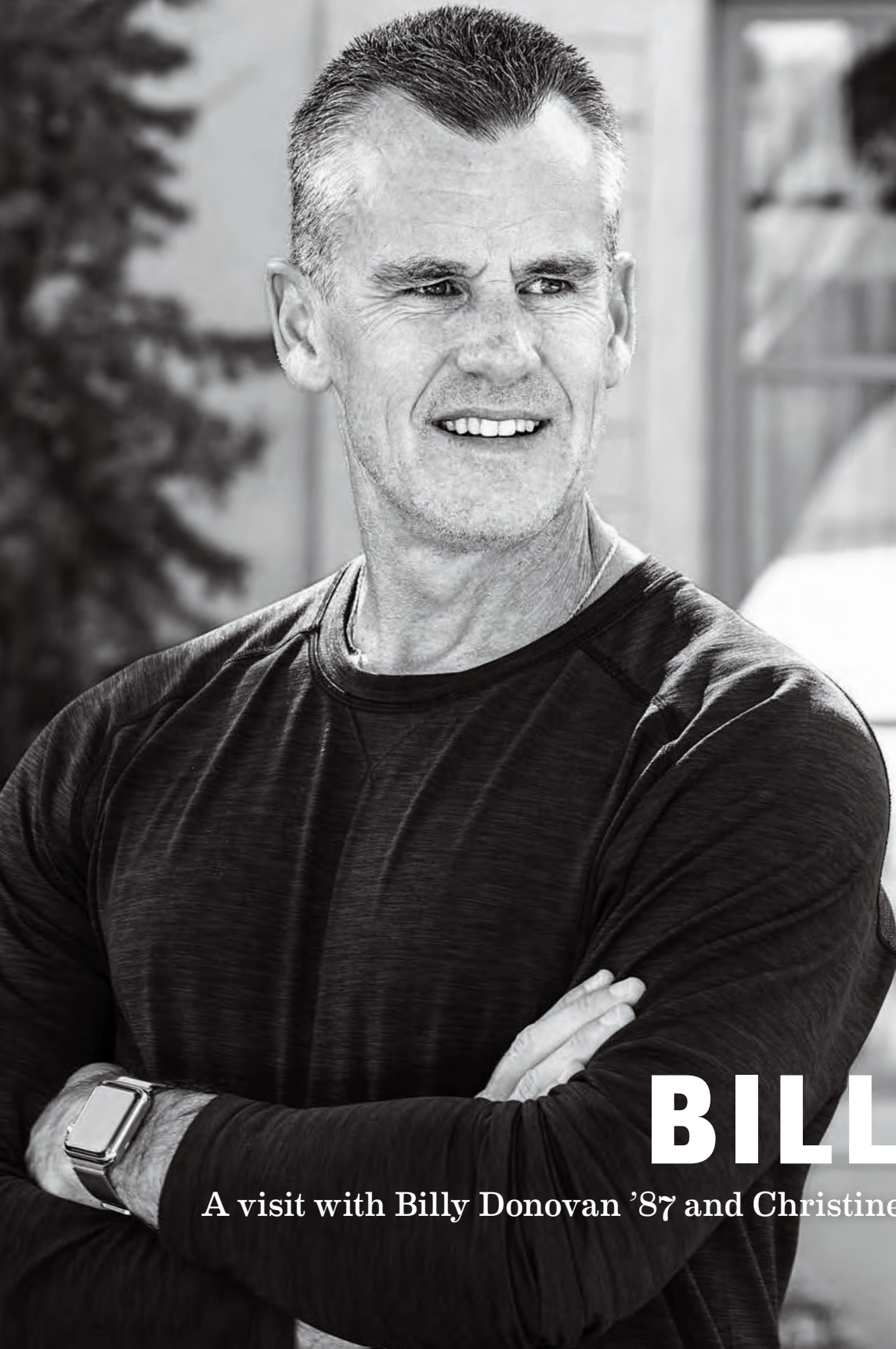


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# BUZZ

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## Nugget mania

**ERICA BEATEY '19** (East Sandwich, Mass.) loves Chicken Nugget Thursdays in Raymond Dining Hall so much that last fall, she began chronicling each one on her Snapchat story.

“It’s a fun way to see the year pass by,” said Beatey, a history major with minors in theology and film studies.

Beatey — holding a plate in photo at lower right — continued documenting her nugget consumption all year, even while studying abroad in Vienna, Austria.

“It was just nice to have some connection to PC even when I wasn’t physically there,” Beatey said.

Some Thursdays she got her nugget fix at a McDonald’s near the palace where her classes were held. She ate others while wearing formal attire before an event during Vienna’s ball season.

Curious about Chicken Nugget Thursdays, which began in 2014? Learn about the tradition here: [prov.ly/pcnuggets2018](http://prov.ly/pcnuggets2018)

# BUZZ

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## Huxley's Road to Reunion

IN THE SPIRIT of Reunion Weekend 2018, alumni in class years 3 and 8 were asked to share a photo with a cutout of Huxley to see all the stops PC's newest mascot would make on the way to attending reunion. There were 41 submissions in the #ISpottedHuxley contest, including this one from Mary Ellen Batcheller Kennedy '83, third from left, and family members at the Colosseum in Rome. Huxley also made stops in such places as Chile, Germany, Myanmar, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii.



## Always your home

"For one afternoon, it's 1985 again." "The ideals of service and *Veritas* have stood the test of time." "Really special." Alumni who have taken the Back to Friartown Tour, which started last spring, are finding an occasional Saturday afternoon back at their *alma mater* a delight. More than 150 people attended the first three programs, which feature guided tours, a chance to meet student ambassadors, and refreshments. More: [alumni.providence.edu/back-to-friartown-tour/](http://alumni.providence.edu/back-to-friartown-tour/)

## Cheaper, faster



Alumni got a kick out of a viral video of Scott Holt '08 paddle boarding across the Hudson River in business attire in July. It was featured by media such as ABC News.

As the aspiring comedian explained to the *New York Post*, he was trying to make it from Jersey City to a meeting with a potential manager in Manhattan without paying a toll. Watch the video: [prov.ly/holtpaddleboard](http://prov.ly/holtpaddleboard)



## Late-night dining



STUDENTS WHO EAT IN RAYMOND DINING HALL now have an extra hour for dinner on Monday through Thursday nights. In August, the

College extended the closing time from 8 to 9 p.m. to accommodate students — like student-teachers, athletes, interns, and club and organization members — whose co-curricular commitments extend later into the evening. "This gives them more flexibility, and they don't feel as much pressure," said John M. Sweeney, senior VP for finance and business/ CFO. ☒



## Dan Byron '88SCE

### DESKTOP SUPPORT SPECIALIST

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE

**Information technology has gone topsy-turvy** in the 37 years Dan Byron '88SCE has been at Providence College. His work approach has not.

For many faculty and staff, visits from the fun-loving desktop support specialist are a bonus: Not only does Byron solve their computer problem quickly and tactfully, he'll also pull them into conversations about their jobs, their lives, and, always, PC.

He's a longtime men's basketball season ticket holder, holds a bachelor's

degree in liberal studies from the School of Continuing Education, and is proud of family ties to PC: His daughter, Kay, is an SCE student, and his late father, Joseph L. Byron '40, retired as PC's vice president for business affairs in 1988.

For the record, Byron emphatically praises the administration for its support of information technology services and staffing, including student workers he's mentored over the years. He talks about how interesting he finds campus partners he's helped, like basketball coach Ed Cooley, professors from myriad disciplines, and staff at all levels. And, he expresses sensitivity

toward their frustrations and understanding of technology.

"There are so many simple mistakes being made ... somebody resets a printer or shuts off power, and suddenly, the computer isn't working. You can't make people feel badly," says Byron, who worked at the Physical Plant and the Power Plant for 12 years before joining the new Department of Computer Services (now Information Technology) in 1993.

But Byron isn't telling the whole story.

"He's really a good worker, but he does his job his own way," says his supervisor, golfing partner, and friend, Ed Morin '85, director of technical support services. Morin notes Byron has "built relationships that are hard to replace" and that go beyond academic units — such as with Dominicans in the campus priory, the Department of Athletics, the Office of Public Safety, and food services provider Sodexo.

"He has that intangible ability to relate to people," says Morin, adding that Byron's rapport has enhanced IT's reputation greatly.

The department, and PC, also have benefitted from Byron's suggestion in 1993 that Computer Services hire student workers. As PC's focus on computers and lab space grew, he knew students could improve service while gaining skills and confidence. IT now has 65 student workers, who mostly operate out of the Help Desk. To many students, current and past, Byron has been a father figure, say peers. ■■



## Class of 2022 is the largest ever

**The Class of 2022** is the largest in PC history with 1,125 students. It also is the most diverse, with students of color comprising 19.6 percent of the class.

The students had an average GPA of 3.45 on a 4.0 scale. About 12 percent are the first in their family to attend college. They come from 32 states and 10 countries.



## Thumbs up for College, business school

**BOTH PROVIDENCE COLLEGE** and the PC School of Business were awarded re-accreditation from professional organizations in 2018.

The College was re-accredited for 10 years by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The re-accreditation came following the completion of an intensive self-study by members of the College community and a four-day visit to campus by an accreditation team.

The School of Business received its five-year re-accreditation from AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The business school achieved AACSB accreditation for the first time in 2012.



Students work in one of the new chemistry labs.

## Science Complex addition opens

**A FOUR-LEVEL, 37,000-SQUARE-FOOT ADDITION** — the first phase of a multi-year construction and renovation project at the Providence College Science Complex — opened for the start of the academic year in late August. Facility highlights include an active-learning classroom, other classrooms, a tiered lecture hall, chemistry labs, and a student commons area. Future work phases at the Science Complex will feature renovation of the office and lab space in Albertus Magnus, Sowa, and Hickey halls.





## Three alumni receive honorary degrees

BRIAN M. MAHER '68, retired director of the Long Island Educational Opportunity Center at Farmingdale State College, center, is awarded an honorary doctor of education degree during the 100th Commencement Exercises in May. Conferring Maher are Very Rev. Kenneth Letoile, O.P. '70, chairman of the Providence College Corporation, left, and College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80.

Two other alumni received honorary degrees: Joseph P. Brum '68, consultant and retired special assistant to the president for development projects at PC, and U.S. Army Col. (retired) Lisa M. (Thibault) Schenck '83, associate dean for academic affairs at The George Washington University Law School.

Also bestowed honorary degrees were David McCullough, historian and author, who gave the commencement address; Larry Rachleff, the Walter Kris Hubert Professor of Orchestral Conducting at Rice University; and Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, president emerita of Spelman College. PC awarded 1,169 diplomas to the Class of 2018.

## First director on board at The Center at Moore Hall

DR. SHAN MUKHTAR BEGAN SERVING as the founding director of The Center at Moore Hall in July. Mukhtar previously served as assistant director of the ESL program at Emory University in Atlanta. She holds doctoral and master's degrees from Emory. The center for arts, culture, and social justice is devoted to the College's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

## Inaugural dean of global education named

THE INAUGURAL DEAN OF GLOBAL EDUCATION in the newly named Center for Global Education, formerly the Center for International Studies, is Dr. Joseph Stanley. Stanley joins PC from Simmons College, where he was director of the Center for Global Education and a lecturer in history. He holds a doctorate from Binghamton University. The College's former dean of international studies, Adrian G. Beaulieu, retired after 11 years.

## O'Connor elevated to PACT director

DR. MICHAEL T. O'CONNOR was named director of the Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers program, or PACT, at PC in June. He had been assistant director since May 2017. A Ph.D. graduate of Boston College, he succeeds Brother Patrick Carey, cfc, who retired as director after 16 years.

PACT is a master's-level teacher education program that invites recent college graduates to contribute two years of service as teachers in Catholic schools in New England.

## Off to the Czech Republic

A STUDENT FROM THE CLASS OF 2018 and an alumnus from the Class of 2013 were awarded Fulbright Fellowships to teach English in the Czech Republic for the current academic year.

Jennifer Dorn '18, an English and theatre arts double major from Dallas, Texas, and Susan Malone '13, a psychology major originally from Saugus, Mass., received grants from the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program.

## New major, minor added

A NEW MAJOR, environmental biology, is being offered this academic year. It is designed to prepare students for graduate studies and careers in research or applied environmental fields, such as environmental consulting.

Non-business majors can take advantage of the new business and innovation minor. It is interdisciplinary, combining courses in accountancy, computer science, and art and art history. There are four tracks from which to choose: Organizations and Entrepreneurs, Global Engagement, Applied Science, and Design Thinking.

## School of Professional Studies welcomes new dean

DR. JENNIFER E. SWANBERG was appointed dean of the School of Professional Studies, where she provides leadership for the departments of elementary/special education, health policy and management, and social work, and the program in secondary education. Swanberg comes to PC from the University of Maryland, where she taught in the School of Social Work and the School of Medicine.

## Father Cuddy '98 chosen to lead Mission and Ministry



Rev. James Cuddy '98

ALUMNI WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED the College moved into leadership roles in the Office of Mission and Ministry as the 2018-19 academic year got underway.

Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98, who was College chaplain from July 2009 to January 2016, was appointed vice president for mission and ministry. Father Cuddy was the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Greenwich Village, N.Y., before being reassigned to PC.

The new associate vice president for mission and ministry is Robert D. Pfunder '09, who was campus minister for global service and justice in the chaplain's office for the past four years. ❧



## Alumni executives counsel student leadership fellows in ‘PC in DC’

**FROM ONE OF THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE FBI** to CEOs, COOs, presidents, and executive vice presidents, 10 PC students absorbed lessons in leadership from alumni executives for three days in Washington, D.C.

The opportunity came about during “PC in DC,” offered for the first time by the College’s Leadership Fellows Program — a non-credit, co-curricular program that helps students become authentic, effective, and ethical leaders. Students from multiple majors took behind-the-scenes tours, had in-depth dialogue with top alumni administrators in government and private business, and attended a Washington Nationals baseball game in a packed itinerary.

Eleven alumni participated in PC in DC, which included the Capital Area Alumni Club’s annual Alumni-Student Networking Night. Other highlights included:

- an interactive tour of FBI headquarters hosted by Nancy McNamara ’84, assistant director in charge of the Washington Field Office;
- participation in a focus group at Surprise Ride, an educational activities business co-founded by COO Rosy Khalife ’13;
- a tour of the U.S. Capitol led by U.S. Army Capt. Michael Calcagni ’04, a legislative liaison with the U.S. House of Representatives, and Nicholas Mikula ’11, deputy communications director and professional staff member at the House Committee on Armed Services; and

- a tour of Reagan National Airport with Margaret E. McKeough ’83, executive vice president and COO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

One of the fellows, Meredith Daigle ’20 (Belle Rose, La.), a political science major, said PC in DC changed her understanding of leadership. “Leadership doesn’t just end with your work day; it continues throughout your professional and personal life,” she said.

Morgan Starkey ’20 (Sandy Spring, Md.), who majors in biology and psychology, said the interaction with alumni made her realize leadership is much more than conveying one’s own ideas and thoughts. “A good leader is an individual who knows when to step up and step back,” she said.

Other alumni participating were: Stephen J. Caldeira ’81, president and CEO, Household & Commercial Products Association; Sarah A. Flanagan ’79, vice president/government relations and policy development, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; Curtis LeGeyt ’00, executive vice president/government relations, National Association of Broadcasters; David Leiter ’76, president, Plurus Strategies; David Sylvia ’90, senior director/government affairs outreach & programs, Altria; and Beth A. Viola ’90, senior policy advisor, Holland & Knight. ❧

*Below: Nancy McNamara ’84, assistant director in charge of the FBI’s Washington Field Office, center, welcomes Leadership Fellows Program students and College administrators and staff to the J. Edgar Hoover Building.*



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# Scholar Power

**DR. LAURA E. WILLIAMS**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

**HIGHEST DEGREE:** Ph.D., University of Georgia

**EXPERTISE:** genomics, bioinformatics, symbiosis, molecular evolution, bacterial lifestyle, antibiotic resistance

**NEWSWORTHY:** Early in 2018, Williams' lab published its first paper on predatory bacteria found in the environment on and around PC's campus. Two student researchers, Molly Anthony '18 and Brett Enos '16, are authors. The research contributes to the quest to find effective options to combat disease-causing bacteria as antibiotic resistance continues to rise. Also, in August, Angeline Casale '19, Karla Martinez '19, Joe Mangiamele '19, and Molly Oser '19 accompanied Williams at the International Symposium on Microbial Ecology in Leipzig, Germany, to present posters on their predatory bacteria research.

**QUOTABLE:** "It's very rewarding to help students engage with science in the classroom and the research lab. Last fall, I taught genomics for the second time. We talked about the science and ethics behind current developments such as technologies that can be used to edit the human genome. We also worked directly with genome sequencing data to complete and publish the genomes of two bacterial strains used in my research lab. It's an exciting course to teach, and students really respond to it."

**HOBBIES:** tennis, baking

**YEARS AT PC:** 3

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Dr. Laura E. Williams  
in the lab with  
Luke Zappia '18



Eric E. Sung



## Photography professor receives College's top teaching honor

ERIC E. SUNG, associate professor of photography, is the recipient of the 2017-18 Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award, the College's highest teaching honor. The award recognizes the faculty member who best exhibits excellence in teaching, passion and enthusiasm for learning, and genuine concern for students' academic and personal growth.

Sung received a bachelor's degree from Richard Stockton University in 2000 and a master of fine arts in photography degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 2004.

He teaches photography in all levels and interdisciplinary art courses. He has shown his works in national and international art venues including galleries in New York and the Ping Yao International Photography Festival in Ping Yao, China. His current work is influenced by making landscape and architectural images as witness of recent history.

The Accinno award, established in 2002, is administered by the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Teaching Award Selection Committee.

## Costello's work recognized with two major honors

DR. JACK COSTELLO, a professor of biology who has taught at PC for 29 years, received two significant honors this year.

Costello, whose research focuses on marine organism design and function, was named the recipient of the College's 2018 Outstanding Faculty Scholar Award. The award is presented annually by the Office of Academic Affairs to the tenured faculty member who demonstrates the highest standards in research, scholarship, and contributions to the field.

He also was awarded a \$407,061 grant from the National Science Foundation's Biological Oceanography Program for a collaborative project with the University of South Florida, the University of Oregon, and Roger Williams University. The team will apply new video techniques to observe the feeding process of ctenophores, or comb jellies, to determine prey selection and predatory impact.

Costello has been awarded more than \$3 million in external research funding and has authored or co-authored more than 90 peer-reviewed publications during his career at PC.



Dr. Jack Costello

PHOTOS: THIS PAGE: ERIC SUNG; JUSTIN JAMES MUIR. OPPOSITE PAGE: FATHER GUMBERT; COURTESY OF LIZ LEPORE. SISTER STRAUB; PC ARCHIVES. DR. RAYMOND L. SICKINGER; NAT REA.



Rev. Kenneth R. Gumbert, O.P.

## Film festival recognizes Father Gumbert

REV. KENNETH R. GUMBERT, O.P., professor of film studies in theatre arts, was one of seven recipients of a 2018 Producers Circle Award from the Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival. The award is presented annually to arts enthusiasts who have worked to support and promote the festival mission, and who have had a significant impact on the growth, evolution, and quality of the festival and on the arts and humanities locally, nationally, and internationally.

## Four honored for excellence, service

THREE FACULTY MEMBERS EARNED AWARDS of excellence and another was honored with a service award by the College for their contributions during the 2017-18 academic year.

- **Dr. Bing Huang**, assistant professor of art history, received the 2018 Innovation in Teaching Award, given to the faculty member who has implemented outstanding, innovative teaching approaches that increase student awareness and success.
- **Tricia L. Forte '07**, visiting assistant professor of health policy and management, received the 2018 Visiting Faculty and Practitioner Award in recognition of excellence in teaching and promoting enthusiasm for learning. She is a student at Roger Williams School of Law.
- **Dr. Darra D. Mulderry**, adjunct assistant professor of history, received the 2018 Adjunct Faculty Award for excellence in teaching and promoting enthusiasm in learning. Mulderry, who has taught at PC since 2008, also is director of national and international fellowships.
- **Mark J. Caprio**, associate professor and associate library director, received the 2018 Faculty Service Award in recognition of exceptional service that contributes to the mission of the College. He also is associate director of the Center for Engaged Learning at PC.

## Retired faculty leave indelible mark on PC

FIVE FACULTY MEMBERS who enriched the education and lives of thousands of students over the course of their teaching careers retired from Providence College following the 2017-18 academic year. Combined, they contributed 164 years of service to the College.

The retirees (by name, rank, start date, and administrative roles) are:



Sister Leslie E. Straub, O.P.

**Dr. Patricia Wurst Cichy**, assistant professor of music; 2000; department chair, 2004-2006; director, Music Education Program, 2013-2018

**Mary G. Farrell**, professor of theatre arts; 1979; department chair, 1994-1996; conferred professor *emeritus* upon retirement

**Ann Galligan Kelley '78**, professor of accountancy; 1986; director, Business Studies Program, 1986-2018; conferred professor *emeritus* upon retirement

**Dr. Pamela D. Sherer**, professor of management; 1991; director, Center for Teaching Excellence, 1994-1997; conferred professor *emeritus* upon retirement

**Sister Leslie E. Straub, O.P.**, associate professor of anthropology; 1970; director, Anthropology Division, 1971-1982 and 1988-1995; director, Social Science Program, 2013-2017



Dr. Raymond L. Sickinger '71

## SICKINGER BOOK WINS AWARD

DR. RAYMOND L. SICKINGER '71 received a first-place award from the Catholic Press Association for his biography of Antoine Frédéric Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. His book, *Antoine Frédéric Ozanam*, was published in 2017 by the University of Notre Dame Press. Sickinger is a professor of history and of public and community service studies at PC and chairs the Department of History and Classics. He is a longtime member of the society. ❖



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# FAMILY

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The house at 54 Lyndhurst Ave. in Providence was a perfect place for James J. Dillon '33 & '35G and his wife, Kathleen, to raise their two sons and three daughters.

It was close to St. Pius V church and elementary school, a half mile from La Salle Academy, and best of all, across Eaton Street from Providence College, where Jim Dillon had earned bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry and maintained close ties. ➤

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING | ILLUSTRATIONS BY BRUCE HUTCHISON

*Illustration at left: Three generations of the Dillon family have strong ties to Providence College. Clockwise, from top right, are Kathleen "Kay" Dillon, who worked on campus for four decades; her husband, James J. Dillon '33 & '35G, who served in the U.S. Navy; their son, Gerald F. Dillon '68 & '74G, who retired as a U.S. Army colonel; and his son, Ryan S. Dillon '95, also an Army colonel. Above is the Dillon home at 54 Lyndhurst Ave., Providence.*

Dominican priests were frequent guests for Sunday dinner at the Dillon house, especially Rev. Francis C. Hickey, O.P., a chemistry professor and director of the science department.

Like Father Hickey, Jim Dillon was a research chemist. He developed fabric and textile structures for NASA's Apollo Program and worked for Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.; Berkshire Hathaway, the textile company that eventually was acquired by investor Warren Buffet; and the Rhode Island Department of Health.

"As a very young boy, I thought Father Hickey was really cool because he would walk me up to campus and let me play with the laboratory mice and look at things under a microscope," said Gerald F. Dillon '68 & '74G, one of the five Dillon children.

Kathleen Dillon, known as "Kay," found a place at PC, too. She joined the Veridames, an organization of wives and mothers who sponsored events and raised money for the College. A graduate of Regis College, she worked in the president's office from 1967-1980, then became administrative assistant to the executive vice president, Rev. Robert A. Morris, O.P. '46 & '82Hon. In 1982, she left Harkins Hall to be secretary to the prior at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory, a position she held until her retirement in 2004.

"Should she write a novel, it would undoubtedly become a movie," College President Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P. '51 wrote when Kay left for the priory. "Her service to the College has been a delightful intermingling of the beautiful combination of laughter and serious concern."

Gerry Dillon decided to follow his father's lead and attend PC. He studied sociology and joined the ROTC Program. The Vietnam conflict was heating up. In the Dillon family, service to the country was a given. Jim Dillon earned the Bronze Star as a Navy commander during World War II, and Jim's brother, Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald F. Dillon, resigned his position as dean of men at The Catholic University of America to become a military chaplain on an aircraft carrier.

While Gerry Dillon was a student at PC, his older brother, James J. Dillon, Jr. '76G, was already in the Army; he went to Officer Candidate School and served in Italy.

Kay Dillon at work in the president's office at Harkins Hall, in a photo dated 1976.



The 96 ROTC candidates in the Class of 1968 didn't talk about Vietnam, but "realistically, we all knew where we were headed," Gerry Dillon said. "There was a mix of excitement in it."

But the reality of Vietnam could not have been more different than the loving, supportive, Catholic world he knew at 54 Lyndhurst Ave.

"I had never heard a shot fired in anger before, and all of a sudden they were all directed at me and my men," Gerry Dillon said. "War is a horrible, gross, gruesome, awful experience. You're fighting for your life, and those of your men, against someone you have never met before. You see death and destruction and savage fighting all around you, and you're praying that it will all go away."

Gerry Dillon was wounded in May 1970 while commanding Charlie Company, 502nd Parachute Regiment, in the 101st Airborne. In three days of fighting, 15 men died and many more



were wounded. Enemy casualties were even higher. The battle became the subject of a book, *Mighty Men of Valor*, published in 2012 by veteran John G. Roberts. Gerry Dillon was 22 years old. He received two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars with Valor, and the Purple Heart.

His healing came in Providence. He returned to PC to teach in the ROTC Program and to earn a master's degree in educational counseling. In the summers, he taught at the Airborne Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. He loved the camaraderie and the work of special operations — being an Army Ranger, a pathfinder, and a master parachutist.

In a 30-year military career, he rose to the rank of colonel while commanding companies, battalions, and brigades throughout the United States, Europe, and Egypt. He studied at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., and the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, and he taught at the Naval War College and at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

In 1989, when the Berlin Wall fell, Gerry Dillon was in Berlin as deputy commander of the U.S. Army Berlin Brigade, which he later commanded. His children, Ryan S. Dillon '95 and Kelly (Dillon) Fitzpatrick, who were in high school then, joined revelers dancing atop the ruins of the wall. Ryan Dillon remembers spending two full days “out living history.”

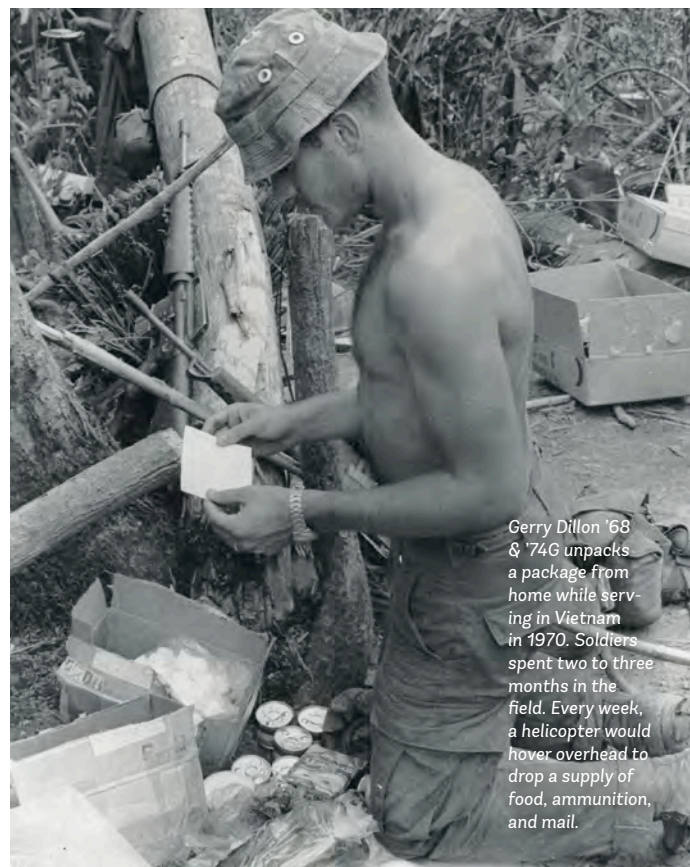
The family maintained a home in Narragansett, so their vacations home always included trips to see their grandparents, “Jim-Jim” and “Gams,” at 54 Lyndhurst Ave., and to visit their Dominican friends on the PC campus.

When it came time for college, Ryan Dillon decided to follow his father and grandfather to PC. At the time, his chief interest was the opportunity to play NCAA Division I soccer. He studied history and German, but what he learned most was character.

“You know what you know based on your experiences, but looking back, I was incredibly fortunate to attend Providence College,” Ryan said.

He wasn't interested in ROTC at first. But at the end of his sophomore year, when his sister was a first-year student at Salve Regina University, he applied for an ROTC scholarship to help his family financially. Like his father, he discovered that he loved the camaraderie and the challenge of military service.

After PC, Ryan Dillon was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. When he graduated from parachute training at Fort Benning, his father, then stationed in Louisiana, joined him for his final two jumps and personally pinned his wings to his uniform. ➡



Gerry Dillon '68 & '74G unpacks a package from home while serving in Vietnam in 1970. Soldiers spent two to three months in the field. Every week, a helicopter would hover overhead to drop a supply of food, ammunition, and mail.

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“I WAS ABLE TO MAKE *THE RIGHT DECISIONS* —  
CRITICAL, LIFE-AND-DEATH DECISIONS — LARGELY BECAUSE  
OF WHAT I LEARNED AT PROVIDENCE.” — RYAN S. DILLON '95

“I really enjoyed what I was doing, and I felt it was my duty to also serve,” Ryan Dillon said. “In Germany, I had seen East Germans walking into West Berlin after the wall fell with their mouths agape. As I matured, I realized I had witnessed firsthand what freedom means.”

As an airborne infantry officer with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, Ryan Dillon led soldiers parachuting into combat at the start of the Iraq war. He served two combat tours there along with combat tours in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

“I was able to make the right decisions — critical, life-and-death decisions — largely because of what I learned at Providence,” Ryan said. “Courses like ethics, logic, and critical reasoning helped me to think quickly on the battlefield while maintaining the moral high ground. What I learned at PC contributed to what I knew I would stand for and what I would not tolerate. On more than one occasion, I had the fortitude and the confidence to say, ‘I don’t think that’s right.’”

Gerry Dillon retired from the Army in 1998 but found ways to serve. From 2000-2010, he was in Rome as director of operations at the headquarters of the Multinational Force and Observers, an independent organization monitoring the peace between Israel and Egypt. He also maintained the tradition of inviting visiting priests to dinner. Father Morris was a guest, as was Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P. '60, now an associate

alumni chaplain, who was teaching in Rome at the time.

In 2006, the Army had Ryan Dillon switch gears and become a public affairs officer. He was sent to study for a master’s degree in public relations and corporate communi-

cations at Georgetown University and a second master’s degree in international military strategy at the Italian Institute for Strategic Studies in Rome.

Ryan Dillon, promoted to colonel, stepped into the international spotlight in 2017 when he was named the secretary of defense’s spokesman for the multinational coalition fighting ISIS in Iraq and Syria through Operation Inherent Resolve. Working out of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, he gave 1,500 media interviews in 13 months, many of them televised on major national and international news networks.

“I was there at the crescendo of the fight against ISIS,” Ryan said. “I was there for the liberation of Mosul and Raqqa, the former ISIS twin capitals. It was arguably the most intense, historic, and noteworthy time of the entire campaign.”

While Ryan Dillon was in Iraq, his wife, Cristina, and their two daughters, Zoe, 9, and Eva, 5,

remained at their home in Vicenza, Italy, near the U.S. Army Garrison where Ryan is based. The family speaks fluent Italian.



Ryan S. Dillon '95, the secretary of defense's spokesman for the multinational coalition fighting ISIS in Iraq and Syria, answers questions about efforts to recapture the Hawija district of Iraq in September 2017. Below, Dillon is accompanied by three representatives of the Iraqi security forces as he leads a Pentagon press briefing after the liberation of Mosul from ISIS.





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At left, Gerry Dillon '68 & '74G congratulates his son, Ryan Dillon '95, at his ROTC commissioning in May 1995. Twenty-three years later, in June 2018, Ryan Dillon returned from service in Iraq to see his father honored by PC's National Alumni Association. Before that event, at right, Ryan and Gerry hold a portrait of James Dillon '33 & '35G — Ryan's grandfather and Gerry's father — who was a Navy commander.

Ryan completed his assignment in Iraq at the end of May, just in time to see his father receive the Personal Achievement Award from PC's National Alumni Association during the 50th reunion of the Class of 1968.

"There is no way I would miss it," Ryan said. "My dad is my dad, but he's also my mentor and my best friend."

Before beginning his new assignment in Vicenza as the public affairs officer for the U.S. Army in Africa, Ryan Dillon brought his wife and children to Rhode Island for a vacation. It included a stop at the PC campus, where Ryan carefully removed a photograph from a manila envelope and held it out to his daughters.

The photo showed Jim and Kay Dillon on their 50th wedding anniversary, after a Mass at the priory with their family and Dominican friends. Jim died a year later, in 1993.

Father Thomas Peterson officiated at his funeral. Kay died in 2008. Her funeral was celebrated by Father Morris, who also came to pray with her in her home during her final illness.

Ryan Dillon showed the photo to his daughters.

"Do you remember what I told you about Jim-Jim and Gams?" he asked.

They nodded, then ran across the Slavin Center lawn to play in the sunshine.

*To be born free is a blessing*

*To live free is a privilege*

*To die free is an obligation*

— Adage often quoted to Ryan S. Dillon '95

by Gerald F. Dillon '68 & '74G ❖

*Lisa M. (Thibault) Schenck '83 & '18 Hon. wanted a career in law, not the military, but managed both. A dean and instructor at The George Washington University Law School, she recently accepted a White House nomination to be a judge on the Court of Military Commission Review, too.*



# ALL RISE

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING | PHOTO BY PETER GOLDBERG

**Lisa M. (Thibault) Schenck '83 & '18Hon.** retired from the Army a decade ago with the rank of colonel and 25 years of service as a military judge, lawyer, and instructor. Since then, she's been preparing a new generation of lawyers as associate dean for academic affairs at The George Washington University Law School.

Her many achievements — which include four law degrees — led Providence College to award her an honorary doctor of laws degree at commencement in May. Her accomplishments came in a world traditionally dominated by men — but that was not a problem.

“As all professional women do, I faced some challenges,” said Schenck. “But the military has been in the vanguard of equal opportunity for decades. I received excellent assignments and mentoring, and I was delighted to help both the women and men who worked with me so they could succeed and advance.”

In August, the White House nominated Schenck to be a judge on the Court of Military Commission Review. The court sits in Washington and hears appeals from detainees at Guantanamo Bay. Schenck, who was a judge on the court from 2007-2008, will retain her position at the law school while serving.

Schenck grew up in Somerset, Mass., the second of five daughters. She majored in political science at PC and joined ROTC at the urging of her father, Robert, a chief warrant officer in the Army National Guard. Two sisters and two future brothers-in-law joined the Guard, too.

Schenck wanted a law career, not a military one. She managed to attain both.

From her first days at PC, it was clear that Schenck was someone special, said her classmate and longtime friend, Colleen Cronin Duffy '83, a lawyer and PC trustee.

"Lisa just had a way of understanding academia," said Duffy. "She knew, just from listening in class and doing the reading, exactly what to expect on our first Civ exam. She told us, 'Study these topics and you'll do well.' We were skeptical, but she said, 'Look, it's obvious.' And sure enough, those were the questions on the test. She had this ability to grasp material, synthesize it, understand it, and make it her own. I had no doubt she was going to achieve at the highest level."

As much as she excelled in her studies, Schenck loved fun. She was a cheerleader for the men's hockey team. She was the first to come up with a costume theme for friends every Halloween. She leaped into planning campus events, such as the Battle of the Dorms.

Schenck tells a story about the Blind Date Ball. Her ROTC instructor warned her to be awake the next morning in time to catch the bus for their required land navigation practice. Despite her best intentions, Schenck missed the bus and the training. During the test that summer at Fort Bragg, N.C., she was dropped into the woods with only a compass for navigation, yet still achieved the highest grade among the cadets in her company.

"That was total God, though," Schenck insists. "I was really lost."

Schenck's self-deprecating humor masks an extraordinary ability to succeed, Duffy said.

"She was probably one of the most brilliant, yet unassuming, students at Providence College," said Duffy. "She would accomplish at the highest level, but would downplay all of that with a sense of humor. She is no-nonsense about everything. For example, Lisa's mom says that Lisa has all these top-secret security clearances, and the only reason that her family knows about them is because they are contacted as part of the background check. Lisa never mentions it to anyone."

After graduation, Schenck requested an assignment in military intelligence. Instead, she was sent to the Army Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J., to be an electrical engineer. She managed to turn the situation to her advantage, working in project management on a major communications initiative,

then becoming assistant secretary of the general staff. At night, she took courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University to earn a master's degree in public administration.

"I wanted to learn something new every day," said Schenck. "I would report for work with the general at 4:30 a.m., leave for class from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., then return to work until 10 p.m. I lived in the bachelor officer quarters, and I tried to do my daily run in the dark."

Schenck still had her eye on law school. She applied for the Army Funded Legal Education Program and was one of only 10 officers selected in the country. She went to Notre Dame Law School for three years — "perfect for me, a beautiful place, just like PC" — spending each summer on military duty. After graduating in 1989, she asked to be sent to South Korea, where she worked as a military prosecutor and met her husband, James R. Schenck, a West Point graduate and Black Hawk helicopter pilot.

During the next 20 years, while serving the Army in Alabama; teaching at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and in Washington, D.C.; and raising a son, James Jr., Schenck managed to earn three additional law degrees: a master of laws degree in military criminal law from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Va., in 1995; a master of laws degree with a concentration in environmental law from Yale Law School, again through the Army Funded Program, in 1998; and a



Lisa M. (Thibault) Schenck '83 & '18 Hon. met her husband, James, while both were serving in South Korea. This photo is from 1990.

# “I HAD NO DOUBT SHE WAS GOING TO ACHIEVE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.”

— COLLEEN CRONIN DUFFY '83

doctor of the science of law degree, focusing on international and environmental law, from Yale Law School in 2007.

Her training in environmental law allowed her to advise generals who were testifying at congressional hearings about the impact of environmental restrictions on the military. Her extensive legal experience led to her appointment in 2002 as a military judge on the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the highest court in the Army. Three years later, she became the first woman appointed senior judge, leading a panel of three, a position she held until her retirement in 2008.

Schenck then served as senior adviser to the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services, which had been mandated by Congress to produce a report in one year. The recommendations included a need for institutional change to more effectively prevent sexual assault and address related issues.

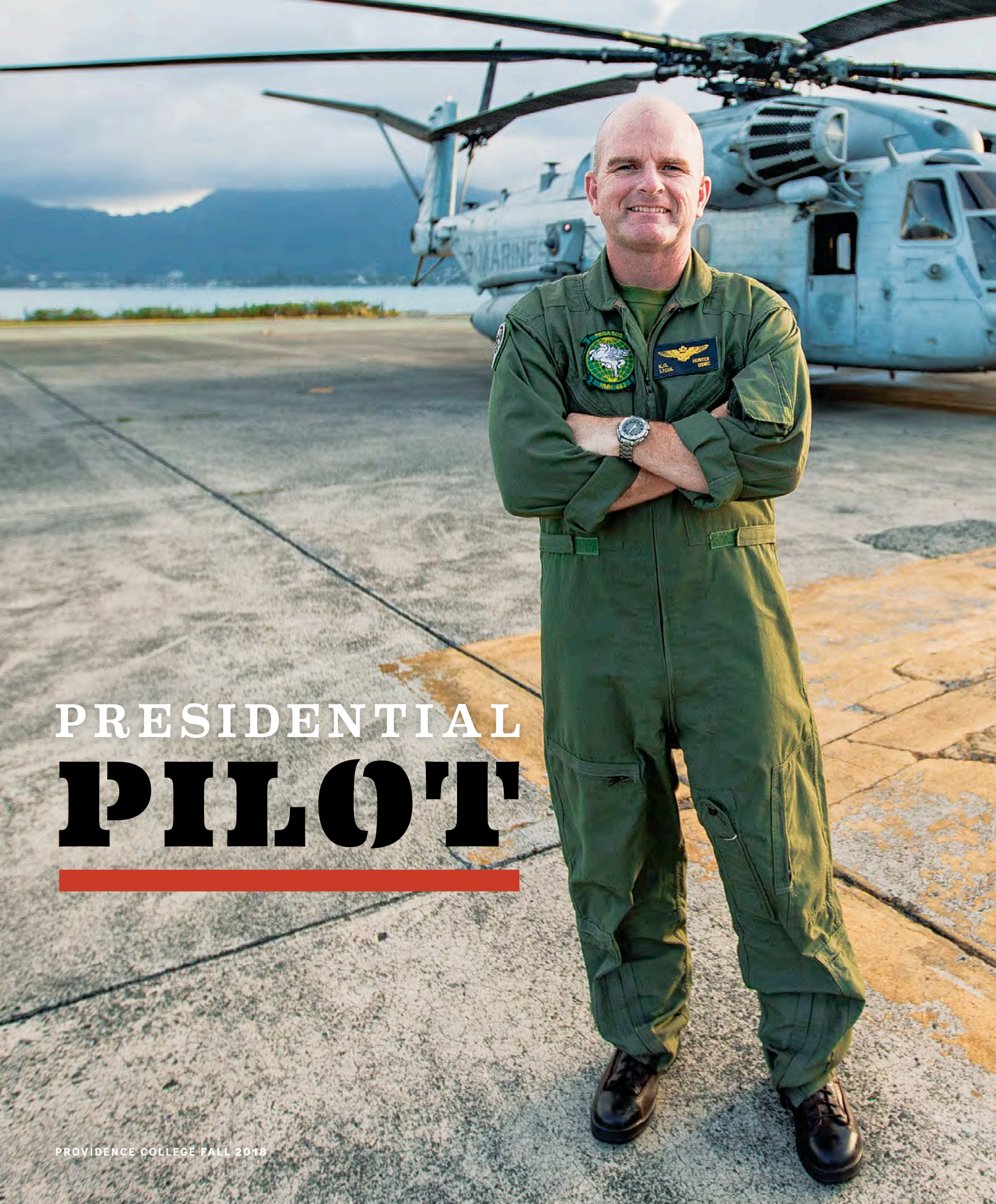
“Sexual abuse has no place in the military,” Schenck said. “This principle is simple to state. What is more complicated is how to prevent it from happening, detecting abuse when it does occur, responding to the needs of victims, and addressing the misconduct of perpetrators. The task force took the mission seriously, and I was honored to participate.”

In addition to serving as associate dean at GWU Law School, Schenck is a professorial lecturer in law and teaches a course she created, Military Justice. She also directs the National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law LL.M. Program and the National Security and Cybersecurity Law LL.M. Program. GWU is the top source of law school applicants who want to serve in the Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps, Schenck said.

Her husband, who also served in the Army, is president and CEO of Pentagon Federal Credit Union. Their son is studying economics at Dartmouth College.



“At Providence College I learned from the motto of *Veritas* — Truth — and the Catholic teaching of selfless giving,” said Schenck. “Throughout my professional career, those values of personal integrity and selfless service provided me with the foundation to succeed.” ❖



PRESIDENTIAL  
**PILOT**

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Lt. Col. Kevin G. Hunter '99 at the Marine Corps base in Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii. Behind him is the CH-53 Super Stallion, the Marine heavy-lift helicopter.

## For four years, Lt. Col. Kevin G. Hunter '99 flew President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama on Marine One in the United States and on trips throughout the world.

Hunter, who grew up in Shelton, Conn., was commissioned in the Marine Corps after graduating from Providence College with a degree in secondary education and history. He felt called to serve while student-teaching at North Providence High School, where his discussions about current events included the escalating war in Kosovo. He was the first in his family to join the military.

After graduating from Officer Candidate School, Hunter learned the Marines needed pilots. He went to Flight School and learned to fly the CH-53 Super Stallion, the Marine heavy-lift helicopter that can carry 16 tons of cargo, including vehicles, supplies, and personnel.

In 2007, after three combat deployments to Iraq in four years, Hunter joined Marine Helicopter Squadron One at Quantico, Va., which is responsible for transporting the president of the United States.

Today he is the commanding officer of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu. He commands 300 Marines and oversees a dozen Super Stallion helicopters in support of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in Okinawa, Japan.

Hunter and his wife, Jennifer, have a 12-year-old daughter, Victoria; a 10-year-old daughter, Samantha; and 8-year-old twin sons, Sean and Alexander.

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING ★★ ★ PHOTO BY KAREN DE BORJA

## Q & A

### **What is it like to be part of the team that transports the president?**

The presidential squadron is extremely selective. They take 15 applicants a year, so your qualifications and reputation have to be good. It's a large squadron with several dozen pilots in the ready room at any given time. The reason is that you go everywhere the president goes, including to and from the airport in Washington. We also fly the vice president in the national capital region. We fly foreign heads of state any time they are in the country. The president flies in two types of helicopters, a VH-3 and VH-60, and you learn to fly them when you're in the squadron.

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### **Did you fly the president in other countries, too?**

I flew President Bush in Japan for the G8 Summit, in Rome, and in Paris. With President Obama, I flew in Mexico City, Tokyo, and Poland. For the president's overseas trips, we fold up the helicopter and put it in the back of a really large airplane. We control it from the minute we leave Quantico until the president gets on it, and then we bring it back to Quantico when we are finished. Our passenger is so important, we want the helicopter transported on our own aircraft. We are the only ones that ever touch it. We make sure it's working correctly.

### **Does your heart beat a little faster when the president is your passenger?**

Of course. You have the most important person in the free world in the back of your helicopter. Your heart rate is a little bit higher. The gravity is never lost on you that you are transporting the president of the United States and sometimes his family and closest staff members.

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### **Did you ever have any close calls due to weather?**

No. Part of that is because you understand the gravity every time you do it. You make the most conservative decisions. You always have the parts you need, the helicopters are immaculate, mechanically and aesthetically. Any time you have a question, you make the conservative call every time.

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### **Did you get any personal time with the president?**

I went mountain biking with President Bush in a large group at Camp David. That was really neat. He would include a couple of Marines and Secret Service members. President Obama didn't interact as much on a personal level, because this was early in his first term, but he would speak with you on the helicopter. He was always professional. If you work for the White House military office for a certain amount of time, you have the opportunity when leaving to meet the president in the Oval Office so he can thank you for the job you did. It was only a couple of minutes, but my wife and I were able to go and talk to President Obama.

### **Are helicopters difficult to fly?**

Flying a helicopter is like driving a standard transmission car. Once you know how, you can go from car to car. There are just nuances. Helicopters are no more dangerous than airplanes. The only difference is that they don't glide if you lose all power. But they are completely different in their aerodynamics and physics.

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### **How is your current assignment in Hawaii?**

The job is really what makes it so nice for me, but the location is amazing for my family. We are an outdoor family. We take advantage of down time. In San Diego, I learned to surf. In Hawaii, there are beautiful hikes, beaches, and a lot of culture that we didn't know about until we arrived. We are trying to immerse ourselves in it.

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### **You have been very successful in your career.**

I have worked for, and worked with, some of the most amazing people. Being able to learn from them has made me a lot better than I was to start. I've had a tremendous opportunity to do a job that the country needs me to do. It's a great amount of responsibility and a tremendous opportunity. You know, my father worked for Sikorski for 45 years, and my brother works there now. Sikorski builds the helicopters that I fly. That didn't drive me into the Marines, but once I started flying these particular helicopters, it was my opportunity to give back to the country, my family, and the place where I grew up. 🇺🇸



Kevin G. Hunter '99 is in the cockpit as President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama stand outside Marine One. The other photos were taken the day he assumed command of his new post in Hawaii. At top left, Hunter stands at center during the ceremonial passing of the squadron flag, signaling the change in command. Below, Hunter with his wife and children.



**“THE GRAVITY IS NEVER LOST ON YOU THAT YOU ARE TRANSPORTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND SOMETIMES HIS FAMILY AND CLOSEST STAFF MEMBERS.”**

— LT. COL. KEVIN G. HUNTER '99

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Estarlyn Hiraldo '21, a marketing and communications fellow at The Genesis Center, stands amid the bustle of the center's culinary program.

# FEINSTEIN 2.0

BY LIZ F. KAY  PHOTOS BY NAT REA



or nearly 25 years, the Feinstein Institute for Public Service has tackled the problems facing our world through campus-community partnerships.

The institute handled student placements for service-learning courses, in which participants apply what they're learning in classes to community service and reflect on their service in the classroom.

After two decades, however, "we were feeling like our work was stagnating," said Dr. Richard M. Battistoni, professor of political science and of public and community service studies and the institute's founding director.

"We were doing good work, but it didn't seem like we were getting deep enough," Battistoni said.

In 2017, after a two-year self-assessment, the institute adopted a new statement of purpose, committing to dismantling racial injustice and inequity, combatting poverty and economic inequality, and enhancing the capacity of young people to reach their highest aspirations.

"We needed to address the core questions being asked in our community and on our campus, from our students and from our faculty," Battistoni said.

At the same time, community organizations were asking for fewer volunteers who could dedicate more hours. As a result, in the spring, the institute piloted the Feinstein Community Fellows Program, matching eight community partners with 11 students from different majors who devoted 8-10 hours a week.

Fellows participated in biweekly cohort meetings, learning from other's experiences and from guest speakers. Fellows receive \$1,000 Feinstein tuition scholarships. In addition, most of the pilot participants earned federal community work-study funds.

The program was such a success that the institute expanded it this fall. Twenty-one students are partnering with 16 organizations.





Junielly Vargas '21, left, and Christina Roca '21 take a moment from working with students at 360 High School.

# 360

## HIGH SCHOOL

### **Junielly Vargas '21**

MAJORS: PSYCHOLOGY; PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE STUDIES

### **Christina Roca '21**

MAJORS: GLOBAL STUDIES AND SOCIOLOGY

Junielly Vargas '21 (Lawrence, Mass.) chose 360 High School because in high school she had worked on a public education reform campaign that had a mission similar to that of 360.

A first-generation college student, Christina Roca '21 (Stamford, Conn.) chose 360 because of experience as

a peer mentor and working with people of color and low-income families.

“I knew, based on my experiences, I was going to be able to guide the students there,” she said.

Roca and Vargas worked together to plan College Day for students from 360 to visit PC.

Vargas coordinated college visits for 50 students to seven schools in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

Roca worked on creating lesson plans and a curriculum for 360's students from freshman to junior year. Over the summer, she worked on developing a curriculum for the senior class. This fall, she's working on adapting what she's created based on what worked.

## Estarlyn Hiraldo '21

MAJOR: SOCIOLOGY

MINORS: FILM

The fellows program gave Estarlyn Hiraldo '21 (Lawrence, Mass.) an option to get to know Providence.

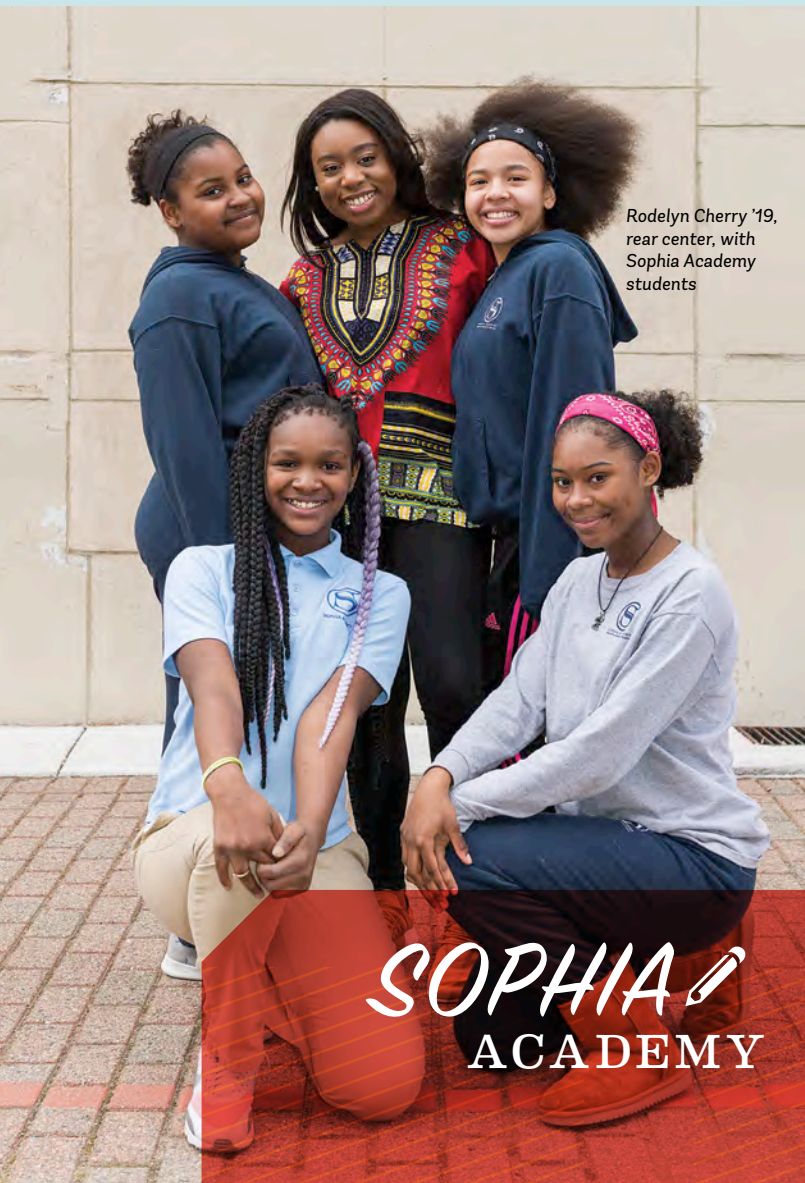
The Genesis Center, an adult education and workforce development center, needed marketing help. "That seemed like an opportunity for me to learn things outside of the classroom and still be able to pursue my dreams and aspirations," Hiraldo said.

At Genesis, he solved problems, such as developing a social media calendar of what to post and when. He also researched local media and created poster templates for courses and events.

Hiraldo's work had special meaning because the nonprofit serves immigrants, and he emigrated from the Dominican Republic at the age of 10.

"I know what those experiences feel like, to struggle through those circumstances," he said.

# THE GENESIS CENTER



Rodelyn Cherry '19,  
rear center, with  
Sophia Academy  
students

## Rodelyn Cherry '19

MAJOR: HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

MINOR: PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE STUDIES

Rodelyn Cherry '19 (Brockton, Mass.) loved teaching English to residents of Carroll Tower, a senior housing complex on Smith Street, as part of service-learning for her Introduction to Public Service course. It inspired her to pursue the community health track in her major and to minor in public service.

Still, "I looked at it as just like, community service, because it was just a couple of hours once a week or so," Cherry said. "It wasn't much of a commitment or investment."

As a fellow, Cherry, the president of PC's Motherland Dance club, taught African and multicultural dance to students at Sophia Academy, a middle school for low-income girls. She also co-taught a gender and justice seminar for eighth-graders with Sophia's head of school, Gigi DiBello.

"I loved every minute of it," Cherry said. "It was just a really amazing match."

For its fellows program, Feinstein "really listened to the needs of the community and the needs of the students," said Kerry Bergin '09, Cherry's former supervisor at Sophia and an adjunct professor in the Department of Public and Community Service Studies. ❧

Students in the Global Service in Solidarity course awoke early for a sunrise hike on a mountainside outside of San Lucas Tolimán. In front, from left, are Sammy Garcia '20, Emily Mora '19, Katherine Martinez '20, Brigid McGrath '20, and Joshua Santos '20. Rear: Jack Murphy '20, Kate Corwin '19, Marvin Taveras '19, Luke Jenness '19, Trevor Wakefield '21, and Nicholas Thresher '19.





LEARNING

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SEEDS

MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA  
STRIKES CONTEMPLATIVE CHORD  
WITH STUDENTS



STORY AND PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HAGAN '15



Katherine Martinez '20, left, and Kate Corwin '19 stand at the end of a dock on Lake Atitlan in San Lucas Tolimán.



**By the time 12 Providence College students** arrived at the San Lucas Tolimán Mission on the shore of Guatemala's Lake Atitlán, they had learned to brace for the unexpected.

Just getting there was an adventure complete with weather cancellations, power outages, and travel through the night via two flights and two three-hour drives. But even the pre-departure wind storm and mile-high elevation in San Lucas were lesser shocks than the readings assigned over nearly two months of study and preparation for the trip.

The students were members of THL 375: Global Service in Solidarity, a course inspired by revisions to the core curriculum several years ago and which was being taught for the first time by Dr. Dana Dillon, associate professor of theology. The course promised to introduce students to Christian social principles through study and an international service-learning trip over spring break, and it attracted students from a range of academic disciplines. Its members enrolled sharing variations of a common notion about mission work — that they would, as one reading described, be “bringing light and returning to tell the story.” By Dillon’s design, expectations were dashed.

“Many short-term service trips can leave impressions that a week of service can radically change the world. I designed this course to complicate those impressions,” said Dillon.

To students, course texts seemed to condemn the mission trip they were preparing to take. “I worried that as short-term visitors, our trip would end up more vacation than service,” said Luke Jenness '19 (Shelton, Conn.). “Reading about Guatemala’s history and the damaging effects of tourism in the developing world left me uncomfortable about what we were doing.”

Even those already aware of the problematic aspects of short-term mission work were caught off-guard.

“I came into class thinking that by being aware of this cross-cultural dilemma I was free from the ‘white savior’ mentality, and man was I wrong,” said Kate Corwin '19 (South Orange, N.J.). “There is still so much to learn.” Some students were discouraged. Some were angry. All had the jarring title of one reading stamped on their minds — “To Hell with Good Intentions.”

So it was with a peculiar mix of excitement and angst that the students, their instructor, and I landed in Guatemala

City and set out on winding mountain roads to San Lucas Tolimán.

San Lucas Tolimán is a remote village inhabited mostly by highland Maya. Centuries under an unjust plantation system impoverished its residents, and decades of civil war that followed a 1954 U.S.-backed *coup d'état* ravaged the already underdeveloped region. The late Rev. Greg Schaffer of the Roman Catholic Diocese of New Ulm, Minn., was dispatched by his bishop in 1963 to serve as a parish priest in San Lucas. He and dozens of other young missionary priests were the American Church's answer to Pope St. John XXIII's call to address a dire clergy shortage in Latin America. Father Greg did not anticipate his assignment, much less that he would remain for nearly 50 years.

It became clear to Father Greg upon arrival that his role would be different in Guatemala than in Minnesota. Ministering to the needs of his new flock would necessarily involve initiatives to relieve poverty and develop the local economy. Father Greg knew that the desired shape of that growth could only be discerned through careful listening. As he came to understand his new neighbors' priorities, he began the work of connecting local initiative with outside resources and expertise.

Today, the mission's priorities remain largely the same, though tremendous progress has been made. The mission oversees numerous facilities including a school, medical clinic, women's center, and coffee roasting facility, along with ongoing construction and infrastructural projects. Numbers tell a story of astounding impact. By the time of Father Greg's death, the mission helped 3,700 families acquire three-acre plots of land. Since the founding of the mission school, literacy has increased from 2.5% to 85%. But the success and longevity of the mission and its work hinge on an operational model in which local initiative to address both the immediate pain and root causes of poverty is aided — not directed — by foreign resources. In keeping with the Catholic principle of subsidiarity, the mission's projects belong to the village.

"We do not come to help, but to learn and walk with the people of San Lucas," Friends of San Lucas explains in its information for volunteers.



Luke Jenness '19 uses a traditional head strap to carry firewood. Highland Maya learn to carry wood this way from a young age.

And while the group did move several tons of earth and clear flammable brush, among other tasks, at project sites around San Lucas, the heart of the trip really did consist of learning and walking. We learned about the achievements of the people of San Lucas in partnership with Father Greg. We awoke before dawn to walk up what felt like the full height of a mountain (only to realize we were barely halfway to the summit). We learned on that walk and from that vantage point why the land is called "Guatemala" — indigenous for "land of the trees." We walked alongside workers carrying out the mission's many projects, offering extra hands and learning to use their tools and processes as we worked.

We spent an afternoon learning and practicing daily tasks of life in the mountains. Our hosts laughed with us as we struggled to balance baskets on our heads, carry logs on our backs, and make tortillas by hand. We learned about innovative ➤

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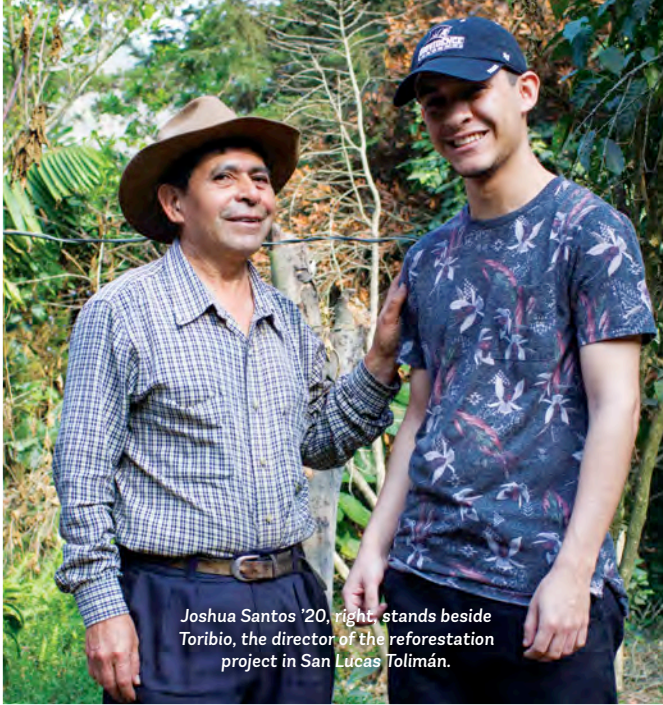
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1. Kate Corwin '19 is persuaded by a local merchant to try on traditional clothing. 2. Sammy Garcia '20, left, and Brigid McGrath '19 in Santiago. 3. Hosts and visitors look on as Marvin Taveras '19 walks with a laundry bucket atop his head. 4. Trevor Wakefield '21 digs the hole for a sanitation system outside a new home in San Lucas. 5. Jack Murphy '20, left, joins children from San Lucas Tolimán and another volunteer from the mission. 6. Dr. Dana Dillon, third from left, and students discuss solidarity and environmental stewardship after Toribio's reforestation presentation. 7. Dillon proudly wears a Feinstein Institute T-shirt in Santiago. (Dillon photo: Marvin Taveras '19)



Joshua Santos '20, right, stands beside Toribio, the director of the reforestation project in San Lucas Tolimán.

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cement stoves engineered to preserve traditional cooking methods while protecting families from harmful fumes. Having packed lightly, we were relieved by the chance to hand-wash clothes at a communal laundry facility that offers residents a safer and more convenient option than the lake.

Students were particularly inspired by Toribio, the manager of San Lucas' reforestation project. A tactic of the state during the civil war was to set fire to mountainsides where guerillas were suspected of hiding. The fires devastated communities in the mountains, and the loss of vegetation has since made landslides deadlier and more frequent. As a Catholic and the grandson of a Mayan priest, Toribio's vocation as an environmental steward is informed by a syncretic religious tradition.

"When John Paul II would visit a country, he would kiss the land," Toribio recalled. "Mayan priests do the same."

Another afternoon included a pilgrimage to the rectory of Blessed Stanley Rother, an American priest assigned to address the clergy shortage who, like Father Greg, made poverty relief and economic development central to his ministry. Beatified in 2017, Father Rother was outspoken in his condemnation of the civil war and the forces — Guatemalan and American — responsible for it. Marked for death by the pro-government paramilitary, he said, "A shepherd cannot run from his flock." He was murdered in his rectory on July 28, 1981.

Joshua Santos '20 (Pawtucket, R.I.) described his experience there, saying, "Father Rother's love for his people in the community of Santiago was far more powerful than fear. As

we visited and prayed inside his rectory, I felt a sense of wonder and awe. I am reminded of the responsibility we have to one another, and of the love we ought to show one another."

In group reflections that grew longer yet felt shorter each night, students grappled with difficult questions. What does it mean to be an American visiting a country whose 36-year civil war began with a U.S.-backed, anti-democratic coup? How can solidarity be maintained over 2,200 miles' distance? Does this enriching cultural encounter justify the resources spent facilitating it? Dillon described the dialogue.

"I think in the end most of them came to see that being committed to care for one another (solidarity) in a way that respects and supports the agency of those with whom we walk (subsidiarity) is crucial to all of our relationships, especially in the face of difference and inequity," she said.

The questions weighed by students in classroom discussion and on the trip itself pointed to another question — what now? For several among this promising group, that question was already answered. Jack Murphy '20 (Brunswick, Maine) spent this past summer serving in Nicaragua through a Fr. Philip A. Smith, O.P. Fellowship for Study and Service Abroad. Katherine Martinez '20 (Stamford, Conn.) learned shortly after returning to Providence that she had been awarded a Newman Civic Fellowship for continuing commitment to service. Some students hope to return to the San Lucas Mission as long-term volunteers, and all considered what solidarity means at home and on campus. Despite his initial reservations, Jenness described how "removal from a familiar setting forced us to focus on what was around us. Back home, people struggle and suffer all the time; we often look right past it."

As for Dillon, she will offer the course to a new group in the spring semester. "I believe that solidarity is an important virtue to resist the individualism and polarization of our times and believe that courses like this are very important in helping our students become the kind of people that we hope Providence College graduates will be," she said.

At the reforestation project, Toribio offered students this wisdom: "Inside every fruit is a seed that we often throw away, losing our opportunity to plant it." THL 375: Global Service in Solidarity and the trip at its center were fruits of concerted effort by students and their instructor, and they are planting seeds each day. ❖

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REV. DOMINIC VERNER, O.P., assistant chaplain, greets students and guests arriving for the RCIA Mass in St. Dominic Chapel.






# AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

**THIRTY-FOUR STUDENTS**, the largest number in Providence College history, became fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church during the RCIA Mass, held on the fourth Sunday of Easter in St. Dominic Chapel. Through RCIA — the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults — the students met weekly with Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P., assistant chaplain and instructor of theology; Sister Anne Frances Klein, O.P., campus minister; and Kelli Jenney '19 (Ossining, N.Y.), RCIA student coordinator, for instruction and mentorship in the Catholic faith. Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, D.D., bishop of Providence, conferred the sacraments of baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation at the Mass. Other students participated as altar servers, lectors, violinists, and members of the combined Liturgical Choirs.

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING † PHOTOS BY ASHLEY MCCABE





Above: **MOST REV. THOMAS J. TOBIN, D.D.**, bishop of Providence, baptizes **DINIO CIJUSTE '21** (South Orange, N.J.), a finance major and member of the lacrosse team. Cijuste's coaches and teammates attended the Mass, including **RYAN POOLE '21** (Huntington, N.Y.), rear right, his sponsor. "It was amazing," said Cijuste. "I felt like I rediscovered myself."

Lower left: **SARAH LANG '19** (La Jolla, Calif.) is anointed with the holy chrism, a perfumed oil blessed by the bishop for sacramental use, as her sponsor, **FATHER DOMINIC**, looks on. Lang's mother is Muslim, and her father, who was Catholic, died when she was 13. "I always had an interest and love for the faith, and Providence College gave me the opportunity and resources to explore it," said Lang, an economics major.








*“I FELT  
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— SAYOU COOPER '18

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**SAYOU COOPER '18** (Pawtucket, R.I.) gets a congratulatory hug from College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 after the RCIA Mass. Cooper, a double major in political science and history, worked in the president's office after meeting **ANN MANCHESTER-MOLAK '75**, assistant to the president and executive vice president,

at a discussion group on diversity and inclusivity on campus. Manchester-Molak was her RCIA sponsor. Cooper spent her first five years at a refugee camp in Ghana before coming to the United States with her mother. She now is studying at Boston University for a master's degree in urban affairs. ❧



FRIARTOWN



Christine D'Auria  
Donovan '86 and  
Billy Donovan '87  
outside their home  
near Oklahoma City,  
where Billy is head  
coach of the NBA's  
Oklahoma City  
Thunder

# BILLY<sup>THE</sup> COACH

Family, faith guide Billy Donovan '87 and Christine D'Auria Donovan '86 in the NBA

## THE COACH IS HOME.

It's a 90-degree, mid-summer afternoon in Oklahoma City. A door opens and he strides into the kitchen, extending a hand in greeting: Billy Donovan '87, whose three-point shooting led Providence College to the NCAA Final Four in 1987.

Donovan and his wife, Christine D'Auria Donovan '86, are welcoming visitors from Providence College to discuss their \$1 million gift to create one of two basketball practice courts in the new Ruane Friar Development Center.

After 19 seasons at the University of Florida, Donovan moved to the NBA in 2015. He signed a five-year contract as head coach of the Oklahoma City Thunder, who play at Chesapeake Energy Arena in downtown Oklahoma City, about 10 miles from the Donovan home in Nichols Hills. The team draws 18,200 fans per game. Their rallying cry is "Thunder Up!"

It's been a busy summer for Donovan and the front office with multiple free-agent signings. In Donovan's first season in the NBA, the Thunder went all the way to the seventh game of the conference finals before losing to the Golden State Warriors. In the last two seasons, they exited the play-offs early. When the coach brings work home, he does it at the kitchen table, where he also talks to his guests.

Moving to Oklahoma City after almost 20 years in Gainesville has been an adjustment, especially for Christine. She was invested in the community there, leading an effort to raise more than \$1 million to add 10 classrooms to St. Francis Catholic High School, which her children attended.

She especially enjoyed being a surrogate mom to college players away from home for the first time.

"You're a caretaker as a college coach's wife," Billy said. "We would have players to the house for dinner to make sure they were doing OK. When they were sick or got hurt, Christine would check in with them. She was an asset in recruiting. Parents want to see what kind of family the coach has."

"I am definitely a college coach's wife," Christine said. "I loved that."

She has worked to build community within the Thunder organization. To bring women together, she created a Bible study group and a dinner club. She knew that Nina Westbrook, wife of Thunder point guard Russell Westbrook, is a talented cook, so she wanted Nina to meet Oklahoma's most famous cook, Ree Drummond, host of *The Pioneer Woman* on the Food Network.

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An intense workout regimen transformed Billy Donovan '87 from a player who sat on the bench for two years to a BIG EAST star. Photo above at left is from the 1985-1986 men's basketball media guide. The photo at right is dated 1986.

Twenty-eight women from the Thunder traveled 150 miles northeast to Pawhuska to visit Drummond's store and have lunch with her. Drummond then invited Christine and Nina Westbrook to cook with her on a Food Network episode, which aired in March.

"She couldn't have been kinder," said Christine. "We cooked with her for the day and they filmed it."

The Donovans' house also is a little quieter because their children have grown. Billy, 26, who played basketball for his father at Florida, married last year and works in Austin for the San Antonio Spurs organization as an assistant coach in the G-League. Daughter Hasbrouck — it's a family name on Christine's side — is 24, lives in Florida, and is an Orangetheory Fitness coach. She won a national championship, too, with the equestrian team at Auburn University. Bryan, 21, whose basketball career was limited by two knee surgeries in high school, is playing for Roger Williams University after spending a year with Coach Ed Cooley at PC.

Connor misses them all. She is 16 and a junior at Bishop McGuinness High School in Oklahoma City, where she plays volleyball and tennis. She was recently confirmed

at the Donovans' new parish, Christ the King.

Faith is important to the family.

"Everything revolves around that," Billy said. "The more we're centered in God and our faith, we have a little more internal peace, and we're more reflective of what God wants us to be."

The Donovans grew up 20 minutes apart on Long Island, Billy in Rockville Centre and Christine in Port Washington, but they did not know each other. At PC, where they both majored in general social studies, they had mutual friends but were seldom together. Christine, a member of Friars Club all four years, was social and loved going out. Billy was shy; he spent much of his time in the gym.

Friars united them. In May 1988, they sat at the same table at the wedding of Friar forward Alan Roth '86 and Anne Vinton '87. They talked, he asked her out, and a little over a year later, in August 1989, they were married on Long Island.

Christine was a fourth-grade teacher. After PC, she earned a master's degree in elementary education from the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University. Billy was longing for a basketball career. He had been drafted in the third round by

## “ONE THING PROVIDENCE COLLEGE TAUGHT ME WAS WHAT GOES INTO BEING SUCCESSFUL AS A **TEAM.**”

the Utah Jazz, then released from the team. He spent a season playing as a reserve guard with the New York Knicks under his PC coach, Rick Pitino, then worked on Wall Street.

If Billy couldn't play basketball, he wanted to coach it. When Pitino left the Knicks for the University of Kentucky in 1989, he gave Donovan a chance, bringing him on as a graduate assistant while Christine taught children in an inner-city school in Lexington.

Donovan's rise through coaching was meteoric. Within three years, he was associate coach in Kentucky. In 1994, Marshall University in West Virginia, a Division I team, hired him as head coach, and he compiled a 35-20 record over two seasons. In 1996, he became head coach at the University of Florida, tasked with rebuilding a slumping program. He was just 31 years old.

In 19 seasons, Donovan took Florida to the NCAA Tournament 14 times. That included back-to-back national championships in 2006 and 2007, four Final Fours, and seven

Elite Eights. He is one of only four men to have appeared in the NCAA Final Four as a player and to have won the NCAA Championship as a coach.

“I feel like I experienced everything I could have experienced in Florida,” Donovan said. “We experienced incredible highs and lows. Our kids being born. The comfortable thing would have been just to stay. I wasn't going to leave for just anywhere. ... I wanted to be stretched in a different way. I wanted to feel good about the values of the organization. I didn't know many people here. It was a little bit of blind faith.”

Coaching professional athletes is different, Billy acknowledges, but “it's a misconception that you can't work with them.”

“They have pride,” he said. “They have opportunity. Some have played for six, eight, 10 years, playing 82 games a year, every other night. They have to be up emotionally for that. They have experienced everything possible in the game, ➤



Billy Donovan '87, head coach at the University of Florida, hoists the NCAA Championship trophy in 2007. Under Donovan, Florida won back-to-back national titles. He left for the NBA in 2015 after 19 seasons with the Gators.

including adversity. They come from different backgrounds. They know when you are not being straight with them. They are the best in the world, competitive, want to do well, and they take it very seriously.”

“One thing Providence College taught me was what goes into being successful as a team,” Billy said.

When Donovan arrived at PC in 1983, he joined a basketball program that hadn’t known much success since the founding of the BIG EAST Conference. In his first two seasons, the Friars won a total of eight BIG EAST games. The hiring of Pitino in 1985 energized them. The new coach, only 32, came from Boston University, but he had an NBA background, and he knew that the three-point shot would be a factor in college basketball.

Donovan remembers that Pitino had the three-point line painted onto the floor of Mullaney Gym and ordered players not to take a shot unless they were behind it.

“It probably offset some lack of talent,” Donovan said. “We took a lot of them.”

Donovan worked harder under Pitino. He intensified his workouts and lost more than 20 pounds. His shooting earned him the nickname “Billy the Kid.” In his junior year, fans were excited that the Friars qualified for the NIT. In his senior year, the team had a 25-9 record, went 10-6 in the BIG EAST, and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1978.

In the BIG EAST Tournament at Madison Square Garden, Donovan scored 34 points against St. John’s, setting a single-game scoring record.

“It was fun, because, you know, we had been getting crushed,” Donovan said. “The BIG EAST was the best thing, but in a way also the worst thing, that happened to Providence. We were losing to St. John’s, Villanova, Syracuse, Georgetown. That season gave everybody hope that the program was going to turn around and return to the success it had known before.”

In the NCAA Tournament, the sixth-seeded Friars beat Alabama-Birmingham, Austin Peay State University, and



### The Friars’ new home

The Ruane Friar Development Center, which opened in September, is a 56,000-square-foot addition to Alumni Hall that features a two-court practice facility for men’s basketball. The Friars, who formerly shared Mullaney Gym with women’s basketball and volleyball, are the last BIG EAST team to have their own practice space. The center offers improvements for other student-athletes, too, including a new Innovation Lab in the expanded Canavan Sports Medicine Center and a student-athlete café. A second construction phase, which will take place at a future date, will improve and expand the Center for Career Education and Professional Development and Slavin Center ’64 Hall. The center was made possible by a leadership gift from former PC trustees chair Michael A. Ruane ’71 & ’13Hon. and his wife, Elizabeth Ruane.

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— CHRISTINE D’AURIA DONOVAN ’86

Alabama. To make it to the Final Four, they had to get past Georgetown, a BIG EAST nemesis. In their first regular-season encounter with the Hoyas, the Friars won on a thrilling, last-minute, three-point shot by Ernie “Pop” Lewis ’87, then dropped the second meeting, 90-79, to close out the regular season. A week later, in the semifinal round of the BIG EAST Tournament, Providence was again blown away by Georgetown, 84-66.

Before the NCAA Elite Eight game, Pitino and assistant coach Stu Jackson met with Donovan and guard Delray Brooks ’88 in the locker room.

“If you shoot, we can’t win,” Pitino told them.

It was a tough message to hear. Donovan and Brooks were stars. Donovan averaged 20.6 points per game and Brooks 14.4. Donovan would finish the season with 97 successful three-pointers. To be asked not to shoot, to give up the ball to other players, in the biggest game of their college careers?

But Pitino knew that the Georgetown coach, John Thompson ’64, had figured out how to guard Donovan and Brooks. To score, Providence needed to get the ball inside, to players under the basket. The strategy worked. In the first half, the Friars scored 54 points, 40 from the bench, to take a 17-point lead. Donovan shot only twice in the half, for four points. Brooks had no points at all. But the Friars won, 88-73. They were headed to the Final Four, to face second-seeded Syracuse in New Orleans, for only the second time in College history.

“Pitino and Jackson sold us on what you have to do to win the game,” Donovan said. “It’s not about you, it’s about team. They were able to talk to you. They got you to buy into a vision.” ➡



*“It’s a misconception that it’s impossible to work with professional athletes, says Billy Donovan ’87, shown coaching Andre Roberson during an Oklahoma City Thunder game.*



It's a perk of living in Oklahoma: cooking with Ree Drummond, the state's most famous chef. In March 2017, Christine D'Auria Donovan '86, right, and Nina Westbrook, left, were Drummond's guests on a Food Network episode of *The Pioneer Woman*.

Donovan thinks a lot about how to get players to buy into that vision. With the same focus he once brought to drills in the gym, he studies coaching. He reaches out to experts for advice, including Rick Carlisle, Pat Riley, Tony La Russa, Pete Carroll, Terry Francona — and Bill Belichick.

Donovan met Belichick through Ryan Ford '89, his Friar teammate, now a sales representative for Jostens, the company that made the Patriots' Super Bowl rings.

"I told Ryan that I'd like to sit down with Bill Belichick, and he said, 'I'll tell him,'" Donovan said.

Donovan and Belichick met for dinner at a restaurant in Chestnut Hill, Mass., and spent six hours talking coaching. Belichick was a guest at the Donovan home in Florida, where he also spoke to the team a couple of times.

"These are coaches who like talking on a different level," Donovan said. "As a coach, you're dealing with completely different personalities. You talk ideas, approaches."

This is typical of her husband, says Christine: "He's always learning, seeking people out. He's always talking to you, and listening, and hearing other people's ideas."

People forget about the talented coaching staff that Pitino assembled, Donovan said. Jackson, Herb Sendek, Gordie Chiesa, and Jeff Van Gundy all later coached at the college level or in the NBA, and Donovan remains close to most of them. He also has been a longtime friend of classmate Doris Burke '87, '92G, & '05Hon., Friar guard and basketball analyst for ESPN.

"Doris Burke and I were close. We came in together as freshmen," Billy said. "We were both shy. We crossed paths all the time. We lived in the gym. The difference was that I sat on the bench for two years while she started as a freshman."

In a 2015 interview with *The Oklahoman* newspaper, Van Gundy said he and the other coaches "all owe Bill" for their success, "because everybody's career benefitted from that Final Four year. He and coach Pitino were the reasons we all ascended to where we got to, there's no question."

The basketball careers of Donovan and Pitino are forever intertwined. After the 1986-87 season, Pitino left PC to set coaching records elsewhere. In October 2017, he was forced out of the University of Louisville in the midst of a federal investigation involving player recruitment.

Pitino is a great friend, Donovan says.

"I'm always going to be biased because I know him at a deeper level," Donovan said. "We're all flawed. We all have difficulties. He's had some things he's had to deal with, with his family.

"I wasn't at Louisville. I don't know all the details. I believe that he didn't know what was going on there. You can argue that he should have known, but I don't believe he did know. He would never tolerate that. He would never look the other way or ask anybody to do that.

"People who don't know him will pass judgment. Because I know him, I love him, and I'm always going to be by his side. What most people don't know about Coach Pitino is the countless number of former players he has gone out of his way to support with career help, or financially in a moment of need."

The Donovans' PC connections remain strong. Billy's niece, Kathleen Daly '16, and Christine's niece, Faith McVicker '17, are alumni. Now, the new practice facility for men's basketball will have two courts, and one will bear the name Billy Donovan.

"It's a small Catholic school with incredible people, offering an incredible education," Billy Donovan said. "You go to those beautiful Masses with the Dominican priests and you grow spiritually. The experience on campus is life-altering, from a spiritual standpoint and a relationship standpoint.

"If it wasn't for Providence College, we wouldn't be sitting here having this conversation right now." ❧



## Friends of the Friars

**George and Karen Oliver** have been followers of Friar men's basketball since their son, George Oliver, Jr. '09, was a student at Providence College.

"George, Jr. is a huge fan," his father said. "There were a few bright spots when he was a student here. When Ed Cooley came in as coach, he breathed life into the program. In 13 years, we've seen a night-and-day change at PC. The College has evolved into a serious competitor in both athletics and academics."

The Olivers, who live in Milwaukee, gave \$1 million for one of two basketball practice courts in the new Ruane Friar Development Center. They toured the facility in August with Cooley and John M. Sweeney, PC's senior vice president for finance and business and CFO.

George Oliver is chairman and CEO of Johnson Controls, a global leader in buildings (HVAC and building management systems) and power solutions (automotive batteries) with \$32 billion in revenue and 120,000 employees. He is a trustee of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and a member of the board of directors of Raytheon Company. George and Karen grew up in central Massachusetts and met while students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where George serves as a trustee.



Karen and George Oliver '09P with Ed Cooley, men's basketball head coach, during a tour of the Ruane Friar Development Center

They have developed a close relationship with Coach Cooley, who visits their Cape Cod home every summer.

"We talk about the Friars, but we also spend a lot of time talking about leadership and building teams," said Cooley. "Having the support of the Oliver family means everything to me. Their generosity is a testament to the strength of the Friar family."

George Oliver, Jr. majored in finance at PC, earned an MBA from New York University, and is a finance manager for American Express in New York City. He married a classmate, Alison Murphy Oliver '09, who is a marketing executive for The Weather Channel. Their daughter, Charlotte Providence

Oliver, was born in March. Her middle name honors Alison's grandmother, whose first name was Providence.

There are other PC connections in the family. Alison's brother is James B. Murphy '05, and Karen's brother, Dr. David A. Zalewski, has been a finance professor at PC since 1990.

George Oliver credits College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 for bringing PC to the top of its game.

"Father Shanley has done a phenomenal job," Oliver said. "He's had a vision, and he's remained focused on that vision, and he's rallied support from alumni and others." ■■



Student-athletes display the Christmas gifts they collected and wrapped in an Adopt-A-Family drive for local community members.

**Friars hit a national service winner** ↑

The winning continues for Friar athletics — this time beyond the field of play. The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and the Fiesta Bowl recently announced Providence College as one of two runners-up for the 2018 Community Service Award.

The award recognizes Division I programs with meaningful commitments to community service and volunteerism.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Council collaborates with coaches and professional staff to identify service opportunities and to maximize impact. Recent examples are a collaboration with Providence’s DaVinci Center to provide Christmas gifts to local children and a Walking School Bus initiative, through which student-athletes walk local youngsters to school. All 19 men’s and women’s athletics programs participate in service initiatives.

**Swimmers make a splash for cancer research** ↓

Coach John O’Neill’s men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams continue to be major contributors to the Swim Across America cancer research fund-raising effort. The 2018 Rhode Island Swim, held in September at Roger W. Wheeler State Beach in Narragansett, raised more than \$205,000 to support the Women & Infants Hospital Oncology Center in Providence. The Friars raised just over \$30,000 this year, bringing the program’s nine-year total impact to more than \$180,000.

O’Neill, who is a Swim Across America-Rhode Island board member, said that “the big winners ... are the patients who will benefit from the outstanding doctors and research specialists” at Women & Infants.



Women’s swimming and diving team members are excited to hit the water for Swim Across America’s cancer research fundraiser.



Paul Kostacopoulos ’87, left, and Jim Foster ’93 reunite at Fenway Park.

← **Army-Navy baseball a Friar affair**

WHEN THE ARMY-NAVY RIVALRY moves to the baseball field, there is a decidedly Providence College flavor.

Navy coach Paul Kostacopoulos ’87 and Army coach Jim Foster ’93 both wore the Friar uniform. In fact, Kostacopoulos — who was PC’s last head baseball coach — recruited Foster. Both have had extraordinary success as college coaches. In nine seasons at URI, Foster won 268 games — the most in program history. He has been at West Point for two seasons.

In 29 years as a head coach, Kostacopoulos has racked up 915 wins, putting him among the 19 most successful college coaches of all time. In addition to coaching the Friars, he led the Maine program for nine seasons before taking over at Navy in 2006. He is married to Joan (Powers) Kostacopoulos ’86 & ’97G, a former Friar basketball player.

Army and Navy squared off at Fenway Park in Boston last April, with the Midshipmen winning 4-0. ❏

## Christies' gift creates Catholic and Dominican studies chair

A \$500,000 gift from William J. Christie '61 & '11Hon. and his wife, Maryann, has established the William J. and Maryann M. Christie Endowed Chair in Catholic and Dominican Studies. This academic position is designed to increase awareness of the Catholic and Dominican mission within the College community.

Dr. Aurelie A. Hagstrom '85, associate professor of theology and former resident director of the PC in Rome Program, was appointed to the position for three years. She will work with Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98, vice president for mission and ministry, to develop programming, lectures, and activities, including some through the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies.

Supporting Catholic endeavors is important to the Christies, who are among the College's most generous benefactors, with



College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80, center, welcomes Maryann M. and William J. Christie '61 & '11Hon. to the 2017 St. Dominic Weekend.

gifts totaling more than \$1 million. Their generosity has endowed an academic scholarship for a student-athlete in the lacrosse program. William Christie is an *emeritus* trustee of the College.

They are the parents of five, including Kerry Christie McConville '86, Emmett Christie '93, and William J. Christie, Jr. '93, and they have 16 grandchildren, including Bridget Hillsman '17.



Gustave C. Coté '62Hon.

## Coté International Service Fund to benefit students

The Gus and Rita Coté International Service Immersion Fund was established through a bequest from the estate of Gustave C. Coté '62Hon., professor *emeritus* of business administration, who died in 2015. The fund will support students who travel abroad for service

immersion trips through the Office of Mission and Ministry. Mr. Coté taught at PC from 1952 to 1989.

The Coté bequest, in the amount of more than \$1 million, also funded a finance and accountancy lab in the new Arthur and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies and established the Gustave C. and Rita Coté Business Accounting Award, given each year to an accountancy student who demonstrates service to others and has participated in extracurricular activities.

## TWO PLANNED GIFTS SUPPORT STUDENT-ATHLETES

FRANK RICHARD '70 AND HIS WIFE, KENNA, used a bequest to support the men's basketball Mullaney Fund, which provides resources to allow the College to recruit student-athletes, retain coaches, and maintain facilities. Richard, the owner and president of an insurance agency, said he believes the success of the men's basketball team has been instrumental in the growth and success of the College.

JOHN REID '66 AND HIS WIFE, SUSANNE, used an annuity to endow a scholarship for a qualified student from Aquidneck Island — Portsmouth, Middletown, or Newport, R.I. — and a charitable gift annuity to assist the Department of Athletics. Reid remembers watching Joe Mullaney '65Hon. & '98Hon. coach the men's basketball team when he worked as an athletics assistant as a PC senior. Reid is a retired vice president of sales for several national manufacturers of medical devices. ❏



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Mark McGwin '81

## Five questions with the new NAA Council president

With all that he's done for his *alma mater*, it was only a matter of time before Mark McGwin '81 became the leader of the College's 57,000 alumni.

McGwin, whose one-year term as president of the National Alumni Association Council took effect on July 1, 2018, jumped into alumni participation mode by serving as a class agent for several years in the 1980s. A member of his class reunion committee four times, he's also been the vice president and president of the Greater Boston Alumni Club, an at-large member of the NAA Council, and was elected council vice president for 2017-2018.

A resident of North Attleboro, Mass., McGwin is a management/finance graduate and a career banker. He has served as senior vice president and commercial banking officer for franchise lending at United Bank of Worcester, Mass., since 2014.

### How did you spend the Blizzard of '78?

Stranded in a women's dorm at Rhode Island College. It was not as exciting as you might expect.

### If you were a student at PC today, what class would you want to take?

DWC. I am curious about the new curriculum, and there is great personal satisfaction in successfully completing that course.

### Who influenced you the most when you were a student here? How?

Saul Siegel would frequently reference the "reasonable man" theory in his business law class. "What would a reasonable person do, given a certain set of facts and circumstances?" That concept is applicable in business, and

in all aspects of our daily experiences.

If you are a fair and reasonable person, things will generally work out well in all aspects of your life, regardless of the circumstances that you encounter.

### What value or principle you experienced as an undergrad still holds true today at PC?

Excellence without compromise. PC continues to evolve, grow, and improve in so many ways, without compromising its Catholic and Dominican identity.

### Name one thing classmates and friends would find surprising about you.

I would have preferred to travel the world as a professional tennis player for a few years before getting a real job. Unfortunately, a lack of talent prevented that! ☹️



Kevin Dailey '73, recipient of an Exemplary Citizenship Award, is joined by his wife, Clare, at the National Alumni Association Awards Brunch.

## NAA honors 15 alumni during Reunion Weekend

More than 2,000 alumni and their guests returned to campus for Reunion Weekend 2018, June 1-3. Programming was offered for alumni with class years ending in 3 and 8.

Fifteen alumni were honored with awards from the National Alumni Association. Eight awards were presented at the Golden Friars Dinner on Friday, June 1, following the annual Golden Friar Mass in St. Dominic Chapel. The others were presented at the NAA Awards Brunch on Saturday, June 2. Recipients follow:

### FAITHFUL FRIAR AWARD

Gerald Coffey '58 & '87P  
 William A. Hanlon '58 & '88P  
 Robert M. Silva, Sr. '63, '91P, & '06P  
 John B. Champeau '68  
 Karl Anderson '88 and Kerry Anderson '88

### PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

U.S. Army (Ret.) Lt. Col. Paul K. McNamara, Sr. '63 & '13P  
 U.S. Army (Ret.) Col. Gerry Dillon '68, '74G, & '95P

### EXEMPLARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Edward Quinn '63  
 Kevin Newman '68  
 Kevin Dailey '73  
 John R. Mullen, M.D. '78

### SERVICE TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

Michael Lynch '83, '10P, '13P, '15P, '17P, & '21P  
 Jenn O'Meara '93

### REV. PHILIP A. SMITH, O.P. AWARD

Katie Ferris '13



Havana, including its Galician Palace, above, will be a primary destination for many on the "Art, Culture, People" trip to Cuba.

## Friar Explorations Alumni Travel Program

[alumni.providence.edu/travel-with-pc/](http://alumni.providence.edu/travel-with-pc/)

## Travel with Friars to Cuba, Swiss Alps, Ireland

All alumni and friends are invited to join a Friar Explorations excursion. Each trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities that take the Providence College learning experience on the road.

### • Havana, Cuba: Art, Culture, People Feb. 10-18, 2019

This excursion is designed to introduce visitors to ordinary Cubans doing extraordinary things, including artists, dancers, and musicians. A tour of cigar and sugar cane factories is included, along with a cruise through Havana's historic quarter in a 1950s convertible.

### • Journey to the Swiss Alps June 19-27, 2019

The stunning scenery, turquoise seas, and fresh mountain air of Switzerland beckon visitors. Explore the Alps by train, gondola, cable car, and on foot; sample the region's cuisine and wines; and visit Fribourg to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the start of the College's study abroad program there.

### • Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way Oct. 15-23, 2019

From coastal scenery to moorlands and mountains, life in vibrant and colorful Galway-Westport is Ireland at its best. Discover everything from the life and poetry of Yeats to the rural traditions of Irish folklore.

For more information on these trips and promotional pricing, go to the web page listed at top or contact **Sarah Firetto '03** at **401-865-1909** or **sfiretto@providence.edu**.



## Forever a Friar sets tone for Class of 2022

The National Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations welcomed the Class of 2022 during the Forever a Friar event in Peterson Recreation Center on move-in day, Aug. 23. Above left, master of ceremonies William "Billy" Ricci '14, a premium service account executive for the Boston Bruins and TD Garden, discusses his student experience and why "Friars Give Back." Right, a class member proudly shares a souvenir T-shirt.



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

# Reunion 2018

BY-THE-NUMBERS

**2,123**

**Attendees**

**1,697**

Alumni



**426**

Friends & Family



**163**

Volunteers

**\$3.1**

**MILLION**

*Raised for  
Future Friars*

**576**  
Stayed

*on Campus*

**15** National Alumni  
Association  
Award Recipients

**58** Reunion  
Events

**Highest Class Attendance**

Class of 2013 ♦ **380** Attendees

**NEW to Reunion 2018:** Friar Photo Wall

## Reunion BBQ Facts



**70** gallons  
of Del's

**900**  
ears of corn

**190** lbs.  
of pulled pork

## Digital Highlights



**41** Photos submitted for the  
**#SpottedHuxley**  
contest

**4** Featured  
Instagrammers

**446** Guidebook  
App downloads

*Most thumbs up on social media:* **New Spots on Campus for Photos**

*Source: Providence College Office of Institutional Advancement*

# CLASS NOTES

SUBMISSIONS: [prov.ly/alumninotes](http://prov.ly/alumninotes)

## 1960s

'60

**Rev. Terence J. Keegan, O.P. '60** of the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas, Providence College, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a Dominican priest. He was ordained on June 13, 1968, by Most Rev. Ernest B. Boland, O.P., D.D. '49, bishop of Multan, Pakistan, at St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C. Father Keegan celebrated several Masses in conjunction with his golden jubilee anniversary, including a Mass on campus for Dominican friars and sisters, family members, and friends including many of his 1960 classmates. Bishop Boland was a concelebrant at the Mass and attended a reception afterwards. Father Keegan was a professor of theology at PC and served the College as executive vice president and treasurer.

'63

**Raymond L. Flynn '63 & '84** Hon. of South Boston, Mass., was presented the Lifetime Humanitarian Award from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. The former mayor of Boston and former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican was honored for his longtime support of youth, including youths at risk, all over the world. Flynn's accomplishments include starting a summer basketball league, easing racial tensions among children in South Boston by providing joint sports activities and facilities, and sponsoring Boston Housing Authority "Unity Days" that included celebrity basketball games, concerts, and cookouts.

**John J. Nichols, J.D. '63** of Scottsdale, Ariz., became a Certified Master Gardener on his 77th birthday on May 1, 2018. A retired lawyer and U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, he moved to Arizona in 1990 and has hiked and backpacked all over the West and western Canada. When his health made hiking difficult, he took the 90-hour CMG course

at the University of Arizona. As part of his certification, he will provide information on gardening to the public. Nichols has been a Eucharistic minister for nearly 25 years, bringing the Eucharist to people in hospitals, nursing homes, and group homes.

'64 (55th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Hon. Francis J. Darigan '64 & '14G** of Jamestown, R.I., was inducted into the Rhode Island Hall of Fame, which annually honors Rhode Islanders who make "significant contributions" to the community, state, and/or nation. He was recognized for nearly six decades of volunteer social service to Providence's South Side, where he grew up and lived much of his life. Darigan also was honored for his 28 years of service as a judge — in District Court and as an associate justice of the R.I. Superior Court, from which he retired in 2012. He is a member of PC's Providence President's Council.

'65

**Joseph M. Calabria, Jr. '65** of Boulder, Colo., wrote and published his first book, *Hello: How Are You* (2017). Written in a narrative style, it is a humorous and insightful series of short stories that help the reader see life as Calabria has lived it. The book is available on Amazon.com. A former top salesperson and manager for IBM and other corporate giants, he is the president of CounterTrade Products, Inc., a business he started with his wife, Sugar. CounterTrade provides IT products and services for governmental, educational, and other customers. He is a PC trustee.

'68

**Michael F. Doody '68** of Naperville, Ill., celebrated two 50-year anniversaries this year: his marriage to Mary Jane (Appleton) Doody and his graduation from PC. Both events took place four days apart and both on the PC campus. He retired in 2013 from the role as senior partner at Witt/Kieffer, an executive search firm.

**Dennis P. McGuire, Sr '68** of Charlestown, R.I., is director of McGuire Wealth Management in Charlestown. A former U.S. Navy lieutenant and a Vietnam War veteran, he has more than four decades of investment experience, analysis, and management. His son, Dennis P. McGuire, Jr., managing partner with McGuire Wealth Management, was recognized as a 2018 Best-In-State Wealth Advisor by *Forbes*.

## 1970s

'70

**Nicholas DiGiovanni, Jr., Esq. '70** of Ipswich, Mass., an attorney with Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP, in Boston, since 1973, was named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2019*, the oldest and one of the most respected peer-review publications in the legal profession. He was selected for his practice in the areas of employment law, management and litigation, and labor and employment, with expertise in labor and employment matters affecting colleges and universities. DiGiovanni also was ranked in the *2018 Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers*.

'72

**Peter Gobis '72** of Cranston, R.I., a sports writer for more than four decades with the *Attleboro Sun Chronicle* in Massachusetts, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Massachusetts Football Coaches Association. He was honored for his promotion of football and for showcasing men and women student-athletes through his writing.

'74 (45th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**John Chan '74** of Woonsocket, R.I., was inducted into the Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame. The owner of Chan's Fine Oriental Dining in Woonsocket — the "Home of Egg Rolls, Jazz, and Blues" — he has produced



and hosted folk, jazz, and rhythm and blues concerts at his restaurant since 1977, making it one of America's premier listening rooms. Chan has presented performances by local and national artists including Greg Abate, Roomful of Blues, Duke Robillard, Dizzy Gillespie, and Leon Redbone. His passion for the arts includes his own music-related paintings and photographs, many of which adorn his restaurant.

'75

**Warren S. Gray '75 & '86G** of Newport, R.I., retired after 20 years as assistant vice president for business services at Providence College. He is married to **Linda Deery Gray '04G**.

'77

**Henry C. "Hank" Foley, Ph.D. '77 & '15Hon.** of Plandome, N.Y., was inaugurated as the fourth president of New York Institute of

Technology. NYIT has more than 10,000 students worldwide and offers 90 degree programs, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. Foley previously served as executive vice president for academic affairs and interim chancellor for the University of Missouri System. An accomplished chemist and researcher with expertise in nanotechnology, he also has served as vice president for research and dean of the graduate school at The Pennsylvania State University.

'78

**Nancy J. Culotta '78** of Ann Arbor, Mich., was named chief administrative officer of BlitzPrep, LLC in Ann Arbor. The multimedia technology company assists former professional and collegiate athletes in post-sports engagement, including identifying personal passions, organizing and sharpening personal skills, and creating action plans. From 2011-2017, she worked as a career counselor in the University of Michigan Athletic Department's Professional Career and Transition Program for Student-Athletes. Prior to that, Culotta worked for 37

years with NSF International, a global public health and safety company. She retired in 2011 as vice president/food safety and consumer products certification.

'79 (40th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Ken Kraetzer '79** of White Plains, N.Y., covered a visit by the Army West Point football team to the White House and Pentagon in his role as executive director of #SALRadio, a veterans-oriented media group. He has been a reporter for the team for 10 years and credits his experience as a student broadcaster with PC's WDOM-FM. Vice president of CBSIServices, Kraetzer is married to **Kerri Ann Connolly '84**.

## 1980s

'80

**Bradford C. Brown, Esq. '80** of Washington, D.C., was appointed and served on the Visiting Committee on Managing with Data in the Massachusetts Trial Court. He is the portfolio director and senior adviser for MITRE Corporation's Center for Judicial Informatics, Science & Technology. Brown also is co-lead of a research project on computational law with the Stanford Law School. Also, his 48th authored or co-authored article on technology and law appeared recently in the *New Law Journal*. It is entitled, "Will the 'Rule of Code' Usurp the Rule of Law?"

**Rev. Peter John Cameron, O.P. '80**, the first editor-in-chief of *Magnificat* in the United States, stepped down after 20 years to accept a new assignment. He was named director of formation and ecclesiastical liaison with Hard as Nails Ministries, a Catholic organization that proclaims the Gospel in multiple ways. Father Cameron will assist in the formation of the missionaries, staff, and overall apostolate as well as facilitating relationships with Church leaders.

**Peter M. Crooke '80** of Downingtown, Pa., was inducted into the St. Anthony's High School Athletic Hall of Fame in South Huntington, N.Y. As a high school distance runner, he won the prestigious Eastern States Interscholastic individual cross country cham-

## Captain Rozovsky '08 ordained a rabbi



Rabbi Aaron A. Rozovsky '08, right, is joined by his mother, Fay A. (Frank) Rozovsky, J.D. '73 & '08 Hon., and brother, Joshua I. Rozovsky '06SCE, following his ordination.

**AARON A. ROZOVSKY '08**, already a captain and the first Jewish chaplain in the history of the Rhode Island Army National Guard, was ordained a rabbi in the Reform Movement on June 2, 2018. He was one of eight students from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati to be ordained at historic Plum Street Temple.

Rabbi Rozovsky, who credits Providence College and its Dominican community for strengthening his Jewish faith and respect for religious life, moved to Jackson, Miss., after his ordination. He is director of rabbinical services for the Institute of Southern

Jewish Life, providing a host of services to Jewish communities in 13 southern states.

A history major and Spanish minor and a graduate of the Army ROTC Program at PC, Rabbi Rozovsky is the son of **FAY A. (FRANK) ROZOVSKY, J.D. '73 & '08 HON.** and the late Lorne E. Rozovsky.

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pionship. He held national schoolboy track records, helped St. Anthony's set a national distance medley record, and was named a high school All-American in 1974. Crooke ran cross country and track at PC and was a member of the four-mile relay team that set a school record in 1977, which still stands. He teaches English and coordinates the senior project at Harrington High School in Rosemont, Pa., where he has taught for 30 years. He is also coach for Team CMMD, a running and cycling club dedicated to raising awareness of and funds for cancer research and for families facing cancer. He continues to run and has been married to **Christine (Headle) Crooke '80** for 37 years. They have two children.

'81

**Stephen J. Caldeira '81** of Potomac, Md., was named chair of the board of directors of the National Capital Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. He had served on the board for the previous year and was on the chapter's Brain Ball Gala Steering Committee for five years, serving as gala co-chair in 2017. Caldeira is president and CEO of the Household & Commercial Products Association and a member of PC's National Board of Overseers.

**Patrick J. Canning '81** of Chicago, Ill., served as chair of the 11th Annual Inspire Greatness Gala benefitting Special Olympics Illinois, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018. The gala raised a record \$1,250,000. Special Olympics Illinois serves over 23,000 athletes. Canning is managing partner of KPMG's Chicago office.

**Sean McAdam '81** of Littleton, Mass., wrote his first book, *Boston: America's Best Sports Town*, published in spring 2018 by Press Box Books. A sports journalist in the Providence and Boston markets for more than 30 years, he provides personal insights on each of Boston's professional sports franchises in his book and more, including unique traditions like the Boston Marathon and the Beanpot college hockey tournament. He also discusses how he picked his four legends of Boston's major sports teams — his "Mount Rushmore." McAdam was a sportswriter for 23 years at *The Providence Journal*, covering the Red Sox for 19 years.

He also has contributed regularly as a writer and/or sports talk host and analyst to ESPN.com, Fox Sports, Comcast SportsNet New England, 98.5/The Sports Hub in Boston, and other media outlets. He currently covers the Red Sox for Boston Sports Journal, a Boston-based website. He also was a guest on the Providence College Podcast: [prov.ly/mcadampodcast](http://prov.ly/mcadampodcast)

**Tom McManimon '81** of Ewing, N.J., wrote and published his second book, *The Position Player*. Published earlier this year, it recounts the details of a high school football team as it competed and broke a 19-game losing streak, underscoring how lessons learned in competition can carry forward into business. The book is available on Amazon.com. He is president of StimulusBrand Communications, a branding and marketing firm.

**James M. Russo, Esq. '81** of East Providence, R.I., is running to become the first elected mayor of East Providence. He advanced to the general election with another candidate after a four-person, nonpartisan primary in September 2018. An attorney, Russo previously served as chair of the city's Charter Review Commission, where he was tasked with leading the effort to update the charter to conform to the new mayor/council form of government and suggest other amendments.

'83

**Kerry E. Phayre '83** of Worcester, Mass., is in her 23rd season as the women's basketball head coach at Assumption College, where she is the winningest women's or men's basketball coach in school history. Entering the 2018-19 season, she has a record of 366-260 (.585%) at the NCAA Division II school. Assumption has reached the NCAA regional tournament seven times and advanced to the regional semifinals three times under Phayre. Her teams have compiled an average GPA of 3.0 or higher in 40 of her 42 semesters as coach. Phayre, who was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006, starred at PC for three seasons, scoring more than 1,200 points, serving as a captain twice, and earning Kodak All-America honors.

'84 (35th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Sandra J. Pattie '84** SCE of Rehoboth, Mass., was named the Career Achiever in the 2018 *Providence Business News* Business Women Awards program. She is president and CEO of BankNewport, where she has worked since 1984 and held numerous management roles, including COO.

'85

**Michael E. Bernard '85** of Medfield, Mass., wrote and published a book, *A Fisherman's View*. It is an emotional story of reconciliation and a celebration of family; how people who were raised so close can be so far apart without truly knowing it. The founder of ChathamPoint Group, an executive search firm, Bernard has also written several screenplays that have been optioned and placed in international competitions. He is married to **Michele A. (Murphy) Bernard '85**.

'86

**Kevin B. Coughlin '86** of Norwell, Mass., was named president and CEO of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth, where he had been serving in those roles on an interim basis. He joined BID-Plymouth as senior vice president of system development in 2014. BID-Plymouth is a full-service, 155-bed acute care community hospital serving 12 towns in Plymouth and Barnstable counties in Massachusetts. Coughlin has more than 25 years' experience across community hospitals, academic medical centers, and health care systems.

'87

**David Griffin '87** of Boston was sworn in as an associate justice in Essex County, Mass., and hears cases in Lynn and Salem.

**J. Douglas Moran '87** of Devon, Pa., and Laguna Beach, Calif., was recognized on *Forbes'* inaugural list of Best-in-State Wealth Advisors for 2018. He is senior vice president and senior financial advisor with The Moran Group, an affiliate of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. in Wayne, Pa., where he has worked 22 years. His expertise is centered in multigenerational wealth management, estate planning



services, and trusts. He is married to **Maryellen (Mullin) Moran '86**, who is client associate with The Moran Group.

'88

**Susan A. Bocamazo, Esq. '88** of Southborough, Mass., is a publisher with Bridge Tower Media, the parent company of *Lawyers Weekly* publications and other legal, business, and construction publications. She recently was named regional publisher for *Lawyers Weekly* in Virginia and Michigan, and she continues to serve as publisher of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island editions.

**Kathleen A. Deegan Dickson, Esq. '88** of Glen Cove, N.Y., was selected as a recipient of Hofstra University's Outstanding Women in Law Award. She is a partner with Forchelli Deegan Terrana in Uniondale, where she concentrates her practice in real estate development matters, particularly in land use and zoning laws.

**Patrick M. Morley '88** of Lincoln, Mass., president and CEO of Carbon Black in Waltham, Mass., led his company to its initial public offering on NASDAQ, raising \$150 million. Carbon Black is a cybersecurity company that develops endpoint security software that detects malicious behavior. He is married to **Tara Callahan Morley '88**.

'89 (30th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Louis Quigley Day '89** of Grayslake, Ill., wrote a book, *Destination: Success* (Christian Faith Publishing, Inc., 2018), a business fable about getting started in business and life. The story highlights seven essential skills and lessons needed to build a strong foundation for success. Each chapter in Day's book identifies virtues to guide the reader to self-improvement. Happily married and the father of four, he wrote the book, in part, to help educate his children on valuable life lessons he has learned. Day has worked for several Fortune 100 companies and is currently the national sales director for a top-tier biopharmaceutical company.

**Jack Hayes '89** of East Greenwich, R.I., director of athletics at Brown University since 2012, was named chair of the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee for the 2018-19 academic year. He previously served on that committee from 2006-2008 and on the NCAA Leadership Council from 2010-2012.

**Paul N. Olivier '89** of Boardman, Ohio, was appointed commissioner of the Mill Creek Metro Parks board. Mill Creek Park was established in 1891 as the first park district in Ohio. He is senior vice president and chief network integration officer for Mercy Health — Youngstown.

**Trent Theroux '89** of Riverside, R.I., made a valiant attempt to swim backstroke across the English Channel in August to benefit a charity. Theroux, who was a member of the swimming and diving team at PC and has done numerous charity swims, completed 11 miles in the channel — approximately one-third of the distance — before being overcome with motion sickness. He still raised more than \$28,000 for RISE Above Paralysis and its Durable Medical Goods Foundation. The organization is dedicated to helping individuals and families affected by spinal cord injury. He is vice president for finance at Thielsch Engineering, Inc., in Cranston, R.I.

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## 1990s

'91

**Luke A. McCabe '91** of North Falmouth, Mass., was named president and CEO of Reliance Trust Company, a global private wealth management and institutional asset servicing company. He also serves as the chief operating officer of Reliance Financial Corporation. He and his wife, Jennifer, have four children.

'92

**Kate (Hennedy) Kennedy '92** of Warwick, R.I., has started a new position as vice president of employee benefits with USI Insurance Services. She also participated in Leadership Rhode Island's core program as a member of the 2018 Xi II Class. She is vice president of the PC National Alumni

Association Council and is married to **Jeffrey J. Kennedy '92**.

'93

**Kevin C. Leahy '93** of Durham, Conn., founder and CEO of Connecticut Wealth Management, LLC of Farmington, announced that his firm was named the #1 Best Place to Work in Connecticut in the small/medium size company category by [www.BestPlacestoWorkinCT.com](http://www.BestPlacestoWorkinCT.com). CTWM provides comprehensive financial planning and asset management to business owners and executives in Connecticut and nationwide. Leahy is married to **Tracy Lynn Smith '93**, the firm's controller.

'94 (25th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Jennifer M. (Dauer) Hazard '94** of Cumberland, Maine, wrote her first book, *The Maine Play Book: A Four-Season Guide to Family Fun and Adventure* (Islandport Press, 2018). Organized by season, each section features farms, nature preserves, and parks, as well as events and activities for families. Covering the entire state, the book offers travel tips and color photos. Hazard, who is the Maine Office of Tourism's family fun expert, is the creator behind Cute Potato ([cutepotato.com](http://cutepotato.com)), an award-winning website devoted to outdoor adventures and day trips in Maine. Hazard and her husband, **Theodore R. Hazard '94**, have two children.

'95

**Lawrence P. Filippelli, Ed.D. '95 & '00G** of Greenville, R.I., was named superintendent of schools in Lincoln, R.I. He previously served for two years as schools superintendent in Scituate, R.I., where he worked for 19 years. Filippelli has taught in the PC Graduate Education Administration Program since 2011. He is married to **Stephanie A. Filippelli '00SCE**, who is the administrative coordinator in PC's Center for Teaching Excellence.

**Christopher W. Stanley '95** of Warren, R.I., a social studies teacher at Ponaganset High School in Gloucester since 1999, was given the Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Teacher of the Year Award by the Organization of American Historians. The award recognizes extraordinary contributions to improve history education within the field of American history. Stanley was honored

for his “pedagogically sound” teaching approach, including efforts to inspire students’ extensive writing and collaborative research projects, and to connect students and their study of history with community and cultural resources.

’96

**Sarah M. (Keaney) McKenna ’96** of Hull, Mass., was promoted to senior vice president of fan services and ballpark entertainment by the Boston Red Sox. She previously was vice president. Since joining the Red Sox in 2002, she has been credited with setting new standards in the club’s relationship with its fans and ballpark entertainment and has won six Emmy Awards in leading Red Sox Productions. Her most noteworthy outcomes in that position include championship ring ceremonies, Boston Marathon tributes, the 2016 celebration of David Ortiz’s career, and Derek Jeter’s final game of his career.

’98

**Jeffrey P. Lemos ’98** of East Providence, R.I., was chosen to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Employers Association for the Northeast. He is vice president of human resources for Navigant Credit Union. He also previously served on the board of directors and as treasurer and a coach with the Greater Providence Youth Hockey Association. He currently serves as a coach for the Providence Hockey Club’s under 15 premier team.

**Kristen M. Parsons ’98** of Avon, Mass., joined Charles River Laboratories in Wilmington, Mass., as senior manager for corporate internal communications. She previously served as an employee engagement partner at PAREXEL International and held marketing roles at State Street Corporation, Aviva Life Insurance Company, MC Communications, and Thomason Financial. She holds a master’s degree from Emerson College.

**Kevin J. Podmore ’98** of Worcester, Mass., was promoted to vice president of strategic sourcing at United Site Services Inc., in Westborough, Mass. United is the nation’s largest provider of portable sanitation, temporary site services, and disaster relief. He is a former U.S. Army captain

and holds a master’s degree in global management and project management.

’99 (20th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Michelle M. (Vitullo) Arbitrio ’99** of Chappaqua, N. Y., joined Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP as a partner, working in its New York City office. A *cum laude* graduate of Pace University School of Law, she has expertise in professional liability and practices in commercial life insurance, securities, and employment litigation as well. Arbitrio’s career accolades include being named a Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* and one of Westchester’s 40 Under 40.

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## 2000s

’00

**Andrea McGeever-Criscuola ’00** resides in Newtown, Conn., with her husband, Vincent, and their three children, Isabella 11, Ryan 9, and Jack 6.

**Sean P. Lenahan ’00** of Wilton, Conn., was named institutional sales director for the New York Tri-State and New England divisions at U.S. Trust. He is responsible for all institutional and nonprofit cultivation and growth efforts, partnering with both U.S. Trust and Merrill Lynch channels in the Northeast. Lenahan brings 18 years of institutional and wealth management experience to the role. Aside from his career, he volunteers with Bridgeport Rescue Mission, at Wilton Meadows Nursing Home, with Northeast Community Church — he has taken two mission trips to Haiti — and with animal rescue operations in Connecticut and New York.

**Terza Lima-Neves, Ph.D. ’00** of Charlotte, N.C., received the 2018 Cato Par Excellence Teaching Award at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, where she is associate professor of political science. Recipients are awarded \$10,000 for a faculty-led project. Lima-Neves will take students to her native Cabo Verde this fall to interact with faculty and students at the University of Cabo Verde. She also was named chair of the university’s Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, which consists of

history, psychology, criminology, sociology, and political science.

**Ben Sweeney ’00** of Cranston, R.I., an adjunct faculty member in film at PC, is a coordinating producer on *Native America*, a four-part series by Providence Pictures that is premiering on PBS this October. The documentary series weaves history and science with living indigenous traditions to bring to life a land of massive cities connected by social networks spanning two continents, with unique and sophisticated systems of science, art, and writing. Made with the active participation of Native American communities and filmed in some of the most spectacular locations in the hemisphere, *Native America* illuminates the splendor of a past whose story has for too long remained untold, says Sweeney.

’01

**Jennifer (Taranto) Bernat ’01 and Will Bernat ’01** of Westborough, Mass., welcomed their sixth child, Thomas Gabriel, on Feb. 23, 2018. He joins big sisters Anna (born 2006), Julia (2010), Nora (2012), and Margaret (2015), and big brother Joseph (2008). Will is a partner in the corporate and transactions department at Nutter, McClennen & Fish LLP in Boston and chairs its emerging companies practice group.

**John F. Dolan III ’01 & ’13G** of Boston, Mass., was sworn in as the 2018 president of the Commercial Brokers Association, which represents more than 400 members in the commercial real estate brokerage community in Massachusetts. He is a senior vice president at McCall & Almy in Boston, where he has worked since 2012. Dolan advises and represents office and industrial tenants locally and nationally.

**Kathleen “Kate” Russell Hosein ’01** of Newburyport, Mass., was named to the Board of Corporators of Provident Bancorp, the mutual holding company of The Provident Bank, which was founded in 1828. As a corporator, she votes on governance matters and the elections of new corporators and trustees. Hosein owns the Newburyport location of the national franchise Children’s Orchard.



**Therese A. Plaehn '01** performed in the National Broadway Tour of the Tony Award-winning play, *The Humans*, by Stephen Karam, hitting 13 cities across the country.

**Chris Riccobono '01** of Madison, N.J., was chosen one of EY's (Ernst & Young) Entrepreneur of the Year award recipients for the New York region. He is founder and owner of UNTUCKit LLC, a national retailer of designed, untucked shirts and other apparel. Riccobono launched the business online in 2011 and has developed and expanded a retail component to the point where there are now more than 40 stores nationally. He is married to **Amy Leigh Parrillo '03**.

'03

**Katherine E. (Vince) Skidmore '03** of Neptune, N.J., married William Skidmore, Jr. on Aug. 12, 2016. She is in her 11th year as an English teacher at East Brunswick High School.

'04 (15th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Megan C. (Krol) Masters '04** of Columbia, Md., received her Ph.D. in second language acquisition with a specialization in program evaluation and assessment from the University of Maryland/College Park. She is the director of academic technology and innovation in the Division of Institutional Technology at UMCP. She also serves as an adjunct professor of program evaluation and assessment at the U.S. Department of State.

'05

**Troy A. Quinn '05** of Los Angeles, Calif., was appointed music director/conductor of The Venice Symphony in Florida. He will conduct six classical and pops concerts during the 2018-19 season. Quinn, who recently completed a three-year term as music director of the Juneau Symphony, continues to serve as music director of the Owensboro Symphony in Kentucky. He is a member of the conducting faculty at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music.

**Matthew L. Teich '05** of West Hartford, Conn., was named a partner at Halloran Sage, a law firm with offices in Connecticut and Washington, D.C. Based in Hartford, he is a member of the firm's corporate business & transactions and real estate practice groups, and he handles such transactional

matters as finance, corporate, and commercial real estate.

'06

**Elise Italiano '06** of Boston was named founding executive director of The GIVEN Institute. GIVEN is a newly incorporated,



## A celebration of professional excellence

PC graduates **MICHELLE T. (DEPLANTE) CARR '08**, **ELIZABETH L. (ABEL) CATUCCI '04**, and **BRIDGET L. MULLANEY '03** shared the honor of being among 40 young professionals selected to the Class of 2018 in *Providence Business News'* 40 Under Forty program. Winners were chosen based on career success and community involvement, along with demonstrating commitment to making a difference on the local, national, or international level.

Carr, a Smithfield, R.I., resident, serves as deputy director of Leadership Rhode Island, a nationally recognized community leadership and development organization. At LRI, she oversees the development of innovative programming/curricula, operational excellence, performance measurement, and strategic collaborative partnerships. Carr also is

a community faculty member in the College's Department of Global Studies and Feinstein Institute for Public Service.

Catucci, a Providence resident, is director of marketing and business development at Batchelor, Frechette, McCrory, Michael & Co., a Providence CPA firm. She is responsible for the firm's marketing, advertising, and media relations efforts and works to acquire new clients. Catucci is a board member of the Greater Providence Chapter of the PC National Alumni Association, the Mal Brown Club.

Mullaney, who lives in North Attleboro, Mass., is a partner at Cameron & Mittleman LLP, a law firm in Providence. Her work is focused in the areas of sophisticated estate planning for individuals and families, trust and estate administration, and gift and estate taxation.

Above: Named to the *Providence Business News'* 40 Under Forty list are, from left, Bridget L. Mullaney '03, Elizabeth L. (Abel) Catucci '04, and Michelle T. (DePlante) Carr '08.

not-for-profit organization dedicated to activating the gifts of young adult women for the Church and the world. Through leadership training, faith formation, and dedicated mentoring, the NPO aims to inspire and equip the next generation of female leaders to “receive the gift that they are; realize the gifts they’ve been given; and respond with the gift that only they can give.” Italiano is the former executive director of university communications at The Catholic University of America.

**Jamie (Attardo) Theriault '06 and Nate Theriault '07** of Lewiston, Maine, welcomed their first child, a son, Everett Theriault, on July 1, 2018.

'07

**Kerri L. Coletta '07** of Seattle, Wash., accepted a new role as a marketing and communications manager with Microsoft. After four years working as a contractor on the Windows social media team, she was hired full time to lead a new paid social media strategy for Windows and Surface. She is designing campaigns along the customer life cycle. This is a new position on the relationship marketing team.

**Shane P. Quinn '07** of North Haven, Conn., received the George Pierce Baker Award for Excellence from Yale School of Drama. The award is presented annually to faculty and staff members for ongoing excellence or for exceeding the call of duty in work that honors the core values of the school. Quinn, who works as an assistant director, was recognized for his theatre management work at Yale Repertory Theatre and educational work with students at Yale School of Drama. A PC class ambassador, he is married to **Nicole V. Gallego '07**.

'08

**Michael Alosco '08** of Walpole, Mass., is an assistant professor of neurology at the Boston University School of Medicine and its CTE Center. His research focuses on risk factors and biomarkers of neurodegenerative conditions, especially Alzheimer's disease and chronic traumatic encephalopathy. He holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Kent State University.

**Paul E. Coyne, R.N. '08** of Hoboken, N.J., was promoted to senior director of Advanced Practice Nursing and Clinical Informatics at Hospital for Special Surgery — an orthopedic specialty facility — in New York City. He previously was director of clinical transformation. Coyne also was named to *Becker's Hospital Review's* Rising Stars: 90 Healthcare Leaders under 40 listing. He is president and co-founder of Inspiren, a nurse-led healthcare technology company.

**Timothy J. DelGiudice '08SCE** of East Greenwich, R.I., was appointed chair of the Rhode Island Board of Education's Council on Postsecondary Education. He has served on the council since 2016. DelGiudice is strategic initiative program manager at Raytheon. He also serves as chair of the Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance.



## Surprise Ride is going places

**ROSY KHALIFE '13**, co-founder and chief operating officer of Surprise Ride, was named one of the *Washington Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 for 2018.

Surprise Ride, a children's educational activity kit company, rose to prominence after it was featured on *Shark Tank*. Each kit, initially sold by subscription, explores a theme, such as monsters or birds. In response to customer demand, the company has begun to sell boxes both online at [SurpriseRide.com](http://SurpriseRide.com) and at independent retail toy stores. In addition, QVC featured two of its products in July.

Khalife and her sister, Donna, have raised \$4.2 million thus far and expect to double Surprise Ride's annual revenue this year. The Washington, D.C.-based company is also developing a line of boxes for adults.

Rosy Khalife says she gives her parents a lot of credit for their company's success. Their family left Lebanon as refugees and eventually settled in New Bedford, Mass. Though they had limited resources, Khalife said her father, an artist, was always able to develop creative activities to occupy them, and her mother supported their educational endeavors.

Above: Rosy Khalife '13, third from right, and her sister, Donna Khalife, third from left, are the co-founders of the children's activity kit business Surprise Ride. Rosy Khalife was featured recently on the Providence College Podcast: [prov.ly/rosy-podcast](http://prov.ly/rosy-podcast)

## Friars of the Last Decade

### '09 **FOLD**

(10th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Eric M. Feeley '09** of Durham, N.C., completed his Ph.D. in molecular genetics and microbiology from Duke University. He is employed as a field application scientist for Gyros Protein Technologies and is based out of the research triangle park region of North Carolina.

**Christiane A. (Darby) Lynch '09** of Winter Garden, Fla., and her husband, Daniel Lynch, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Desmond Henry Lynch, born on Jan. 4, 2018.

**Julie Parise '09** of Philadelphia, Pa., left her role as an evening news reporter with CBS 58 in Milwaukee, Wisc., to move back East and try a new career. She is the director of broadcast services for Gregory FCA, a public relations firm in Philadelphia. She was hired to launch the firm's new live streaming service. Parise also has been a reporter for

ABC affiliate WJBF-TV in Georgia and a web editor for CBSNewYork.com.

**Maryclaire M. (Henion) Woron '09 and John J. Woron, III '09** of North Haven, Conn., were married on Aug. 18, 2017, at St. Pius X Church in Middletown, Conn. Maryclaire is a secondary art teacher at Roger Ludlowe Middle School in Fairfield, and John is a supervisor at Eversource Energy in Berlin.

### '10 **FOLD**

**Magdalena (Garczynski) Johndrow, CFS '10** of Brooklyn, N.Y./Farmington, Conn., became the first Connecticut financial advisor to earn the *InvestmentNews* 40 Under 40 honor. She is financial advisor at Johndrow Wealth Management, a female-owned and operated firm that is a division of Farmington River Financial Group. Winners are chosen by *InvestmentNews* editors for their accomplishments, industry contributions, leadership, and promise, with only approximately 4 percent of nominees chosen. Johndrow's list of accomplishments and contributions includes launching a financial planning subscription service that provides advice to early investors and women and — in her free time — bringing financial literacy to underserved populations.

**U.S. Army Capt. Simon Sarkisian, D.O. '10** of Philadelphia, Pa., graduated from the emergency medicine residency program at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center in Fort Hood, Texas. He is excited to return to the East Coast, where he is employed at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, N.J. Sarkisian is part of a new military-civilian initiative to incorporate small forward resuscitative surgical teams at civilian trauma centers in order to better prepare military physicians for deployment to austere environments.

### '11 **FOLD**

**Anthony J. Buono, D.M.D. '11** of Columbia, S.C., celebrated two milestones in May 2018. He married Alyssa Ettinger on May 28 at Tower Hill Botanical Garden in West Boylston, Mass. He also earned a doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. He is currently doing a one-year advanced education in general dentistry residency program with the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson in Columbia. His wife, whom he met at UConn, is a pediatric resident at Palmetto Health in Columbia.

**Kevin J. Cassidy '11 & '13G** joined Alvarez & Marsal, a global professional services firm, as an associate in July 2018. Cassidy, who is based in the New York City office, specializes in restructuring, turnaround manage-



## They're doctors now

These PC alumni celebrate receiving their doctoral degrees in medicine and dental medicine from the University of Connecticut in May 2018. From left are **EMILY C. ROBLEE, M.D. '13**, **EILEEN M. COLLITON, M.D. '13**, and **EMILY E. SACHS, D.M.D. '14**.

Roblee, a biology major at PC, and Colliton, who majored in biochemistry, graduated from the UConn School of Medicine, while Sachs, a biology graduate, earned her doctorate from the School of Dental Medicine. All are currently doing residencies — Roblee in emergency medicine at the University of Cincinnati, Colliton in orthopedic surgery at Tufts Medical Center, and Sachs in orthodontics at Indiana University.

ment, and performance improvement within the healthcare space. He previously worked as a senior accountant at Perry Capital and as an auditor with PwC.

### '12 **FOLD**

**Jonathan R. Hegler '12** of Garden City, N.Y., earned a master's degree in educating students in disabilities (7-12) from Adelphi University. He is coaching middle school lacrosse and varsity football at H. Frank Carey High School in Franklin Square, N.Y.

**Marissa (Louro) Henry '12 and Mark D. Henry '12 & '13G** of Boston were married on June 2, 2018. The wedding took place at St. Leonard's Church in Boston and was celebrated by Rev. Iriarte Andújar, O.P., PC associate dean of admission. More than 20 alumni attended. Marissa is a corporate attorney for Sullivan & Worcester LLP, and Mark is an equity analyst for Midwood Capital Management LLC. They met during an ice cream social on campus their first year and started dating a few months before their graduation in 2012.

### '13 **FOLD**

**Sara Morris '13** of Boston, Mass., is the founder of Noted Candles, which was named Boston's Best Wedding Favor by *The Improper Bostonian* magazine. She started the business in 2015 and expanded into e-commerce, retail shops, and custom orders for weddings and events. Her minimalist designed, freshly-scented soy candles are handcrafted in small batches in Boston.

**Mike Rodak '13** of Grafton, Mass., is in his sixth season as a sports reporter and analyst for ESPN, covering the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League year round. He also contributes to ESPN.com as a writer and to *SportsCenter* and *NFL Live* as a television reporter.

### '14 **FOLD**

(5th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Megan Hyland '14** of West Islip, N.Y., began a Ph.D. in policy analysis and management at Cornell University after four years with the Lewin Group. She says she is looking forward to advancing her career in health policy research.

**Sarah M. Gothers Iadarola '14 and Ralph T. Iadarola, IV '04** of Wallingford, Conn., were married on June 30, 2018, at PC's St. Dominic Chapel. The music education graduates were joined by fellow Friars, family, and friends, with music provided by organist James Brodeur '14 and guitarist David Riley, music professor. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. John C. Vidmar, O.P., associate professor of history.

### '16 **FOLD**

**Francisco J. Oller Garcia '16** of San Juan, Puerto Rico, was awarded an MBA degree with a concentration in marketing from the University of Tampa in May 2018. He concluded his final semester with a 4.0 GPA and finished with an overall GPA of 3.66. At commencement exercises, he in-

troduced the commencement speaker, Tampa alumnus Thomas Graham. Earlier in the spring, he presented a speech on motivation to the University of Tampa chapter of the American Marketing Association and gave an address, "Our Role in Life: Navigating with Passion and Purpose," to more than 100 Tampa faculty, staff members, and students.

### '17 **FOLD**

**Robert P. Degre '17** of Cincinnati, Ohio, entered the novitiate for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph to study for the priesthood. He was given the religious name Dismas Maria on Aug. 8, the feast of St. Dominic. He asks that alumni and friends of PC pray for him and the other young men in the novitiate. ❧



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## Timing IS everything

**ANDREW A. TUCCIO '14** didn't just want to pop the question to **SHELBY A. TOOHEY '14** on campus. He also wanted to do it during Alumni & Family Weekend last February.

As her expression shows, Toohey was shocked — but not so overwhelmed that she couldn't happily consent.

"It worked flawlessly. It was a little nerve-wracking. Luckily, she said yes," said Tuccio with a laugh.

The couple, who have been friends since their first year at PC, had been to Alumni & Family Weekend before. Between their love for PC and Tuccio's nudging his girlfriend to see all the new outcomes of the Campus Transformation Project, he hatched a plan to ask her hand in marriage on that weekend — including hiring a professional photographer to capture the moment.

"It was a beautiful experience to come back to PC where we made countless memories together and ask her to take the next step in our relationship, back to where it all began," said Tuccio, a finance major and economics minor who works for a real estate developer in Boston. Toohey, who majored in marketing and minored in finance, works for ASICS, also in Boston. He's from Ridgefield, Conn., and she's from Medway, Mass.

The couple plans to wed on Sept. 14, 2019, in Thompson, Conn.



## Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G; professor of physics



Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G, professor of physics who spent half a century teaching and serving at Providence College, died Aug. 28, 2018. Dr. Mecca began teaching at PC as an assistant professor in 1969 following his graduation from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Ph.D. in nuclear physics. He advanced to full professor in 1979.

In his laboratory, Dr. Mecca encour-

aged students from all academic disciplines to join him in solving problems through systems development. Inspired by his granddaughter's visit to Ghana, he helped to found the Global Sustainable Aid Project, which focused on education, health, and sanitation projects in that country. Beginning in 2010, he brought PC students to Ghana each summer for community-based service internships.

A micro-flush toilet he developed with help from his students has been installed in more than 20 countries. Dr. Mecca also developed a solar-powered tablet loaded with a searchable database for use by health-care workers and students in areas without internet access. Through his efforts, more than 250,000 textbooks and many computers were donated to schools in Ghana.

He held many roles at the College, including vice president for academic administration from 1982-1985. He was an adviser to the pre-engineering

program from 1974-1975, program director from 1975-1982, and department chair from 1980-1982. He was a major figure in diversity initiatives throughout his time at PC.

In 1976, to encourage urban children to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, Dr. Mecca helped to found TIMES<sup>2</sup> Academy. He served on its board for 30 years, watching it develop from a grassroots program into a charter school that continues to serve Providence. He served on the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission for 30 years and spent his summers and sabbaticals working for NASA and for NATO.

His wife of 54 years, Linda G. (Merola) Mecca, died on May 5, 2018. He was the father of Lisa K. Mecca '88, Stephen D. Mecca '88, and Michael R. Mecca '90 & '92G, and the brother of Robert E. Mecca '66 and Joseph M. Mecca '85.

**A tribute to Dr. Mecca:** [prov.ly/mecca](http://prov.ly/mecca)

## Dr. Zygmunt J. Friedemann '08Hon., professor *emeritus*



Dr. Zygmunt J. Friedemann '08Hon., professor *emeritus* of political science who taught at PC from 1956-1990, died on May 3, 2018. He held degrees from Boston University, Brown University, and Harvard University. He received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the PC National Alumni Association. Dr. Friedemann was born in Krakow, Poland, and fought with the Polish Underground after the Nazi invasion. He was a prisoner in two concentration camps. After being liberated, he worked with the U.S. Army to help relocate 80,000 refugees. In 1948, he emigrated to the United States with his wife, Ruth B. (Avots) Friedemann. They were married for 70 years. In addition to his wife, he leaves a daughter, Gail K. (Friedemann) Weisberger '78, and her husband, J. Robert Weisberger, Jr. '75; and a son, Glenn R. Friedemann, Esq. '80, and his wife, Marilyn J. "Merrill" Friedemann, Esq. '88.



## Rev. William D. Folley, O.P. '57; retired theology professor



Rev. William David Folley, O.P. '57, who taught theology at Providence College for nearly 45 years and was an ardent supporter of the

College's athletics teams, especially men's hockey and soccer, died on Sept. 23, 2018.

A native of Trenton, N.J., Father Folley entered the novitiate of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph at St. Stephen Priory in Dover, Mass., in 1953. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from PC and continued his

education at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., where he earned bachelor's, licentiate, and lectorate degrees in sacred theology. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 16, 1960, at St. Dominic Church in Washington.

Father Folley joined the PC faculty in 1966 as instructor of religious studies. He was promoted twice and retired as associate professor of theology in 2013. He also served the College as assistant chaplain, assistant dean of undergraduate studies, director of Guzman Hall, and faculty athletics representative to the NCAA.

From 1993-1996, while on leave from the College, he served as prior of the Priory of the Dominican House of Studies, taught theology there, and was chaplain for Teams of Our Lady, an international movement dedicated to the spiritual life of married couples. Father Folley held advanced degrees from The Catholic University of America and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (*The Angelicum*) in Rome.

His funeral was celebrated in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary in St. Thomas Aquinas Priory on PC's campus.

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**Michael S. Gilmor '17**, a Fulbright scholar, died on Aug. 25, 2018. He had just completed a year teaching English in Poland through a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship awarded during his senior year at PC. A biochemistry major, he was the first PC science major to receive a Fulbright.

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**Mark A. Adams, Jr. '14**, a member of the Friars' 2015 NCAA Championship hockey team, died on Sept. 17, 2018. A defenseman, he played in 98 games from 2010-2015, including all four NCAA Tournament contests in 2015.

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**Patricia E. Ryan '89P**, whose gift with her husband, Arthur F. Ryan '63, '90Hon., & '89P, led to the construction of the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for

Business Studies, the home of the PC School of Business, died on May 6, 2018. Patricia and Arthur also donated to the construction of the Smith Center for the Arts, where the Ryan Concert Hall is named for them, and they established the Arthur F. Ryan Family Scholarship Fund.

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**Rev. Robert Damian Myett, O.P. '57**, who served PC for 11 years, including as chaplain, died on July 16, 2018. A Dominican priest for 58 years, he was chaplain in 1965-1966, served as an admissions counselor from 1991-1994, and taught Spanish and in the Latin American Studies Program until 2001.

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**J. Gerald "Gerry" Alaimo**, an administrator in the Department of Athletics from

1978-2001, died on May 10, 2018. He was the director of intramurals and recreation initially and retired as senior associate athletics director. He was inducted into the PC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2011.

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**Herman L. "Butch" Clary, Jr. '67 & '77G**, a former longtime accountant at the College, died on June 22, 2018. He received the Faculty/Staff Award from the PC National Alumni Association in 1997.

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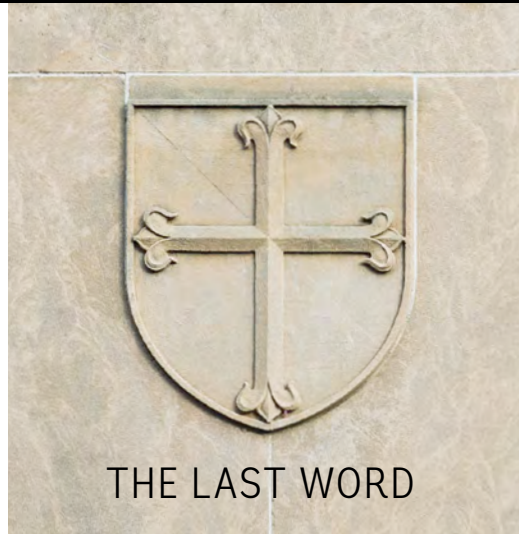
**Rev. Joseph Christopher Johnson, O.P. '53** died on June 26, 2017. Father Johnson served at PC from 1963-1970. He taught sociology and theology, and he served as assistant chaplain and as dean of students. ☩

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# Solidarity

BY DR. DANA L. DILLON

**H**OW CAN WE BE IN REAL SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE who live in a different country from us? How can we be in solidarity with those who don't speak our language, or who believe in a different religion, or with whom we really, really disagree?

These questions echoed through the classroom of THL 375: Global Service in Solidarity, which I teach.

The students and I had spent a week together over spring break at San Lucas Tolimán Mission on Lake Atitlán in Guatemala. (Read more, page 30.) We had worked closely with locals, building stoves, clearing brush, mixing and laying concrete floors, moving tons of rocks and dirt. We had felt the “warm fuzzies” of welcome and connection, of sharing labor and goals and meals, of that desire to connect and be friendly. And we had also felt the gaps: the linguistic, cultural, and economic divisions.

In Guatemala, Providence, and elsewhere, we live in a world that is deeply divided along all these lines and others, and conversations about what matters most are increasingly polarized. Many of us spend our time and energy with others much like ourselves; we have become used to conversations that are echo chambers of agreement; we avoid those who would argue with us.

But Christian faith, especially Catholic social thought, calls us to see something more. Deeper than all that

divides us are important things that we share. We are made in the image of God, a trinitarian God who has made us for relationships both with Him and one another by our very nature. Because of this intrinsic connection, we have a common good. St. Pope John Paul II saw solidarity both as this bond of interdependence among us and as the moral virtue by which we live the reality of that bond. He calls solidarity “a firm and persevering commitment to the common good, that is to the good of all and of each ... because we are all really responsible for all.”

Solidarity can be a buzzword, used also for merely superficial connections, but it is a word whose depths are worth exploring. Imagine if each of us firmly committed ourselves to the flourishing of every member of our human family — not just over spring break, not just the neighbor “deserving” of help, but every single person, even our enemies.

How can we live in deeper solidarity in the most divided and divisive places in our lives? It is a question worth struggling with, not only for students for a semester, but for all of us for a lifetime. ❖

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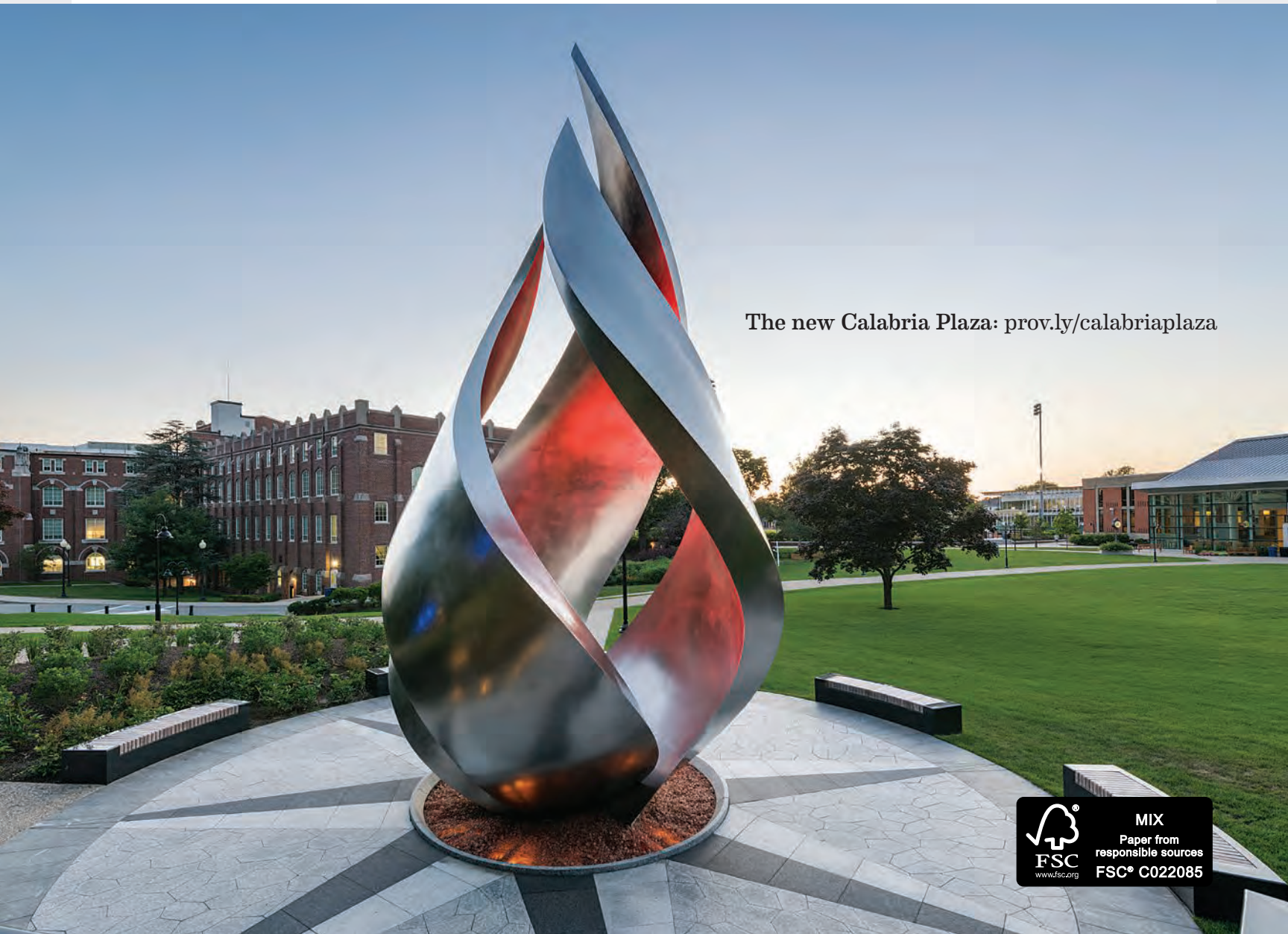


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