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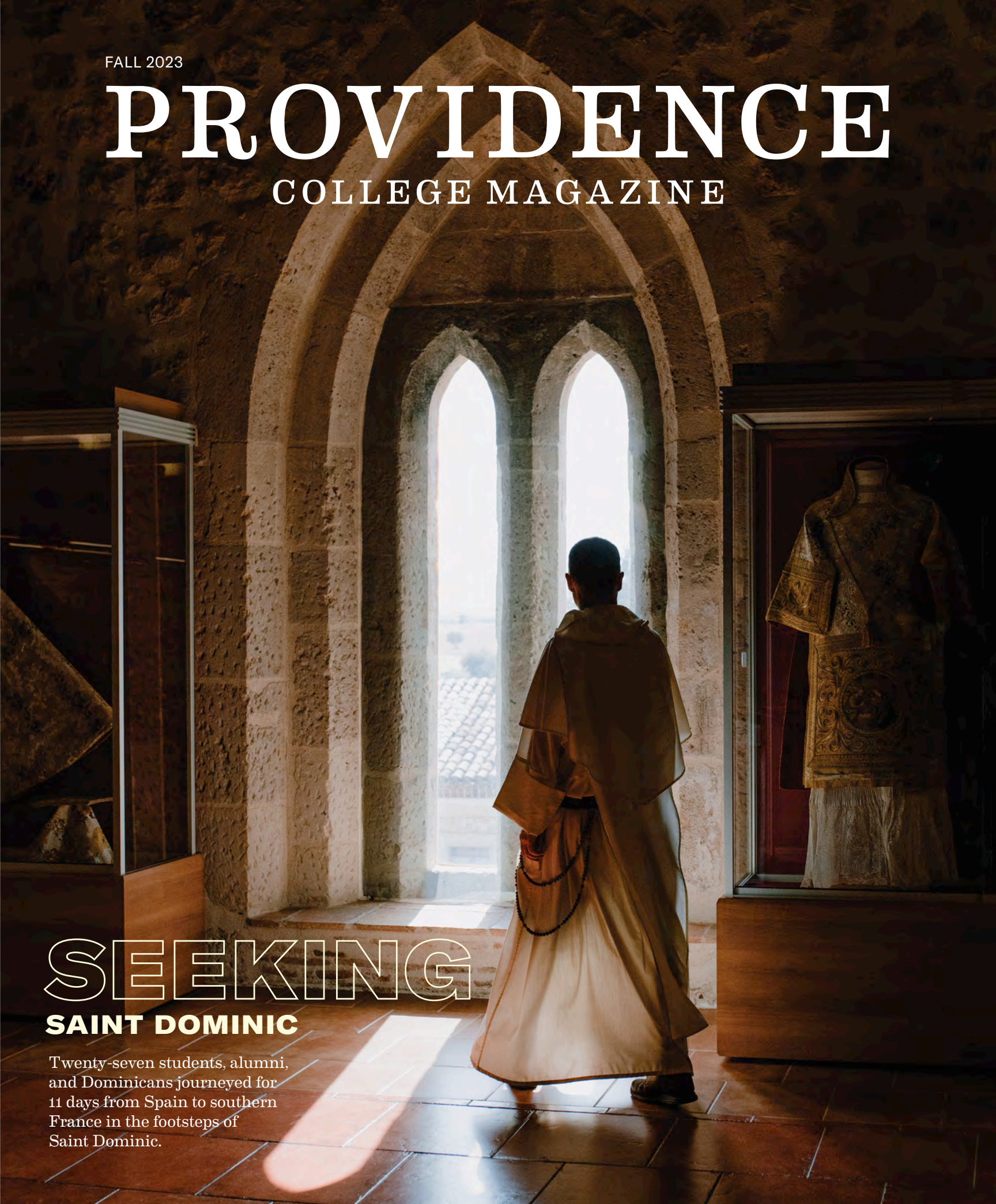
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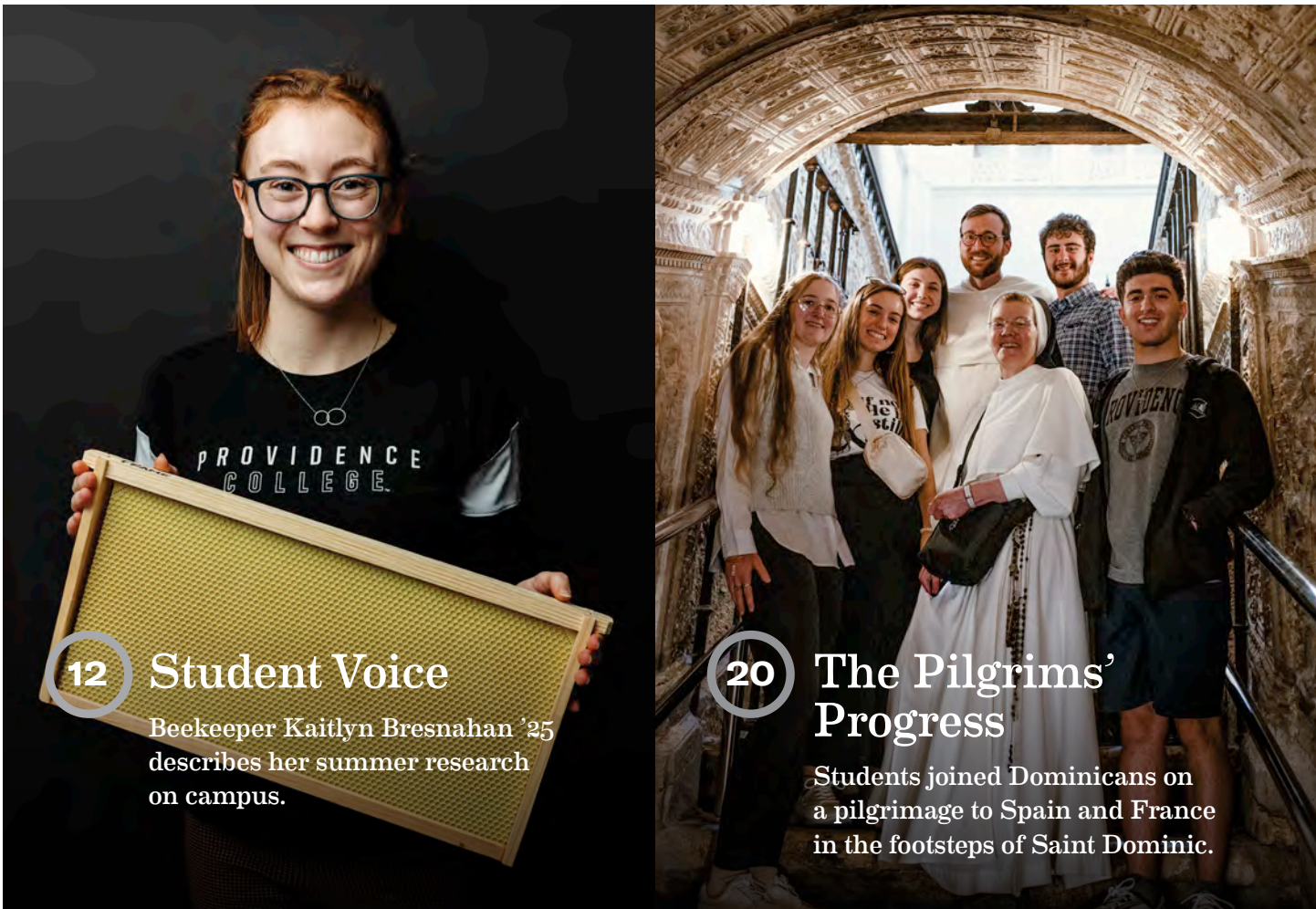
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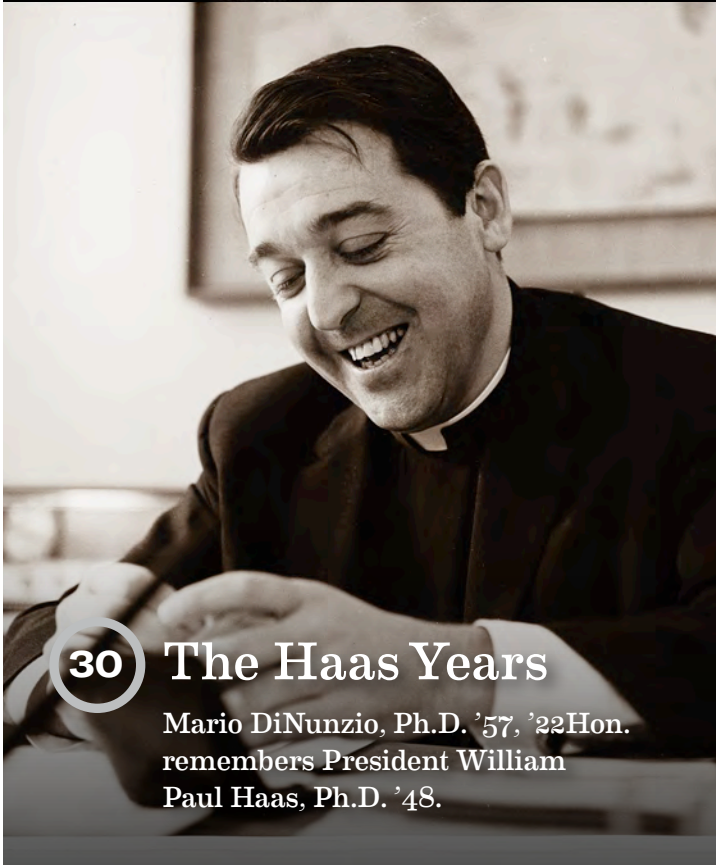


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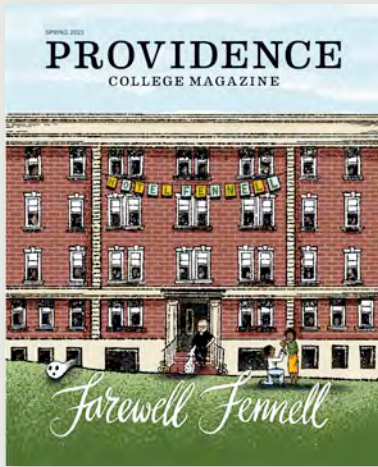


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a gift from God.”

— REV. JORDAN ZAJAC, O.P. '04



HAPPY (CREDIT) HOUR

Friartown may be known to enjoy a beer, but **Rev. Jordan Zajac, O.P. '04**, above, assistant professor of English, and **Jay D. Pike, Ph.D.**, inset, assistant professor of chemistry, are teaching students age 21+ to appreciate the drink more deeply in their one-credit course, Beer, offered through the Humanities Program. The professors gather weekly with students to discuss the history, ingredients, and traditions associated with a style of beer and sample small servings of several varieties. Students use an official scoresheet to assess beers by objective standards rather than personal preference. “They’ve come a long way from only being able to describe beers as ‘crushable’ and ‘not crushable,’” Father Zajac said. “We’re teaching students to enjoy rather than abuse a gift from God.”

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Mothers & Daughters



Mothers (standing) and daughters (seated), from left, are Mary Moran Smith '89 and Meghan Smith '23, Stephanie Paiva Ferguson '89 and Grace Ferguson '22, Kathleen Santos '89 and Hannah Delano '22, and Jane Mador Moran '89 and Catherine Moran '23.



Four roommates from the Class of 1989 became lifelong friends. They gave birth to daughters within a year of one another and raised their daughters to be close friends, too. To their surprise and delight, all four daughters followed in their footsteps to Providence College.

“Our moms were roommates and best friends all four years of college and have remained very close ever since,” explained Catherine Moran '23. “We daughters have grown up together since we were babies. We’ve been super close friends our whole lives. We consider each other to be cousins and refer to each other’s parents as our aunts and uncles.”

Shown above during their school days, from left, are Mary Moran Smith '89 (who married Michael Smith '89), Stephanie Paiva Ferguson '89 (who married John Ferguson '89), Kathleen Santos '89, and Jane Mador Moran '89.

DREAM ON

To inspire students to pursue careers in music, **Bob Donnelly '68**, a lawyer in the entertainment industry, donated 35 gold record plaques to Providence College for display in the Smith Center for the Arts. The plaques represent top-selling records by artists such as **Aerosmith, Foreigner, John Legend, Mötley Crüe, Ted Nugent, and Sting**. During his more than 40-year career, Donnelly has represented artists, managers, record companies, music publishers, producers, studios, concert promoters, venues, and media and technology companies. A lawyer with Fox Rothschild LLP in New York City, he also lectures on entertainment law. He likes to distribute desk plaques to his colleagues with the message: “Become an entertainment lawyer. Touch paper touched by superstars.”



This gold record plaque reads: “Presented to Bob Donnelly to commemorate the sale of more than 500,000 copies of the Columbia Records long-playing record album ‘Live Bootleg.’”

On the road at last

Rhode Island drivers were able to collect their pre-ordered, **Friar-branded license plates** during a special event in the Schneider Arena lobby in August. Women’s basketball head coach Erin Batth was on hand along with mascots Friar Dom and Huxley. More than 400 orders were received for the plates. The cost is \$40, with half of the proceeds going to the state of Rhode Island and half to emergency student support at PC. To order a plate, contact the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles.



MOTHERS PHOTO: ANGEL TUCKER. GROUP WITH PLATE: BRIDGET ANTHONY '22, '23G. PLATE: KINCAID MCLAREN '20. PLAQUE: BEER CHRIS JUDGE '06, '07G.



Tastes like victory

Union Station Brewery in Providence introduced Friartown Ale in January 2023

to celebrate its 30th anniversary. “Brewed by fans for fans, Friartown is an old-school West Coast IPA brimming with American hops for that classic citrus, piney, herbal character,” according to the menu description. “Crisp, clean, and dry with subtle caramelized malt flavor.” Union Station Brewery opened in 1993 on the site of the former Union Station railroad depot. In addition to serving pub fare, it brews beer on site and sells it in singles and four-packs to go. Friartown Ale also is available at Amica Mutual Pavilion during Friars games and at Rhode Island liquor stores. 🍺



Bevely named VP for diversity

Quincy Bevely, Ph.D. was named PC’s inaugural vice president for institutional diversity, equity, and inclusion, effective July 2023. He is a member of the President’s Cabinet, the college’s senior leadership team.

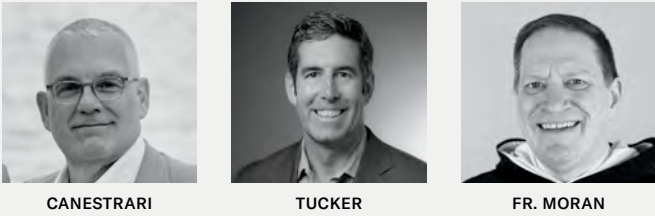
Bevely, who holds a Ph.D. from Kansas State University, joined the college in 2016 as assistant dean of students and director of cultural education. In 2019, he was named assistant vice president and Title VI coordinator in the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

With Nick Longo, Ph.D. ’96, professor of global studies, Bevely received a \$250,000 grant in 2022 from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation to support Conversations for Change, a campus-wide initiative to promote civil discourse at the college and in the community.



Tops in the Class of 2023

Three women are the top scholars in the Class of 2023 at Providence College, having achieved perfect 4.0 GPAs for four years, the equivalent of an A in every class. From left: **Samantha Rose Furtado ’23** of New Bedford, Massachusetts, a double major in political science and economics; **Riley Jane Lusk ’23** of Pittsford, New York, a health policy and management major; and **Maggie Catherine Sullivan ’23** of Taunton, Massachusetts, a biology major.



New trustees join board

Three new members have joined the PC Board of Trustees:

Kenneth Canestrari ’84 has been senior executive vice president and group president of The TJX Companies since 2014 and has worked in senior roles within the company since 1997. He earned degrees in English and accounting at PC. He and his wife, Cindy, have two sons.

Michael Tucker ’93 is founder and managing partner of Orvieto Partners, a hedge fund management firm in Boston. He studied finance at PC and has an MBA from Boston College. He is married to Denise Bienenstein Tucker ’95 and they have three children.

Very Rev. Allen B. Moran, O.P., Ph.D., is prior provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. Since his ordination in 2007, he has held administrative, teaching, and ministerial roles within the order. He taught theology at PC and was president of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in California.

Introducing the Class of 2027

The **1,200 members of the Class of 2027** — the largest in college history — include the first students to study nursing and health sciences. Students come from 30 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 13 countries — Argentina, Bermuda, Canada, Ecuador, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, and the Bahamas. There are 680 women and 527 men.

Fifteen percent are first-generation college students. There are 119 students in the Honors Program and 109 student-athletes. Sixteen percent of the students have not decided on a major, but among those who have, the most popular are finance, marketing, biology, management, psychology, nursing, and health sciences.

Honoring Father Voll

Mark Voll ’77 remembers his uncle, **Very Rev. Urban Voll, O.P. ’45, ’97Hon.**, with equal parts fondness and admiration. “He was a great person and a brilliant scholar of theology and philosophy,” said Voll, a member of the PC Board of Trustees.

Father Voll, who taught at PC and other colleges for more than 40 years, died in 2021. To honor his legacy and impact, Voll and his wife, Raymonde, established the Rev. Urban Voll, O.P. ’45 Endowed Scholarship Fund. Concurrently, Voll created a digital tribute and archive of Father Voll’s scholarly works at urbanvoll.com.

“I wanted to share his gift, especially so students who are awarded the scholarship can learn about my uncle’s life,” Voll said. *Read more: providence.edu/father-voll*

Consistently #1

U.S. News & World Report ranked Providence College #1 among regional universities in the north for the fifth consecutive year. The college shared the top spot with Rhode Island School of Design and Bentley University. PC has been ranked among the top five colleges in the northeast by U.S. News & World Report for more than 25 years.

The college also was ranked at 135 in the Wall Street Journal/College Pulse ranking of the top 400 universities in the country. 🏆

STUDENT BRIEFS

Student awarded master’s Fulbright

Biology major **Samantha Gabree ’23** will spend the next two years in the Netherlands, studying for a master’s degree in life science and technology at Delft University of Technology, after receiving a prestigious Fulbright partnership award for graduate education — the first Fulbright graduate award offered to a Providence College student.

“In addition to pursuing advanced knowledge in biology, I want to become a topnotch science communicator,” said Gabree, who is from Farmington, Connecticut. “I want to further biotech progress by blazing better communication channels among scientists, policy makers, and the public.”

Physics major wins Goldwater

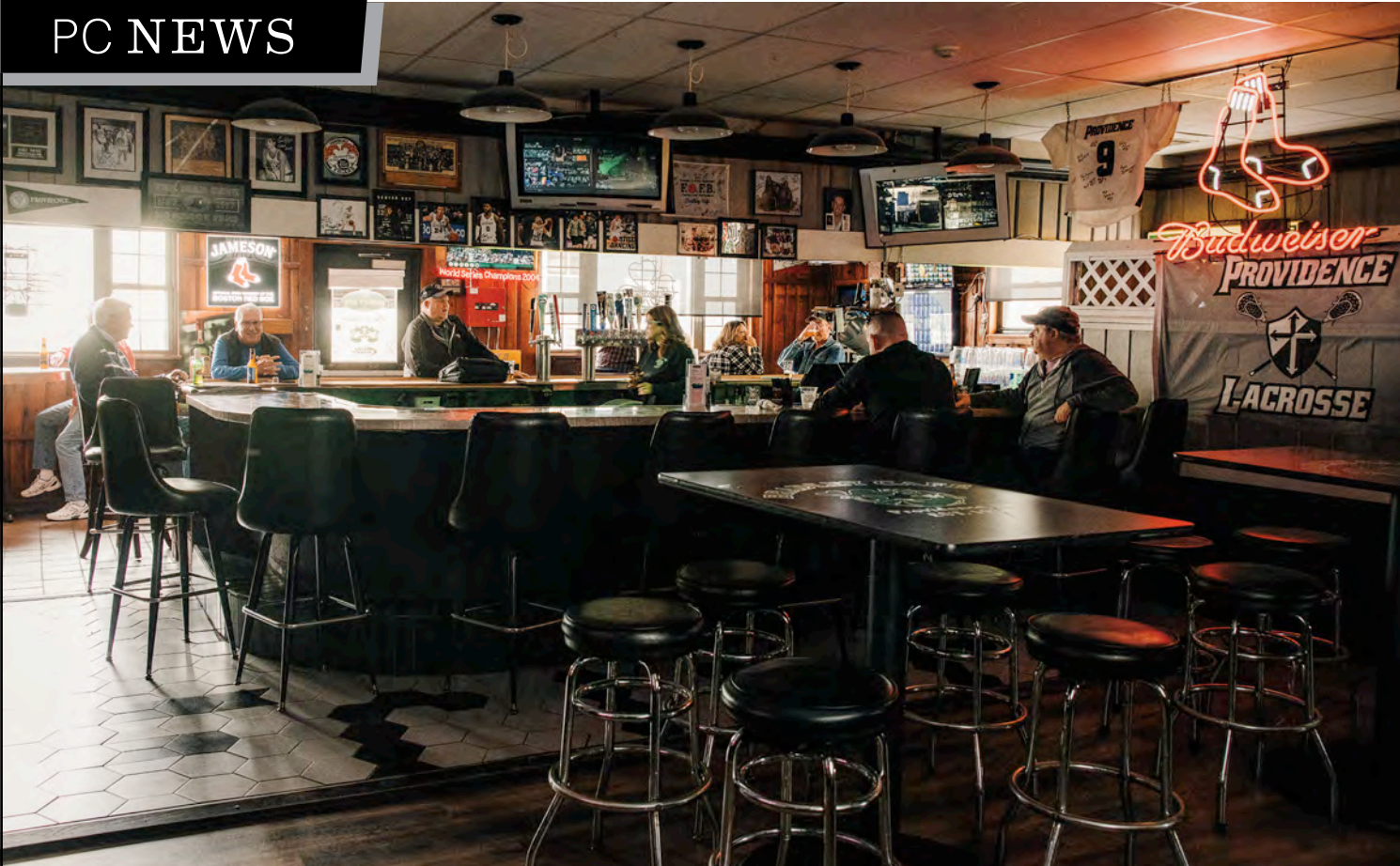
Katie Kudla ’24, an applied physics major from Tarrytown, New York, is one of only 413 students, from 5,000 applicants nationwide, to receive the Goldwater Scholarship, the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship in the United States in engineering, mathematics, and the natural sciences. She will use the \$7,500 award from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation toward her education or for future research.

She is the third Providence College student in the past four years to receive the Goldwater award. Kudla also is a member of PC’s Dance Company.

Grad student has DC fellowship

Michael McNamara ’24G, a student in PC’s graduate history program, completed a four-week summer institute on the U.S. Constitution in Washington, D.C., as the Rhode Island recipient of the prestigious James Madison Graduate Fellowship.

The program is designed to help high school history, government, and civics teachers teach the U.S. Constitution. It includes an award of up to \$24,000 toward completion of a master’s degree. McNamara is a history teacher at Ponaganset High School in Glocester, Rhode Island. He is the third graduate history student from PC to be selected for the fellowship since 2018.



Meet at Brad's

BY MICHAEL HAGAN '15, '19G
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

The men's basketball team is playing an away game tonight. In the evening's darkness, seniors trickle across campus toward Admiral Street, to the single-story building with the green and white sign weathered to a slight patina from years of exposure. At the door, a man checks IDs. Older patrons glance at the time and finish their drinks, ready to surrender the establishment to the younger crowd.

Each generation of Providence College students has had its favorite watering hole: Louie's Tavern, Club Eagles, Clubbies, the Rathskeller, to name a few. Where those places have faded to memory, the Bradley Café at 571 Admiral

Street, better known as Brad's, endures, anchoring the campus neighborhood as it has for more than 85 years. Popular with residents and students, a place where college mingles with community, Brad's really is a place where everybody knows your name — and where Brad's Brew is still \$2 a draft.

"People come back after years, even decades, and say, 'Wow, this place is exactly the same,'" said Craig Viens, who has owned Brad's since 2015 with his wife, Amy, and friend Gary Cicillini.

Bill Allen '70, now from Cumberland, Rhode Island, was a commuter

student who worked most nights, so he was never a Brad's regular. Still, he felt he had stepped back in time when he visited last summer for the first time since graduation.

"On the occasional night off, Brad's was a good place for a pitcher of 'Gansett,'" Allen said. "That was more than 50 years ago. I can't believe how little it's changed."

The horseshoe-shaped bar, recently refinished, divides Brad's into sections. Up front, around high-top tables and chairs, older folks watch news, sports, and Jeopardy, fill out Keno slips, and chat with the bartender. Young alumni can point out the signed



"I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LITTLE IT'S CHANGED." — BILL ALLEN '70

photo of the 2015 NCAA Champion men's hockey team, on the wall across from the bar, and recall what it was like to be on campus that night. Students gather in the larger area in the back, feeding dollars into the digital jukebox to queue up favorite songs. By tipoff on game nights, the students are nearly shoulder to shoulder. When the bartender switches the bar's speaker system to the broadcast, the space is filled with arena sounds.

The Bradley Café was established in 1937 by Daniel Colanduolo and his wife, Rose Verrocchio Colanduolo. A sports fan, Daniel sponsored athletics teams

in the city — the Bradley A.C. in baseball, the Bradley A.A. in football, and the Bradley Redjackets in basketball. When he died in 1950, Rose continued to operate the bar with her daughter, Ann, and son-in-law Winston "Winnie" Copp, until she retired in 1978. Winnie and Ann remained the proprietors of Brad's until their retirement and move to Florida.

The Feeney family took over ownership of Brad's in 1995. James "Jimbo" Feeney, who died in 2010, and his wife, Christine, along with Jimbo's brother, Brian, and his wife, Susan, kept Brad's a vital neighborhood institution. They

hired family and friends to tend bar. They rallied patrons and neighbors to support Toys for Tots campaigns and hosted a Christmas party for neighborhood families complete with a visit from Santa Claus on a fire truck. Each St. Patrick's Day, Sue, who also was a registered nurse, would personally prepare corned beef for sandwiches.

"If you knew the Feeneys, you were like family. To Sue, everyone in these four walls was family," Cicillini said.

Cicillini and Viens became denizens of the bar under the Feeneys' ownership. The two met at Stuffies, a now-defunct bar in North Providence. They frequented Stuffies on the same nights — "which makes sense, given that we were each there about six nights a week," Viens said.

When Stuffies closed, the pair chose to relocate to Brad's and befriended the Feeneys "almost instantaneously."

"Brian was like a dad to me," said Cicillini.

"To both of us," Viens added. "The whole Feeney family will always be part of the Bradley Café."

After Sue Feeney died of cancer in 2015 at age 56, Brian sold the bar to Craig, Amy, and Gary, who were determined to preserve what the Copps and Feeneys had created. The Feeney family remains close to the current owners and clients, and since Sue's death, have



Amy Viens owns Brad's with her husband, Craig, and their friend, Gary Cicillini. Opposite page: Brad's as it looks today.



hosted fundraisers for cancer causes at the bar.

When Brian Feeney died unexpectedly two years ago, his obituary mentioned Brad's: "He effortlessly made anyone who walked through the door feel a part of his family. With his gentle giant demeanor, his accepting, compassionate, and loving nature was felt by all who he encountered. He had the ability to change how the room felt simply by being a part of it."

The current owners have overseen some painting and redecorating at Brad's, but they are careful not to change too much. The bathrooms, for instance, will never be painted because of the decades' worth of PC student autographs on the bare wood.

"There are some things you just can't touch," Cicillini said.

In a recent refresh of the bar décor, they hung several new pieces of Friars gear and memorabilia on the walls and labeled the spacious backside of the horseshoe bar "the Friars' Den."

"Game days are big for us. If it's an away game, the seniors are here. If it's a home game, they're here as soon as it's over. As much as PC students love us, we love PC," said Viens. "Brad's is Friartown."

And Friars do love Brad's. Around campus, the #MeetAtBrads hoodie is a wardrobe staple (the term "#MeetAtBrads" was first used on Twitter by broadcaster Doris Burke '87, '92G, '05Hon.).

A pilgrimage to Brad's is a key part of many alumni visits.



Students can purchase Brad's merchandise. These "MeetAtBrads" hoodies sell out quickly.

Mike Tagliafierro '13, Brendan Nelson '13, Tim Reid '13, and Matt Spurling '13 visit the bar annually to host "A Very Bradley's Christmas." It's been held on a Saturday in December every year since 2014. The tradition began when Tagliafierro returned from service with the U.S. Army in South Korea.

"We were trying to figure out the best way and the best place to get friends together I hadn't seen in more than a year. We thought, 'What better place than Brad's?'" Tagliafierro said.

As Nelson is fond of saying, "Every day is Bradurday."

Along with classmates from the Class of 2013, attendees through the years have included Rev. Iriarte Andujar, O.P., PC's associate dean of admission, and the late Sgt. Major

Gary Fortunato '00SCE, Tagliafierro's instructor in PC's ROTC Patriot Battalion.


Each year, the organizers design a commemorative T-shirt in a different color.

"Brad's is woven into the fabric of the PC community. You walk through the door and you feel at home, you feel like you're in college again," said Tagliafierro.

Amy Viens, who tends bar in addition to co-owning and managing the establishment, loves that she's always among friends and family while she works. She describes the current ownership as in it for the long haul.

She said, "We love this bar. We love this neighborhood. Why would we ever want to sell a place like this?"

BRAD'S HOODIE: CHRIS JUDGE '05, '07G

"EVERY DAY IS  BRADURDAY."

— BRENDAN NELSON '13



Photos from the PC Archives show good times at Brad's in the 1980s.



She speaks for the bees



BY KAITLYN BRESNAHAN '25
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

Campus in the summer is a strange experience. During the semester, you get used to a baseline level of energy that goes unnoticed in everyday life. Sometimes, like when there is a basketball game downtown or during a long weekend, campus gets quiet, but it's nothing compared to the summer. Being here during the summer feels like a peek behind the curtain: You see all the construction projects that begin the day after graduation, and the professors are much more laid back without classes to teach and exams to grade. Especially working in an ecology lab, I see professors in the field doing what they are passionate about, rather than being stuck in a classroom.

Dr. Rachael Bonoan, assistant professor of biology, is no exception. This summer, she showed up to research in overalls with her hair in braids, looking like a student ready for a field trip. With every bee we caught, she exclaimed, "It's so cute!" and her enthusiasm and passion were contagious. As a beekeeper, I know most about honeybees, but this summer I learned so much more about all our native pollinators in a way that didn't even feel like learning. One aspect of my research focused on plant-pollinator interactions in the campus's stormwater retention gardens, which we call bioswales. I sat among the beautiful blazing star, purple wood sage, foxglove, and tall blue indigo flowers, and noted which pollinators visited which flowers. I was often seen walking around campus with a net to catch whatever bees I could find, reminding me of when my siblings and I would catch fireflies in mason jars. Dr. B taught me how to identify bees and about their characteristics. This not only helped me to develop my field identification skills, but also built the lab's atlas of Rhode Island pollinators and allowed us to give the college feedback on how these gardens are helping local pollinators.

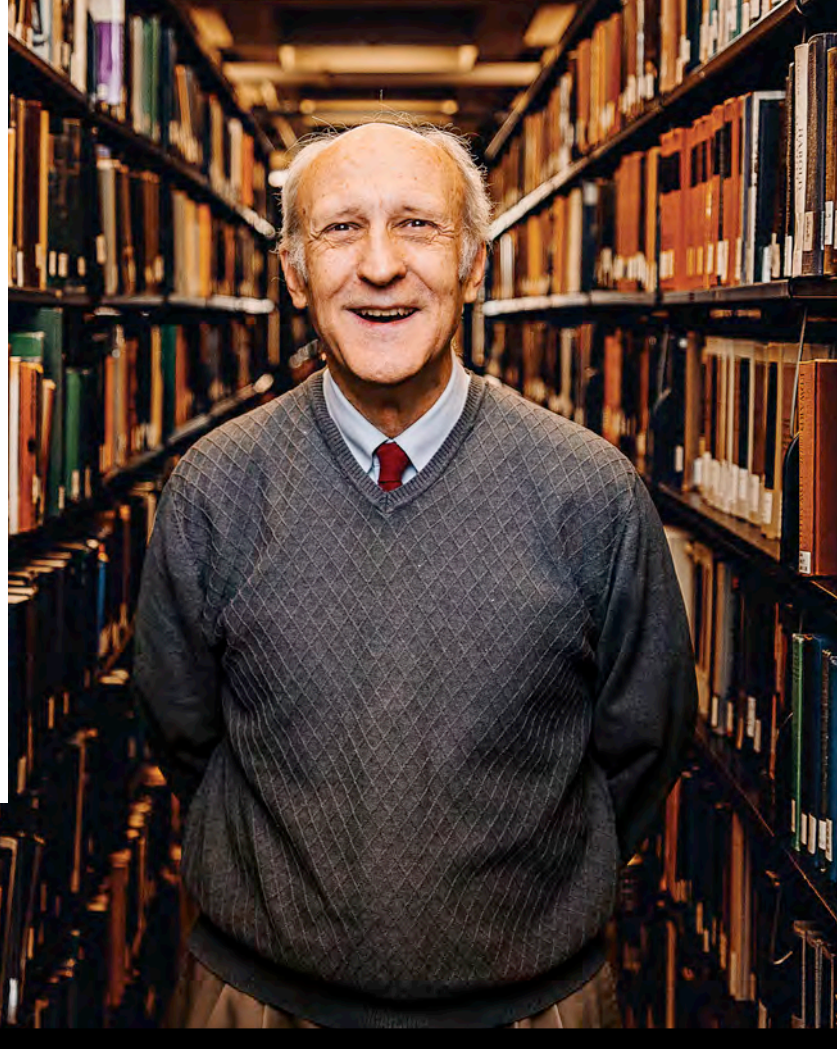
Because our pollinators are so important, and because learning about all of this makes me so excited, I hardly noticed all the skills I gained — not only practical skills for a pollinator lab, but for all kinds of research. Quick thinking and problem solving are necessary when working with live animals, especially ones as fast and tricky as

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insects with a stinger. (Let me add that most native bees rarely sting: The majority are solitary and live in individual holes in the ground without food stores or brood to protect and are therefore not aggressive.) Outreach is a huge part of our work because our native pollinators face challenges and need protection and help, so communication is another skill that my summer work helped me to develop.

I also learned how to conduct my own research project, which is unique to Dr. Bonoan's lab: Each student has their own project to investigate. I worked with local beekeepers to examine the effects that drone comb removal for Varroa mite management has on honeybee hives. While Dr. B helped us to lay out plans and gather and analyze data, we were responsible for our protocols and our project goals. Having Dr. B to help me when I needed it boosted my confidence and allowed me to explore without the fear of messing up. The support from her, from other biology faculty, and from my other professors exemplifies PC: Friars help each other in the pursuit of *veritas*. The opportunities offered by PC are building the foundation I need for a successful educational experience, for my future studies toward a Ph.D., and for a life filled with the childlike joy of watching bees on flowers. 🐝

Kaitlyn Bresnahan '25, from Osterville, Massachusetts, was awarded a Robert H. Walsh '39, '66 Hon. Student Research Fellowship to support her summer research on campus. She is a biology major and French minor and the sister of Chris Bresnahan '23.



In a changing library, George Coleman is a constant

BY MICHAEL HAGAN '15, '19G
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

George Coleman, access services assistant at Phillips Memorial Library, has been greeting patrons at the circulation desk and helping them check out books for 35 years.

In March 2023, the library celebrated Coleman's work anniversary, creating a scrapbook to mark his career, which began in spring 1988. He is the library's longest-serving employee.

"I enjoy the people, and I love the books," Coleman said. "I've profited immensely from the opportunity to read from the collection." One of his favorite library texts is *Annals of the Former World* by John McPhee, a four-volume

collection weaving geology, history, and biography as it documents the author's transcontinental journey on Interstate 80.

Coleman was raised a bibliophile. His father kept an extensive library in their home near campus. Though born in New York City, he moved with his family to Providence when he was 2 years old and attended St. Pius V School and La Salle Academy. He completed a bachelor's degree at Rhode Island College after 11 years of part-time study. He studied English with minors in history and film studies and he also worked in the RIC library.

"PEOPLE HERE ARE PATIENT AND CARING. THAT'S PC'S BEDROCK."

When he came to work at Providence College, students checked books out by feeding their plastic library card with raised numbers into an imprint machine to mark a paper catalog card. The patron took the book, and the library retained the imprinted card.

Today, students carry PC IDs with scannable bar codes that allow them to borrow books without any paper cards. The card catalog no longer exists. Instead, a digital catalog includes the combined resources of eight area colleges and universities. Add online periodicals and ebooks and the collection is exponentially larger than when Coleman started his career.

While excited by advances in library technology, Coleman prefers the tactile quality of books and library stacks to screens and online databases. He drives a 1998 Toyota Camry he is "trying to nurse to immortality" and does not own a television, preferring to listen to baseball on the radio.

"George's attention to detail and understanding of the importance of communication greatly assist the library in maintaining excellence and consistency of service during all hours of operation," said Mark Caprio, library director. "His wry sense of humor, breadth of knowledge, and great appetite for history keep us on our toes."

There's something else that hasn't changed.

"I am immensely grateful for the great variety of people I've worked and continue to work with," Coleman said. "People here are patient and caring. That's PC's bedrock." ❧

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Providence College sets new fundraising record in 2022-2023

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G

Providence College raised \$50.8 million in gifts and pledges during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the largest amount in college history. The total includes contributions from more than 11,700 alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, and friends, including 1,842 who gave for the first time.

Half of all first-time donors gave to The Fund for Providence College, PC's annual fund, which enhances the student experience by supporting the college's greatest areas of need, financial aid and emergency assistance, varsity athletics, and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Donors also demonstrated their support for the college's strategic initiatives, including the establishment of new programs in nursing and health sciences. A lead gift of \$10 million from Madeleine Mondor will help to establish the Ben Mondor Center for Nursing and Health Sciences, under construction on campus.

"A primary reason for the notable ascendancy of Providence College in recent years is the dedicated support of the great many alumni, parents, and friends who believe in our mission and purpose," said College

President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G. "Individually and collectively, they inspire our imaginings and leaven our ambitions.

"While the success of this past year is humbling, it also motivates all of us — students, faculty, staff, and alumni alike — to continue striving toward the full realization of Providence College's vast potential. We are grateful beyond words," Father Sicard said.

The generosity of supporters allowed the college to add \$12.9 million to its endowment, which now stands at \$321 million, and to direct an additional \$10.5 million to financial aid and scholarships.

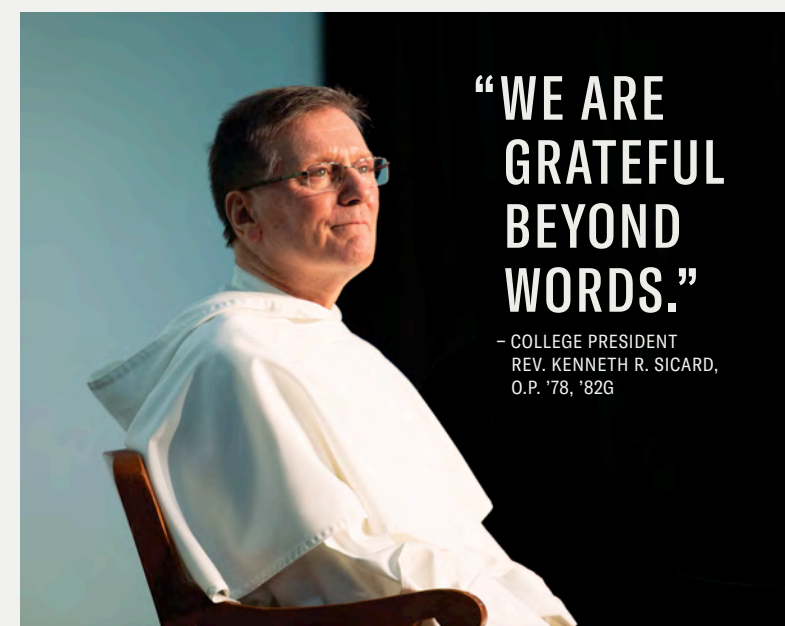
The record-setting total included \$7.4 million in gifts to PC Athletics, also the most in history, including four seven-figure gifts and newly endowed funds to support student-athletes.

While multiple six- and seven-figure gifts were received by PC during the year, more than 8,000 donors — 72% of the total — made gifts of less than \$500.

"I am grateful to my advancement colleagues and our campus partners — too many to count — for their hard

work and dedication in helping us achieve our ambitious goals," said Gregory T. Waldron, senior vice president for institutional advancement. "We are fortunate to be part of a college community where shared commitment and selfless collaboration can yield such remarkable results.

"Most importantly, we are grateful to our generous donors, whose faith in Providence College provides the inspiration that fuels the daily pursuit of our shared objectives," Waldron said. "Their commitment fosters the institution's progress toward achieving its high aspirations while making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, each and every day." ❧



— COLLEGE PRESIDENT
REV. KENNETH R. SICARD,
O.P. '78, '82G



The new school for nursing and health sciences is being constructed on the former site of Fennell Hall. It will be named in honor of Ben Mondor '04Hon., pictured below at commencement in 2004.



Nursing and health sciences building to be named in honor of Ben Mondor '04Hon.



The facility that will be home to Providence College's new School of Nursing and Health Sciences will be named in honor of Bernard Georges "Ben" Mondor '04Hon., the Rhode Island industrialist and philanthropist best known for building the Pawtucket Red Sox

into a model minor league baseball franchise by creating an unparalleled fan experience that brought the community together.

Mr. Mondor's love for the Rhode Island community was the hallmark of his leadership during his ownership tenure, which ran from 1977 until his death at age 85 in 2010.

In memory of her late husband Ben, Madeleine Mondor has made a \$10 million lead gift to the college to support

the initiative. The facility, scheduled to be completed in January 2025, will be known as the Ben Mondor Center for Nursing and Health Sciences.

"I am grateful to Madeleine for supporting Providence College and placing her trust in us," said College President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G. "She has told me many times that she aims to be a good steward of the gifts God has provided, a lovely sentiment that reflects her deep and abiding Catholic faith.

"Providence College will extend this stewardship by providing nurses with a strong Catholic educational foundation and the skills they require to address the medical and spiritual needs of patients at their most trying times," Father Sicard continued. "Our new school will educate healers, not simply technicians, and have strong ties to the Rhode Island community."

Below: Madeleine and Ben Mondor '04Hon. pictured at their home on Warwick Neck in Rhode Island in 2004.

Right: PC's first nursing and health sciences students gather on the first day of classes in August 2023.



"IT WILL BE A FITTING TRIBUTE TO MR. MONDOR, WHO HAD AN INCREDIBLE AND INSPIRING IMPACT ON RHODE ISLAND AND ITS PEOPLE THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE."

— GREGORY T. WALDRON

The Mondors' relationship with Providence College began with their friendship with College President Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. '63, who served from 1994-2005. Mr. Mondor and Father Smith bonded over their faith, Canadian upbringing, and their commitment to providing opportunity for Rhode Islanders.

Mr. Mondor acquired a bankrupt Rhode Island Red Sox team in 1977 and transformed it into one of the most successful franchises in professional baseball. Under his leadership, McCoy Stadium was extensively renovated, and the Pawtucket Red Sox went from drawing 70,000 fans in 1977 to more than 600,000 fans in six consecutive seasons, from 2004-2009.

In recognition of Mr. Mondor's record of community service and his contributions to baseball, PC awarded him an honorary doctor of business administration degree in 2004.

Establishment of a School of Nursing and Health Sciences was a goal set by Father Sicard in his inaugural address as president in October 2021. In addition to addressing the nationwide shortage of nurses and health

care providers, the new school fits perfectly with the college's Catholic and Dominican mission because of its focus on the care of others, respect for the dignity of every person, and the importance of service to God and neighbor, Father Sicard said.

The first nursing and health sciences students began their studies this fall. The five-story, state-of-the-art Mondor Center is being built on the former site of Fennell Hall. Encompassing 125,000 square feet, the building will feature high-tech teaching and learning environments for clinical nursing simulation, anatomy, and physiology, and academic spaces to support engaged student learning.

While the new facility is being built, students are studying in temporary labs and classrooms constructed in the Feinstein Academic Center, formerly Stephen Hall.

"With this gift, Mrs. Mondor is planting seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come," said Gregory T. Waldron, PC's senior vice president for institutional advancement. "It will be a fitting tribute to Mr. Mondor, who had an incredible and inspiring impact on Rhode Island and its people throughout his life." ❧

RENDERING: SLAM. MONDORS: COURTESY OF PC ARCHIVES. FIRST NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS: LAURA KILGUS



Mendoza receives Accinno Award



Saaid Mendoza, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, received the Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award for 2022-2023. The honor is presented annually to the faculty member “who best exhibits excellence in teaching,

passion and enthusiasm for learning, and genuine concern for students’ academic and personal growth.”

Mendoza, who has a Ph.D. from New York University, joined the PC faculty in 2014. In addition to teaching, he mentors student researchers in his Social Perception and Attitudes Lab, which investigates psychological questions related to issues of group-based stereotyping and discrimination. Results of the research, often co-written by students, have been published in peer-reviewed journals and presented at conferences.

Mendoza also serves as faculty-in-residence for the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and received the college’s Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Vision Award in 2021. As a Riccobono Academic Resilience Faculty Fellow, he is an advocate for raising mental health awareness and reducing its stigma.

Faculty retirements

(As of July 1, 2023)

MICHAEL L. HAYES, PH.D.

Assistant professor of social work
Teaching at PC since 1999

KEITH W. MORTON, PH.D.

Professor of public and community service studies
Teaching at PC since 1984
Will continue as professor emeritus

Levy named Faculty Scholar



Ian Christopher Levy, Ph.D., professor of theology, received the Outstanding Faculty Scholar Award for 2022-2023. The award is presented to a faculty mem-

ber who demonstrates the highest standards in research, scholarship, and contributions to an academic field.

Levy, who holds a Ph.D. from Marquette University, joined the PC faculty in 2010. His research focus is medieval biblical exegesis, the sacraments, and ecclesiology, with a particular interest in tracing the roles of authority, tradition, and conscience in the determination of Catholic doctrine. His 2018 book, *Introducing Medieval Biblical Interpretation: The Senses of Scripture in Premodern Biblical Exegesis*, won an award from the journal Christianity Today.

Levy received a PC Summer Scholar Grant in 2022 to aid in the completion of his new book, *Freedom of Conscience and Religious Liberty in the Late Middle Ages*, which examines how theologians developed sophisticated and nuanced arguments in defense of religious liberty and freedom of conscience that could not be infringed upon by secular or ecclesiastical authorities.

Four alumni join faculty

Among the 35 full-time, tenure-track faculty members hired to teach for the 2023-2024 academic year are four alumni:

- **Molly C. Driessen, Ph.D. '12** is an assistant professor of social work, while her husband, **Carmine Perrotti, Ph.D. '11**, is an assistant professor of public and community service studies. They are graduates of the University of Minnesota.
- **Ryan J. Post, Ph.D. '14**, a graduate of Cornell University, is an assistant professor of psychology teaching in the neuroscience program.
- **Jillian D. Waugh, R.N., MSN '04**, is an assistant clinical professor of nursing.

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ILEANA SOTO REYES, PH.D.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
OF BIOLOGY

EDUCATION: Ph.D., biology and anatomy, University of Puerto Rico; bachelor’s degree in general sciences, University of Puerto Rico

BEGAN TEACHING AT PC: Fall 2022

EXPERTISE: Neuroscience, the study of the nervous system; neurodegenerative diseases and neurodevelopmental disorders caused by genetic mutations

NEWSWORTHY: Soto Reyes received a National Institutes of Health R15 Research Enhancement Award to study a mutation associated with Niemann-Pick Type C Disease, a rare genetic disorder that inhibits transportation of cholesterol and other lipids in cells, resulting in fatal accumulation of fats in the brain and other tissues of the body.

CURRENT PROJECTS: Soto Reyes and her students are studying a genetic mutation that causes brain overgrowth and is associated with autism and certain cancers. The specific gene, PTEN, is in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance and coordination, but Soto Reyes is investigating its connections to the brain’s frontal cortex, which controls social function.

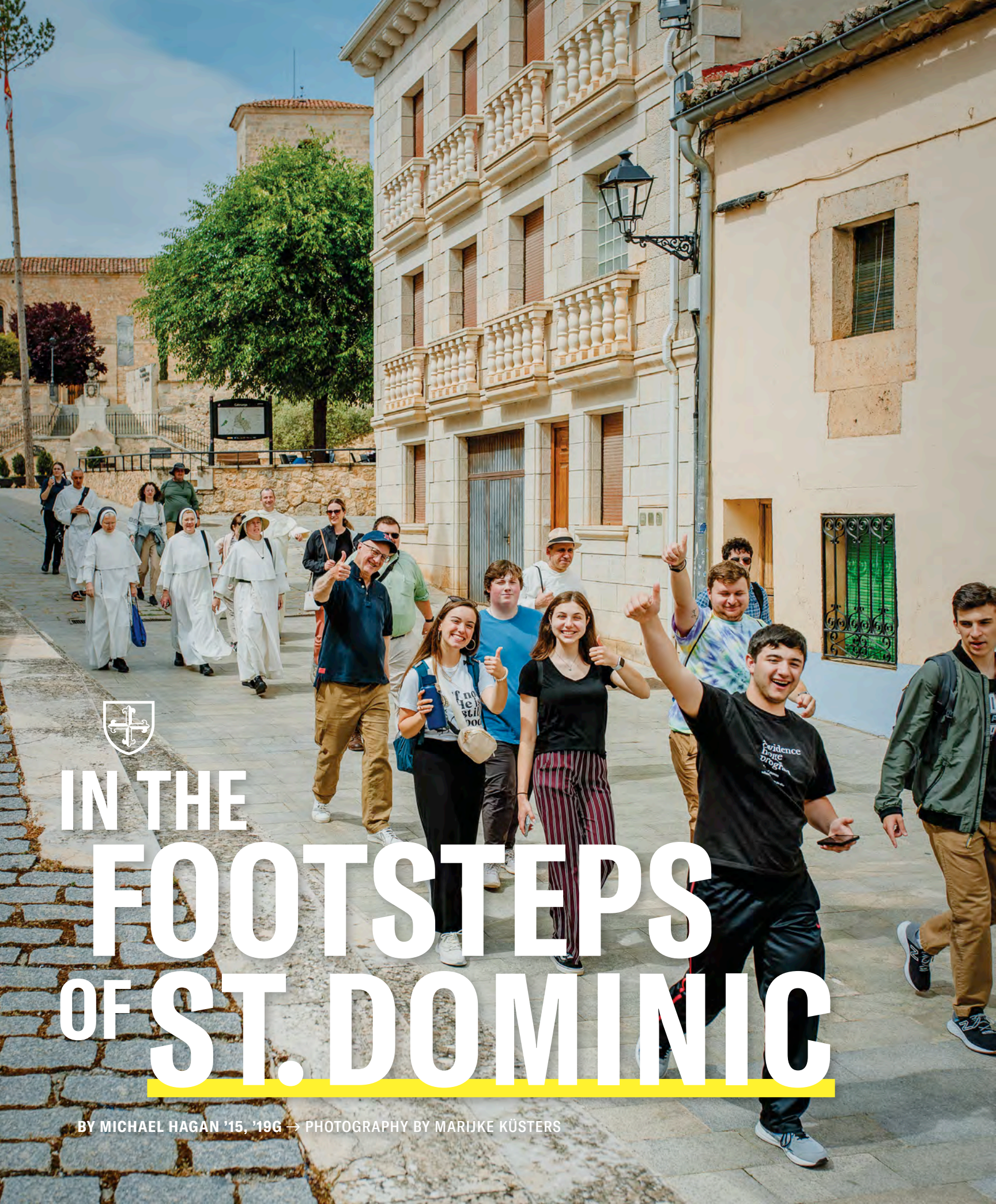
QUOTABLE: “If you want to understand human behavior, I can show you parts of the brain that have to do with compassion and anger. If you want to treat chemical imbalances that lead to depression, that’s neuroscience. If we understand our brains and how they affect our behavior, we can be more tolerant and caring.”

ORIGINALLY FROM: Bayamon, Puerto Rico

HOBBIES: Developed a love of hiking on a post-doctoral fellowship in Bar Harbor, Maine; is interested in learning more about theology.

— MICHAEL HAGAN '15, '19G

FACULTY FOCUS



IN THE
FOOTSTEPS
OF ST. DOMINIC

BY MICHAEL HAGAN '15, '19G → PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARIJKE KÜSTERS

A PILGRIMAGE IS A JOURNEY

from one home toward a home of a different kind. The pilgrim is called to a place of personal or shared significance. The Red Sox fan journeys to Fenway Park, the hiker treks the Appalachian Trail, a family visits its ancestral land. The believer sojourns toward God.

In a first-of-its-kind experience at Providence College, 19 students and young alumni (including two seminarians), accompanied by four Dominican priests, three Dominican sisters, and a faculty member, traveled in the footsteps of Saint Dominic through Spain and France on an 11-day pilgrimage in May and June. Sponsored by Campus Ministry and open to all members of the college community, the pilgrimage brought the travelers to Dominic’s birthplace and other locations significant to his life.

In 1216, Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221) founded the Order of Preachers, the religious order which established and administers PC. Today there are more than 5,500 Dominican friars around the world.

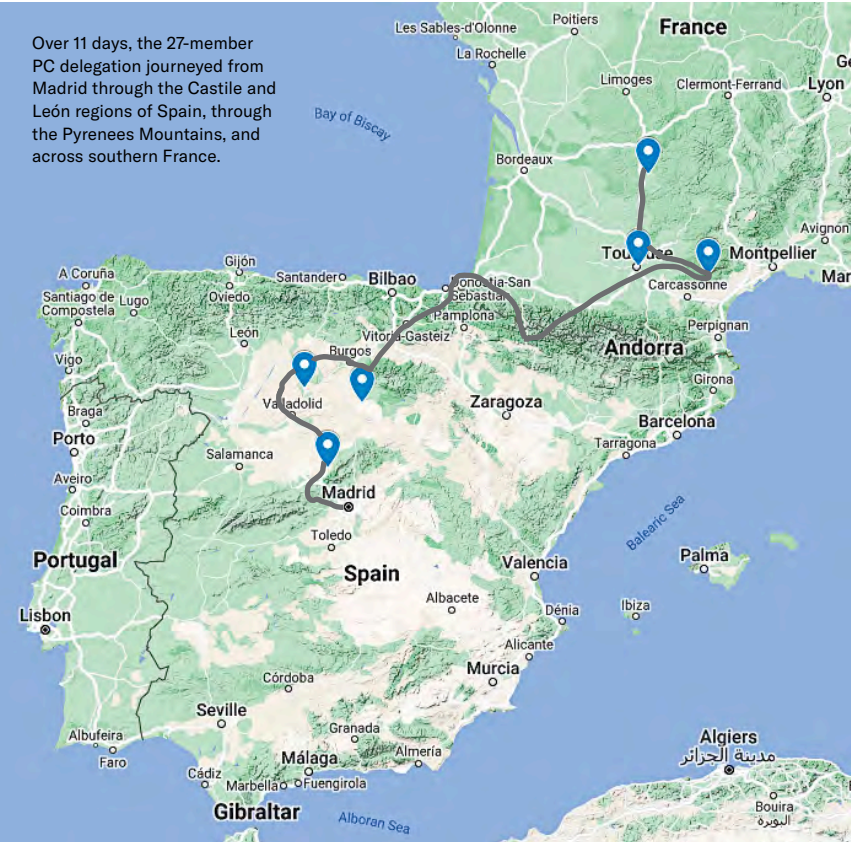
“The pilgrimage is a way to better know and love Saint Dominic through an immersion into his origin story,” said College Chaplain Rev. Justin Bolger, O.P. “There are many joys and graces to receive in any pilgrimage, but the hope is that walking in the footsteps of Saint Dominic inspires a greater love of him and our beloved Dominican school.”

The sun shone as the pilgrims left campus by bus for Boston Logan International Airport and an ambitious, arduous journey. After an overnight flight across six time zones, they arrived in Madrid for a passport check at mid-day with no plans for rest until after a late dinner that night in their hotel. Transported by bus throughout the pilgrimage, they still logged an average of 16,000 steps daily on foot. They slept in religious houses and modest hotels, and they prayed the Divine Office several times a day using an app on their smart phones. →

MAP: CHRIS JUDGE '05, '07G



A statue of Saint Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers, outside Saint Paul's Church in Palencia.



Over 11 days, the 27-member PC delegation journeyed from Madrid through the Castile and León regions of Spain, through the Pyrenees Mountains, and across southern France.

Segovia, Spain

In Segovia, 60 miles north of Madrid, the Friar pilgrims emerged from their bus into the shadow of an ancient Roman aqueduct. Built in the first century A.D., it brought water from mountain springs 11 miles away to the city until 1973. Segovia is the location of a cave where Dominic prayed for others and self-administered harsh physical penances through long nights in the city where he preached by day. The hollow in the rocky hillside is now a gilded chapel with a sculpture of Dominic in penance before the crucified Christ behind the altar.

The pilgrims studied the dimly lit space as they awaited Mass celebrated by Father Justin; Rev. Irenaeus Dunlevy, O.P., assistant chaplain; and assistant professors of theology Rev. Isaac Morales, O.P. and Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P. Assisting were two seminary students from the dioceses of Providence and Manchester, Adam Habershaw '23 and Spencer Gregory '24.

“A Dominican without study is **LIKE A STOOL** missing a leg.”

In his homily, Father Dominic explained that Christian pilgrimage originated as a penitential practice. While the Friar pilgrims may not be called to penances as grueling as Dominic's (“Though it worked for him; he is a saint, after all,” Father Dominic said), the early mornings, many miles on foot, and other challenges ahead were opportunities to embrace a penitent spirit.

After Mass and reflection came a walking tour of the old city and its cathedral, an impromptu stop for chocolate-dipped churros that a patron promised “will change your lives,” and finally, dinner and sleep after more than 24 hours of travel.

Caleruega and Palencia, Spain

The next days were spent exploring sites of Dominic's childhood and youth. In Palencia, where Dominic studied, an elderly man in clerical garb, being pushed in a wheelchair, noticed the friars and sisters and gestured toward them. A 96-year-old Carmelite friar, he then blessed the pilgrims and asked them to pray for him as they traveled.

While Dominic was a student, famine afflicted the region. Moved with compassion, he is said to have sold his books and used the money to feed the hungry. Hand lettered on parchment made from animal skins, these volumes were already valuable. Annotated in Dominic's hand, they were the irreplaceable tangible records of innumerable hours of study.

“I will not study on dead skins when living skins are dying of hunger,” Dominic said.

From Palencia the pilgrims traveled 70 miles to Caleruega, Dominic's birthplace. As they approached the small town, the multilane highway dwindled to a two-lane road. Rolling hills were painted red with poppies. Every several miles, the

route wound through small villages comprised of houses and shops densely arranged around old churches.

Caleruega is built into a hillside. Over it stands a stone watchtower that belonged to Dominic's family. The village is home to a house of Dominican friars, a monastery of Dominican nuns, and two cafés. Beneath a 16th century church adjacent to the nuns' monastery is a crypt chapel with a well that is said to mark the exact location of Dominic's birth. The Friar pilgrims, following custom, drank from the well; the water was cold with a slight mineral taste. Behind the crypt's altar, mosaics depicted Dominic's nine ways, or postures, of prayer.

After Mass in the crypt, the pilgrims were invited to the entrance of the nearby nuns' cloister. Six women in white Dominican habits with black veils and rosaries, faces framed by traditional white cloths called coifs, waited at an open iron gate. These contemplative Dominican nuns live austere lives of prayer and work, never leaving the monastery except for medical appointments or to care for ailing parents. Father Dominic facilitated conversation in translation from Spanish.

“We are inside the cloister physically, but our soul is with you every day,” said one sister.

Saint Dominic established houses of nuns to pray for his order, a vocation the sisters carry on today, praying together and individually from before dawn into the night. To support themselves, they bake cookies in 11 varieties, several of which they kindly gifted to the pilgrims. And “like good Dominicans,” they study.

“A Dominican without study is like a stool missing a leg,” the sister said.

When Father Dominic translated the sister's counsel, “Never cease to be surprised by creation nor to know that there is something much greater than us,” she waved her finger.

“Not something. Someone,” she corrected.

As the pilgrims prepared to leave, it was suggested that the American Dominicans pose for a photo with the Spanish nuns — “a family portrait.” Immediately after, a nun asked if they could take a photo with the students as well.



Four cloistered nuns at the iron gate of the Monastery of Santo Domingo in Caleruega wait to greet the PC pilgrims. They leave only for medical appointments or to care for aging parents.

“We pray every day for young people like you. It is a great joy to meet you,” she said.

Osma and Domingo de Silos, Spain

The next morning, the pilgrims boarded the bus from Caleruega for the walled medieval city of Osma, site of the cathedral where Dominic was a canon following his priestly ordination. A canon is a member of a community of priests attached to a particular cathedral, often living by regulations and practices known as a rule. At Osma, Dominic lived according to the Rule of Saint Augustine. To this day, Dominicans base their community life on Augustine's rule.

That evening, the pilgrims hiked a trail along a gorge and through fields of wheat to Domingo de Silos, site of a Benedictine monastery where Dominic's mother, Blessed Jane of Aza, prayed after dreaming of giving birth to a dog with a torch in its mouth that leapt forth and set the world ablaze. The dog and the torch, often portrayed together as in the dream, endure as symbols of the Dominican Order. —>



A 96-year-old Carmelite friar in Palencia converses with Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P. From left are Rev. Justin Bolger, O.P., Sister Anne Frances Klein, O.P., and Rev. Irenaeus Dunlevy, O.P.

Through patches of light rain, the pilgrims walked and sang as Father Justin, a member of the musical group known as the Hillbilly Thomists, played a small guitar. They sang folk spirituals like Down to the River to Pray, casting a distinctly American sound over the Castilian countryside.

Lourdes, France

The pilgrims traveled next to Lourdes, France, stopping for a few hours in the seaside city of San Sebastián in northeastern Spain’s Basque region. On the other side of the Pyrenees Mountains, they arrived in Lourdes in time for the nightly candlelit procession through the grounds below the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. The procession honors and prays for the intercession of Mary, mother of Jesus, who is said to have appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old girl living in poverty in Lourdes, in 1858.

At the front of the procession is a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in white and pale blue and holding a rosary of pearls, as she was described by Soubirous, who was canonized in 1933. Following behind are thousands of faithful from all parts of the world, some of the six million pilgrims who visit Lourdes each year seeking healing. From the basilica steps, dozens of volunteers pray the rosary in numerous languages,

alternating tongues between each prayer. At the conclusion of each decade of the rosary, the pilgrims lift their candles and sing a verse and refrain of Immaculate Mary.

“Walking and praying and singing with thousands of pilgrims from all over the world, I thought — heaven must feel something like this,” said Liz Varous ’25, an accounting and theology major from Commack, New York. “So many different people joined together in prayer and praise.”

As the procession made its way toward the façade of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary (beneath the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception), the pilgrims recognized a familiar scene in the relief above the doorway: Dominic receiving the rosary from Mary, the same episode depicted in the War Memorial Grotto on campus. Warmly illumined under a clear night sky, the vision called to mind the O Lumen prayer to Dominic the pilgrims prayed throughout the journey:

“O light of the church, teacher of truth,
Rose of patience, ivory of chastity,
You freely poured forth the waters of wisdom,
Preacher of grace, unite us with the blessed.”

**“I thought —
HEAVEN must
feel something
like this ...”** — LIZ VAROUS ’25

Toulouse and Soréze, France

In Toulouse, today the fourth largest city in France, Dominic founded the first house of friars. The house was a gift from Peter Seila, son of a wealthy merchant. Seila offered Dominic his house and then his whole life, joining the nascent order and leaving his riches behind.

The pilgrims celebrated Mass in Toulouse above the relics of Thomas Aquinas in the Church of the Jacobins, a nickname given to the Dominican friars in medieval France, where their first house in Paris was in the Rue Saint-Jacques. On the eve of the French Revolution, the radical

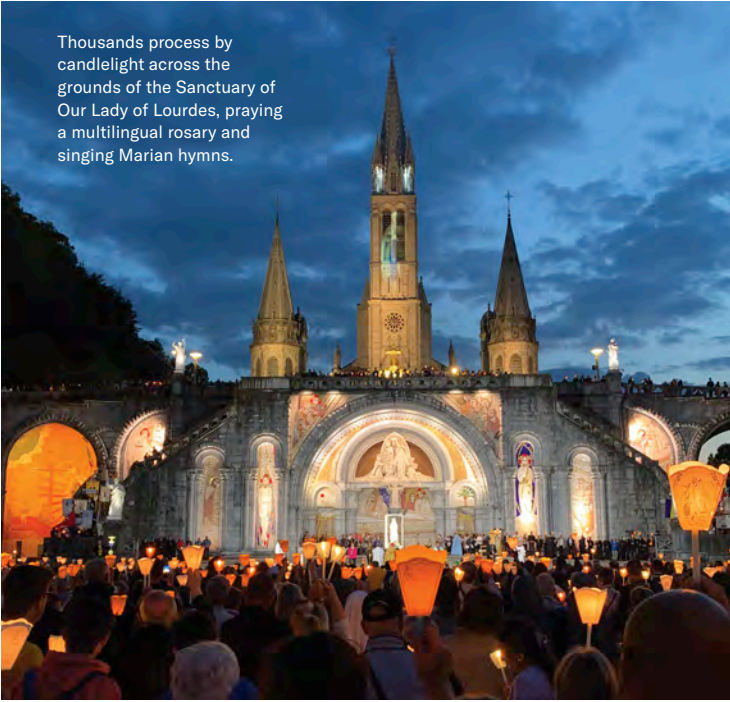
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Clockwise, from top: Sarah Klema '23, Rev. Justin Bolger, O.P., Nicholas Baker '26, Michael Gioffre '26, and Elizabeth Duffy '23 with chocolate-dipped churros outside a Segovia café; Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P., distributes communion at daily Mass; the tomb in Calereuga of Friar Manuel Suárez, O.P., master of the Dominican Order from 1946 until his death in an automobile crash in 1954; Samuel Rosa '26 and Liz Varous '25 in Calereuga.



Thousands process by candlelight across the grounds of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, praying a multilingual rosary and singing Marian hymns.





The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Antoninus in Palencia was constructed over the course of nearly 200 years, from 1321-1516.



Left: A Dominican sister uses a modern device to capture the beauty of the medieval Palencia cathedral.

Jacobin faction got its name because its early meetings were held in rented space in a Dominican priory. Not long after, the revolutionary government suppressed that priory along with all monasteries and vowed religious life in France.

During communion, Gregory, a philosophy major and seminarian for the Diocese of Manchester, sang Pange Lingua Gloriosi and Adoro te Devote, eucharistic hymns composed by Aquinas.

“Singing Aquinas’ words beside his relics and before the Eucharist was moving beyond description. And though they’re only his earthly remains, I felt the pressure — he was right there,” Gregory said.

As they explored the villages and countryside of southern France where Dominic established his order and fought the Albigensian heresy (which held that matter was evil and only spirit was good), the pilgrims were guided by Rev. Renaud Silly, O.P., a Dominican friar of the Province of Toulouse and scholar of scripture and the history of the Dominican Order in France. —>



Christopher Bresnahan '23 learns about the crypt beneath the Palencia cathedral from Rev. Irenaeus Dunlevy, O.P., who has a master's degree in architecture.

They visited the grave of Henri-Dominique Lacordaire, the 19th century Dominican who reestablished the order in France after its dissolution in the revolution. Father Renaud described Lacordaire’s navigation of tensions between his political liberalism and Catholic faith. Lacordaire saw Christian virtues of faith, hope, and charity as compatible with the revolutionary values of liberty, fraternity, and equality. Religious life was not merely compatible with liberal ideals; it could be an expression of them, because only the free man or woman could meaningfully and voluntarily profess religious vows.



From left, Avery Schaub '25, Liz Varous '25, Michael Gioffre '26, and Sarah Klema '23 in the wings of the Palencia cathedral.

Prouilhe and Fanjeaux, France

Father Renaud led the pilgrims to Prouilhe, where they met Dominican sisters at the first monastery founded by Dominic for Dominican nuns, and Fanjeaux, where they celebrated Mass in a chapel in the house where Dominic lived as a parish priest. They walked from Prouilhe through hills covered with fields of grain and wildflowers, praying the rosary as they went, and gaining elevation until they reached Fanjeaux. It was over these hills that Dominic experienced a vision of a ball of flame descending in the night sky and hovering over Prouilhe below.

As they climbed, a vision of their own unfolded. Days before, a nun in Caleruega had told the pilgrims, “When you see the vast expanse of the country, call to mind the great expanse of Dominic’s love, the boundlessness of God’s love. Never close your eyes to this.”

Walking in Dominic’s footsteps and standing where he stood, the pilgrims took in what Dominic’s eyes saw. They



“My prayer is that each pilgrim, **INSPIRED BY SAINT DOMINIC,** embraces and shares his charism at Providence College.” — SISTER MATTHEW MARIE CUMMINGS, O.P., CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION

prayed that by sharing this vision, their spiritual vision might be renewed and deepened — the hope of the pilgrimage from the beginning.

On the Solemnity of the Assumption in August 1217, Dominic gathered his small cadre of friars in Prouilhe to announce a decision that would change their lives, the church, and the world. At Dominic’s command and over the friars’ protests, the young community would disperse abroad. They would be university students and teachers, parish priests, and missionaries of mercy. They would establish new houses and grow their ranks. Centuries later, in 1917, they would found Providence College.

“You will no longer abide in the sanctuary of Prouilhe. The world henceforth is your home ... Go, therefore, into the world and teach all nations,” Dominic told his brothers.

Whether “friar” is their vocation or their mascot (or both), members of the Providence College community participate in this legacy every day.

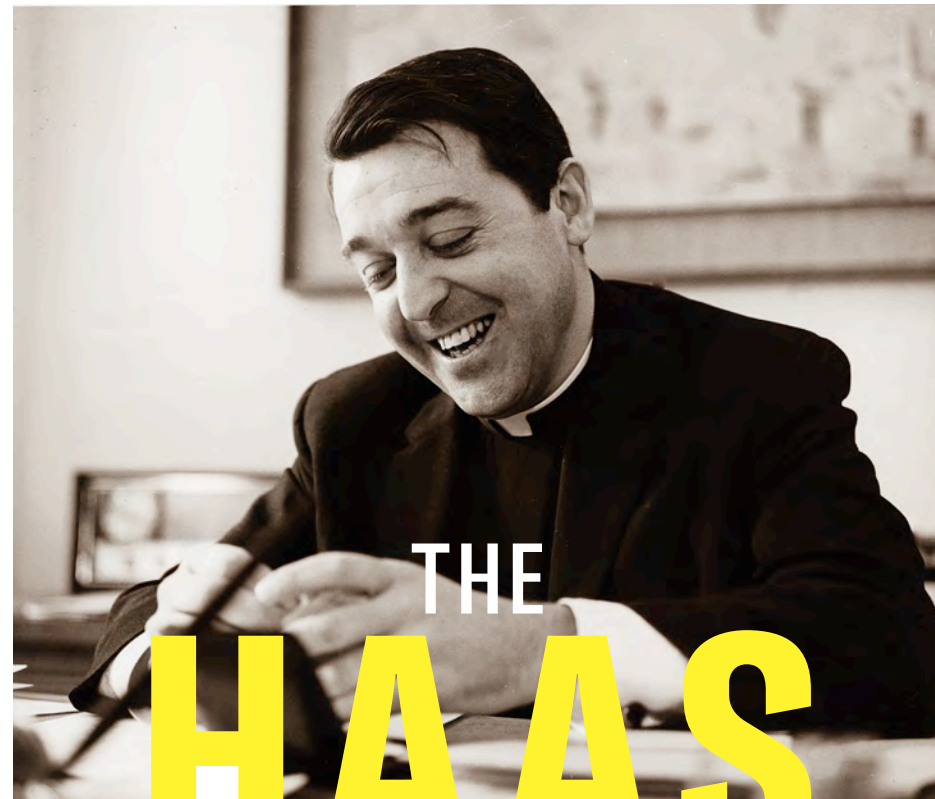
“My prayer is that each pilgrim, inspired by Saint Dominic, embraces and shares his charism at Providence College,” said Sister Matthew Marie Cummings, O.P., clinical professor of education. “May all Friars — each of us — be grounded in Dominic’s spirit.”

A pilgrimage is a journey from one home toward a home of a different kind. The Friar pilgrims journeyed from the home they made at Providence College to the medieval home of the Dominican Order. But it was their great joy to find that in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in each other, they were at home every step of the way. ☒



Above: Rev. Justin Bolger, O.P., a member of the Hillbilly Thomists bluegrass band, traveled with a guitar, enlivening walks and bus rides with song. Below: Gavin Buttafuoco '26, Claire Dancause '26, and Sarah Klema '23 in the cloister adjoining the Palencia cathedral.

Editor's Note: William Paul Haas, Ph.D. '48, the eighth president of Providence College, died May 9, 2023, in Glastonbury, Connecticut. This reflection is an excerpt from *Providence College in the 1960s: An Era of Change*, written by Mario DiNunzio, Ph.D. '57, '22Hon., professor emeritus of history.



THE HAAS YEARS

BY MARIO DiNUNZIO, Ph.D. '57, '22Hon.

A TURNING POINT IN the history of Providence College came in 1965 upon the retirement of the venerable and highly respected president, Rev. Vincent Dore, O.P. '23. The Province of St. Joseph had elected a new provincial, Rev. Louis Every, O.P. Every was not an academic; he had recently returned from mission work in Pakistan. But he was very much interested in the college, and in line with what was happening in Rome at the time of the Second Vatican Council, he sought a kind of *aggiornamento*, or modernizing, of the college. Every, as was the custom then, appointed a successor to Dore. He chose a 36-year-old Dominican who had

taught philosophy at the college a few years earlier but was doing post-doctoral study at Notre Dame. He was Rev. William Paul Haas, O.P. '48, who brought a new administration and new life to Providence College.

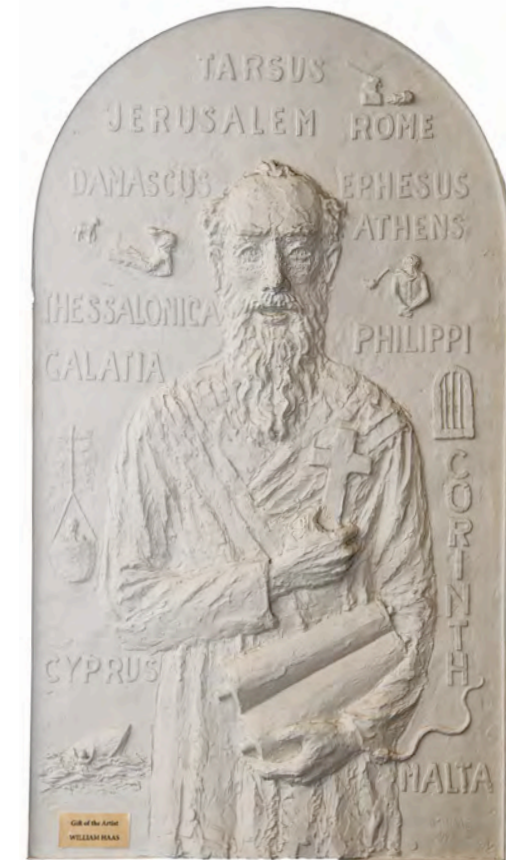
Among his first appointments, Father Haas named Paul van K. Thomson to fill a new office, vice president for academic administration. Thomson was an Episcopal priest who converted to Catholicism after he joined the PC faculty in 1948. In 1956, when he decided to accept a position at Newton College of the Sacred Heart, near Boston, College President Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P. '28, asked him to

name his price for remaining at PC. The price was permission to establish a humanities honors program. Thomson stayed and the first honors class was recruited from among the entering freshmen in the fall of 1957.

William Haas was a talented leader and an excellent and persuasive speaker. His command of language, timing, and nuance inevitably captivated his audiences from the lectern as well as the pulpit. When a last-minute cancellation left the college without a commencement speaker in 1966, Father Haas delivered what many faculty agreed was the best commencement address they had ever heard. He was also a gifted painter and sculptor. His plaque depicting the life of Saint Paul hangs in the Ruane Center for the Humanities. He was also possessed of sensitive political skills. In some ways Haas was Lincolnesque in dealing with difficult situations.

This was an era of frequent student protests at American universities, including Providence College. One springtime students decided to march on the president's office with non-negotiable demands. ("Non-negotiable" inevitably accompanied student demands in the Sixties.) As students jammed the presidential complex, Haas pointed out there were too many for all to hear. Why not go to the lower-level auditorium so that all could join in. The students agreed; the president won the first round. Father Haas climbed to the stage, looked at the demands and said, "Is this all?" He could think of a lot more that was wrong. He proceeded to detail his hopes for progress at Providence College. When he finished, the non-negotiators gave him a standing ovation and left the hall. It was some time before they realized they'd been had, and it was too embarrassing to renew the protest. Besides, exams were approaching, and the summer break was near.

Father Haas always spoke with an awareness of his audience and an understanding of time and place. He accepted an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate address to the Brown University graduating class of 1967. At the First Baptist Church he wore his Dominican habit instead of traditional academic attire to dramatize the occasion of a Catholic priest of a medieval order speaking from the pulpit of a Reformation church. There he reflected on the ecumenical hopes of the Second Vatican Council. Introducing himself as one dressed in a friar's garb, stained with blood of fellow Christians and Jews at the hands of the Inquisition, he spoke in the spirit of a long-delayed reconciliation after centuries of vicious hostilities. He made it a deeply moving event.



William Haas was a painter and sculptor. His plaque of St. Paul is displayed in the Ruane Center for the Humanities. He also painted the college's official portrait of President Rev. Vincent Dore, O.P. '23.

Among the first tasks of the new administration was to organize a centralized faculty structure. In the preceding era, with few lay faculty, department chairs hired new faculty and there was no central personnel file. Thomson called on all faculty to submit credentials and discovered that in a couple of cases degree claims were questionable. What followed was establishment of a Committee on Rank and Tenure, a formal process for granting tenure and promotions, and standards for new hires as the lay faculty grew.

The faculty was generally welcoming and cooperative with the Haas-Thomson administration but showed independence. In 1965 a college chapter of the American Association of University Professors was formed, though the administration had counseled delay. On the evening of November 9, 1965, the lights went out. It was the great blackout of the northeastern United States. With classes abruptly ended, a small group of faculty retreated to the cafeteria, which had emergency lighting. With coffee and a yen to influence the direction of the new administration, they hatched a plan to form a chapter of the AAUP. —>

PHOTO: PETER GOLDBERG

At that time the AAUP had great influence on the standards governing faculty in American colleges and universities. Despite the president's reservations, the chapter was established.

Among the first actions was a call to create a Faculty Senate, to which the president responded positively. The Senate was instrumental in reshaping college tenure and promotion standards, providing for the election of department chairs by faculty, gaining faculty representation on the college budget committee, and endorsing the establishment of a psychology department and programs in drama and film, art, and music.

The Senate also took the first failed step toward co-education in 1968. A resolution to study the possibility of admitting women failed to pass. Many all-male Catholic colleges had begun to admit women in the face of declining enrollment. The administration was reluctant, insisting that the college

The study committee, which included students and faculty, was led by Thomson and English Professor Rene Fortin, an award-winning teacher and respected scholar who served as director of the college honors program. Also serving on the committee was Rodney Delasanta, an equally gifted teacher and prolific scholar, and Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P. '51, dean of students. They interviewed members of every department, tested ideas, and solicited suggestions. The result was a proposal for a completely new core curriculum, with a sharp reduction in requirements and much innovation.

The centerpiece was a four-semester, 20-credit course, the Development of Western Civilization. This was an adaptation of a kind of "great books" course in the college honors program. A key difference was that books were to be studied in historical and cultural context. The course

one's education. The Development of Western Civilization Program became the centerpiece of a Providence College education.

The period from 1968-1971 was a tumultuous time for the college and the country. The college was confronted with repeated episodes of protest against the Vietnam war. There was some feeling on campus that the government's military policy should not be questioned in war time, and the issue was much debated. By a vote of the Faculty Senate and with the approval of the president, the college joined the nationwide Moratorium in October 1969, when classes were suspended for "teach-ins" and antiwar speeches on the lawn in front of Aquinas Hall.

The climax of anti-Vietnam protests came in response to the shooting of student protestors at Kent State University in May 1970. During a special evening session, with the president in attendance signing bills as they were passed, the Senate voted to join the national academic strike protesting the war. There was only one dissenting vote. Several tense days followed, and given the disruption, the administration announced that final exams would be optional.

In 1971, after six years of intense and transformative activity, Father Haas resigned the presidency and was succeeded by Father Peterson. Father Haas remained at the college, joining a team to teach in the first year of the Civ program. He left during the 1972-1973 academic year for post-doctoral studies at Boston University. During that year he appealed to the Vatican for laicization, was approved, and subsequently married Pauline Burke, who had been his secretary. Rev. Charles Duffy, O.P., his seminary classmate, officiated. Moving to Massachusetts, he became president of North Adams State College. He later returned to Rhode Island to live in Newport and teach philosophy at Bryant University and Salve Regina University.

Thomson remained as vice president and continued to lead and inspire academic progress. In 1980, when the Vatican opened a path to ordination for Episcopal priests who had converted to Catholicism, Thomson was deemed qualified, and, still the vice president, became a Catholic priest with a wife and seven children. A moment of arresting drama occurred when Father Thomson was assisting at St. Mary's Church in Newport. Father Thomson presided at the



William Haas was interviewed by Mike Leonard '70, '00Hon. for *The Promise of Providence*, a film produced for the college's centennial in 2016. View it at prov.ly/centennial-film.

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should continue as it was, preserving “a healthy all-male atmosphere.” The next year saw a continuing drop in enrollment and a steep budget deficit. Prudence dictated reconsideration, and in the 1969-1970 session, the Senate adopted a resolution to admit women, and the administration approved. Women were enrolled in the freshman class in 1971 and quickly displayed their scholarly expertise.

Among the greatest achievements of the Haas administration was the revision of the college curriculum. The curriculum demanded so many required courses that there was little opportunity for elective choices, and in most majors six courses per semester were needed to meet all requirements. These included 18 credits in theology, 18 in philosophy, and more required courses in history, English, and a foreign language. When Father Dore was dean of students in the 1950s, the “big board” in his office contained a card slot for every course offered. There were so many requirements and so many multiple sections that Father Dore solved any problems with a quick reference to the board. Sometimes the solution was accompanied by the phrase, “For your elective you will take ...”

combined studies in history, literature, philosophy, religion, art, and music. Classes were to meet five hours per week and be team-taught by members of the relevant departments. The proposal became the focus of intense debate. The education and business departments, with heavy requirements for majors, feared the new core would cut into their credits. Many Dominicans, especially but not exclusively in philosophy and theology, were firmly opposed because it would reduce the number of credits in those departments to a total of 12 and stray from the Thomistic character of their courses. The history department divided evenly, pro and con; and the English department strongly favored the proposal.

The 1969-1970 session of the Faculty Senate passed the new core curriculum by an overwhelming vote. The legislation was signed and strongly applauded by Father Haas. The architects were inspired by Cardinal John Henry Newman's *The Idea of a University*. They understood that, beyond specialized knowledge, an understanding of the interplay of history and culture was essential to the development of the mind and serious pursuit of excellence in

Eucharist, Pauline Haas was the Eucharistic minister, and she offered communion to layman Bill Haas. Real life is often stranger than fiction.

The Haas-Thomson years were important for Providence College. The objective was to build a reputation for excellence among American colleges that would draw honor and attract students. The effort was dedicated to fulfilling the traditional mission of the Order and the college. With a healthy working relationship between administration and faculty, the project succeeded. Faculty volunteered much time and energy to the work of reform. Devoted to their teaching and scholarship, they also displayed a deep sense of commitment to the college as an institution. That spirit was captured one day by Rene Fortin when he described the college as “this sacred place.” For years, Providence College ran on the steam generated during that period. ■

Mario DiNunzio, Ph.D. '57, '22Hon., professor emeritus of history, began teaching at Providence College in 1960 and was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree at commencement in 2022. His reflection, Providence College in the 1960s: An Era of Change, is available at Phillips Memorial Library and at digitalcommons.providence.edu.



WOMEN'S
COACH
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COACHES' CHOICE

Erin Batth and Kim English, the new head coaches for women's and men's basketball, are preparing for the start of the season. As basketball excitement builds in Friartown, we asked them to share some of their favorite things.



Treat others **the way**
you **want to be** treated.



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WOMEN'S COACH **ERIN BATTH**

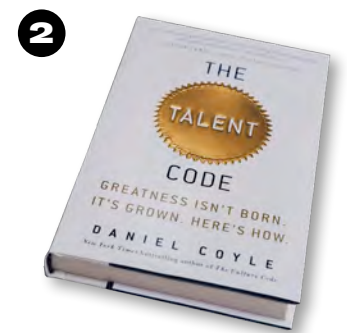
- 1 Jesus is my hero because he is the son of God and my savior. I can always count on him. Apart from him, I can do nothing. He is my firm foundation, and he has a sense of humor. The joy of the Lord is my strength.
- 2 The Golden Rule.
- 3 Jordan 1 Lows, because you can wear them with anything. You can dress them up or down.
- 4 Star Wars is the ultimate battle between good and evil. I love the creativity and imagination written in the movie.
- 5 I love different types of music! I don't really have a favorite.
- 6 Anything chocolate. I love candy!

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MEN'S COACH **KIM ENGLISH**

- 1 Jesus is my hero because of Calvary, because of his great sacrifice, because of salvation, because of grace.
- 2 *The Talent Code* by Daniel Coyle is a book I reread often. The book highlights some of the essential characteristics for success in some of the world's greatest hotbeds for success.
- 3 Travis Scott x Air Jordan Low OG SP Black Phantoms. I wear a lot of all black and these sneakers present a way to include my style.
- 4 My favorite T-shirt. Muhammad Ali is the greatest champion of all time.
- 5 A quote that is relevant for every situation in life.
- 6 The Audi S8. A great automobile and a great partnership with a PC sponsor.



You are one of two things in life ...
Humble or about to be.



CAUSE FOR APPLAUSE



Fleet-footed Friars catch up

When cross country and track head coach Ray Treacy '82 was in Ireland in July to visit his brother, John Treacy '78, '80G, John invited Friar runners to visit, too.

Pictured at John's home in Rathcoole, County Dublin, are front row, from left, Geraldine Nolan '92; Ray Treacy '82; Roisin Quinn Jones '05, '07G; and Frank Conway '90. In the back row, from left, are Richard O'Flynn '85, '89G; John Treacy '78, '80G; Paul Moloney '83; Brendan Quinn '83; Mark Keller '88; Richard Mulligan '85; and Richard Jones '06, '07G.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RAY TREACY '82



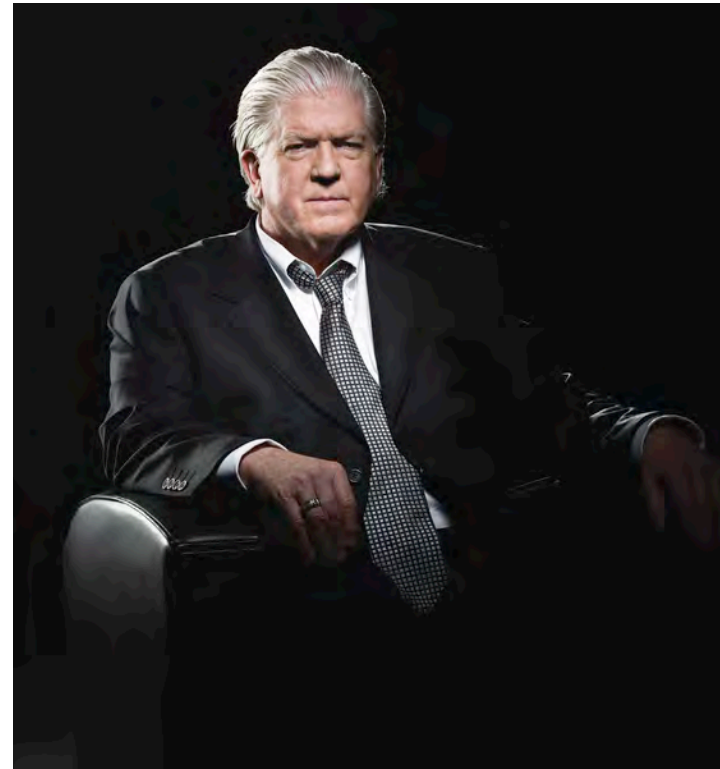
Burke steps down after 32 seasons at Bryant

Mary Burke '87 stepped down as head coach of the Bryant University women's basketball team in March 2023. In her 32 seasons with the Bulldogs, beginning in 1991, she recorded more than 400 wins, made four NCAA Division II tournament appearances, and led Bryant into Division I in 2008.

Burke was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Providence College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004.

As a Friar, she graduated second on the all-time scoring list with 1,672 points and led the 1986-1987 team to the BIG EAST Tournament championship and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. She received the 1987 ECAC Award of Valor, presented to the student-athlete "whose courage, motivation, and relentless determination serve as an inspiration to all."

MARY BURKE: BRYANT UNIVERSITY



Burke joins Hockey Hall of Fame

Hockey executive Brian Burke '77 will be inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in December 2023. Burke was general manager of the 2010 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team that won a silver medal in Vancouver and general manager of the Anaheim Ducks when they won the Stanley Cup in 2007.

He began his career as a hockey executive with the Vancouver Canucks in 1987 and held management roles with the Hartford Whalers, Toronto Maple Leafs, Calgary Flames, Pittsburgh Penguins, and the NHL. He was director of player personnel for the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and held management roles with the Men's National Team.

Burke played in 112 games with the Friars from 1973-1977 and was team captain his senior year. After a year in the AHL, he entered Harvard Law School, graduated with a law degree in 1981, and became an NHL player agent.

Today, he serves as the first-ever executive director of the Professional Women's Hockey League Players Association. He is the author of *Burke's Law: A Life in Hockey*, and founder of the You Can Play Project, created in honor of his late son Brendan, which works to promote respect and inclusion for all people in sports.

BRIAN BURKE: PC ARCHIVES



Kostacopoulos retires as Navy coach

Paul Kostacopoulos '87 announced his retirement from coaching in May 2023 after 18 seasons guiding the Navy baseball program and 34 years as a NCAA Division I head coach, including at the University of Maine and Providence College.

He led teams to six NCAA tournament appearances, including Navy in 2011 and 2016, Maine in 1997, and Providence in 1992 and 1995. His Friars captured the BIG EAST championship in 1992 and the regular season title in 1995. He is one of 92 NCAA baseball coaches to reach the 1,000-win plateau. His 523-373-5 record represents the second most wins in Navy program history.

A member of the Providence College Athletics Hall of Fame, Kostacopoulos played 139 games for the Friars over four seasons. He was team captain and defensive player of the year as a senior. After graduation, he was named an assistant coach and became the youngest Division I head coach in the country in 1990. After the 1996 season, he left to become head coach of Maine.

Kostacopoulos will remain in an administrative role with Navy athletics. His wife, Joan Powers Kostacopoulos '86, '97G, played women's basketball for the Friars.

PAUL KOSTACOPOULOS: NAVAL ACADEMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



ROUNDING THIRD AND

COMING HOME



EARNEST “EARL” SMITH JR. ’92 IS PRESIDENT
OF THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BY JOHN CHATFIELD ’19 PHOTO BY PETER GOLDBERG

As the first Black president of the National Alumni Association, Earnest “Earl” Smith Jr. ’92 hopes to use his platform to open new doors and encourage all Friars, especially Friars of color, to keep the spirit of community alive after crossing the commencement stage.

Hosting regional events, coordinating service activities, and fostering community ties are just a few functions of the NAA — an increasingly diverse organization that offers year-round opportunities to connect and engage with the college. Smith began his one-year term as president on July 1, 2023.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the youngest of five siblings, Smith is a “proud product of public schools” who learned his formative values at home. His


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mother was an educator and teacher’s aide who encouraged strong academics. His father was a mechanical engineer who instilled a love of sports, introducing him to baseball and supporting his athletic

pursuits. Both parents passed down their Southern Baptist faith, which Smith cites as “foundational” in his early years. In high school, he spent days in the classroom and evenings on the baseball diamond.

In the fall of 1987, opportunity came knocking. With the teachers union on strike and classes suspended, Smith’s high school coach gathered his players for a weekend prospect camp. On Saturday, the team ran throwing and catching drills. On Sunday, they scrimmaged, watched by college coaches and NCAA Division I recruiters.

“I knew that I wanted to go to college, and I wanted to earn my spot on a Division I baseball team,” Smith said.



Earl Smith '92, a right fielder and designated hitter, led the Friars in outfield assists as a junior and was co-captain as a senior.

He only needed one at-bat to make it a reality.


When he stepped up to the plate, he noticed his father on the sidelines, talking to a man in a black and white jacket labelled with a “P.” Smith remembers everything about the play that followed, from the break of the pitch to the crack of the bat. After sending a line drive deep into the outfield, rounding the bases, and finally coming home, he was called over by his father and asked to shake the man’s hand.

Paul “Kosty” Kostacopoulos ’87 was Smith’s introduction to PC. Then an assistant coach for the Friars, Kostacopoulos retired this year after more than 17 years as head of the Navy baseball program. He had been talking to Smith’s father about life as a student-athlete and how a small school in Rhode Island could offer both high-level athletic programs and a top-notch education. He mentioned the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program, created to help students of color ease the cost of tuition. His first exchange with Kostacopoulos cemented Smith’s decision to apply.

“I didn’t find Providence College,” he said. “Providence College came and found me.”

Smith arrived at PC wanting to explore the humanities and capitalize on his strengths.

“I guess I’ve always had the gift of gab,” he said, laughing. “My first-grade teacher said that as long as I could talk, I could energize the world. So I wanted to do something with that.”

Fascinated with the hot-button political discourse of the 1970s and ’80s, and following in the footsteps of his 

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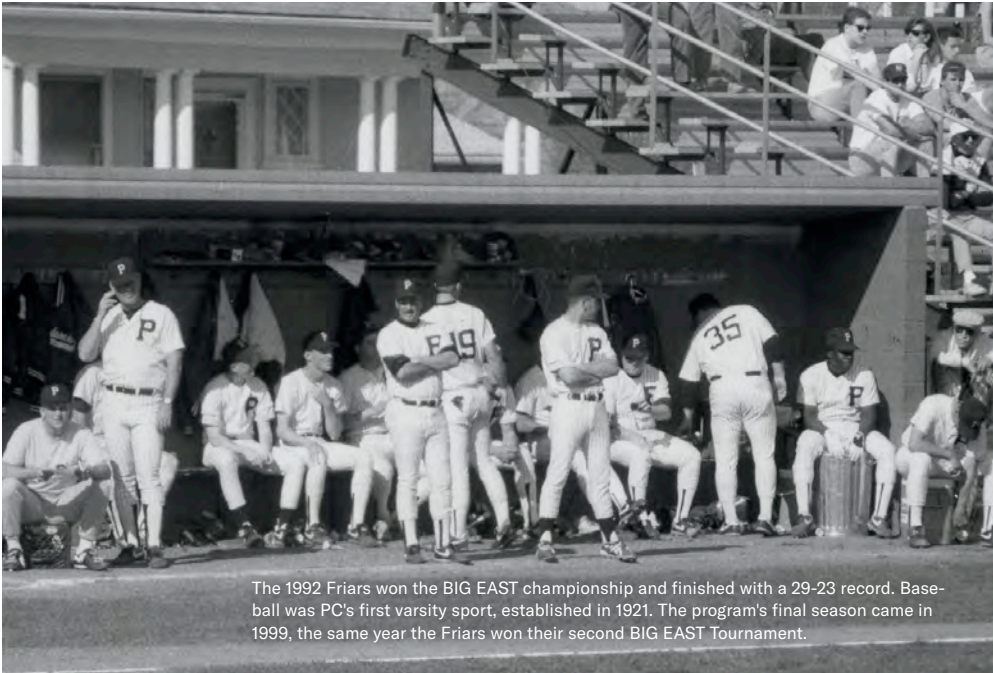
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eldest sister, he decided to major in political science. His Baptist upbringing inspired a minor in religious studies. He thoroughly enjoyed the Development of Western Civilization Program and names his Civ professors, including Rev. Thomas Fallon, O.P. ’41, Rene Fortin, Ph.D. ’55, and Raymond Sickinger, Ph.D. ’71, among those who made an immediate impact.

Friendships and faculty connections were meaningful and abundant. Political science



The 1992 Friars won the BIG EAST championship and finished with a 29-23 record. Baseball was PC's first varsity sport, established in 1921. The program's final season came in 1999, the same year the Friars won their second BIG EAST Tournament.

professors Richard Alsfeld, Ph.D. ’61, Mark Hyde, Ph.D., and Neil Romans, Ph.D., were instrumental in his academic journey. He looked forward to Monday meetings with Robert Hamlin, Ed.D. ’79G, head of the MLK Scholarship Program, whom he considered a mentor and “second dad.” He worked closely with administrators like Wilesse Comissiong, dean of minority student affairs, and faculty members like sociology professor Eric Hirsch, Ph.D., to help create inroads for students of color.

At a time of increasing diversity and racial dialogue on campus, Smith was an active voice in the conversation. He joined the African American Society, Students Organized Against Racism, and the Board of Minority Student Affairs, where he oversaw the effort to change the group’s name from “minority” to “multicultural.” As a student leader, he organized cultural awareness meetings and advocated for better represen-

tation of the Black experience in the core curriculum.

“Our main message was, ‘Teach to your audience.’ We had so many students of color who just wanted classes to reflect our history and tell our story — to make some room for us,” he said.

Smith’s involvement laid the framework for inclusive causes at PC, a legacy that continues.

And of course, there was baseball. Hendricken Field was the stage for some of Smith’s fondest undergraduate memories, and he remains close friends with teammates today.

“They were some of my best supporters,” Smith recalled. “They came to my meetings in Moore and ’64 Hall, they supported my political and social activities on campus. We still text all the time.”

In 1992, he was named team co-captain alongside Don Martone ’92G, and with Friar

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Earl Smith ’92, third from left, volunteers at Homecoming in 2022 with, from left, Jim O’Leary ’63, Kathleen McGinley Neiman ’82, Jennifer MacCallum O’Meara ’93, Brian McManus ’90, and Luis Nouel ’05.

legends like Lou Merloni ’93 and Jim Foster ’93, he capped his Division I career with a championship title, defeating Connecticut in the 1992 BIG EAST men’s baseball tournament.

His senior year ended on a high note in more ways than one, with Earl befriending his future wife, Noreen Kelly ’93. After introducing himself in an Aquinas Hall elevator and bonding over Rev. Bernard Langton, O.P.’s general ethics class, Smith asked her to see Boomerang, starring Eddie Murphy, the following summer. They married in 1996. Noreen has taught early childhood education for more than 30 years.

After graduation, Smith returned to New Jersey to begin his career as a legal analyst in the finance and banking industry. He is now a compliance officer for Bank of America, managing risk and regulatory affairs.

“We’re kind of like referees,” Smith said. “We protect the firm from itself and make

sure that our brokers are giving clients quality investment information. Plus, it’s cool to be in the know.”

Even from his home in Livingston, New Jersey, Smith remained connected to PC. In 2017, classmate Kate (Hennedy) Kennedy ’92 invited him to be a class representative. He went to work immediately, helping plan affinity programs for alumni of color at signature events like Reunion and Homecoming. He was elected vice president in 2022 and assumed the presidency from Jenn MacCallum O’Meara ’93 this year.

He looks forward to meeting members of the alumni network — some 58,000 strong — at events and invites them to visit their alma mater whenever they get the chance.

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CLASS NOTES

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'70

Geoffrey Gneuhs '70 of New York, New York, exhibited his paintings at the Prince Street Gallery in New York City in July. A member of the Federation of Modern Painters and Sculptors, founded by Mark Rothko and Milton Avery in 1940, Gneuhs is a representational and figurative artist. His portrait of Dorothy Day, Servant of God, is the official image for her canonization.

'73

The Connecticut Press, a company owned by **Peter J. Malia '73** of Cheshire, Connecticut, published its 15th title in 2023, with two more on the way. "And to think that it all started thanks to Dr. Walter Mullen's American history class," Malia said.

'74 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)

Reginald Nunnally '74 of Stoughton, Massachusetts, who retired in 2015 after a 30-year career in commercial and business development, was elected to the Stoughton Redevelopment Authority. He will help to create a plan to redevelop downtown Stoughton.

'75

Lisa Connolly Gilbride '75 of Topsham, Maine, was inducted into the U.S. Tennis Association of New England Hall of Fame during a ceremony in June 2023 at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island. As a PC student, she helped establish the women's tennis program under Helen Bert, founder of the women's athletics program, and was the first woman to win the college's Athlete of the Year honor in 1975. She also coached the tennis team from 1975-1980, leading the Friars to compete in the national championship in California in her final season. She was assistant coach of women's basketball from 1976-1980, when her husband, **Tim Gilbride '74**, was head coach. She later coached the Brunswick High School girls team to two Maine state titles, earning coach of the year honors both times, and the Springfield College women to a New

England Division III championship, also as conference coach of the year. Until her retirement in 2022, she was director of racquet sports at the Central Lincoln County YMCA in Damariscotta, where she molded the lives of hundreds of young players over the course of 27 years, including more than 500 who were part of the organization's free tennis program for school children.

Stephen P. Sugrue, Ph.D. '75 of Guilford, Connecticut, retired after nearly three decades with the University of Florida. After graduating from PC, he earned a Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, then completed postdoctoral studies at Harvard Medical School, where he was appointed to the faculty in 1983. He joined the University of Florida College of Medicine in 1995, serving as professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, associate director of the UF Cancer Center, senior associate dean of research, and most recently as associate vice president for research at UF Health. Following his retirement, he and his wife, Michele, relocated to southern Connecticut, where they are enjoying life back in New England.

'77

Michael Mancusi, LICSW '77 of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, was presented the Massachusetts Community Health Center Clinician Award by the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. He was honored for his work as chief behavioral officer for the East Boston Community Health Center, where he has worked for 38 years. He manages more than 50 team members and oversees departments, including Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Services, and community-based programs, such as the Community Resources and Wellness Center in East Boston and the Student Wellness Center at East Boston High School. He studied social work at PC and earned a master's degree from Simmons University.

'83

Michael Wzyga '83G of Boston was named to the board of directors of Carina Biotech, a cell therapy immune-oncology company. He is the founder of MSW Consulting, Inc., a strategic consulting group focused on the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. He previously was president, CEO, and board member of Radius Health, a specialty biopharmaceutical company dedicated to bone health and expanding access for patients. He holds an MBA from PC.

'84 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)

Randall W. Epright '84 of Old Lyme, Connecticut, was appointed partner at Apollo Global Management, where he is executive vice president and chief information officer for Athene Holding Ltd., Apollo's retirement services company.

'85

Kevin Lewis '85 of Swansea, Massachusetts, was named vice president, business and commercial lending at BankNewport. He is responsible for deepening relationships and generating new business in the commercial real estate and industrial space. Lewis brings more than 15 years of experience in the financial services industry to his new position, most recently with Bank of America as vice president, business banking. He studied finance at PC.

'86

John Streker '86 of Clearwater, Florida, retired from a career in the U.S. Customs Service. He joined Customs in 1987 after graduating from PC, first serving in the Port of Boston. He went on to teach at the Customs Academy and represented Customs numerous times overseas. He spent time in the private sector as an import manager and a licensed customs broker before returning to Customs to retire from the Port of Savannah. He earned a master's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh along the way. He looks forward to a nice, long, warm retirement with his wife, Diana.



Alumni honored at commencement

Five alumni received honorary degrees during commencement in May 2023. The keynote speaker was actor and activist Hill Harper, shown at far left, next to College President **Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G**. Honored were, from left, **Rev. Msgr. Alex Bobby Benson '97G**, **Charles M. Borkoski '71**, **Donna J. Formichella, M.D. '78**, **Robert J. Palmisano '66**, and **Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D. '87**, who was the keynote speaker at the continuing education and graduate ceremony.

Mark Welch '86 of North Providence, Rhode Island, was appointed to the position of magistrate within the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal by the Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice, with the advice and consent of the Rhode Island Senate.

'87

Pamela Fath LaBreche '87, '00G of Cumberland, Rhode Island, was named vice president, business and commercial lending officer at BankNewport. She works with branch managers, residential lending officers, merchant services, and cash management partners to help business clients achieve financial goals. LaBreche is vice president of the Gateway Real Estate Board, a division of Lifespan, and in 2019 was named a Rhode Island Small Business Association Financial Services Champion. She also was recognized as a New England Financial Services "Woman of Fire" by American Business Media. She studied management at PC and holds an MBA from the college.

'89 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)

Ann Falsey Lawlor '89 of North Haven, Connecticut, was nominated to serve as a judge

on the Connecticut Superior Court by Governor Ned Lamont. She previously was a supervisory assistant state's attorney. She studied English at PC and earned a law degree from New England Law.

'93

Debra Saunders '93SCE of Barrington, Rhode Island, was named an associate judge on the Rhode Island District Court by Governor Dan McKee. She had been clerk of the Rhode Island Supreme Court since 2008 and previously was Supreme Court deputy general counsel, a special attorney general, and a lawyer in private practice. She was a longtime member of Supreme Court committees, including the Committee on Character and Fitness and the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, and is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School.

'94 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)

Steven M. Christman '94 of Centerport, New York, was named managing attorney of the New York City office of Marshall Dennehey, where he oversees 50 employees, including 24 attorneys. Christman joined the firm's

Casualty Department in 2008 and supervised the NYC office Casualty Litigation Group before being named the managing attorney. He holds the highest level of peer rating by Martindale-Hubbell, reflecting his legal knowledge, communication skills, and ethical standards. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton School of Law and a member of the New York State bar association.

'97

Thomas Sheehan '97, '06G of Warwick, Rhode Island, joined UBS Wealth Management in Providence as a financial advisor. He manages more than \$305 million in client assets and has more than 20 years of wealth management industry experience, most recently at Merrill Lynch, where he was senior financial advisor and senior vice president. He is a Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor. Sheehan studied history at PC and earned an MBA from the college.

'98

Marc Russo '98 of North Haven, Connecticut, was named principal of Irving School, a public elementary school in Derby where he had been dean of students since 2019. He for-

merly was dean of students at Derby Middle School and worked in North Haven for 18 years, teaching language arts and mathematics while coaching baseball, softball, and football. He studied finance at PC, earned a master’s degree in elementary education from the University of New Haven, and holds a sixth-year certificate in educational leadership from Quinnipiac University.

’99 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)
Ellie Fantini Cullinan ’99 of Wellesley, Massachusetts, was named a 2023 Woman of Influence in commercial real estate by GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum. She is executive vice president and principal at Freudenheim Partners in Boston. Honorees were recognized at the annual Women of Influence conference in Lake Tahoe, California, in July 2023.

Leah Goldman Sarantopoulos ’99 of Lexington, South Carolina, was appointed principal of Beechwood Middle School effective July 1, 2023. She previously was assistant principal of Carolina Springs Middle School. She began her teaching career at White Knoll Middle School in 2002 and was named its Teacher of the Year in 2011. She also was named the South Carolina Middle Level Assistant Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators in 2020. A marketing major at PC, she received a master’s degree in divergent learning from Columbia College and a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of South Carolina. She also holds national board certification. She is married to **Daniel Sarantopoulos ’98**.

’00
Nicholas Horne ’00, ’04G, ’15G of Harrisville, Rhode Island, was named Outstanding Mathematics Teacher of the Year for 2023 by the Rhode Island Mathematics Teachers Association. He also was named the Burrillville School Department’s Outstanding District Teacher of the Year. He has taught mathematics at Burrillville High School for 23 years and also is an adjunct professor at the Community College of Rhode Island and a rater for the Education Testing Service. Horne studied mathematics/secondary education at PC, then

earned a master’s degree in mathematics education in 2004 and a master’s degree in history in 2015.

Sean Patrick Lenahan ’00 of Wilton, Connecticut, was named managing director in his role as an endowment and foundation specialist in the Institutional Investments and Philanthropic Solutions Group at Bank of America. Lenahan joined Bank of America Private Bank seven years ago after a 10-year career at the Commonfund. He works with boards, committees, and senior staff members of nonprofits and private foundations across New England and New York to help them meet their missions that impact society. Lenahan serves on the board of directors for the Family & Children’s Agency and on the sustainability committee of the Center for Family Justice. He also leads community outreach at his place of worship, Northeast Community Church in Connecticut.

Erin Joy Schmidt ’00 of Greenville, Rhode Island, an assistant professor of theatre at PC, wrote and performed a play, My Name is Norma, at the 2023 Capital Fringe Festival in Washington, D.C., in July. The play was inspired by the life of Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff in the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Schmidt is a professional actor with more than 20 years of experience on stage, but this was her first time writing a play. She has an MFA in acting from the Actors Studio Drama School at New School University.

’01
Jennifer Gombotz DeLorenzo ’01 of Plainville, Connecticut, was named principal of Plainville High School, where she had been assistant principal since 2019. She began her career as a mathematics teacher at Plainville High in 2001 and also served as mathematics instructional leader. She has a master of education degree from Walden University and a sixth-year certification from Sacred Heart University. She is a member of the National Educators Association, the Connecticut High School Coaches Association, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. She played basketball for the Friars, scoring 1,133 career points with 215 assists and 175 steals, and was named to the BIG EAST All-Rookie team her first year.

Congratulations to our NAA Award recipients

The National Alumni Association recognized the achievements of six Friars with its annual Alumni Association Awards for 2022-2023.

BISHOP HARKINS AWARD:
Victor Forni ’73

EXEMPLARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD:
Paige Clausius-Parks ’03

FAITHFUL FRIAR AWARD:
John Cassedy ’52

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Donna J. Formichella, M.D., ’78, ’23Hon.

SERVICE TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD:
Paul Galletto ’78

SERVICE TO EDUCATION AWARD:
Theodore Josiha Haig, J.D., Ed.D. ’70

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Attorney **Erika Olson O'Donnell ’01** of Dedham, Massachusetts, was appointed co-managing partner at Shepard Law, a leading asbestos personal injury law firm in Massachusetts for 25 years. She will run the firm alongside founder **Michael Shepard ’91**. In conjunction with the leadership change, the firm rebranded to Shepard O'Donnell. O'Donnell joined Shepard Law as an associate in 2005. She has achieved multi-million-dollar settlements and verdicts in cases involving mesothelioma, lung cancer, and other asbestos-related diseases, smoking-related cancers, and pharmaceutical drugs and devices. She is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Worcester Bar Association, the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, and the American Association for Justice, and has been recognized by Massachusetts Super Lawyers since 2012.

’02
Matthew Gallo ’02 of Wilton, Connecticut, was named executive vice president, managing

director, corporate banking for BankUnited and will lead a new corporate banking team serving the New York metropolitan area. He has more than 20 years of experience in the market. He most recently was managing director, business banking for First Republic Bank and also was a senior vice president at BankUnited from 2013-2018. He graduated with honors with a master’s degree in criminal justice terrorism studies from John Jay College in Manhattan.

William Klements ’02 of Norton, Massachusetts, was named assistant superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Providence. He previously was principal at East Bridgewater Junior Senior High School in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He holds a master of education degree from Boston College. Bill and his wife, **Katie McBrine Klements ’04**, have been married for 16 years and are the parents of five.

’03
Christina Amanti Mathieu ’03, ’16G of Westerly, Rhode Island, was appointed director of pupil personnel services for Westerly Public Schools.

Lori Queen ’03 of Boston was promoted to paralegal in the home office legal department at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

’04 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)
Frank Caliva ’04 of Cumberland, Rhode Island, is the national spokesperson for the Retail Energy Supply Association, the trade association representing competitive retail energy suppliers. He is the media spokesperson, develops content on retail energy market developments, testifies before state legislatures and public utility commissions, and participates in planning and initiatives for the organization. In 2014, he founded P.R. Quinlan Associates, a business-to-business consulting firm focused on retail energy policy for electricity and national gas suppliers and brokers, and a consumer education coalition for competitive suppliers. He studied political science at PC and has a master’s degree in international business-government relations from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

’05
Alena Mazotas ’05 of Fairfield, Connecticut, joined the communications team at the Cath-

olic Medical Mission Board. Inspired by the example of Jesus, the board uses global partnerships to deliver locally sustainable, quality health solutions to women, children, and their communities. Alena will work to ensure that the organization is strategically focused on the communications efforts most meaningful to the mission of healthier lives worldwide. She has a degree in computer science from PC and an MBA from American International College.

Zachary McBride ’05 of Sherborn, Massachusetts, was appointed general counsel at Solera Health, a technology platform that connects individuals with health solutions. He advises the company in its mission to drive value, enhance consumer experience, and improve outcomes for payers and employer health managers. McBride previously was associate general counsel at Galileo, a venture-backed national telehealth organization. A health policy and management major at PC and a graduate of New England Law, he is licensed to practice in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

’06
Kimberly Ahern ’06 of Providence was appointed to the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission by Governor Dan McKee and serves as its first chair. The commission oversees the regulation, licensing, and enforcement of adult use and medical cannabis in the state. Ahern, a public and community service studies major at PC, most recently was the governor’s deputy chief of staff. She formerly was deputy legal counsel for Governor Gina Raimondo and served as a special attorney general under three attorneys general. She began her career as a judicial law clerk to **Judge Maureen McKenna Goldberg ’73, ’09Hon.** She is a graduate of Roger Williams University School of Law.

Larkin Philbin Temme ’06G of Lake Forest Park, Washington, was appointed principal of Holy Rosary School in Edmonds. A native of Seattle, she earned a master’s degree in education while teaching high school Spanish through the Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers (PACT) program at PC. After moving back to Seattle, she was a Spanish teacher and activities coordinator at O’Dea High School and earned her principal certification at Seattle University. For the past seven years,

she has been principal of Holy Family Bilingual Catholic High School in Seattle, where she was successful in securing grants for underserved students and for education programs to make Catholic education accessible to children from diverse circumstances.

’07
Mallary Tenore Tarpley ’07 of Austin, Texas, accepted a position as an assistant professor of practice at the University of Texas at Austin. Previously, she worked as an adjunct professor and was the associate director of UT’s Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas. In her new role, she teaches journalism and writing courses at UT’s School of Journalism and Media as well as the McCombs School of Business.

’08
Maggie D’Amour ’08 of Northampton, Massachusetts, was appointed to the newly created position of senior manager of environmental, social and governance at Big Y Foods Inc. by the company’s board of directors. A third-generation member of the family that founded the company, D’Amour began her career at Big Y in 2000 as a part-time service



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clerk. She studied English at PC and has food retailer certification from the Food Marketing Institute.

Tom Fitzgerald '08G of Coventry, Rhode Island, is senior vice president and director of the franchise banking division for Bank Rhode Island. He is responsible for the origination of new commercial relationships and arranging financing solutions for businesses throughout the bank's market area. He has more than 20 years of banking experience and specializes in franchise financing. He has an MBA from PC, a graduate certificate from the New England College of Finance, and an undergraduate degree from Rhode Island College, where he serves on the College Foundation Board.

Alex Marriott '08 of Washington, D.C., is of counsel in the Washington office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC. Alex counsels and represents airlines, airports, and related travel industry members on matters before the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection, and Department of State. He has extensive experience in the start-up of both domestic and foreign airlines from Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia. Alex guides the airlines through regulatory processes to obtain economic authority from the DOT, technical approvals from the FAA, and approvals from the DHS and its components, as well as addressing issues under international bilateral aviation agreements and aviation treaties. He received a law degree from George Washington University School of Law and studied English at PC.

Terry Sullivan '08 of Dallas was promoted to general manager of the Texas Legends, an NBA G-League affiliate of the Dallas Mavericks. Sullivan has been with the Mavericks for 13 years and just completed his first season as director of player personnel, a position he will continue to hold while assuming his new duties with the Legends. His basketball career began as a studio assistant for the Friars men's basketball team.

'09 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)

Sean Olvany '09 of Glenview, Illinois, was promoted to vice president, market officer, Chicago for Prologis, where he oversees all portfolio and market operations. Prologis is the largest industrial property owner globally with more than 82 million square feet in 349 buildings in the Chicago market. Olvany joined the company in 2016 and worked in leasing and capital deployment. He previously was a real estate broker at Colliers and an account services representative at ESPN. He also was past president of PC's Chicago alumni club. He and his wife, Alexa, have a 3-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son.

'10

Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, has added **Valerie K. Jackson '10G** as of counsel in its Boston office. Jackson, a Boston resident, came to Littler from the law firm Jackson Lewis PC. Prior to that, she was law fellow attorney for Northeastern University's Office of General Counsel, where she provided counsel on issues relating to labor, employment, and higher education law. During law school at Northeastern, she was a judicial intern for the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and a legal intern in the Economic Crimes Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston. She has a master's degree in history from PC.

After 10 years as a teacher and coach in the Hartford, Connecticut, school system, **Joe Miller '10** of Manchester graduated with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law and will clerk at the Connecticut Supreme Court for the next year. He married his wife, Santana, in 2022 with his PC roommate, **Thomas P. Reilly '10**, as one of the groomsmen.

Layi Oduyingbo '10 of Cranston, Rhode Island, was appointed to the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission by Governor Dan McKee. The commission oversees the regulation, licensing, and control of adult use and medical cannabis in the state. Oduyingbo, who studied accountancy at PC, graduated from Roger Williams University School of Law and is the managing attorney, owner, and founder of ODU Law Firm, LLC, an employment rights firm handling cases in Rhode Island

and Massachusetts. Layi, also known as Attorney Odu, formerly worked as corporate counsel, managing compliance and governance matters, and as an appellate attorney, representing military veterans who were wrongfully denied disability benefits.

'13

Dan Meuse '13G of Cranston, Rhode Island, who has an MBA from PC, was a Jeopardy contestant in June 2023, answering 21 questions correctly and getting only one wrong in the first two rounds of the game. He wagered no money in Final Jeopardy and finished in second place with \$2,000 in prize money. Meuse is a graduate of Brown University and is a lecturer in public affairs at Princeton University, commuting one day a week to teach. His wife, **Kristen Martineau Meuse '98**, is active in PC's National Alumni Association, and they have two children.

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'14 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)

Taylor Rosenbauer '14 of New Canaan, Connecticut, is the founder and CEO of RocketAir, a design and strategy firm that was ranked 1,733 on the 2023 Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America. Launched in 2018, RocketAir specializes in creating branded digital experiences led by strategy, built for scale, and centered around people. The company has reported 322% revenue growth over the past three years.

Stacy Thomas '14 defended her Ph.D. in immunology in October 2022 at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, where she is a student in the Medical Scientist Training Program, an M.D./Ph.D. program that allows students to train as physician scientists. Thomas majored in both biochemistry and biology at PC, where she worked in the lab of Seann Mulcahy, Ph.D., professor of chemistry. She spent two years working with the National Institutes of Health before entering Penn. Her thesis research focused on cancer immunology research.

'15

Katie D'Entremont '15 of Annapolis, Maryland, joined Hillman Brown & Darrow as an associ-

ate attorney. Her focus is domestic law, peace and protective orders, criminal law, and landlord tenant work. She studied English at PC and earned a law degree from American University's Washington College of Law. During law school, she interned for District of Columbia Superior Court Judge J. Michael Ryan. After graduation, she represented and advised victims of intimate partner violence for the House of Ruth Maryland, litigating and resolving domestic issues, including protective orders and peace orders.

'17

Philip Primeau '17SCE of Warwick, Rhode Island, joined the commercial lending and corporate law practice groups at Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Pierce in Providence. His focus is construction loans, commercial zoning and land use, and resolution of mechanics liens, and he is a certified information privacy professional. He studied theology at PC and earned a law degree from Roger Williams School of Law.

'18

Carolina Lima '18 of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, joined Thrive Real Estate Specialists as a team member. She was awarded a CzEX (Commitment to Excellence) designation by the National Association of Realtors, which recognizes industry professionals who demonstrate commitment to their clients, profession, and community. She also is At Home With Diversity Certified. She continues to work full time in corporate finance for HSBC Bank.

'19 (Reunion: June 7-9, 2024)

Michael Foss '19 of Washington, D.C., graduated in May 2021 with a master of science degree in mathematics from Clemson University. He accepted a position with the U.S. Census Bureau and has resided in D.C. since the fall of 2021.

Roger A. Picard '19G of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, was elected deputy vice president pro tempore of the Rhode Island Senate for the 2023-2024 session. He represents District 20 in Woonsocket and Cumberland. Picard was elected to the Senate in a special election in 2008 and previously served in the House of Representatives since 1992. He is a social worker for the Woonsocket School Department. Picard earned a master of theological

studies degree from PC and also has a bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and a master of social work degree from Rhode Island College.

'22

Vanessa McKenzie '22 of Roxbury, Massachusetts, graduated with a master's degree in social work from the Boston College School of Social Work and accepted a position at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital as clinical social worker in the inpatient psychiatric unit. At BC, her focus was clinical work with a concentration in mental health. She also earned a certificate in Black Leadership.

'23

After accepting a job working for the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus

as coordinator of College Councils, **Matthew Salomons '23** of Easton, Massachusetts, helped lead a delegation of college Knights from the United States to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. During the trip, the Knights grew in fellowship, visited Fatima, joined more than one million pilgrims and Pope Francis for a week of fellowship and prayer, and met with several U.S. bishops, including Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley of Boston, Bishop Gary Janek of San Antonio, and Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridgeport. At the end of the trip, Matthew and his group had dinner with the Supreme Chaplain of the Knights, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, who praised the work and talent of several Dominican chaplains at PC. 🙏

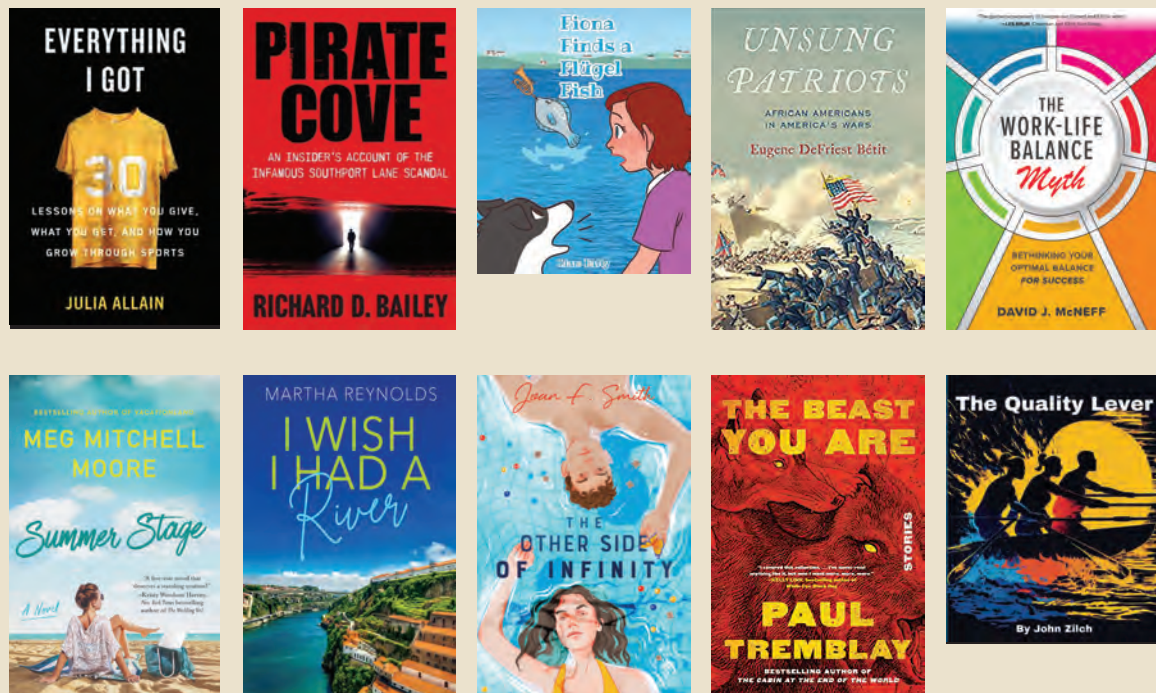


Young Dominicans

A group of young alumni reunited in Nashville in July 2023 to witness **Sister Rachel Marie Boyd, O.P. '15** profess perpetual vows with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia.

Clockwise from top: **Sister Paulina Forster, O.P. '13**; **Brother Roland Wakefield, O.P. '21**; **Brother Thomas Nee, O.P. '18**; **Rev. Zachary Sexton, O.P. '13**, who was ordained to the priesthood in May 2023 in Washington, D.C.; **Sister Laura Immaculata Clarke, O.P. '18**; **Rev. John Sica, O.P. '10**; **Sister Rachel Marie Boyd, O.P. '15**; **Sister Cecilia Marie Evans, O.P. '11**; and **Rev. Damian Day, O.P. '15**.

ALUMNI AUTHORS



Julia Allain '14 of North Branford, Connecticut, wrote *Everything I Got: 30 Lessons on What You Give, What You Get, and How You Grow Through Sports*. She is a teacher who runs a mental skills consulting business, Allain Mental Performance LLC, and works with prep school, collegiate, and internationally competitive athletes, including USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. She studied psychology at PC and earned a master's degree in sports psychology from McGill University. Her book combines her experience as an athlete, coach, coach's daughter, and consultant with sports psychology research and insight from professional athletes. It was a #1 new release in sport psychology on Amazon and an instant best seller in women in sports and children's and youth sports.

Pirate Cove: An Insider's Account of the Southport Lane Scandal, a book by **Richard Bailey '80** of Scituate, Massachusetts, will be released in November 2023

by Bancroft Press. The book recounts Bailey's discovery of a \$350 million fraud being committed by his employer, a private equity firm, and his undercover participation in the FBI's investigation.

Bill Batty '70 of Nipomo, California, fulfilled a lifelong dream by publishing a children's book, *Fiona Finds a Flugel Fish*, the story of a child in Ardara, County Donegal, Ireland, the birthplace and home of his maternal ancestors. After graduating from PC, Batty began a career in social work, human services, and advocacy for social justice. He worked as a child welfare social worker in Massachusetts before obtaining a master's degree in social work from SUNY Albany in 1975. He was executive director of the Vermont Children's Aid Society and CEO of family service organizations in Providence; Concord, Massachusetts; and Santa Barbara, California. In retirement, he continued to work as a part-time social worker and educator, assisting seniors and disabled

clients in navigating the Medicare system. His book demonstrates the tolerance of children even in the most challenging circumstances.

In March 2023, Stackpole Press published *Unsung Patriots: African Americans in America's Wars*, the third history book by **Eugene DeFries Bétit '66** of Winchester, Virginia. Kirkus called the book "a story with importance not only for military history, but for all of American history." Its eight chapters are written chronologically and follow Black people's contributions to U.S. wars and the resilience, fortitude, and martial prowess they displayed despite the racism they experienced. Bétit served for 20 years in the U.S. Army as a military intelligence analyst and linguist and received a doctorate from Georgetown University. He has written books about the Civil War and African American history, served as docent at Belle Grove Plantation, and volunteered at Cedar Creek National Battlefield Park.

Dave McNeff '73 of Wayland, Massachusetts, wrote *The Work-Life Balance Myth: Rethinking Your Optimal Balance for Success*, published in 2021 by McGraw-Hill. It is available through Amazon.

Meg Mitchell Moore '94 of Newburyport, Massachusetts, wrote her eighth novel, *Summer Stage*, published in June 2023 by William Morrow. "My favorite beach reads are written by Meg Mitchell Moore, and *Summer Stage* is her brand new smash hit," said Nantucket author Elin Hilderbrand.

Martha Reynolds '80 of West Warwick, Rhode Island, is the author of 11 published novels, including *I Wish I Had a River* (2022) and *Villa del Sol* (2017). USA TODAY bestselling author Jon Land of Providence called *I Wish I Had a River* "a magical journey through life, love, and loss," and said, "This is literary writing of the highest order, on par with Elizabeth Gilbert, Alice

Hoffman, and even the great Joan Didion." The book takes place in Portugal, Galicia, Italy, and France, during a year spent processing grief and finding peace. *Villa del Sol* was awarded the Book Prize in Literary Fiction from the Independent Publishers of New England in 2018. It is set primarily in Lugano, on the Swiss-Italian border.

Joan Fagan Smith '07 of Milton, Massachusetts, wrote her second book, *The Other Side of Infinity* (Feiwei & Friends, April 2023), a young adult novel in which a teen uses her gift of foreknowledge to help a lifeguard save a drowning man, only to discover her actions have put his life at risk. Her first novel, *The Half-Orphan's Handbook*, was published in 2021. In addition to being a writer, she is a dance instructor and a former associate dean of creative writing. In 2021, she was Writer-in-Residence at the Milton Public Library. She studied English and social science at PC.

The Beast You Are, a collection of 15 short horror and suspense stories by **Paul Tremblay '93** of Stoughton, Massachusetts, was published in July by HarperCollins Publishers. Tremblay's book, *The Cabin at the End of the World*, was adapted into the 2023 movie *Knock at the Cabin*, directed by M. Night Shyamalan.

John Zilch Jr. '01 of Walpole, Massachusetts, wrote *The Quality Lever*, a guide to help aspiring leaders develop the skills, insights, and strategies to create products that will win the hearts and minds of customers. The book, published in August 2023 and available on Amazon, includes personal stories from John's product management career as well as wide-ranging case studies such as Apple, Peloton, Michelangelo, the Titanic, and Jackie Robinson. John teaches Management of Information Resources in the MBA program at Providence College.

Travel with Tripp the Tumbleweed

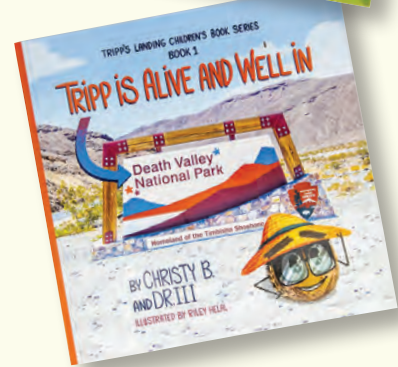
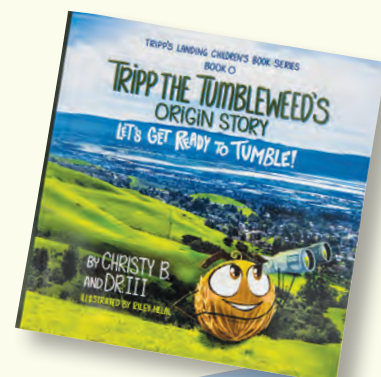
Ed Bray III '93 and **Christy Haggerty Bray '95** of Dublin, California, have launched a series of children's books featuring a tumbleweed named Tripp who is on a quest to visit all 63 national parks.

Their first two books, *Tripp the Tumbleweed's Origin Story: Let's Get Ready to Tumble!* and *Tripp is Alive and Well in Death Valley National Park*, were written in collaboration with children in the Dublin Unified School District, including Christy's fifth grade class and a third grade class.

The Brays provided copies of the books to the school libraries and thank you stickers to the students. They will donate 10 percent of the books' proceeds to the school district and 5 percent to the National Parks Service — a practice they intend to follow with all other volumes. They now are working with third graders in the Soledad Unified School District to write about Tripp's journey in Pinnacles National Park.

Lifelong hiking and nature enthusiasts who write as "Christy B and Dr. III," the Brays chose to collaborate with third grade students to remind them that they may visit the national parks for free as fourth graders. The students help determine Tripp's adventures by answering a series of questions. The stories feature educational facts on each page, and each book ends with reasons to visit the park and a selfie of Tripp and the animals he met.

With their three children grown, the Brays decided the time was right to fulfill Christy's dream of being a children's book author. They hope that Tripp's adventures will inspire children across the country. Learn more at trippthetumbleweed.com and follow Tripp on Instagram: [@tripp_the_tumbleweed](https://www.instagram.com/tripp_the_tumbleweed).





FRIAR



WEDDINGS

Lionelha Macomber '17 and Peter DiCenso '17 married on August 4, 2023, in Newport, Rhode Island. They live in Boston.

Noelle Bosak '87 and Scott Ganeles married on June 11, 2023, at the Delamar in Greenwich, Connecticut. They have seven children between them, including Noelle's eldest son, Ryan Ward '19. They reside in Greenwich.

Sarah Firetto '03, director of alumni relations at Providence College, married **Patrick Tierney** on April 22, 2023, at St. Mary's Church in Cranston, Rhode Island. Rev. Jordan Zajac, O.P. '04 officiated, with liturgical music by Bob Pfunder '09 and Liz Cotrupi Pfunder '08. Many alumni and current and former PC staff attended. They reside in Cranston with their 1-year-old, Aiden.

Courteney Olenzak '17 and Chris Algieri married November 12, 2022, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. They reside in Philadelphia.

Eric Peters '13 and Kaitlyn Dahlborg '15 married on November 5, 2022, in Providence, where they now reside. Many PC friends and Ultimate Frisbee teammates celebrated with them — including their coach and professor, Chris Bloom, Ph.D.

Zachary Furman '15 and Tara Murray '15 were married on October 22, 2022, in Newport, Rhode Island, surrounded by nearly 50 Friars. Class years ranged from

1962 (Tara's grandfather, John J. Hogan '62) to 2024. They reside in Franklin, Massachusetts.

Jack Gallo '16 and Taylor Jacoby '15, '16G married on September 24, 2022, in Chicago, surrounded by Friars. They live in Chicago.

Samantha Wagner '16 and Paul Kavanewsky '16 married on September 9, 2022, in Bristol, Rhode Island. The wedding was filled with Friars, including the entire wedding party. They reside in Boston.

John Hindley '17 married **Elizabeth Reid** on August 27, 2022, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth graduated in 2017 from Saint Mary's

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College of Notre Dame, Indiana. They met while participating in the Washington Semester Program at American University during the spring semester of junior year. Alumni attending the ceremony included Paul Plumitallo '17, Colin Norcross '17, Thomas O'Connor '17, Matthew Soriero '17, Ronald Fleming '17, '18G, Allison Miller '17, Patrick Harraghy '17, Brian Bendernagel '17, Samantha Floer '17, and William Dumais '17. The couple resides in Providence.

Veronika Abkarian '15 and Casey McPartlon '14, '15G were married on July 9, 2022, in Woodstock, Vermont. They reside in Boston.

Jacquelyn Desrosiers '14 and Scott Duarte '20G married on June 25, 2022, in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, with many Friars in attendance. They reside in Warwick, Rhode Island, and are expecting their first little Friar in October 2023.

Maggie Burns '19 and Tim Melbourne '19 married on September 10, 2022, in Bridgewater, Vermont, with a large group of alumni attending. They reside in Atlanta.



Oswaldo Jose "OJ" Marti '07 and his wife, **Sarah Arntsen Marti**, of Providence welcomed their second son, **Adrian Bennett Arntsen Marti**, on March 16, 2023. OJ and Sarah are excited to add another Friar fan to the family.

← **Erin Redihan '08, '10G and John Lauermann** of the Bronx, New York, welcomed a son, **Rory Lauermann**, in June 2023. He is the little brother of Hannah Lauermann.



Mikayla Tatigian Riskin '13 and her husband, **Ross**, of Sandy Hook, Connecticut, welcomed a daughter, **Eleanor Joan**, named after two great-grandmothers, in February 2022. Eleanor will be a big sister later this year.

DEATHS

William P. Haas, Ph.D. '48
Robert J. Gagnon '49
William Joseph Gregory '50
Raymond H. Levesque '50
Lt. Col. Herbert A. Woodcock Jr. '50
Rocco Robert Barone, M.D. '52
Most Rev. Ernest Bertrand Boland, O.P., D.D. '52, '84Hon.
James G. Gallagher '52
Irving X. Gorman '52
Charles F. Moran Jr. '52
Joseph D. Gomes '53
Roger A. LaFrance '53
Edward F. Richards, O.D. '53
Christopher D. Stallard '53
Thomas J. Walsh Jr. '53
Patrick F. Delaney, Ph.D. '54
Joseph E. Earley, Ph.D. '54
Thomas Army '55
Lewis A. Perrotti '55
Daniel J. Sullivan, DDS '55
John T. Demaio, M.D. '56
Malaku J. Steen '56
Joseph A. Botelho '57
Adrienne Brule Lavallee L'Esperance '57SCE
Richard Vieira '57
Raymond W. Casey '58
Sherwin Z. Goodblatt '58
Joseph L. Iantosco '58
Joseph Pacitto '58
Ronald A. Daignault, Ph.D. '59, '61G
Vincent F. Kane '59
Ronald J. Kelly '59
Bernard J. McGlinn '59
Eugene J. Porfido '59
Lawrence H. Taylor '59
John L. Blair '60
Joseph J. Chadwick Jr. '60

Robert F. Clare '60
John W. Moakler III, DDS '60
Robert P. Carvalho '61
Joseph E. DiCorcia '61
John R. Olsen '61
Joseph F. Callaghan '62
James L. Casale, Ph.D. '62
John E. Curzake '62
Ronald D. Dagenais '62
Kenneth F. Roche '62
Henry C. Rose '62
John R. D'Alfonso '63
Charles P. Fitzgerald '63
Francis M. Fusco '63
Sheldon D. Kaplan, M.D. '63
Andrew M. Lyon Jr. '63
Matthew F. Callaghan Jr. '64
Vincent L. Greene III '64
Richard P. Maguire '64
Antone Medeiros '64
John V. Medeiros '64
Thomas M. Mulvey, Ed.D. '64
William J. Reilly '64
Frank E. Antollino '65
Frank J. Boffi '65
Raymond Derek '65
William C. Dixon '65
Kevin V. Dugas, DDS '65
Thomas J. Maccarone '65
Raymond J. Pelletier '65
Donald L. Cleary '66
James M. Feeney '66
Thomas P. Gannon '66
Roland D. Landry, M.D. '66
Edward E. Lannon '66
Hon. Michael A. Higgins '67
David P. Langlois '67
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THE LAST WORD

GROWING OLD

BY REV. JAMES F. QUIGLEY, O.P. '60



I'm growing old, not getting old. I like to think that way, as “getting old” seems passive. It sounds as

though it happens without your permission. “Growing old” is active, a choice, a deliberate movement forward to completion and fulfillment. I’ve been a Dominican priest for almost 60 years. I am grateful to God for the chance to minister, to preach the gospel to so many different people and different cultures, to women and men of different ages, education, and languages, poor and not so poor. “Divine providence” has taken good care of me, and I can only say thank

you. I am especially grateful for some 40 years with the Providence College community — Dominicans, students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

There are some 58,000 Providence College alumni. A good number of them, of us, are “growing old.” T.S. Elliot, in the second section of his poem *Four Quartets*, writes: “In my beginning is my end ... in my end is my beginning.” Growing old, of course, is inevitable. As I move to my “end,” how do I handle this time of life? How do I still serve in my “winter years?”

A lot of factors play into just how we elderly move forward — health, family, finances, energy, responsibilities, interests, mental attention,

physical strength, religious faith, spirituality. For many of us, the daily calendar is no longer filled. Time is available. How to use that time? A brother Dominican, Father Joseph Guido, O.P., wrote an essay, *Winter’s Grace*, (*Providence College Magazine*, Winter 2011) in which he says: “The old develop the mind of winter and see deeply what most see only superficially. They may even see what Gerard Manley Hopkins called the ‘inscape,’ the distinctive nature of things, and so have the privilege of seeing as God sees and of seeing God in all things.”

There have never been so many elderly people, so many of us in history. What is our mission? What

can we do to help humanize life for those who are younger? Pope Francis tells us: “We elderly often have a special sensitivity for care, for reflection, and for affection. We are, or we can become, teachers of tenderness.” He calls for a “revolution of tenderness.”

Msgr. Bill Lyons, my colleague on the seminary faculty of the Pontifical North American College in Rome, in his last days suffered from cancer. Seminarians frequently visited him, first in his room and then in hospice. One said to me, “You can tell him anything.” Bill, a priest in winter, was a father figure, a wisdom figure. Aging women and men can tenderly teach, support, encourage, and guide younger women and men. They ought not to be seen as a threat, or to simply be discarded, seen as a burden. We are a gift, or

can be, for a family, for a community, for a college, for society, for Church. To be “old” is a privilege.

Pope Francis, himself an elder, has established in the Catholic world a day honoring the elderly and grandparents. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of July. On that day appreciation, honor, respect, and prayer are to be offered for the aged. I am sure that many of us have fond memories of our parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, older teachers, neighbors, and hopefully some priests in the winter of life. They have been key in the development of the Church’s faith life. Many of us first heard the story of Jesus Christ from them. We saw them at sacramental events like family weddings, baptisms, funerals. They taught us how to pray. We listened to them tell us about God, about moral living, about heaven,

and what comes after this life. We learned from them how to love — to love God, parents, family, others. They taught us to care for the sick, the needy, those suffering for whatever reason. It’s not easy to forget what those “elder” persons showed us about life. Pope Francis writes: “A long life — so the Bible teaches us — is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance.”

Aging women and men have a particular vocation and ability to mentor the young. Having lived and learned over the years what is really worthwhile, they can share their experience. It may not always be appreciated, but they — we — can’t give up. Again the words of Pope Francis: “The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for —————>



Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P. '60 at his freshman orientation in September 1956. He is being greeted by College President Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P. '28.

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the concerns, thoughts, and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations. This would be our contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution ...” The tenderness of parents, grandparents, and the elderly show us God’s tenderness.

This is an upbeat view of aging. We know, though, that some elderly must carry the cross of sickness, weakness, suffering, immobility, and at times, aloneness. They are truly blessed if a family member, a friend, cares for them, comforts them, assists them. These sisters and brothers are called to carry the cross with Christ. I have no words to explain the mystery of suffering but believe God is present to them in their pain and limitations. I believe these elderly will see at some time the fulfillment of life, wholeness, completeness, and happiness. As we read in St. Paul: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, what lies in store for those who love God” (I Cor 2:9). It’s good to pray for these brother and sister alums in their need.

So a few suggestions for us elderly. One is that we ought not isolate ourselves. Don’t turn into yourself, shutting others out. If you do, you

might become odd. Be social, reach out to others, to family, friends, colleagues. A second suggestion is to forgive. Don’t hold onto slights, hurts, or grudges. In our lifetime, we may have experienced rejection. We may have been ignored, unappreciated, or insulted. To hold on to that hurt can poison life and our last days. Pray to want to forgive, pray for God’s help and grace to actually forgive, pray for the one who caused the hurt. Then, drop by drop, forgiveness can enter your soul and you will be free to move to your “end.”

In our winter years most of us will be reshaped in our bodies, minds, attitudes, hopes, and values. We can become more contemplative, spiritual. “Winter grace,” for each of us and all of us, can be a time to pray. There are many ways to pray — listening to God, paying attention to God, saying your prayers, using other people’s prayers, meditating. We can pray alone or with others; our prayers may be informal or liturgical, as in celebrating Mass and Eucharist. We can pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament or say that Dominican prayer, the rosary. We can prayerfully read Scripture or other spiritual writings. We in the winter of life have time to pray. Prayer is a force for good in our world. And we can let others know we are praying for them, and that can be a powerful source of comfort for someone struggling and in need.

“In my beginning is my end ... in my end is my beginning.” Faith has

taught me that death is separation but not the end. I pass through death to life, another life, eternal life. Jesus has told us: “I have come that you may have life, abundance of life” (John 10:10). “I am the resurrection and the life. He or she who believes in me will never die” (John 11:25). So, in the winter of my priesthood, I wait “for the resurrection of the dead and the life to come.” All of us elderly wait with hope. And all of us elderly can be so grateful. I suggest that every once in awhile each of us make a mental list of the blessings we have been given: family, friends, education, health, healthcare, the gift of Catholic faith, the Church, our country, Providence College. The list can go on and on. One such gift might be aging. While each of us may have our own way of doing that, “growing old” can be a very special time in life. Why not make the most of it? Why not say thank you? ❧

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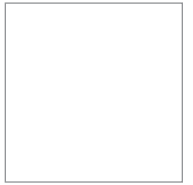
Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P. ’60 teaching around 1993.

Inset: A Cowl advertisement from 1972. Father Quigley, often known as “Quigs,” resigned as college chaplain in 1975 to work with the poor in Georgia.



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