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Rev. Peter Goldbach, C.M. – 100 Years of Memories
New York City became the Emerald Isle as over 300 alumni, students, faculty and friends showed their St. John’s pride as they marched up Fifth Avenue in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Onlookers waved and cheered when the University’s recognizable banner came into view, acknowledging St. John’s many contributions to the history and culture of New York.
Dear Friends,

There are two special characteristics that combine to create the unique identity that has defined St. John’s University for nearly 142 years. We have always been a Catholic and Vincentian university, embracing an unwavering commitment to the tenets of our faith and the call to service so inherent in the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul.

It was nearly 10 years ago that we broke ground on the Queens campus for our first ever free-standing church. St. Thomas More Church welcomed its first worshippers in 2004, and immediately made a lasting impact on the physical appearance of the campus. Situated along the road that leads directly from the University’s main entrance, it is easily recognizable from every part of the upper campus.

It is altogether fitting that the church stands at the geographic center of the campus, since it is the spiritual heart and soul of the St. John’s community. It makes the unmistakable statement that a reverence for God and respect for His creations serve as the very foundation of the University’s mission. As the church bells ring out on an hourly basis, we are reminded that we are in a very special place, one that is dedicated to doing God’s work on earth by making a real and lasting difference for others.

That unique dedication is reflected in the main feature stories of this issue of the St. John’s University Magazine. You will read of the Ozanam Scholars, a special group of students who combine academic excellence, scholarly research and a Vincentian-inspired zeal for service to discover solutions to the global issues of poverty and social injustice.

I also direct your attention to the heartwarming story of Rev. Peter Goldbach, C.M. who will celebrate his 101st birthday in a few months. Fr. Goldbach has spent nearly 68 years as a Vincentian, and his moving reflections about what his priesthood has meant to him and those to whom he has ministered are indeed memorable.

In closing, I thank you for your ongoing support of St. John’s. Our success is your success, and I trust that you are as proud of your university as we are of you, our loyal alumni and friends.

Donald J. Harrington, C.M.
President
Launched in 2007, the Ozanam Scholars Program trains students how to eradicate social injustice through a combination of service, academics and global learning.

Rev. Peter Goldbach, C.M. turned 100 years old last August and continues to leave an indelible mark on the St. John’s community.

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.

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(Clockwise from upper left) Ozanam Scholars: Moges Beyene ’14TCB, Luis Eduardo Varela ’13C, Gabriel Anderson ’13TCB, Ancy Skaria ’13C and Victoria Gander ’12C.
Service Day

The St. John’s community came together to make a difference for others at the 10th Annual University Service Day. This annual tradition is an opportunity to embrace the Vincentian mission of service to others by volunteering in soup kitchens, nursing homes, schools and other community service facilities.

To read the complete story, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter12mag
It was a birthday party unlike any other when alumni and friends gathered to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of St. John’s Staten Island campus. Recognition awards were presented to John J. Brennan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Former Director of the Honors Program; Theresa Cantarella ’73NDC, ’77GEd, Director of Student Enrollment Services; Michael Capobianco, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Mathematics; Teresa Trimarco, Ph.D. ’00HON, Professor Emerita, Education and the Notre Dame College Alumnae Association for their exceptional contributions to the campus since it opened in 1971.
Alumni Reminisce at Pre-Game Receptions

Our Red White Alumni Pre-Game Receptions allowed guests to enjoy refreshments, chat about Red Storm basketball and even meet St. John’s legends. Brooklyn Day, held in conjunction with one of these receptions, welcomed alumni from the former Lewis Avenue and Schermerhorn Street campuses as they talked hoops with Hall-of-Famers Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON and John W. “Jack” Kaiser ’49C.
Debate Society Excels

The St. John’s University Debate Society is enjoying one of its strongest seasons in recent memory, highlighted by a first-place victory at the Empire Debates tournament. Additionally, the team won the Robert Huber Debates at the University of Vermont for the second year in a row and was a finalist at the U.S. Open in California. St. John’s is now ranked second in the Northeastern Rankings and hopes to finish in the top 100 worldwide (out of 600 institutions) by the end of the Spring 2012 semester.

Blessing of the Couples

It was a time for spiritual renewal and reflection on the sanctity of marriage as more than 200 alumni couples who met at St. John’s and later married gathered at a special Mass in St. Thomas More Church on the Queens campus. Whether they had been together for more than five decades or were newlyweds of only a few months, the opportunity to acknowledge their love for each other and for St. John’s made for a genuinely memorable event.

To read the complete story, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter12mag
Schermerhorn Street Reunion

Alumni who trace their roots to St. John’s campus in downtown Brooklyn shared memories and renewed friendships at the Fifth Annual Schermerhorn Street Reunion. In addition to the traditional cocktails and lunch, there was a blessing of four stained glass windows in St. Thomas More Church that were originally part of the St. Vincent de Paul Chapel on Schermerhorn Street.

Lewis Avenue Reunion

Lewis Avenue is St. John’s most historic campus, and the alumni who went to school there gathered to relive days gone by at the 54th Annual Lewis Avenue Reunion. Distinguished alumni Paul T. Medici ’42C, ’48P, ’51G, ’96HON and Evelyn Paola ’57Ed, ’59GEd were honored with the St. John’s Lewis Avenue Alumni Legacy Award for their outstanding service to St. John’s University and the community-at-large.

To read the complete story, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter12mag
Jubilarian Society Dinner

An exclusive celebration for those alumni who are celebrating, or have celebrated their 50th Anniversary of graduation from St. John’s. During dinner there will be a special ceremony recognizing the Class of 1962.

**Saturday, May 19, 2012**

**D’Angelo Center**

Queens campus

4 p.m. – Alumni Anniversary Mass
5 p.m. – Cocktail Hour
6 p.m. – Dinner
8 p.m. – Dessert Reception

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Christmas at St. John’s

Christmas is always a special time, and that’s particularly true at St. John’s. This year’s festivities reflected the popular University traditions that included the lighting of the campus Christmas tree, a spectacular fireworks display and the opportunity to have family photos taken with Santa. Guests shared the holiday spirit with others by bringing an unwrapped toy to be distributed to children through the Sponsor-A-Family program of St. John’s Bread and Life.

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Students Tap into Alumni Expertise

Seeing the professional world up-close and personal is a valuable asset in today’s day and age, and thanks to the Alumni Insider’s View...Program (AIV), our students have been doing just that.

The AIV...Program is a unique series of events that invites alumni back to campus to give students a behind-the-scenes look at today’s most exciting careers. These programs also take students on-site to watch our alumni in action, giving them a true insider’s view into their particular industry.

Thanks to the continued support of our alumni and friends, this past semester was one of the program’s most successful.

“The Fall 2011 semester generated a record number of student attendants — over 1,000 in total,” said Michael R. Daniels, who joined the University last October as Associate Director of Alumni Relations for Academic and Student Programs. “We also featured over 150 alumni participants, so we’re excited about the future of the program.”

One of the semester’s new events was the Alumni Insider’s View... Investment Management Program, which brought students to the offices of BlackRock, one of the world’s leading providers of investment advisory and risk management solutions. St. John’s alumni are well-represented within the firm’s senior management structure, and many shared their stories and insight during this special program.

“Despite lots of requests from many different colleges and universities, BlackRock does not often host students in its offices for these types of sessions. The students were impressive and represented themselves and St. John’s in an exemplary way.”

The annual AIV...U.S. Capital Program, which brings students to Washington, DC to meet alumni professionals, introduced a new component this past semester: a Pharmacy track designed specifically for students in St. John’s College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions. Created thanks to the support of St. John’s University Board of Governors Members Robert Fuentes, Pharm.D. ’77P and Laura Cranston, R.Ph. ’84P, this initiative allowed students to attend a networking reception, tour the Food and Drug Administration and speak with a panel of alumni who work at MedImmune, a leader in the biopharmaceutical industry.

“This is truly a great city,” said panelist Ann Y. Lin, R.Ph. ’84P, ’86Pharm.D., Dean and Professor of the School of Pharmacy at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. “We have direct access to so many individuals who influence our country’s healthcare system — an experience entirely unique to DC.”

Other programs from this past semester included AIV...Day on Wall Street and AIV...Phone Interview Pro — events that taught students practical tips to succeed in the real world while simultaneously showing them where a St. John’s degree can take you.

It’s clear that the AIV...Program has had a significant impact on student participants. Stephanie Coirin ’12C, who attended the U.S. Capital Program, learned a lot from hearing alumni insight.

“The panelists opened my mind on so many subjects,” she said. “Most notably, I learned that the majority of career paths don’t follow a straight line. There are actually many different ways you can break into the professional world, and the alumni helped to make that clear.”

A number of exciting programs are taking place in the Spring 2012 semester, including AIV...Hospitality Management, held on-site at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square, and AIV... New York State Capital, which brings students to Albany to network with...
alumni who hold significant positions within state government and private sectors.

Additionally, the AIV...St. John’s College Virtual Mentorship Program is a brand-new initiative on the Staten Island campus that pairs up undeclared Liberal Arts students with alumni, encouraging phone communication, e-mails, instant messaging and Skype conversations between them on a regular basis.

Do you want to join the growing number of alumni AIV participants? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (718) 990-6232 or by e-mail at alumni@stjohns.edu to find out how you can get involved. Your expertise will help our students get the most out of their St. John’s education!
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. 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) 990-5835 or e-mail horningk@stjohns.edu

To view photos from Young Alumni events, please visit www.stjohns.edu/winter12mag
Mark Andrews Looks to Expand Alumni Chapters

Regional Alumni Chapters are a great way to stay connected to St. John’s, regardless of where you live. And Mark Andrews, Associate Director for Special Constituents in the Office of Alumni Relations, is leading the charge to make them as effective as possible.

“We’re always looking for alumni to volunteer as chapter leaders,” Andrews said. “That’s what allows for our regional chapters to thrive. I’m extremely thankful to the leaders we currently have, and if any other alumni across the country are interested in helping out, please feel free to contact me.”

Andrews is especially excited about the recent launch of the Alumni Online Community. This new online platform allows alumni to search for their former classmates and find fellow graduates through basic searches that include city, state and zip code.

For information about existing chapters or to see if there is a chapter in your area, please visit www.stjohns.edu/alumnichapters.

If you would like to start a chapter in your area please call Andrews at (718) 990-5897 or e-mail andrewsm@stjohns.edu.

Arizona Chapter

Members of the Arizona Alumni Chapter were proudly wearing red when they gathered for lunch in December at Gordon Biersch Brewery in Glendale, AZ. This fun gathering allowed for fellow graduates to catch up and reminisce about their student days. Peter O’Reilly ’69CBA, ’74MBA, Arizona Alumni Chapter Leader, helped to organize the event.
It’s been a record-setting season for Head Coach Kim Barnes Arico and the Women’s Basketball team, culminating in the program’s first-ever berth in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

Late-game heroics helped the Red Storm power past Creighton and Oklahoma in the first and second rounds of the Big Dance. Though the team ultimately lost to a tough Duke squad, the deep tournament run served as perhaps the sweetest milestone in a season that’s been full of them.

Now in her 10th year at St. John’s University, Barnes Arico became the all-time winningest coach in the history of the Women’s Basketball Program, leading the Johnnies to the semifinals of the BIG EAST Championship for the first time since 1988. The Red Storm catapulted to No. 13 in the Associated Press rankings — the highest in program history — and Barnes Arico received BIG EAST Coach of the Year honors for the second time.

Individual players also earned accolades for their tremendous effort, both on and off the court. Da’Shena Stevens ’12TCB was named American Eagle Outfitters BIG EAST Women’s Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year and also...
Young Stars Shine for Red Storm

Coming into this season, the Men’s Basketball program faced a daunting task. Last year’s graduating seniors accounted for 96.3 percent of the team’s scoring and 97.8 percent of its rebounding. How would the Red Storm replace that?

The answer: a dynamic recruiting class loaded with young talent. Led by freshmen Maurice Harkless and D’Angelo Harrison, the Red Storm - dubbed the “Fresh Five” by fans and pundits — quickly showed why ESPN ranked them the No. 3 recruiting class in the country. Their up-tempo style and physical play led to a number of highlights, including a thrilling buzzer-beater to put away the Cincinnati Bearcats, an exciting victory over UCLA at Madison Square Garden and a wire-to-wire win over then-No. 18 Notre Dame.

Along the way, Harkless became the first St. John’s player since 1980 to receive BIG EAST Rookie of the Year honors and decided to enter the 2012 NBA Draft to pursue his dream of playing professionally. Meanwhile, Harrison broke the program record for most points in a season by a freshman.

Assistant Coach Mike Dunlap has done a masterful job filling in for Head Coach Steve Lavin, who has been recuperating from successful prostate cancer surgery he underwent in October. Though he hasn’t been on the sideline, Lavin has remained active on the recruiting trail and hopes to bring in another group of explosive players to complement the current team and propel the Johnnies to continued success.
Men’s Soccer Captures BIG EAST Championship

Last-minute heroics from midfielder Jack Bennett ’13CPS helped the Red Storm win the 2011 BIG EAST Tournament in dramatic fashion.

In overtime of the championship game, Bennett netted the golden goal on a breakaway to seal a 1-0 victory over the University of Connecticut Huskies, earning St. John’s its ninth BIG EAST title.

“We knew this would be a battle,” said St. John’s Head Coach Dr. Dave Masur ’03Ed.D. after the exciting finish. “Connecticut is a very well-coached team and an extremely tough opponent, but we have prepared all season for this opportunity… We are thrilled and obviously it feels fantastic to end up as the champions.”

Winning the BIG EAST crown capped off a terrific season for the Johnnies, one in which the squad posted a 14-7-2 record and finished the year ranked No. 18 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Poll.

But the Red Storm also found success off the pitch. The Men’s and Women’s programs both maintained a team GPA above 3.0 and were recognized for this accomplishment by the National Soccer Association of America. St. John’s was one of 153 programs (one of just six BIG EAST schools) to have both their men’s and women’s teams recognized in this way. Additionally, defender Connor Lade ’12CPS signed a professional contract with the New York Red Bulls of Major League Soccer, becoming the latest in a long line of St. John’s athletes to play professional sports.

Dance Team Continues its Winning Ways

The St. John’s Dance Team once again excelled at Universal Dance Association (UDA) College Nationals, placing fifth in the Hip-Hop Division and reaching 15th place in the Jazz Division. This marked the second year that St. John’s reached the top five in Hip-Hop, having placed second last year.

Held in Orlando, FL, UDA College Nationals is considered one of the largest and most prestigious dance team championships in the country and is nationally broadcast on the ESPN family of networks. St. John’s Dance Team — which has been in existence for over 40 years — has routinely enjoyed top 10 finishes over the last decade.

Upcoming Athletic Alumni Events

Softball Spring Alumnae Reunion
Saturday, April 14, 2012
- 10:30 a.m. Breakfast Reception at St. Vincent’s Café
- Noon - 4:30 p.m. St. John’s vs. Georgetown doubleheader at Red Storm Field
- $20 per person

Lacrosse Alumni Day and Reception
Saturday, April 21, 2012
- Noon Reception
- 1 – 3 p.m. St. John’s vs. Providence at DaSilva Field
- $25 per person and includes appetizers, beer, wine and soda

Women’s Soccer Spring Alumnae Game and Reception
Saturday, April 21, 2012
- 2 – 3 p.m. Alumnae vs. St. John’s Women’s Team at Belson Stadium
- 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Reception at Sly Fox Inn
- $30 per person and includes open bar and appetizers

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New Online Community for Alumni

For alumni, staying in touch just got a lot quicker and easier. St. John’s University recently launched the St. John’s Alumni Online Community, a new and exciting initiative designed to help graduates stay connected to each other and the University.

The new online community, which is free and only available to St. John’s University alumni, has been designed to provide members with easy access to a number of special features grouped onto a single site. In addition to staying in touch with former friends and classmates, participants will be able to forward an Alumnote to share information about major events in their life, such as a marriage, birth, new job, promotion or anything else that they feel would be of interest to their fellow graduates.

It will also provide members with the most effective way to register for University events and will offer a secure way to support St. John’s by making an online gift.

Each member’s name, graduation years and schools, the city and state where they live and their current employer and job title will be visible to other members. They can also include information about their hobbies, likes and dislikes, group memberships and family information. The more complete a profile becomes, the easier and more efficient it will be to contact and network with other alumni who have similar interests.

The site is password protected, ensuring that all accounts will remain secure.

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Victor E. Ramos ’91CBA, ’93MBA, Associate Vice President, Institutional Advancement and Interim Director, Alumni Relations

“St. John’s alumni have always had strong personal and professional attachments to each other,” noted Victor E. Ramos ’91CBA, ’93MBA, Associate Vice President, Institutional Advancement and Interim Director, Alumni Relations. “By participating in this online community, they’ll be able to expand their contacts and have the opportunity to get in touch with friends they might not have seen or spoken to in years. They’ll also be able to get quick and easy information about what’s happening at the University, which makes getting involved a winning situation for everyone.”

Thousands of alumni have already joined, so if you haven’t yet signed up and would like to become a member, simply visit alumni.stjohns.edu and follow the instructions for new users. Please note that your requested University Identification Number (X number) appears as a part of all e-mails sent from St. John’s and is also located above your name and address on any mail that you receive from the University.

Join today, visit alumni.stjohns.edu
New Catholic Scholarships

Reflecting the importance of Catholic tradition at St. John’s, the University has established two new scholarships, the Catholic School Scholarship and the Catholic Leader Scholarship. Both are available to first-time freshmen applying for admission into the Fall 2012 semester.

The Catholic School Scholarship provides any graduate of a Catholic high school a guaranteed minimum grant of $10,000 over four years, with a maximum potential scholarship of $20,000 based on financial need. It will be automatically awarded to incoming freshmen who will be graduating from a Catholic high school.

“The goal for this scholarship is to create a Catholic education network to reinforce the importance of the continuum of Catholic education,” said Jerrold Ross, Ph.D., Academic Vice President for the Staten Island campus and Dean of St. John’s School of Education. “We felt that the notion that an institution of higher education such as St. John’s has faith in the value of a Catholic high school education would send a powerful message when parents and students are looking for the perfect Catholic college.”

The scholarship was created in response to a recommendation from the Advisory Board of the Institute for Catholic Schools (ICS) at the University. The purpose of the ICS is to foster the long-term sustainability, growth and excellence of Catholic education by assisting the local dioceses in enhancing the administrative and academic infrastructure of schools.

“The St. John’s Institute for Catholic Schools aligns with our mission as a Catholic and Vincentian University,” said St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. “We are fully committed to a faith-based Catholic education in its totality, which can have a strong impact on the lives of future St. John’s students. We are happy to join hands with Catholic schools of our neighboring dioceses to strengthen the current system, and believe this partnership will help Catholic schools to be even stronger in the days and years ahead.”

The Catholic Leader Scholarship is designed for high school graduates who wish to translate their deep Catholic faith into action. Catholic Leader Scholars will receive $5,000 annually and take part in a four-year developmental program that will include leadership training, service and prayer while learning what it means to be a leader inspired by the Catholic tradition. The grant is renewable each year, contingent upon the student fulfilling program responsibilities.

In addition to the financial award, Catholic Leader Scholars will enjoy additional benefits, such as engaging in campus-based, liturgical, faith formation and diocesan leadership experiences and having the option to study abroad in a special cohort in Rome focusing on Catholic leadership.

Fr. Harrington noted the importance of the Catholic Leader Scholarship and its great vision. “This scholarship initiative is an extension of our commitment to a faith-based Catholic education which can have a strong impact on the lives of future St. John’s students and upon the broader Catholic community.”

For additional information about either of these new initiatives, please visit www.stjohns.edu/scholarships.

Board of Governors Welcomes New Members

St. John’s University recently added four new members to its Board of Governors, all of who are alumni. The new members include Maureen C. Depp ’76CBA, Frank L. Kurre ’84CBA, James J. Shannon ’87CBA and Tarik S. Turner ’98C.

The Board of Governors is a select group that advises the Board of Trustees and the University President on strategic issues related to St. John’s.

Maureen C. Depp earned her B.S. in Business Administration from St. John’s University’s College of Business Administration in 1976, and later earned an M.B.A. from the University of Rhode Island. Currently Vice President and Co-Director of Equity Research at Loomis Sayles & Company LP, a post she has held since July 2005 Depp has co-managed the Loomis Sayles Research Fund and co-led the equity research analyst teams that provide investment ideas and buy and sell recommendations for the fund. She previously served as Assistant Director and then Managing Director of Research at State Street Research & Management Company.

Frank L. Kurre received his B.S. in Accounting from St. John’s University’s College of Business Administration in 1984. He is currently National Managing Partner – Not-for-Profit and Higher Education Practices at Grant Thornton LLP, where he is responsible for all services performed by the firm for not-for-profit clients nationwide. Prior to joining Grant Thornton LLP he served as Partner-in-Charge – Northeast Higher Education and Not-For-Profit Practices at Arthur Andersen LLP. Kurre is a member of number of professional business and not-for-profit organizations and is presently studying to become a Deacon of the Catholic Church. He supports St. John’s through participation in The Loughlin Society.

James J. Shannon earned his B.S. in Finance from St. John’s University’s College of Business Administration in 1987 and presently serves as Principal, Director of Trading at Indus Capital Partners, LLC, an employee-owned investment firm specializing in public and private equity in the Asia Pacific region, Japan and Europe. As head of Indus’ global trading team, he is responsible for all equity, currency, futures and derivative trading. Prior to his current position he acquired extensive trading experience within the global equity and derivatives markets at firms such as Soros Fund Management, GE Investments and Chase. He began his career at Wagner Scott Clearing Corporation, working within their Trade Clearing and Customer Operations area.

Tarik S. Turner graduated in 1998 from St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a B.A. in History. While at St. John’s Turner was a member of the men’s basketball team and currently brings his playing experience to bear as the St. John’s Basketball Analyst on SportsNet New York (SNY), a New York City-based regional cable television network featuring BIG EAST Conference basketball games, and on Bloomberg Radio, an AM station also located in New York. He supports the University as a member of The Loughlin Society.

We congratulate our new Board members and wish them well as they use their time and talents to serve St. John’s.
Most drugs contain fillers and binders that are derived from starches, and many of these ingredients contain gluten. These fillers are used to give the tablets bulk and shape, and impact the way in which the active ingredient is absorbed into the body. There are, however, many substitutes that can be used in gluten-free fillers and binders for medications.

Mangione believes that once consumers and prescribers become more aware of the prevalence of gluten in some medications and not in others, the social implications of consumer and prescriber behavior will have an impact on society, similar to the way that an awareness of gluten in foods has produced many gluten free alternatives.

“I believe that a knowledge of the gluten content in pharmaceuticals will impact prescribing behavior,” he said. “When healthcare professionals are caring for celiac patients, they should really be thinking about whether a product is gluten-free, because that will impact the way in which their patient needs to be medicated. If prescribers are aware that a particular medication is gluten-free, that’s what they will hopefully use if they know or even suspect that a patient has celiac disease. Studies such as ours will definitely help to provide this awareness.”

“Hopefully this study will demonstrate the contributions that pharmacists can make in this important area of healthcare.”

Robert Mangione, R.Ph. ’77P, ’79GR, ’93PD, ’99Ed.D.,
Dean of St. John’s College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions
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Ozanam Scholars Make Lasting Impact Across the Globe
The Tegulet region of northern Ethiopia is rich with history, a rural area known for its majestic landmarks and cultural traditions. But like much of Ethiopia, Tegulet faces a mounting economic problem: its local businesses struggle to keep up with global standards.

Moges Beyene '14TCB, a St. John’s University student and member of the Ozanam Scholars Program, plans to change that.

A native of Ethiopia, Beyene hopes to use the knowledge and skills he’s learning at St. John’s — and the commitment to service he’s gained through Ozanam — to help his homeland. “I traveled to Tegulet during Christmas break and observed the problems they’re facing,” he explained. “Their businesses produce honey, but they fail to make a quality product. They don’t use proper filters and instead rely on traditional methods of production. That’s where I hope to step in.”

As an Economics major, Beyene is learning how to raise funds to enhance the region’s infrastructure and to assist in marketing and advertising. And his desire to improve his native community has been further enhanced through the Ozanam Scholars Program, an opportunity that has instilled in him a greater understanding of how to root out social injustice through a combination of research and action.

“Before I joined the Ozanam Program, I didn’t have a full grasp on the meaning of service,” Beyene noted. “It’s been a transformation for me. You don’t just serve — you study why you serve and figure out how to make a lasting change in the world. It’s been nothing short of an inspirational experience.”

Beyene is just one of the many remarkable students who are a part of the Ozanam Scholars Program — a unique and dynamic St. John’s initiative that combines service, academics and global learning. Created in 2007, the program awards up to $10,000 scholarships to an average of 25 students each year, requiring these young men and women to address and work towards solving today’s most pressing social problems. From homelessness to hunger, education to healthcare, Ozanam students tackle a variety of global injustices, serving communities at home and abroad.

“From the start, the concept was to create a program where we would train students to be researchers in Social Science, in addition to their primary field of study,” said University Provost Julia Upton, RSM, Ph.D. ’73G, ’75G. Upton, along with former Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer James P. Pellow Ed.D., implemented the program five years ago and has been excited to watch it grow.

“These students are trained so that they don’t just read a story in the newspaper,” she added. “They read a story in the newspaper and immediately ask questions, start probing and investigating. These students...
are future business leaders, pharmacists, teachers, nonprofit leaders — you name it — and they all come together here at St. John’s to make an impact on the world.

The program is appropriately named in honor of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a nineteenth century Parisian law student who put his academics and faith into action, founding the organization that would become the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Now, St. John’s students are following in Ozanam’s footsteps, spending their college years not only serving the poor and disadvantaged, but researching how to eradicate the root causes of poverty.

During their freshman and sophomore years, Ozanam scholars complete thousands of service hours at 15 different community partner sites, working in homeless shelters, schools and food pantries. They also travel to various parts of the United States and Europe, attending conferences, engaging in service and learning the history of Frederic Ozanam and the Vincentian mission. Ultimately, each student uses these experiences in the classroom and in the field to develop a unique service project, which they explore more fully during a junior-year independent study and, potentially, as a senior capstone project.

Beyene, for example, hopes to focus his independent study on the research he’s been conducting in Ethiopia, exploring ways to revamp his homeland's economy by revitalizing the local honey industry. Other scholars, like English major Ancy Skaria ’13C, are also tackling global issues.

During a summer trip to India, Skaria observed that the government did little to support orphaned children, treating them as if they were castaways. She investigated further and was surprised by what she found.

“The culture is so remarkably different from here,” she said. “If you’re homeless, the prevailing notion is that you were born that way, and there’s simply nothing that can help you. There’s no social welfare system in India, so the orphanage I saw did not receive government support. It’s truly astonishing.”

Digging even deeper, Skaria’s independent study examined how religion — Christianity, Islam and Hinduism — shapes particular regions’ views of orphaned children. She’s been speaking with government officials throughout India in anticipation of her potential capstone project.

“It’s a topic I feel very strongly about, and I’m thankful to the Ozanam Program for giving me this opportunity to explore it,” she said. “Eventually, I’d like to pursue a career in higher education administration, and one of my goals is to establish programs like Ozanam at other schools and universities. It puts our academics into practice and teaches us how we can make a lasting impact, which is precisely what college students need to be doing.”

But Ozanam Scholars don’t just look abroad to conduct their independent studies. In fact, many stay right here in New York.

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Biology major Victoria Gander ’12C, for example, is working on a capstone project centered around St. John’s Bread and Life — a Brooklyn-based soup kitchen and food pantry that serves over 1,000 meals a day to needy families in the New York City area. Her primary concern is improving the residents’ awareness of proper nutrition.

“Through Bread and Life, I’ve become increasingly interested in the eating habits of certain populations here in Brooklyn,” Gander explained. “My research has found that particular areas in Brooklyn have some of the highest rates of diabetes, obesity and heart disease — illnesses that are often rooted in nutrition. So it’s become abundantly clear that proper eating is a problem in these neighborhoods, and that’s what I’m hoping to improve.”

Gander views her capstone project as a stepping stone to her dream career: working in public health and nutrition in New York City. Thanks to Ozanam, she’s already begun to research how to make her ambitious ideas come to fruition.

“I’m looking into a variety of ways to increase the local population’s awareness of proper nutrition,” she said. “Specifically, we need to encourage the creation of more grocery stores in order to provide a diverse range of products that are competitively priced. We also need to guarantee a wider selection of food options in local pantries, in addition to educating the poorer populations on how to make healthy choices with their food stamps. This is an issue I want to address throughout my career, so my work with Ozanam is the perfect start.”

Students like Beyene, Skaria and Gander illustrate one of the Ozanam Program’s most impressive features: its students represent an incredibly diverse range of interests and they impact communities near and far in a very unique way.

Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. ’84C, Executive Vice President for Mission and Student Services, views this as the program’s defining characteristic.

“By traveling abroad and experiencing the world as they serve, the scholars find out how the Vincentian mission is enhanced and shaped by culture,” Fr. Maher noted. “Whether it’s in Rome, Paris or here in New York, they see the

“Aythough my major is biology, I’m really interested in how science can be used to benefit our communities. Through my capstone project at St. John’s Bread and Life, I’ve been able to see first-hand the impact of proper nutrition on people’s lives.”

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Fr. Maher points to Project Identity as a perfect example of this. Created by Ozanam scholars John Wilson ’11CPS and Eugenia Soldatos ’11CPS, Project Identity improves the lives of some of New York’s neediest residents by assisting them in obtaining official identification that they need in order to vote, apply for jobs and ensure self-sufficiency.

“Fr. Maher said. “A group of Ozanam students were working at Bread and Life, helping clients register to vote. They opened up a dialogue with the clients and discovered that many of these residents actually had no legal documentation. That led to the creation of Project Identity, and now it’s evolved into a program that New York City has expressed an interest in replicating.”

But Project Identity is just the tip of the iceberg. The very first Ozanam class graduated in May 2011, and their wealth of accomplishments and aspirations are a testament to the value of the program.

Speech Pathology major Lauren Miller ’11C traveled to Guatemala for her capstone project to assist a medical orphanage treat children with dysphagia, a swallowing disorder. In addition to working directly with the children, Miller also helped to teach the workers and volunteers at the orphanage how to properly feed children with this rare disease. The project exemplifies the Ozanam mission to create lasting change, establishing a framework to ensure long-term solutions.

“That was truly a life-changing experience,” Miller recalled. “The staff there was very receptive to the ideas we were developing, so now they’ll be properly equipped to help kids with dysphagia for a long time, without any outside assistance.”

The project also helped Miller realize that Speech Pathology — and using her talents to help those in need — was what she wanted to pursue as a full-time career. She is currently en route to obtaining a Master’s degree at Columbia University Teachers College and is excited for what lies ahead.

“I can’t tell you how thankful I am to the Ozanam Program for encouraging me to go beyond my comfort zone, to try things that I might have never considered,” she said. “I’ve discovered that working with children, helping them overcome disabilities like dysphagia, is my calling, and my project in Guatemala helped to cement that.”

There are many other outstanding Ozanam alumni stories. Patricia Batchelor ’11C conducted
a nationwide study on human trafficking and is currently working at St. John’s as she plans to pursue an advanced degree in Psychology; Wilson, who helped create Project Identity, is attending law school, where he is exploring additional ways to help the disenfranchised; and Christina Walters ’11C combined her interests in Psychology and Fine Arts to create awareness campaigns against bullying in local elementary schools.

The numbers speak for themselves: of the inaugural graduates (31 students in all), 18 have been accepted into graduate or professional programs, including six who are pursuing further degrees at St. John’s, three are completing a year of service and 10 are employed in various industries. As of March 2012, Ozanam students have completed 65 independent studies and 19 capstone projects.

Interest in the program from prospective students has also increased. Nearly 600 applications have already been received for next year, with only 25 spots to fill.

Charissa Townsend, Director of the Ozanam Scholars Program, and Deanne A. Southwell, Executive Director for the Vincentian Institute for Social Action, have played a key role in expanding the program over the last few years. They attribute Ozanam’s increasing popularity to its eclectic group of student participants.

“Part of its success is because we don’t limit any majors from participating,” Townsend said. “We’re not just looking for the type of student who will one day become an executive director of a nonprofit. Sure, that’d be great, but we also want pharmacists, biologists, lawyers, business leaders. We welcome a diverse range of candidates who, because of their history of service, are ready to make that next step through Ozanam.”

Southwell served as the Ozanam Director prior to Townsend, and she has enjoyed watching the program blossom. She’s particularly excited to follow each scholar’s endeavors as they graduate and hopes to eventually establish an Ozanam alumni network.

“The students in the Ozanam Program develop a very special bond with one another and the University,” she said. “They become like brothers and sisters, forging friendships that last a lifetime. We hope to keep them close in the years to come, and I can’t wait to see what the future holds for these bright young men and women.”

Without a doubt, the Ozanam Scholars Program has emerged as a premier scholarship opportunity at St. John’s, offering a life-changing experience for student participants. And it’s making a difference near and far.

From orphanages in India to food pantries in Brooklyn, hospitals in Guatemala to local businesses in rural Ethiopia, these students are quite literally changing the world, one community at a time.

“As an Ozanam scholar, I have been blessed with an education that goes beyond a classroom. Instead of reading about global poverty and marginalization from a book, I have experienced it firsthand and tried to combat it by volunteering my time and skills. Being an Ozanam Scholar has shaped more than my studies; it has shaped my life.”

Luis Eduardo Varela ’13C

“I believe that the Ozanam Scholars Program ultimately allowed me to unite with a group of connected individuals who share the same inherent aspirations to eradicating social injustice and helped create powerful, meaningful relationships. The Ozanam Community has inculcated a set of values that will forever be branded not only in my heart, but mind and soul and everything I set forth.”

Gabriel Anderson ’13TCB

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A CHERISHED VINCENTIAN PASSES THE CENTURY MARK
The ability to look back on a well-lived life and acknowledge that you’ve spent your days making a difference for others is a rare blessing. For Rev. Peter Goldbach, C.M., who celebrated his 100th birthday last August, spending nearly 68 years as a Vincentian priest provides the context that continues to make his life so incredibly fulfilling.

And he owes it all to his mother!

“My mother determined that I would become a priest before I was even in the womb,” joked Fr. Goldbach. “She had a very bad pregnancy with her first child, who was my sister, and the doctors didn’t expect either of them to live. But God had a way of stepping in and both my mother and sister survived. My mother was so grateful, and made a vow right there that her next child would be a boy and would become a priest. I was born a year and a half later, and my vocation was sealed from that time on.”

While the road to ordination may have seemed like a foregone conclusion, there were more than a few twists and turns along the way.

Fr. Goldbach’s godfather was a priest, who was able to secure a scholarship for his godson at Cathedral Prep, a preparatory seminary that educated young men of high school age who were considering becoming priests in the Diocese of Brooklyn (NY). Cathedral Prep offered a six-year program, in which the first four years contained the traditional high school curriculum, followed by another two years of preparation for entrance into the major seminary. Everything was going well, until the Great Depression got in the way.

“My family was never wealthy and the Depression hit us hard,” he recalled. “I left Cathedral after five years and went to work for the Equitable Life Insurance Company in New York City. I worked for them for three years, but during all that time I kept thinking that I wanted to be a priest, that I didn’t want to spend my whole life working for an insurance company. Plus, my mother was so determined that I would be a priest, because she had made that promise to herself and to God those many years ago.”

He left the insurance industry for a management position at The New York Daily News, and although his commitment to serving God was as strong as ever, it wasn’t until the pastor of his local parish introduced him to two visiting Vincentians that his vocation got the push it needed to get everything back on track. The future priest was genuinely impressed by the mandate of St. Vincent de Paul to serve the poor, but
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he still felt a responsibility to help support his family during the tough economic times.

“As usual, my mother had something to say about that,” he said. “She told me that I should take advantage of the opportunity and answer God’s call. She convinced me that I’d be doing God’s work and that He would take care of everything else.”

He was ordained in 1944, and although he had hoped to become a chaplain in the military, he was sent to the Vincentian missions in Alabama to serve as a summer replacement for the priests permanently assigned to that location. It was there that he experienced a transformation that would stay with him for the rest of his life.

“I remember being called to the home of a dying woman. She wasn’t Catholic, but still wanted to see a priest before she died. I remember praying with her and helping to ease her way to meet God, and at that point I realized that God was working through me and I was doing His work. It was almost as if God were in the room with me and together we were making a difference for this dying woman. From then on I knew that I had chosen the right vocation.”

Even though he never gave up his desire to become a military chaplain, Fr. Goldbach came to realize that he could do as much of God’s work in the classroom as he could on the battlefield. After 11 years of teaching future Vincentians in the novitiate and major seminary, he was assigned to St. John’s in 1955 as a member of the Theology and Philosophy Departments. He was among the first faculty to teach on the Queens campus, and has been here ever since.

“When I came to St. John’s, the only buildings here were St. John Hall, where it stands today, and an old wooden building called The Clubhouse, because it really was a clubhouse from the old Hillcrest Golf Course. That building was located near the corner of Union Turnpike and Utopia Parkway.”

Having been a part of the overwhelming changes that have taken place at the University during his more than five decades as a member of the St. John’s family, he is quick to acknowledge that the University is a very different place today than it was when he first arrived. He notes that there are more students, more campuses, more
programs and an international reputation for excellence that he describes as being “second to none.”

But he also points out that among the things that matter most, St. John’s unique mission is as strong today as it was when he first decided to follow in the footsteps of Vincent by committing his life to the service of others. “As Vincentians and as priests, we do so much good for people, especially poor people and those who are really searching for God in their lives,” he said. “That’s what makes St. John’s such a special place for me. At the end of every day I thank God that I’ve been given the special privilege of showing people, especially young people, that by accepting the grace that comes with God’s love, their time in this world will be happier and much more meaningful.”

Admitting that he’s “slowed down a little” over the past few years, this beguiling centenarian continues to celebrate Mass every day in the chapel of the Rev. John B. Murray House [Vincentian Residence] on the Queens campus. He also hears confessions twice a week and concelebrates at special occasion Masses in St. Thomas More Church on the Queens campus.

Rev. Patrick Flanagan, C.M. has lived with Fr. Goldbach in the Vincentian Residence for the past nine years. In addition to his role as Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, he serves as Religious Superior of Murray House, a position that allows him to interact with Fr. Goldbach on a daily basis.

“I didn’t know him before I came to St. John’s,” remarked Fr. Flanagan, “but I soon came to realize that I was living with a person who, despite the fact of his advanced age, or maybe because of it, enjoys life and has a zest for life that’s unbelievable. He spends time on the treadmill in the house and really enjoys the opportunity to work out and keep his blood moving. Whenever he goes for a walk around campus people stop to talk to him, and I really think it’s because they recognize him as a very special and very holy man. His attentiveness to the needs of students is exceptional, and for me and the rest of the priests living in Murray House, he’s a real blessing and a treasure.”

As a token of the love and respect that St. John’s has for its most senior priest, and in recognition of his lifetime of service to others, St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. presented him with the Gold Medal, the highest award given by the University to a non-alumnus, on the occasion of his 100th birthday last August.

He received another birthday gift when the University established the Rev. Peter G. Goldbach Endowed Scholarship. The initial principal amount of $50,000 will be invested as part of St. John’s overall endowment pool, and the interest generated will be used to award scholarships in Fr. Goldbach’s name to students who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need.

While the Gold Medal means a lot to him, he is even more grateful that the scholarship will continue his life’s work well into the future.

“The students at St. John’s have always been special to me,” he said. “They’re so hard-working and really go out of their way to make the world a better place. But with tuition so high, many have a tough time staying in school, and that’s where my scholarship comes in. You know, being a priest for so many years, I look at everything that we do in this world in terms of making the right choices that will help us get to God when our time here is done. When I think about how my scholarship will help some wonderful young people accomplish...
Looking back over his life, Fr. Goldbach acknowledges that although at times it hasn’t been easy, his decision to become a priest was the best choice he ever made. He is adamant that if he had it to do over again, he probably wouldn’t change a thing.

“You know, being a priest is all about God working through me. He needs people on earth to do His work, and I’ve been privileged to be one of His workers for so many years. I know that I’ve brought many people closer to God, and helped to get them back on the road to heaven. Nobody, and I mean nobody, could ask for a better life than that!”

If you wish to make a gift to the Rev. Peter G. Goldbach Endowed Scholarship, please visit www.stjohns.edu/give, select “Scholarship” and enter “Rev. Peter G. Goldbach Endowed Scholarship” in the “Special Designation” field.
Biochemistry Lab

A new, multi-purpose Biochemistry Lab for use by undergraduate Pharmacy and Toxicology students has been created in Room 140 of St. Albert Hall. The facility includes new lighting and flooring, new ventilation exhaust hoods and new laboratory furniture. Numerous upgrades have been installed throughout the facility, including those for water, gas, compressed air and ventilation services. The lab is connected to new rooftop air conditioning equipment and features enhanced IT distribution. It is configured for classes of up to 24 students working in groups, and each group has been provided with locked storage space for their individual materials.

As in all laboratories, safety is a paramount issue, and the new facility has been outfitted with glass enclosed work areas in which students can conduct experiments with toxic chemicals by simply inserting their arms and hands into the secure area.

Marillac Cafeteria

The entire serving area in Marillac Hall Cafeteria has been completely refugured to relieve congestion and enhance the overall dining experience. New chairs and tables have been installed in the dining area, and the existing lighting has been replaced with new, energy-efficient fixtures that feature daylight dimming.

New dining options have been added to provide for a wider selection of meals and snacks. A “Grab and Go” section, separated from the main seating area and open for extended hours during the day, allows diners to purchase soups, sandwiches, baked goods and snacks with minimal time waiting in line.

The new cafeteria also features a grill area that offers fresh fish, steaks and burgers, an extensive soup and salad bar, a Dunkin’ Donuts and a Subway franchise. An outdoor grill has been constructed on the exterior terrace to provide a variety of freshly grilled options available on a seasonal basis.
All offices and personnel of the Division of Institutional Advancement on the Queens campus have moved into a new location in the former University Center.

The Division is responsible for all Alumni Relations and Development activities for the University. It had previously been functioning in a number of converted classrooms on three separate floors of Marillac Hall, necessitating a less than optimal and greatly decentralized work environment.

"With everyone now gathered into a single location, the new space fosters a more collaborative, interactive and efficient work style at every operational level," noted Victor Ramos ’91CBA, ’93MBA, Associate Vice President, Division of Institutional Advancement and Interim Director, Office of Alumni Relations. “In addition to being a totally professional environment for our staff, the new offices make us more accessible to the alumni and friends who come to visit."

Office of Alumni Relations

Three classrooms in Sullivan Hall have been converted into two larger “smart” classrooms. The classrooms have moveable furniture, “smart” boards in which a projector is used to display a computer’s output on an interactive whiteboard, which then acts as a large touch screen, “smart” tables that allow groups of students to work simultaneously on one surface and traditional computer stations, all capable of being reconfigured for an interactive learning experience and teaching environment. Designed for educational methodology and research classes, they will be used to provide future teachers with the latest in professional development services.

The technologically sophisticated equipment in these rooms mirror that which is found in many primary and secondary school classrooms in districts across the country, allowing future teachers to become familiar with what they will encounter when they begin their careers after graduation.

Energy Kitchen — a new fast-food chain specializing in tasty, low-calorie items — opened its doors in the D’Angelo Center at the start of the Spring 2012 semester.

Every item on Energy Kitchen’s menu is baked, grilled or steamed, and all dishes are kept to 500 calories or less. With its emphasis on healthy and nutritious food, the chain is a perfect fit for St. John’s University.

“We’re completely in alignment with the goals of Energy Kitchen concerning healthy eating for students,” said Kathryn Hutchinson, Ph.D., St. John’s Vice President for Student Affairs. “Healthy food is brain food. A college campus is a place where intelligent people should be eating healthfully and developing good habits for the rest of their lives.”

Alumnus Mike Repole ’91SVC, ’11HON, Co-Founder of Vitaminwater, became a partner of Energy Kitchen in 2008. According to Inc.com, the chain was among the top 10 most promising franchises in 2011.

Smart Classrooms

Energy Kitchen Comes to Campus

Healthy Food Chain Comes to Campus
President’s Dinner Promotes Scholarships and Honors Service

The 14th Annual President’s Dinner, which brought together more than 1,150 friends of St. John’s in the traditional venue of the Grand Ballroom of The Waldorf-Astoria, saw an unmatched outpouring of generosity that raised $3 million to support student scholarships.

“This is a celebration of St. John’s, and a wonderful celebration it is,” noted St. John’s President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. “Our graduates are men and women of competence with hearts for service who represent us so very well throughout our city, our country and our world. Each of you present this evening plays a role in making that possible for both the students of today and the students of tomorrow.”

Scholarships for students and service to those in need have always combined to make St. John’s one of the world’s most respected universities. As it is at every President’s Dinner, the Spirit of Service Award was presented to four exceptional individuals who have embraced the Vincentian commitment of caring and compassionate concern for those in need.

Those honored included Margaret (Peg) LaRosa D’Angelo ’70Ed; Peter P. D’Angelo ’78MBA, ’06HON, President of Caxton Associates, LP; William J. Janetschek, Jr. ’84CBA, Chief Financial Officer and Partner of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Company; and James P. Pellow, Ed.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on International Educational Exchange. In their commitment to serving others, Peg and Peter D’Angelo stand as models of all that the University seeks to achieve. They have endowed a scholarship for Mathematics majors seeking to pursue a career in Education and established the Peter and Margaret D’Angelo Endowed Chair in the Humanities within St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Their Vincentian values are also very much reflected in the assistance they have rendered to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Interfaith Nutrition Network of Hempstead and St. Francis Hospital on Long Island.

Bill Janetschek is particularly committed to providing educational opportunities directly to young people who are growing up in families burdened by financial hardship. He quietly sponsors 10 children each year to attend St. Catherine of Sienna Elementary School in Franklin Square, NY, the parish school that he attended as a boy. He also provides a yearly sponsorship for five children.
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St. John’s Thanks Generous Donors

St. John’s University is always pleased to show its appreciation to its most generous alumni and friends, particularly the members of The Loughlin Society.

As of the end of the 2011 fiscal year, membership in The Loughlin Society had increased to 1,974 donors, who contributed a total of $6,260,600.

At The Loughlin Society Winter Reception, held at New York City’s historic Pierre Hotel, St. John’s President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. expressed his personal gratitude for the exceptional support that allows the University to flourish year after year. He noted that U.S. News and World Report ranks St. John’s as the second most popular national university and the third most ethnically diverse national university in the United States, a reflection of the continuing strength of the University’s commitment to opportunity for deserving students.

“I am so proud of our mission, and proud that each of us here tonight can articulate that mission,” said Fr. Harrington. “Our University is growing and expanding every day, providing our students with an excellent education, and all of that is made possible because of your support. I thank you for being faithful to our mission, and for all that you do to make the University what it is today.”

A number of alumni present at the reception shared their reasons for making membership in The Loughlin Society a priority.

“For me, The Loughlin Society is all about giving back,” said Mary Ann Leonard ’65Ed, ’67GEd. “As a graduate of St. John’s I’ve made wonderful friends, and I’m so happy to be able to support the University in a very real way. I love St. John’s!”

Many members of The Loughlin Society are also St. John’s employees. Day in and day out, they see firsthand what the generosity of the University’s donors does for its students, and are happy to be a part of that commitment.

At a recent breakfast for these special members of The Loughlin Society, guests heard scholarship student Donald Wiggins, Jr. ’12C, express his heartfelt gratitude for their support.

“Thank you for what you have done for me, and for the thousands of other St. John’s students who are just like me,” said Wiggins. “Although you may not know us personally, you will one day know what your generosity has accomplished, because I promise you that because of your help we will make the world a better place for us all.”

The Loughlin Society is a donor recognition group comprised of supporters who make annual gifts to the University of $1,000 or more. For information about how you can become a member, please contact Scott VanDeusen, Director of Development, Annual Campaigns at (718) 990-6240 or e-mail vandeuss@stjohns.edu
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The McCallen Society Recognition Mass and Luncheon

When members of The McCallen Society gathered for their Annual Recognition Mass and Luncheon, they were pleased to learn that their generosity was continuing to make a significant difference for St. John’s University.

Their membership had increased to 485, with those loyal donors contributing gifts that totaled more than $2.1 million.

St. John’s President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. thanked those in attendance for their exceptional loyalty and support. “Each one of you manifests a commitment to St. John’s and its mission,” noted Fr. Harrington. “You believe in St. John’s and you are a part of its future. We’re so grateful that you want to help us believe in the dreams that never end.”

Dreaming has been an important part of the St. John’s story for more than 141 years. From its very first days, the University was strongly committed to helping others realize their dream of success by offering them an education that would prepare them to meet the challenges that they would surely face. Although the world of today’s St. John’s students is different from that of 1870, a quality education is still the way to turn young people’s dreams into reality.

That’s the way it’s always been at St. John’s, and the members of The McCallen Society play a major role in keeping that commitment alive. As a group, they are uniquely forward-looking, combining wonderful memories of the past with a steadfast awareness of the future. They will never forget what the University was and is, and generously lend their support to partnering with those who are directing what it will become.

That’s the way it is for many members of The McCallen Society. They are strongly committed to doing what they can to be certain that the Catholic traditions and Vincentian values that were such a part of St. John’s when they were students will continue to flourish in the years ahead.

“I’ve never forgotten what the Vincentians did for me,” noted John F. Scheich ’63C, ’66L, “and I know that in the future there will be young people coming along much like me who will need some of that same help. It’s nice to know that I’ll be doing the same thing for others, who will hopefully then decide to give back to those who follow after them. I feel like I’m part of a chain that stretches well into the future.”

The McCallen Society is a donor recognition group for alumni and friends who have included the University in their estate plans. For information about how you can become a member and play a role in St. John’s future, please contact Susan Damiani ’87CBA, Director, Office of Gift Planning at (718) 990-7562 or e-mail damianis@stjohns.edu.
It was a historic night for St. John’s University’s School of Risk Management. With more than 1,600 guests in attendance, the University raised a record $2.47 million as it honored Evan G. Greenberg, Chairman and CEO of ACE Limited, at the 2011 Insurance Leader of the Year Award Dinner. The proceeds from this event support the School of Risk Management’s students and programs.

“I am sincerely honored to be accepting this award,” Greenberg told the crowd. “It means a lot to me and my family — and, by the way, ours is the only family to be recognized twice with this honor.” His father, Maurice “Hank” Greenberg, received Insurance Leader of the Year accolades in 1998.

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.

Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., President of St. John’s University, delivered the invocation for the evening and directed his words of faith to the insurance leaders in attendance.

“Our loving God is the source of all peace, of all security, of all trust in this ever-changing and turbulent world,” he noted. “The insurance industry has as its fundamental purpose — in this ever-changing and challenging world — to assist people to foster that security. May those who labor in this industry never forget that special responsibility.”

Beautiful weather and record results made the 2011 Alumni Golf Outing a rousing success.

This year’s event raised $95,000 in revenue for the Long Island Alumni Golf Outing Scholarship — the most in its over-10-year history. Since its inception, this annual fundraiser has generated approximately $400,000 and has helped to sponsor the education of 21 students.

Albert M. Farina, CPA ’75CBA, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Sound Shore Health System, served as the day’s honoree. An active member of the University community, Farina attributes much of his professional success to what he learned at St. John’s. He is committed to helping today’s students achieve their own dreams of a St. John’s education, and he thanked the attendees at the golf outing for their tremendous support.

“The course was great, the club was great and everybody had a fantastic time,” Farina said. “And with the weather being so beautiful, you just can’t get much better than this.”

Mark Andrews, Associate Director for Special Constituents in the Office of Alumni Relations, was thrilled with the turnout and with the generosity of all those who attended.

“Without question, this year’s Alumni Golf Outing was a tremendous success,” he said. “It’s thanks to the dedication of the Alumni Golf Committee and the outstanding contributions of our alumni and friends that this record-setting day was possible.”
Celebrating St. John’s Basketball Past and Present

After last year’s tremendous season of Red Storm basketball, enthusiasm for the Johnnies has reached a fever pitch. That excitement was obvious at An Evening with St. John’s Basketball, the University’s premier fundraising event for its basketball programs. Hosted by WFAN radio personalities Boomer Esiason and Craig Carton, the event raised over $175,000 in support of St. John’s basketball.

Throughout the night, Women’s Basketball Head Coach Kim Barnes Arico and Men’s Basketball Assistant Coaches Mike Dunlap, Rico Hines and Special Assistant/Advisor Gene Keady spoke to the guests about the upcoming season, providing their expert analysis and insight.

The University also honored its proud tradition at the Chris Mullin Hall of Fame event. An intimate group of former players, coaches and supporters of St. John’s athletics came back to campus for this nostalgic night to celebrate Chris Mullin ’98CBA and his recent induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Among those in attendance were Red Storm legends Mullin, Willie Glass and Kevin Williams ’92CBA, former Head Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON and longtime Men’s Basketball Trainer Ron Linfonte.
Over 400 St. John’s School of Law alumni gathered at the New York Hilton for their Alumni Association Luncheon, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the New York State Bar Association. They were joined by faculty and administrators of the School of Law as well as esteemed members of the judiciary, including New York’s Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti and former Court of Appeals Judges Judith S. Kaye and Joseph W. Bellacosa ‘59C, ‘61L, ‘87HON.

“This is always a very special event for the Law School community,” noted Michael A. Simons, J.D., Dean and John V. Brennan Professor of Law and Ethics. “It is a tribute to the fine lawyers, jurists and citizens who hold a St. John’s law degree and who selflessly support our mission. Through their mentorship and support, our alumni play a vital role in helping our students develop their paths to the profession.”

A highlight of the event was the presentation of prestigious awards to alumni and friends for their exceptional contributions to the University, the legal profession or the community-at-large.

The St. Thomas More Award was presented to Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick ‘67L, ‘03HON, Senior Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals in recognition of her outstanding moral leadership.

The Belson Medal, named in honor of Maxine (‘98HON) and Jerome Belson ‘48L, ‘80HON and awarded to an individual who has demonstrated a special loyalty to the School of Law and respect for the University’s mission, was presented to Daniel A. DeVito ‘87L, Gina DeVito, Cary Fields ‘86HON, Kathy Fields, Erica B. Fine ‘82L, Hon. Guy J. Mangano ‘55L, ‘83HON, Joseph M. Mattone, Sr. ‘53C, ‘55L, ‘94HON, Mary Ann Mattone, Robert J. Nobile ‘84L, Judith A. Wild and Robert A. Wild ‘67L.

The luncheon concluded with the presentation of the Recent Graduate Service Award to Kathryn M. Carney Cole ‘02L for her outstanding service to the graduates of the School of Law.

Notre Dame College Alumnae Enjoy Christmas Tea

Christmas was in the air on the Staten Island campus when the women of the Notre Dame College Alumnae Association (NDCAA) gathered at Flynn Hall in December for a Christmas Tea.

Ever since Notre Dame College became part of St. John’s University in 1971, their histories have become linked in ways that, while bringing them closer together, allow each institution to both respect and maintain their separate identities. One of the ways that Notre Dame lives on at St. John’s is through the Notre Dame College Alumnae Association Sister Helen Flynn Endowed Scholarship. Since its inception the alumnae have contributed nearly $1.2 million to support deserving students who wish to study at St. John’s Staten Island campus.

The recipients of the scholarship are selected by the NDCAA Sr. Helen Flynn Endowed Scholarship Fund Committee in conjunction with the University’s Office of Student Financial Services.

“I was a Sister Helen Flynn Scholarship recipient,” said Regina Cranston ‘82NDC, “and the alumnae of Notre Dame College will always be important to me because of their generosity when I was a student. I come to as many of their events as possible as a way to show my appreciation for what they did for me and continue to do for today’s students who need their assistance.”

Those attending the Christmas Tea had the opportunity to mingle with old friends and recall the simpler and more genteel days of their youth. Many remembered chatting quietly under the watchful eyes of Sr. Helen Flynn, trying hard to balance their delicate china cups without spilling anything.

“Our teas were an occasion to dress up, and we always wore hats and white gloves,” remembered Marianne O’Donnell Cummins ’60NDC. “We held the teas in a large dining room with a coffee server at each end, and it was a privilege if we were chosen to pour. We’re trying to encourage more of our alumnae to come back for these special events.”
Bullpen Banquet Honors Kaiser

For nearly 70 years, John W. “Jack” Kaiser ’49C has been a prominent figure in St. John’s athletics. And at the Sixth Annual Baseball Bullpen Winter Banquet, the University honored him for his longstanding commitment.

The event drew a record crowd of nearly 300 alumni and friends and raised over $40,000 for the Baseball Program.

“We had a record attendance this year thanks to the outpouring of support from so many wonderful alumni, family and friends of the program,” said Kaiser.

“This event continues to grow and it is the people that make for such a special evening each year.”

A former St. John’s student-athlete and current Athletic Director Emeritus, Kaiser captained the Baseball team to its first-ever College World Series in 1949 before embarking on an 18-year career as Head Coach that included three trips to the College World Series and 11 NCAA Tournament appearances.

“I was certainly very humbled and thankful,” added Kaiser.

“Everything I’ve accomplished can be attributed to the Vincentian Fathers, St. John’s University, my colleagues and all of my players throughout the years.”

Numerous Hall of Famers were in attendance to show their support for Kaiser and the St. John’s Baseball program, including Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famers Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON, Chris Mullin ’98CBA and Gene Keady and former St. John’s pitcher, four-time MLB All-Star and soon-to-be New York Mets Hall of Fame inductee John Franco.

Two-time World Series Champion Terry Francona served as guest speaker, delivering a motivational and entertaining speech.

“It’s just fun to talk about baseball with people that like baseball,” said Francona.

“You want people to learn something when you speak at an event like this, but also enjoy themselves and share a laugh or two.”

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According to Joni O’Hagan, Senior Associate Director of the Career Center, Credential Files are not used as widely today as they were in the past.

“Decades ago, letters of recommendation were required to be confidential,” O’Hagan explained. “But legislation changed in the 1970s, so today, you can maintain recommendation letters in an electronic portfolio or a paper portfolio. That’s a big reason why these files are not as popular today as they once were.”

Still, O’Hagan noted that there are some distinct advantages to maintaining a Credential File.

“They are still useful for doctoral-level students who are seeking employment in higher education as professors,” she said. “It’s an impressive and official presentation of your candidacy, as opposed to just sending it out on your own in the form of a letter.”

The Career Center is hoping to implement a new, online platform for students and alumni in the near future as an alternative to these paper-based Credential Files.

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1960s

Joel Kotch ’60P retired after 50 years from CVS Pharmacy in Hendersonville, NC and celebrated his 47th wedding anniversary.

Fay Hope Cusick ’63C celebrated her third year of writing for a weekly column “Cooking with Hope” for Topsail Advertiser in Hampstead, NC.

Marie Coscia ’67NDC retired after 50 years of service in Education. She served 43 years at Port Richmond and Petrides School in Staten Island, NY and seven years at Union County Vo-Tech in Scotch Plains, NJ.

Barbara Fontana ’68Ed, ’70GEd, ’71PD, ’75Ph.D. received the Allen V. Williams Award from the New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA) for her sustained service, significant involvement in the broad issues and contributions to her profession and the NYSPA.

1970s

Kevin Kane ’71Ed retired after 42 years as the Director of Human Resources for Pathmark Stores, Inc. in Carteret, NJ and relocated to Sebastian, FL.

John Lazar ’71Ed is an Executive Director of Consolidated Federal Campaign at Global Impatias in Washington, DC.

Irene Sanders ’72Ed received her Doctorate in Education in Educational Leadership from Rowan University. She is a Speech Language Pathologist at Cherry Hill Central School District in New Jersey.

Joseph Campise ’73C retired from the New York City Police Department as a Deputy Inspector after 30 plus years in public service.

Lawrence Curtis ’74C was selected as a Top 50 in the 2012 edition of Louisiana Super Lawyer.

Thomas Hakala ’75L is Managing Director at Fieldpoint Private Bank and Trust in Greenwich, CT.

John Moran ’75NDC, ’87MBA received the Excellence in Scholarship Award from Wagner College in Staten Island, NY.

Jean Brooks ’79CBA is the Vice President of Finance and Administration for Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD.

Edward Safran ’79MBA was appointed to serve as a member of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Committee on Ethics for a two-year term. He will participate in the committee’s charge of adopting and promoting business practices of the highest ethical standards. IMA members hold the responsibility for keeping pace with the latest business trends and meeting the career development and certification needs of accountants and financial professionals.

1980s

Mark Suprenant ’80NDC is a Partner at Deeb Blum Murphy Firshberg & Markovich, PC in Princeton, NJ.

Barbara Shaheen Alesi ’82L was honored in a celebration of Long Island’s 50 Most Influential Women Hall of Fame by the Long Island Business News. She is a Partner at Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Minco, Cohn & Terrana, LLP in Uniondale, NY.

Kenneth Lange ’83C, ’00L is a Special Counsel for Goldberg Segalla LLP in Mineola, NY.

Jeffrey Seigies ’85CBA, ’89MBA is a Financial Advisor, Vice President of Investments at JP Morgan Chase in Massapequa Park, NY.

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James Bartolotto '88C, '91L was recently promoted to Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He is a Military Judge for the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary in the Reserves and a Trial Attorney with the United States Department of Justice’s Civil Division in Washington, DC.

Mary Beth Anderson '89L is a Director of Social Work and Investigation at Brooklyn Defender Services in Brooklyn, NY.

1990s

Lisa Gibbons '90L is a Member of the General Liability Practice at Wilson Elser in New York City.

William O’Connell ‘90L is a Partner at Goldberg Segalla LLP in White Plains, NY.

Elinor Takenaga ‘90SVC is a Librarian and Media Specialist for the Lower School division at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ.

Kathleen Deegan ‘91L was honored by the John J. Byrne Community Center at its inaugural Long Island Outstanding Advocate for Children and Youth Awards Reception for her commitment for the betterment of our children. She is Partner at Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo, Cohn & Terrana, LLP in Uniondale, NY.

Matthew Turk ‘94SVC is the Sports Information Director at California State University Bakersfield in Bakersfield, CA.

Doreen Lerner ‘98L is a Chief Clerk for Unified Court System of Kings County in Brooklyn, NY.

2000s

Demetrios Frangiskatos ’00CBA is a Partner at BDO USA, LLP in New York City.

Loretta Kendle ’02CPS is a Contract Analyst for AFTRA Health & Retirement Funds in New York City.

Elia Avila '03L is the Secretary of Pennsylvania Department of Health in Harrisburg, PA.

Michael Stanczyk '07L is an Associate Attorney at Mackenzie Hughes, LLP in Syracuse, NY.

Bruce Bent Honored for Revolutionizing Investment World

Bruce R. Bent ’61CBA, ’79HON, creator of the world’s first money-market fund in 1969, was honored by luminaries of the financial world at the Strategic Insight 25th Anniversary Dinner in November. Bent was recognized as one of the “Visionaries of the Modern Era of the Mutual Fund Industry”.

Peter G. Crane, President and Publisher of Crane Data LLC, the premier money-market fund information company, stated: “Bruce Bent’s invention of the money-market mutual fund stands as one of the most important developments in the history of mutual funds. Mr. Bent truly deserves Strategic Insight’s title of ‘Visionary.’ ”

The creation of the money-market fund has been acknowledged by the financial community as the flex point that popularized mutual funds in general with the investing public. Bent has been inducted into the Financial Planning Hall of Fame as well as Money magazine’s Hall of Fame, and is chronicled in the American Museum of Finance, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. He is a Trustee Emeritus of St. John’s University and a member of The Founders Society.

March of Dimes Recognizes Outstanding Educator

Suzanne Viscovich ’93GEd, ’01Ed.D., Principal of the Homestead School in Garden City, NY received a 2011 Golden Apple Award from the March of Dimes for her commitment to education. She is one of only 10 New York-area educators to receive the award.

The March of Dimes presented the award at its 15th Annual Golden Apple Awards Dinner at the Fox Hollow Inn in Woodbury, NY.

Dr. Viscovich greets each child every day, reads to them during classroom visits and promotes character-building activities such as service. She pursues these values outside of school as well, helping to raise funds for causes such as the National Kidney Foundation, the Arthritis Foundation, the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society and Autism Speaks.

For Dr. Viscovich, service and mutual respect are vital to every child’s education. “We teach students about having good values, such as kindness and caring,” she said. “Those are values I encountered at St. John’s.”

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Elizabeth McCabe '95NDC and husband, Thomas, a son, Brayden Thomas – February 13, 2012

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Kerri Ann Cassidy '97C and husband, Jack, a daughter, Stacey Rhiannon – November 8, 2011
Doreen Lerner Quinn '98L and husband, Dennis, a daughter, Teagan – February 8, 2010

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Joseph Izzillo ’51L is the author of My Nine Lives (Minus) One (iUniverse, 2011). An extraordinary memoir of a Renaissance man in his 88th year of life, that grew up in an Italian ghetto known as Bronx, NY.

Donald Farinacci ’62C is the author of The Allemagne Deception, A Novel of the Cold War (Navigator Books, 2011). A friendship formed in World War II may be the only thing that can stop World War III... Berlin, 1945 — A U.S. Army Staff Sergeant and a Soviet Army Lieutenant comb through the bombed-out ruins of the Nazi capital, searching for evidence to be used in the war crimes trials at Nuremberg.


Mary Elizabeth Kenel ’63P is the author of Seasoned with Sage Savoring Life’s Wisdom (CreateSpace, 2011). A book that gently guides those who traveled along wisdom’s path to the domains of self-development and self-knowledge that foster personal integrity and authentic living to explore the dimensions of listening, mentoring and prayer contributing to the development of empathic understanding.


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Anthony Crescenzi ’93MBA is the author of The Keynesian Endpoint (Pearson Education, 2010). The ongoing financial crisis became so great that only the fiscal and monetary authorities possessed balance sheets large enough to resolve it. The previous techniques of fiscal stimulus no longer work, and there are no more balance sheets that nations can use to support either economic activity or their financial system.

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Eileen Buchheit ’68Ed is the author of Roxbury and Bridgewater, Images of America (Arcadia Publishing, 2011). A photographic history of two small towns in Litchfield County that shows the evolution of rural communities in Connecticut, offering images from the late 1880’s to present.

Christina Tzivelekis-Rozeas ’02CPS, ’04GEd is the author of Where Did All the Cookies Go? (Lulu Publishing, 2011). A children’s book about two puppies taking each day as it comes. Learning about sharing, kindness and the true meaning of friendship leads the boys to a crazy adventure caused by cookie treats.

John Moser ’58C is the author of I Love You to the Moon – Poems (Daniel & Daniel Publishers, 2011). These poems display a fine narrative and autobiographical style, remembering moments of the poet’s life—from his Brooklyn boyhood up to the present—that have changed him and opened him to new ideas about love, war, disability, childhood, religion and the human condition.

Carey Spearman ’97SVC is the author of 36 Years and a Wakeup (Truman Publishing Company, 2005). Spearman returns to Vietnam after 36 years and reveals his most intimate emotions during the war.
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Clement Driscoll ’37C  
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Eugene Sidoti ’49CBA  
Dorothy Schwarzkopf ’49NEd  
Donald Horner ’49CBA  
Carl Ferriere ’49C  
Stuart Dubon ’49P  
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Marvin Annapolen ’49CBA  
Norman Raiske ’49UC  
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John Munnelly ’57L  
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John Jolly ’58UC  
Raymond Kobieliski ’58GEd  
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Harold Radday ’58C  

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Ernest Bianchi ’41L  
Yolanda Konkus ’41NDC  
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Rosemary Robinson ’47NDC  
Norman Raiske ’48UC  
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Gerald Swidler ’49P  

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Edward Derengowski ’50CBA  
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Edward Gamber ’50L  
Dorothy Harris ’50G  
Carl May ’50C  
Bartolo Raffaele ’50L  
Vincent Pizzuto ’50L  
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Robert Mairs ’58CBA  
Harold Radday ’58C  

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John McCord ’60L  
Helen Martin ’60NEd  
Charles O’Neill ’60Ed  
Dorothea Rordanz ’60NEd  
John Alletto ’61L  
Emil Beres ’61P  
Edward Blatz ’61CBA  
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Petrina Liveschi ’62G  
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Carol Weir ’63L  
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Jeanne Vacca ’77P  
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Michael Vitalle ’78MBA  
Eileen Byrnes ’79VC  

1970s
August Cardinale ’70P  
Severin Severson ’70CBA, ’72MBA  
Joseph Hurley ’70CBA  
James Mahoney ’70CBA  
Robert Menges ’70CBA  
James Stergiou ’70CBA  

1980s
Grover Albers ’80Ph.D.  
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Vincent Tullo ’81SVC  
Joan Caruglia ’82MBA  
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Robert Caffrey ’85CBA  
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1990s
Davanand Singh ’91C, ’94L  
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Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua '75L, '81HON

Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua '75L, '81HON, who retired in 2003 as head of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (PA), passed away in January.

The son of Italian immigrants, he was born in Brooklyn (NY) in 1923 and ordained a priest on June 11, 1949. Mindful of his parents’ struggles, he devoted himself to the cause of immigrants throughout his career. While serving as a priest in the Diocese of Brooklyn, he established the Catholic Migration and Refugee Office, one of the first of its kind in the country. Decades later, as a Cardinal, he was a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Migrants and Itinerant People.

He was named a Monsignor in 1976, and four years later was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. In 1983 Pope John Paul II named him Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh (PA), and five years later he was appointed Archbishop of Philadelphia, a position he held for more than 15 years.

Cardinal Bevilacqua served on five Vatican congregations (Clergy, Saints, Cor Unum, Consecrated Life and Migrants), which made it necessary for him to travel to Rome several times each year.

In his last year as Archbishop, he created an office for community development to help blighted neighborhoods within Philadelphia and the surrounding areas of the diocese.

Cardinal Bevilacqua earned a doctoral degree in Canon Law from Gregorian University (Rome) in 1956, a master's degree in Political Science from Columbia University (NY) in 1962 and a law degree from St. John's School of Law in 1975. He served as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Law in the late 1970s, where he specialized in teaching courses in Immigration Law. He was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from St. John's in 1981. With degrees in both Canon and Civil Law, he occasionally served as legal adviser to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and was head of the organization's Pro-Life Office for three years.

Patrick V. Murphy '40C

Patrick V. Murphy '40C, who served as Police Commissioner of the City of New York from 1970 -1973, passed away in December. He began his law enforcement career in 1945, when he joined the New York Police Department after flying Navy bombers in World War II. A former emergency services officer, he was adept at rescue-and-recovery work.

In 1970, New York Mayor John V. Lindsay appointed Murphy as Police Commissioner, charging him with uncovering and eliminating corruption within the ranks and establishing procedures to modernize and professionalize the department.

"Pat Murphy was the visionary embodiment of police reform," noted current NYPD Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly '71L, '98HON. "In the face of fierce opposition from entrenched elements of police leadership nationally, he revolutionized policy to restrain the use of deadly force."

By the time Murphy stepped down in 1973, he had become a nationally recognized police figure. He became President of the Police Foundation, formed three years earlier to advocate for improvements in policing across the country. He lectured in the United States and abroad, and in 1977 wrote about his police work and philosophy in a book entitled Commissioner: A View from the Top of American Law Enforcement.

At the time of his death Murphy lived in Wilmington, NC. He is survived by his wife Martha, two sisters, eight children, 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Patricia G. Sullivan '79SVC, '89G, '96MLS

Patricia G. Sullivan '79SVC, '89G, '96MLS, a triple alumnus who served as Assistant Dean of St. John's College of Professional Studies in the mid-1990s, passed away in August. She left St. John's in 1997 to become Reference Librarian at the Hempstead (NY) Public Library, and later served as Assistant Director/Instructional and Reference Services Librarian of the James Edward Tobin Library at Molloy College (NY). While at Molloy she played a pivotal role on a variety of academic committees, including the Common Reading Program Committee, the Dean's Committee on the Library, the Library Assessment Committee and the Middle States Committee.

An enthusiastic fan and supporter of St. John’s athletics, she and her husband Charles ’79CBA, ’89MBA were men's basketball season ticket holders since their student days.

Acknowledging the important role that St. John's played in both her personal and professional life, Sullivan gave back to the University through her many years of membership in The Loughlin Society. In recognition of her generosity and accomplishments, she was awarded the St. John's Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award in 1994.

Donald L. Taffner ’53C, ’89HON

Donald L. Taffner ’53C, ’89HON, one of St. John's University's most illustrious and accomplished alumni as well as a cherished friend and generous benefactor, passed away in September.

Together with his late wife Eleanor ’94HON they founded and built DLT Enterprises, Limited, a global leader in the television industry for almost 50 years. The firm introduced American audiences to British comedy hits "The Benny Hill Show" and "As Time Goes By" and successfully translated two popular British sitcoms into smash hits for the ABC network under the titles "Three's Company" and "Too Close for Comfort." In 1986 he was honored by the Academy of Arts and Sciences International Council with the Founders Award Emmy, and in 2002 was made an Honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth for his exceptional contribution to British film and television in the United States.

The Taffners provided support for the construction of the Taffner Field House, which serves as a home for the St. John's men's and women's basketball teams as well as the site of intramural athletics. Other reminders of their great generosity on the Queens campus include the huge clock of Professional Studies in the mid-1990s, passed away in August. She left St. John's in 1997 to become Reference Librarian at the Hempstead (NY) Public Library, and later served as Assistant Director/Instructional and Reference Services Librarian of the James Edward Tobin Library at Molloy College (NY). While at Molloy she played a pivotal role on a variety of academic committees, including the Common Reading Program Committee, the Dean's Committee on the Library, the Library Assessment Committee and the Middle States Committee.

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Donald served on the Athletics Sub-Committee and the Student Affairs Committee of the University's Board of Trustees. He and Eleanor were longtime members of The Loughlin Society and were inducted into The Founders Society.

Taffner received an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science from St. John's in 1989. To coincide with the 50th Anniversary of his graduation from St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, in 2003 the University presented him with the Medal of Honor, the highest honor that can be given to an alumnus. In 2007, St. John's presented the Spirit of Service Award to Donald and Eleanor in recognition of their commitment to the Vincentian philosophy of compassionate concern for others. The Vincentian community named them Vincentian Affiliates in recognition of their extraordinary service.
We caught up with Mark to talk about his new job, his thoughts on the Red Storm and about his longstanding relationship with Hall-of-Fame Head Coach Lou Carnesecca ’50C, ’60GEd, ’00HON.

How have you enjoyed your experience so far as an NBA Head Coach? It’s been a lot of fun, a dream come true. The Warriors is a great organization with great ownership, and we truly have the best fans in the business. I’ve got a terrific group of guys here who are buying into what I’m asking them to do, and I love the direction we’re headed.

You played under some great coaches during your career, one of whom being Coach Carnesecca. What was the most important lesson you learned from him that you’ve adopted into your own coaching style? There’s no question about Coach Carnesecca’s record, about his Hall-of-Fame credentials, about his basketball genius. But the thing that truly stood out to me is that he cared about every individual he ever coached, and he made me a better person in addition to a better basketball player. I’d taught me how to put the time in at the gym and maximize everything I had. So it was truly a great honor for Chris and his family.

Your former teammate, Chris Mullin ’98CBA, was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame last summer. How proud were you to see your friend receive that honor? It’s a tremendous honor not only for Chris, but for St. John’s and for New York City basketball. I’m extremely proud to have played against him in high school, with him in college, and both with him and against him in the NBA. You can’t find a more deserving guy, a guy who maximized everything he had in his tank. I’ve told people a thousand times: I would not have been a pro had I not met Chris Mullin. He taught me how to put the time in at the gym and maximize everything I had. So it was truly a great honor for Chris and his family.

After you finished playing professionally, you became a very popular broadcaster. What did you learn from that experience? I had the privilege and honor of working with some great people. With Jeff Van Gundy and Mike Breen, what you saw on TV was exactly who we were: three guys that enjoyed, respected and loved each other. If you sat in on a dinner date with us, you’d hear the same type of conversation — we argued, debated and messed with each other. I also worked with great guys like Ian Eagle, Marv Albert and Mike Tirico, guys who made those years very enjoyable for me.

I’d always share a few quick phrases with my teammates. I took the same approach with calling games. Coming from New York City and playing in the parks, that was the mentality — always trash talking and saying something.

You were at the forefront of one of St. John’s most popular eras, so you’ve seen how electric the Garden can get. How important is St. John’s basketball to New York City? It’s very important. When you talk about the history of New York City basketball, you can’t have a conversation without mentioning St. John’s, even going way back. And it’s fantastic that St. John’s is back in that conversation.

You're well known for some of your colorful catch phrases, including “Hand down, man down” and “You’re better than that!” Did you plan those phrases ahead of time or did they come naturally to you on the air? They actually happened naturally. I’m a guy who, back in practice and during games, would like to trash talk and have fun, so
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