building of the School of Law, is named in their honor, as is the state-of-the-art Belson Moot Court. Maxine’s love of St. John’s athletics, particularly soccer, was a prime component of the family’s decision to support construction of the Belson Family Stadium on the Queens campus.

A grateful University presented her with the President’s Medal in 1987 and conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters on her in 1998. With Jerry, Maxine was an affiliate of the Vincentian community, and they were especially moved and honored by the recognition, which evidenced their success in creating a legacy of caring.

St. John’s was not the only beneficiary of Maxine Belson’s lifelong commitment to helping others improve their lives. She served as a Director for the New York State Epilepsy Association as well as the New York State Special Olympics Committee. And she was an ardent supporter of the New Hope Community, home of her son, Tad, where Maxie’s Place stands as evidence of her dedication and devotion.

Robert Clements

Insurance industry veteran Robert Clements, a former Marsh & McLennan Cos. Inc. executive who played a key role in developing the Bermuda insurance market, died in September. He most recently was Co-founder and a Director of the Hamilton, Bermuda-based specialty insurer Ironshore Ltd.

Until March 2005, Clements was Chairman of Arch Capital Group Ltd., which he founded in 1995. Prior to Arch, Clements served as President and a Director of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (MMC). He also was the founder of Marsh & McLennan’s private equity business, MMC Capital, Inc., and served as its Chief Executive Officer until 1996. Previously, he was responsible for Marsh’s worldwide insurance operations for many years.

Clements was Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of The College of Insurance (now the School of Risk Management of St. John’s Peter J. Tobin College of Business) and former Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the School of Risk Management. He was a generous supporter of the University through his membership in The Loughlin Society.

Richard Meyer ’55C, ’88HON

Richard E. Meyer passed away in September. He was Chairman and CEO of Global Express Partners and formerly served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The College of Insurance (now the School of Risk Management of St. John’s Peter J. Tobin College of Business).

He was a member of the Founders Society of St. John’s University, the Board of Overseers of the School of Risk Management, the Advisory Board of The Peter J. Tobin College of Business and The Loughlin Society.

He was active in numerous philanthropic endeavors, including service as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Calvary Hospital, National Director of Boys Hope/Girls Hope, Director Emeritus of The Children’s Storefront and past trustee of Regis High School.

He received an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree from St. John’s University in 1988, the President’s Medal in 1995 and the Medal of Honor in 2005.

Robert Sheppard ’32C, ’00HON

Robert “Bob” Sheppard passed away at 99 years of age in July. Appropriately dubbed “the Voice of God” for his stentorian diction and precise intonations, Sheppard served as the Public Address Announcer for the New York Yankees from 1951-2007. He served in the same capacity for the New York Giants of the National Football League from 1956-2006, and also announced Brooklyn Dodger football games and Army-Navy football games at various times during his professional career. He served this University for 15 years as the voice of both St. John’s football and men’s basketball.

Sheppard began his lifelong association with the Vincentian community as a student at St. John’s Preparatory High School in Brooklyn, followed by four years as an undergraduate in St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. His interest in public speaking began during his high school days, and continued throughout the rest of his life. Sheppard taught his first speech course at St. John’s in 1937 to students studying in the evening program, and continued as an Adjunct Professor at the University for more than three decades.

In 1983 a grateful University awarded him the President’s Medal in 1983, conferred an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree on him in 2000 and presented him with the Medal of Honor in 2007.

Eleanor Taffner ’94HON

One of the University’s dearest friends and most loyal supporters, Eleanor Taffner passed away in September. The recipient of an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree in 1994, the President’s Medal in 2003 and the Spirit of Service Award in 2007, she was a member of the University’s Board of Trustees for more than ten years, chaired its Student Affairs Committee and Athletics sub-committee, and served as a member of its Executive Committee.

She was also a longtime member of The Loughlin Society.

Together with her husband Donald, a 1953 graduate of St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, she built DLT Enterprises, Limited, which produced and distributed some of the most successful television shows in history, including the classic British comedies “The Benny Hill Show” and “As Time Goes By.” The firm was also the guiding force behind “Three’s Company” and “Too Close for Comfort,” two of the most successful situation comedies of their generation. Her dedication to the arts was also evidenced by her service on the Board of Directors of the Glasgow School of Art and as a Fellow of London’s Royal Society of the Arts.

Eleanor Taffner had a passion for St. John’s athletics which, coupled with her and her husband’s great generosity, enabled the construction of the Taffner Field House. The huge clock standing majestically on the walkway in front of it, the magnificent gold-framed mirror that graces the living room of the D’Angelo Center, and the gracious fireplace that ornaments the Faculty Club in Sun Yat Sen Hall were also gifts of the Taffners.

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Be a part of New York City history and march up Fifth Avenue with St. John’s

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March 20, 2011
Bring your family members who also graduated from the Staten Island campus to this special brunch

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April 14, 2011 – Queens campus
May 5, 2011 – Oakdale campus
Come honor educators and educational administrators for their contributions to the education profession

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April 30, 2011
Don’t miss out on this party everyone in the whole family will enjoy

**JUBILARIAN SOCIETY DINNER**
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The Class of 1961 celebrates its 50th anniversary of graduation

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2/10 vs. Connecticut @ MSG*
2/13 @ Cincinnati*
2/15 @ Marquette*
2/19 vs. Pittsburgh @ MSG*
2/23 vs. DePaul @ Carnesecca Arena*
2/26 @ Villanova*
3/3 @ Seton Hall*
3/5 vs. USF @ Carnesecca Arena*

Women’s Schedule
1/23 @ Notre Dame*
1/29 @ Providence*
2/1 vs. Rutgers @ Carnesecca Arena*
2/5 @ Marquette*
2/13 vs. Georgetown @ Carnesecca Arena*
2/16 @ USF*
2/19 vs. Syracuse @ Carnesecca Arena*
2/22 @ Villanova*
2/26 vs. Pittsburgh @ Carnesecca Arena*
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