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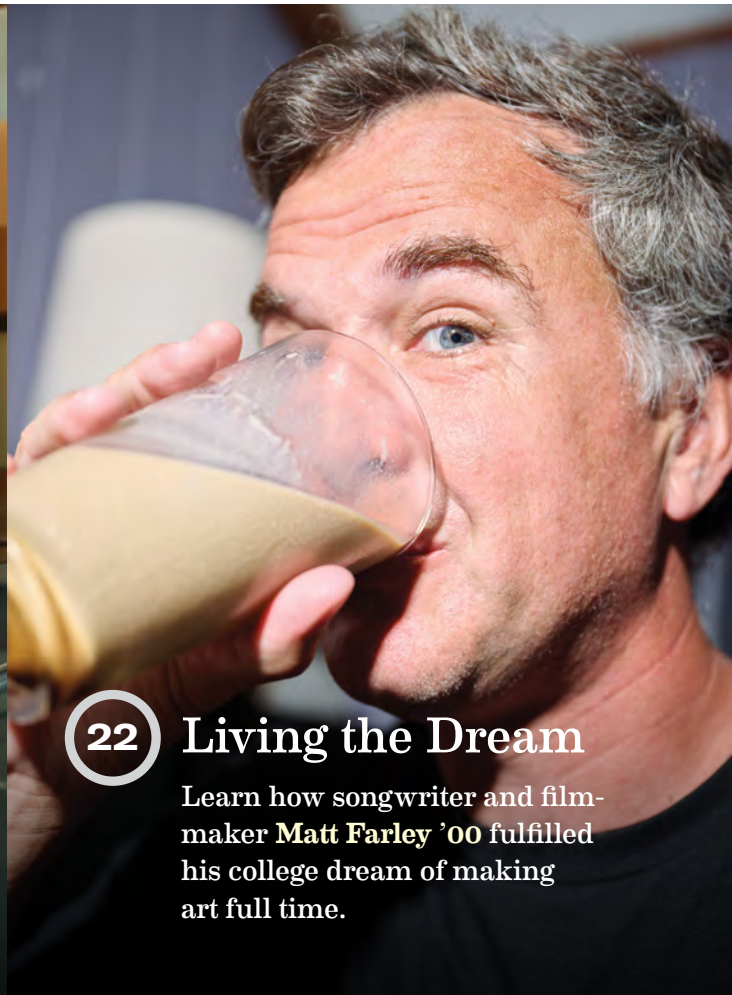
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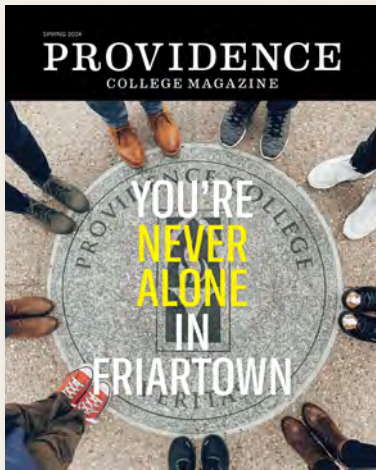
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→ As a retired communicator, I am often critical of the style and inadequacies in today's presentation of information meant to influence readers. Common gripes — too long, too short, incomplete, disconnected, too cute (especially graphics), etc. My direction was always to start with the audience. Who is your audience? How do they receive communication? What do you want them to walk away with?

All the preliminary is just my way of complimenting you on your two recent Providence magazines — one I call the Father Haas issue and this one on mental health. Each article was “just enough” and flowed beautifully into the next article. I seldom read anything beginning to end, never mind cover to cover. Both of these issues drew me in and kept my attention. I walked away with pride in PC's history in the volatile years following my graduation and appreciation for the school's evolution in dealing with mental health.

Like most people today, I am an online reader, but the right amount of print (two great issues a year) well executed is still valuable. Keep up the great work.

— **Mike Murphy '65**

→ I want to applaud the outstanding content and execution of the Providence College Magazine. The Spring 2024 “You're Never Alone in Friartown” edition captured the unique essence of what it means to be a Providence Friar. Unlike other alum pubs that exist for a “who's who” purpose, this magazine reminds us that we are called to serve and help each other with our stories, our talents, and our energy. Thank you for the beautiful reminder.

— **Tara Reynolds '91**

→ Thank you for the article “From the Beginning” about Jacqueline Kiernan MacKay. It was evocative of the beginning of my junior year at PC. That fall semester, I needed to return late to school. When I returned, Mrs. MacKay was so helpful in my late transition back. I was pleased to read that the Counseling Center has evolved and expanded. For so many college students this is an invaluable resource. It was wonderful to see Mrs. MacKay's picture again. Please send her my warm regards.

— **Jean Smolinsky O'Bryant '87**

→ Love your current magazine, “You're Never Alone in Friartown.”

I have been doing ministry to the sick, suffering, and dying for roughly 30 years. I have deep devotion to Jesus' real presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. I carry the Most Holy Eucharist with me and give it to people. I often ask those I visit: “Where does Jesus live?” Often they respond: “In heaven.” I then ask: “Where else? Do you know that He lives right in your soul and spirit? You are never alone.” What comfort this brings!

— **John Nichols '63**



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I Scream, You Scream



When David Cass '04 co-founded Tricycle Ice Cream in 2014 with his business partner Giovanni Salvador, they embarked on “a three-wheel journey to perfect the ice cream sandwich.” They still sell delicious ice cream packed between flavorful cookies from a pedal-powered cart, but they’ve also moved indoors to a shop at 70 Battey Street on Providence’s West Side. In addition to specialty ice cream sandwiches, they sell cones, ice cream tacos, and push pops, and offer catering and order pickup. Check their hours at tricycleicecream.com.



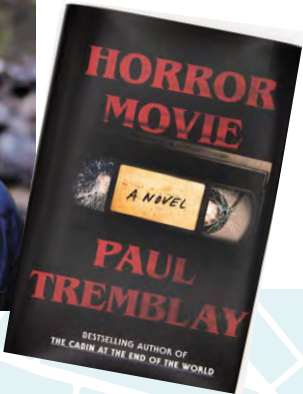
BLACK & WHITE BUZZ

FRIAR WRITERS PRAISED



Alison Espach '07 with Jenna Bush Hager outside NBC's Today show in July 2024.

The latest novels by **Alison Espach '07** and **Paul Tremblay '93** are drawing national praise. Espach's *The Wedding People*, set in Newport, was a "Read with Jenna" pick on NBC's Today show and was named a Best Book of the Summer by People magazine, Goodreads, and others. Tri-Star Pictures has acquired the film rights. Espach is an associate professor of English at PC. The New York Times said Tremblay's latest novel, *Horror Movie*, establishes him as "not just one of our great horror writers but one of our great fiction writers, full stop." Tremblay's book *The Cabin at the End of the World* was adapted into the film "Knock at the Cabin" by director M. Night Shyamalan.



PERHAPS THE DOMINICAN FRIARS WHO FOUNDED THIS COLLEGE IN THE SAME-NAMED STATE CAPITAL IN 1917 WERE INSPIRED BY DIVINE...

WHAT IS

THE EASIEST QUESTION EVER?



A Jeopardy clue on July 15, 2024, was "Perhaps the Dominican friars who founded this college in the same-named state capital in 1917 were inspired by divine ..." The category was "College in New England," and the clue was worth \$400. Eight-game champion Issac Hirsch from Burbank, California, answered it without hesitation.

WITCH BOOK IS GAGNON'S

Dan Gagnon '15 stands outside of the Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum in Danvers, Massachusetts, once part of Salem Village. Nurse was the subject of Gagnon's book, *A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse*, published in 2021 and reprinted twice. Gagnon's work at the museum in high school led to his interest in Nurse, who was a 71-year-old grandmother when she was accused of witchcraft in 1692. He teaches history at Rockport High School and is a member of the Danvers Historical Society and chair of the Salem Village Historic District Commission.



Jonathan Dunnemann, left, with Rev. Thomas More Garrett, O.P., who supervises the Father McGlynn collection at PC.

HEAD OF THE CLASS

Jonathan Dunnemann was a Holy Cross student who studied church architecture, Italian, and sculpture under **Rev. Richard A. McAlister, O.P.** and **Rev. Thomas McGlynn, O.P.** through the Providence in Europe summer program in Pietrasanta, Italy. During the summer of 1976, Dunneman created a sculpture of his head from white Carrara marble that he titled "Unfinished Work." The piece remained behind when he returned home to New Jersey and was eventually brought to PC with Father McGlynn's collection. Almost 50 years later, in May 2024, Dunneman was reunited with his sculpture during a visit to the college. "For me, it still represents one of the most significant things that I have ever produced," he said. He is forever grateful to Father McAlister for encouraging him through the years to pursue his calling to youth ministry.



Meet the Class of 2028

The Class of 2028, with 1,231 students, is the largest in college history, surpassing 1,200 in the Class of 2027. Students come from 33 states, the District of Columbia, and nine countries – Argentina, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Portugal, and the United Kingdom. There are 679 women and 552 men.

Fourteen percent are first-generation college students, the highest number

in seven years. Fifteen percent are students of color. There are 122 students in the Honors Program and 92 student-athletes. There are 225 students with a parent who graduated from PC.

Sixteen percent of students have not selected a major. For those who have, the most popular are finance, marketing, management, psychology, nursing, health sciences, biology, and political science.

Chirico Career Center receives award

The Chirico Career Center received the Career Service Excellence Award – Small College from the National Association of Colleges and Employers for its program, “The Masked Major,” which mimics the TV show “The Masked Singer.”

Alumni guests shared details about their careers with students, who had five minutes to ask questions and guess what their college major had been.

“There’s a prevailing misconception that the undergraduate major must directly correlate with the student’s eventual career path,” said Stacey Moulton, the career center’s senior associate director of communications and operations, who created the program.

This was the second time the career center was honored by NACE. The center was honored in 2021 for its “Find a Friar” program, a virtual event during winter break that introduced students to alumni and their careers.

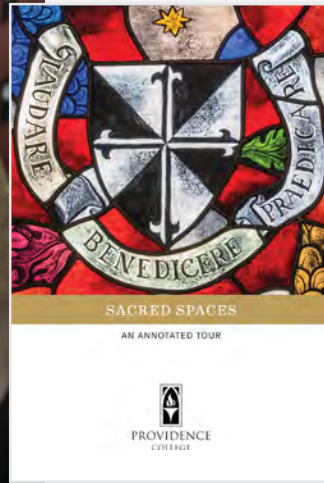
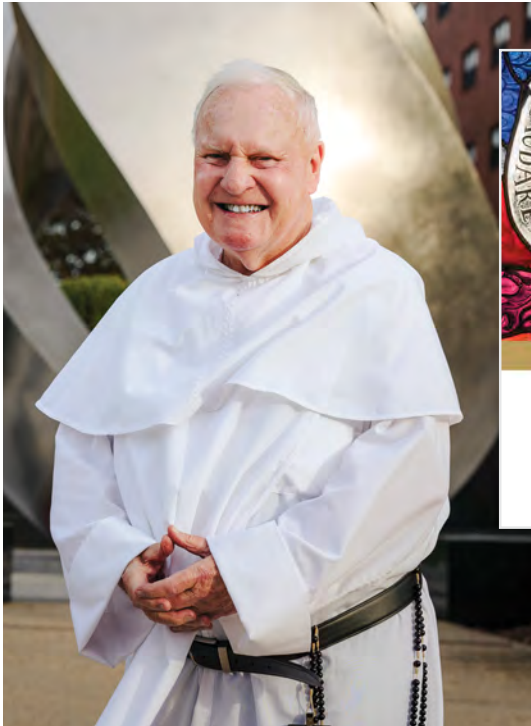


New chaplain for students

Rev. Simon Teller, O.P., is the new college chaplain. Father Simon was assigned to PC as associate chaplain in 2022. He has more than 60,000 Instagram followers. Father Simon replaces Rev. Justin Bolger, O.P., now chaplain of the Catholic community at Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design.

The new vice president for mission and ministry is Rev. Thomas More Garrett, O.P. Father Garrett joined the college in 2016, the year after his ordination, and previously served as associate vice president and associate general counsel. He also teaches management in the School of Business. Prior to joining the Dominicans, he was a lawyer and Congressional staffer.

The previous vice president for mission and ministry, Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98, now is pastor of St. Denis parish in Hanover, New Hampshire, serving Dartmouth College.



SEE SACRED SPACES
ON THE WEB

Father Quigley on Sacred Spaces

Associate alumni chaplain **Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P. '60** compiled a booklet about sacred spaces on the PC campus, their meaning, and the opportunity they provide for contemplation. The spaces — which include the statues of St. Dominic, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Martin de Porres, along with St. Dominic Chapel, the Dominican Cemetery, and Calabria Plaza — can be viewed online. For a copy of Father Quigley's booklet, email alumni@providence.edu.

Four alumni join Board of Trustees

Four alumni were elected to the Board of Trustees for three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2024.

Emeritus trustee **Thomas Corcoran '80** returned to the board after previously serving from June 2012 to June 2021. Joining the board for first time are **Stephen Gallucci '89**, **Jill Ledger Shah '91**, and **Shannon Rafferty Sullivan '00**.

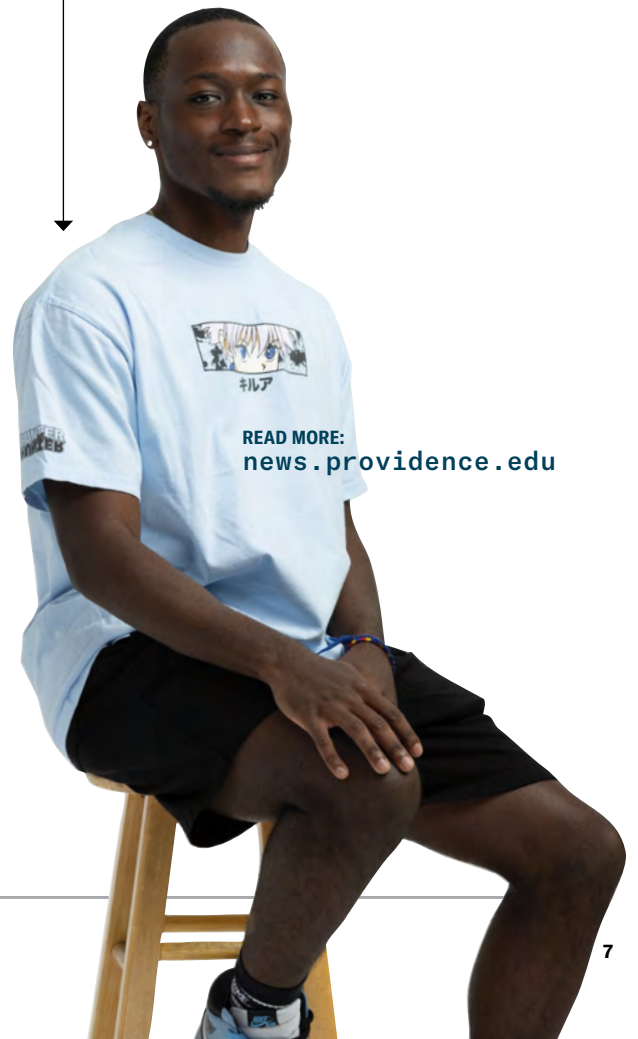
Two alumni stepped down from the board after their terms of service concluded. Rich Gotham '86 served from October 2015 to June 2024. Emeritus trustee Kevin Phelan '66, '15Hon., first appointed in June 1993, completed his seventh term of service, 24 years in all.

Fulbright travel to Argentina

Spencer Johnson '24 was chosen by the Fulbright Program to travel to Argentina in February 2025 to spend the year teaching English to college students who are preparing to be teachers.

Johnson, from Lawrenceville, New Jersey, was a member of the Honors Program at PC. He studied English with minors in political science and Black studies.

"I am compelled to uncover what fabrics hold Argentina together in times of high inflation and human rights abuse," Johnson wrote in his Fulbright application. "With a background in political science and Black studies, I yearn to probe the social and racial dynamics of the small percentage of African-descended people in Argentina."



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Love is a universal language

BY MAGDALENA SMYTH '25
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

As a global studies major with minors in

history and political science, I study people, places, and ideas. I love to hear people's stories: why they live the way they do, why they think what they think and believe what they believe. Through my studies and my personal endeavors, traveling and community service have become central to my education.

In the fall of 2021, my first year of college began with my involvement in Hunger and Poverty Outreach through Campus Ministry. Sophomore year, in the winter of 2023, I traveled to New Orleans with Campus Ministry's Friar Service and Justice group to help repair homes with fellow students. In the spring of 2023, I went to Tijuana, Mexico, as part of a Global Border Crossing course, where we learned about immigration to the United States: its importance, the struggles migrants face, the politics, and the diplomacy. In the summer of 2023, before my junior year, I was awarded a Father Philip A. Smith, O.P., Student Fellowship for Study and Service Abroad. I traveled to Rosario, Argentina, for six weeks, where I taught English to more than 1,200 students and served their communities every weekend. Most recently, I spent September to December of 2023 in Rabat, Morocco, to fulfill my study abroad requirement. I learned about the culture and studied sub-Saharan migration through Morocco and into Europe.

Beyond immense gratitude and thanksgiving for these beautiful travels and opportunities, I am most grateful for the lessons that have emerged along the way, most of the time without me even realizing it. Now, in my senior year, I realize that these journeys have taught me how to truly listen to the stories people are sharing and effectively share my own. But how does this happen if you're facing communication barriers? Through love and service to our neighbors!

Time after time through our outreach in Campus Ministry, we serve people with whom we cannot communicate. Often we can't talk with the people we are serving because of social and physical barriers, because we are simply moving

“TRAVEL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HAVE BECOME CENTRAL TO MY EDUCATION.”

too quickly in our work to talk, or because we aren't even working directly with people, such as when we are painting fences. Throughout traveling, the most obvious communication hindrance is the language barrier. I can't express how many times I came close to tears in Argentina or Morocco because I didn't speak the language well enough to fully communicate what I wanted to say! (This should also give us a newer and refreshed appreciation for those in our communities who learned English as a second language. It's hard work!)

But I was always comforted, and still am, whether in my service or my travels, by the knowledge that love is a universal language, and that the people around me love and appreciate me, and I them, regardless of communication barriers. If we serve people and treat everyone around us as the dignified and whole human beings that they are, we can create lasting relationships and change within our communities. I'm grateful to Providence College for all the opportunities it has given me: my friends, my studies, my faith, and my travels. But most of all, I'm grateful for the lessons I've learned through these blessings and the insights I will carry with me beyond my time at PC. ❧

Magdalena Smyth '25, from Exeter, New Hampshire, is a resident assistant in Shanley Hall and served as a Feinsein Community Fellow with My Brother's Keeper in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. After graduation, she hopes to find work with an organization whose mission aligns with her values.



“AI-ENABLED TOOLS COULD BECOME ONE OF THE BIGGEST DISRUPTORS TO EDUCATION WE HAVE SEEN IN DECADES.”

Responding to the AI challenge

Christine Earley, Ph.D., professor of accountancy and interim dean of the School of Business, leads the college’s initiatives to ensure that students are technically equipped — and intellectually, ethically, and creatively prepared — to enter the workforce amid the AI revolution.

“AI-enabled tools could become one of the biggest disruptors to education we have seen in decades,” said Earley, chair of the college’s Artificial Intelligence Committee, which was established in 2023 and includes 22 faculty members and staff representing 20 departments and offices.

Earley has presented on the college’s AI efforts to the Board of Trustees and the National Alumni Association, compiled resources for faculty members, and assisted Rev. Mark Nowel, O.P., Ph.D., associate provost for academic policy and mission support, with updates to the college’s academic integrity policy.

At its core, generative artificial intelligence draws upon vast textual data and predictive pattern matching to create responses to user-generated prompts. It can produce essays, works of art, presentations, computer code, and other course assignments. Recent advancements have enabled AI tools to reason through more complex mathematical problems as well.

As an accountant, Earley is no stranger to changes in technology. As an educator with a master’s degree in cognitive psychology, she understands the importance of cognitive processes, like synthesis and evaluation, that are involved in study habits as simple as notetaking. AI-enabled tools that produce notes, outlines, and quizzes based on written sources or classroom recordings sidestep these higher-order thinking skills, decreasing retention and inhibiting intellectual growth.

Faculty reactions to emerging AI tools are mixed. While some professors

integrate AI into assignments, others are returning to traditional “blue book” exams to preempt plagiarism.

“It is not possible to create a single AI policy for all courses at the college,” Earley said. “The policy is that faculty should have a policy, and it should be in their syllabi.”

The college emphasizes that professors must be clear about the rules and rationale so that students understand what tools they may use and “how these tools might inhibit or enhance the learning process.”

The guidance emphasizes integrity. Faculty are encouraged to define consequences for infractions, such as use of illicit tools, or failure to disclose which parts of an assignment were AI-generated when AI use is permitted.

The AI Committee, Information Technology Department, and Finance and Business Division are investing in tools to protect privacy and intellectual property made vulnerable by new technologies. Earley looks forward to partnering with faculty from all disciplines to discuss “the big-picture questions” these technologies raise.

— MICHAEL HAGAN '15, '19G



Democracy on display

For the presidential election season, Providence College Archives and Special Collections curated a political history exhibit on display in Phillips Memorial Library.

“You’ve Got the Power: A Brief History of Elections & Civic Engagement” illuminates the history of voting rights and electoral politics in and beyond Rhode Island in the 20th century.

Much of the campaign memorabilia is drawn from the collections of Colonel John V. “Jack” Brennan ’59 and longtime Democratic staffers J. Lyons Moore and Marian Gilmore Moore. Also exhibited are materials donated by the Urban League of Rhode Island from voting rights and voter advocacy campaigns in the 1960s.



Costello receives top teaching award



Peter Costello, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, received the Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award for 2023-2024. The college’s top teaching honor is presented to the faculty member who best exhibits excellence in

teaching, passion and enthusiasm for learning, and concern for the academic and personal growth of students.

Costello, a member of the faculty since 2004, has a Ph.D. in philosophy from Pennsylvania State University. He has taught courses in the Development of Western Civilization Program, philosophy, public and community service studies, global studies, and women’s and gender studies, and has published two books.

Accinno award recipients are nominated by their peers, students, and alumni. Costello credits his faculty colleagues with influencing his approach to teaching and said he enjoys having the academic freedom to teach in ways he finds most effective. A tenet in his classroom is the belief that he can learn from his students.

“Teaching is not effective if the only thing communicated is that I am a master of the material,” Costello said. “I have to play the call and response of jazz, not just assert myself as the soloist.”

Carlson named top faculty scholar



Licia Carlson, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, received the Outstanding Faculty Scholar Award for 2024. The award is presented to the tenured faculty member who demonstrates the highest standards of research, scholarship, and

contributions to an academic discipline.

Carlson, who has a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Toronto, has been a member of the faculty since 2009. Her academic expertise includes philosophy of disability, biomedical ethics, philosophy of music, and feminist philosophy.

Carlson is the author of two books, including *Shared Musical Lives: Philosophy, Disability, and the Power of Sonification* (Oxford University Press, 2022), which won the 2023 ASCAP Foundation Deems Taylor/Virgil Thomson Book Award. She serves on the editorial board of *The Journal of the Philosophy of Disability*, the first professional journal devoted to the field. She has co-edited several books and written numerous chapters and articles.

Her current scholarship includes a short book on the philosophy of Albert Camus and a book on musical instruments. Carlson is a violinist with the Boston-based Longwood Symphony Orchestra and produced a short film in Italy, “Il Pezzo,” based on her essay, “The Stradivarius.”

Faculty retirements

(As of June 30, 2024)

H. KIRK BOZIGIAN, M.S. '73

Assistant professor of practice in marketing
Teaching at PC since 2009

FRANCIS P. FORD, M.A.

Assistant professor of computer science
Teaching at PC since 1980
(Mr. Ford died on March 22, 2024)

PAUL J. MALONEY, CPA, CFP

Assistant professor of finance
Teaching at PC since 1980

MARGARET M. MANCHESTER, PH.D. '83G

Professor of history
Teaching at PC since 1994
Will continue as professor emeritus of history

FRANCIS T. O'BRIEN, M.A.

Associate professor of economics
Teaching at PC since 1957

WENDY R. OLIVER, MFA, ED.D.

Professor of dance and professor of women’s and gender studies
Teaching at PC since 1985
Will continue as professor emeritus of dance



LAURA WELLS MURRAY '14

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS

EDUCATION: Ph.D., mathematics, University of Notre Dame; bachelor's degrees in mathematics and humanities, Providence College. She achieved the highest academic rank in both majors and was one of two top scholars in the Class of 2014 with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

BEGAN TEACHING AT PC: Spring 2021

EXPERTISE: Algebraic topology, topological quantum field theories, higher symmetries, and category theory

NEWSWORTHY: Murray received a grant through the National Science Foundation program called Launching Early-Career Academic Pathways in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences for her project, Quantum Field Theories and Elliptic Cohomology. It is the first NSF grant awarded to the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Murray's grant supports undergraduate research assistants, giving students the opportunity to work on projects that introduce them to topics in topology and category theory. The grant also will fund a conference on topology and mathematical physics at PC in November 2024.

CURRENT PROJECTS: Together with international collaborators, Murray is working on a project to describe higher symmetries present in quantum field theories in terms of computational data that can be compared to classical structures in topology. The research is part of a program to unify geometric and algebraic views of field theories, with a view toward applications in quantum physics.

QUOTABLE: "Mathematics is a creative realm. There is a whole world to discover and explore. You build new ideas and see, over time, the surprising ways that different ideas can come together to spark new insights. Most people associate math with rules and formulas — I enjoy the opportunity to show students the joy of playful discovery at the heart of mathematics."

ORIGINALLY FROM: Madison, Wisconsin

HOBBIES: Setting up and cleaning up princess-themed tea parties for her two toddlers.

— MARTHA YOUNG

FACULTY FOCUS



BUSINESS FOR GOOD

BY MICHAEL HAGAN '15, '19G AND VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G
PORTRAITS BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

Sylvia Maxfield, Ph.D., dean of the business school since 2012, in the Palmisano Atrium of the Ryan Center for Business Studies. In September, Maxfield became interim provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.



Professors in the Providence College School of Business

are excellent teachers who prepare students for careers in accounting, finance, management, and marketing. Complementing their work in the classroom, faculty members are researchers, too.

Under the leadership of Sylvia Maxfield, Ph.D., dean of the business school since 2012, the business curriculum has ethics at its core. Professors undertake research aimed at making the world a better place — studying such topics as diversity and belonging in the workplace, the marketing of sustainable products, and the impact of online sports betting.

Professors bring the knowledge gained from their inquiry back to the classroom to share with students, making for a values-based education that equips graduates to lead with integrity and pursue solutions to critical problems.





ARATI KALE, PH.D.

FINANCE

THE EMOTIONS OF INVESTING

Those who believe that investment is just a matter of dollars and cents, that the financial world isn't influenced by human factors, are misled, says Arati Kale, Ph.D., who was a financial analyst and manager before she joined the faculty as assistant professor of finance in 2021.

“Investors are emotional people who attempt to make rational decisions,” Kale said.

Kale's research into the role emotion and affinity play in financial decision-making builds upon the Nobel Prize-winning scholarship of economist Robert Shiller. Her research quantifies such factors as attractiveness, gender, race, and the perceived “foreignness of names” to reveal their impact on financial decision-making. For a study published in the *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance*, she used facial

analysis software to show that fund managers whose faces align to a “scientifically attractive” ratio of width and height enjoy higher flows of investment, even if their returns do not perform as well as industry peers.

“People place money where their hearts are, not where their brains lead,” Kale said.

In the classroom, Kale teaches students about the emotional forces at play in markets. Because PC students study rhetoric, aesthetics, and logic, they are equipped to understand the human stories behind numbers. She hopes that awareness will help them practice finance more equitably and profitably — to be concerned not only with making money, but “with doing what is right.”

PATRICK KELLY, PH.D.

ACCOUNTANCY

RISKS OF GAMBLING

The expansion of online casinos and sports betting is pitched as a win for business and government. But Patrick Kelly, Ph.D., Ruane Endowed Professor of Accountancy, says that without education, regulation, and oversight, many individuals will be losers.

Kelly studied cases in which workers in casino regions became addicted to gambling and subsequently defrauded their employers. “These were often long-serving, well-respected employees with no prior criminal records,” Kelly said. “They stole to support their gambling activities.”

Since Kelly and his colleague Carol Hartley, CPA, published research on problem gambling in 2010, the industry has expanded through sports betting and online casino gambling. Adults in all six New England states need only a mobile app for sports betting. In Rhode Island, the legal age to place a sports bet is 18.

Kelly’s latest research is focused on the social costs of sports betting and the precipitous increase in problem gambling among men ages 20-35. He notes that sports betting companies have successfully used targeted marketing with promotions or free bets to encourage participation.

“The access and information advantage that the gambling industry has over sports bettors is significant,” Kelly said. “My greatest concern is about young people.”

Using a grant from the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling, Kelly coordinated a program to raise awareness of problem gambling symptoms, risk factors, and resource options. More than 150 students attended.

“We try to help students understand the risks associated with sports betting and other forms of gambling now and in the future,” said Kelly, who joined the faculty in 2001 and also directs the Ethics in Business Education Program.

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ABIGAIL CORRINGTON, PH.D.

MANAGEMENT

DIGNITY IN THE WORKPLACE

“All people deserve opportunities to thrive in life and work,” said Abigail Corrington, Ph.D., assistant professor of management, who studies diversity and inclusion in organizations with the goal of improving workplace experiences for everyone. “This is the foundation of my research.”

Using methodology ranging from experimental research (laboratory, field, online) to archival research, Corrington examines how an organization’s practices raise or lower barriers to entry, achievement, and authenticity. As a scholar of management and psychology, she studies behavior to analyze subtle discrimination that often has a greater impact than overt discrimination. And while the reactions she measures are behavioral, their consequences — including gender and racial disparities in hiring, pay, and promotion — can do tangible economic, psychological, and even physical harm, she said.

Corrington’s research demonstrates that bias persists even when organizations attempt to mitigate it through policy. Her studies differentiate between genuine corporate inclusivity and superficial gestures that sometimes do more harm than good to employees and to a company’s bottom line. Inclusivity as “window dressing,” not backed up in practice, can create problems related to employee retention, satisfaction, and well-being, among other issues. Having employees with diverse perspectives leads to better product design and messaging.

Corrington joined the PC faculty in 2020. She previously taught a graduate course in diversity, equity, and inclusion in



“MY RESEARCH BRINGS TO THE SURFACE HARMFUL AND DISPARATE EXPERIENCES THAT STUDENTS, AS FUTURE LEADERS IN BUSINESS, MUST CONFRONT.”

business at Rice University and was a consultant for several Fortune 500 companies.

“My research brings to the surface harmful and disparate experiences that students, as future leaders in business, must confront,” Corrington said.

KEVIN NEWMAN, PH.D.

MARKETING

BUSINESS AND BELONGING

As a consumer psychologist and associate professor of marketing, Kevin Newman, Ph.D., studies how psychological needs like belonging and purpose drive business practice and consumer behavior. Many brands encourage environmentally and socially conscious consumer choices, but not all consumers are moved.

“I study the ‘troublemakers’ — those unlikely to embrace socially and environmentally beneficial behaviors,” said Newman, who joined the faculty in 2014.

Studies show that women are more likely than men to embrace environmentally sustainable products and practices. In his research, Newman found that men respond more favorably to sustainable brands when they feel powerful or have a sense of “sustainability self-efficacy,” meaning they believe their sustainable actions can have a positive societal impact.

“Our theories and research methods often come from psychology, but what makes business scholarship unique is its application: How can we use the power of business to achieve outcomes that benefit us all,” Newman said.

In another study, Newman found that a person’s response to sustainable products varied depending on the individual’s sense of belonging. Those who reported feeling accepted and valued by others had a more favorable response to sustainable products.

His research is inseparable from questions of personal and community well-being — a subject on which he offers a course, Consumer Well-Being, that invites perspectives from the campus and alumni communities.

“Data from the World Happiness Report demonstrate that people under 30 are less happy than elder generations. Business



and brands can’t replace other more essential communities, but they have a role to play in facilitating the meaningful connections young people crave,” Newman said.



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NEA NORTH, PH.D.

MARKETING

AID TO PEOPLE IN NEED

As a business strategist, Nea North, Ph.D., helped startups in Austin, Texas, develop marketing and financial strategies for long-term profitability and growth. As a scholar and assistant professor of marketing since 2021, she studies how public and charitable assistance is “brought to market” — how people in need access and experience aid — in a way that improves well-being.

For North, it’s personal. As a first-generation student from a small town, she knows the material and psychological challenges of poverty and seeking aid. It drives her inquiry: How can vital benefits be provided in an empowering way to improve not only physical but psychological well-being and increase their usage? How can marketing shift attitudes and correct misconceptions about those who receive aid in order to improve program support and charitable behaviors, thus increasing access?

North’s research shows that when eligibility requirements for public assistance are inflexible, they may exclude people with genuine need. Inflexible policies also may thwart initiative toward improving well-being and increase perceptions of injustice. North also is considering how aid thresholds can become “cliffs” that recipients may fall from. The purpose is to understand whether a system of “transitional benefits” could transform those cliffs into gentler slopes for households aspiring to enter the middle class.

“I study what shifts in class look like in both directions. We need to understand what it is like to come out of poverty, but we also need to know what it’s like to fall back,” North said.

“When people understand that those receiving assistance are people like them, their families, and their friends, they are more willing to support aid and more interested in finding solutions.”

SYLVIA MAXFIELD, PH.D. AND LIU WANG, PH.D.

FINANCE

GENDER DIVERSITY AND CORPORATE RISK

Business faculty often collaborate on research. Sylvia Maxfield, Ph.D., professor of finance, and Liu Wang, Ph.D., Ruane Endowed Professor of Finance, examined the impact of board gender diversity on corporate risk by using statistical methods drawn from the natural sciences and combining insights from the fields of psychology, economics, management, and finance.

For their study published in the journal *Corporate Governance: An International Review*, Maxfield and Wang synthesized and analyzed the results of 193 previous studies to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the role that gender diversity on boards plays in corporate performance. Their examination found that more diverse membership on boards mitigates corporate disclosure and misconduct risk, and that there is no evidence that board gender diversity inhibits innovation and corporate growth.

“There is a timely element to this work, as women across all business sectors continue to prove themselves and grow into senior leadership roles, while corporate leaders are examining board composition and focusing on new and continued growth strategies,” Maxfield said. “Evidence-based studies like ours can be useful in effecting change.”

Wang, who joined the faculty in 2010, added, “As boards become more responsible for risk management, our finding that board gender diversity leads to more prudent corporate risk-taking is particularly important and relevant.”

“EVIDENCE-BASED STUDIES LIKE OURS CAN BE USEFUL IN EFFECTING CHANGE.”



Liu Wang, Ph.D., left, and Sylvia Maxfield, Ph.D.



WHY MATT FARLEY WROTE

25,000

SONGS FOR SPOTIFY

BY LIZ F. KAY
PHOTOGRAPHY BY KARIN DAILEY

MATT FARLEY '00 HAS BEEN MAKING MUSIC FOR DECADES.

The size of his catalog is extraordinary, with more than 25,000 songs published on Spotify and other platforms.

The tunes might not impress critics. Farley's more than 70 musical personas include the Hungry Food Band and The Toilet Bowl Cleaners. Some of his popular song titles are "Green Beans," "The Mothman Song," and "Best Song About Philadelphia." He has published hundreds of birthday songs with name, age, and date variations, and prom proposals as well.

Still, it's hard to scoff at his creative endeavors, which began when he was a student at Providence College with friends Charlie Roxburgh '99 and Tom Scalzo '00. The trio continues to record music and make films. In 2016, Farley played one of his songs, "Used to Be a Pizza Hut," on *The Tonight Show* with Jimmy Fallon. By 2017, he was earning enough in streaming royalties to quit his day job, and those revenues are now in the six-figure range. *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Guardian*, NPR, and *Wired* have all featured stories about him.

Farley has uploaded hundreds of variations of the same song, changing only a first name. He used Wikipedia to help him create songs about towns in every American state, sorting them by population and starting with the largest.

"It makes more sense to do a city with a million people than a city with 300 people, though when I do songs for the smaller cities, those 300 are really confused," Farley said. "They're like, 'Why would anyone do this?'"

The answer: To fulfill the dream of making art full time, a goal Farley achieved in 2017. The year 2023 was his best so far, with \$200,000 in revenue.

"Each year has been better than the last, and I see no signs of it stopping," Farley said. "Every morning I wake up and check the numbers just to be sure."



Farley made conscious choices throughout his life to be able to continue making music with Scalzo, who has a master's degree in publishing, and films with Roxburgh, now a visual media coordinator. For example, after graduating from PC with a degree in English, Farley took a job working three days a week in a group home for teens in New Hampshire and stayed there for 17 years. The pay wasn't great but he had four days free to work on his movies and music.

When digital music distribution services such as CDBaby and Apple iTunes launched, Farley reviewed the catalog of 1,000 songs he and Scalzo had recorded in the years since they had graduated and put out 10 albums' worth of their best material. Initially, they were a bit embarrassed about the silly songs, so they would include 10 serious songs and a few jokes on each album.

"And of course, the only things that people responded to were the jokes," Farley said. "If we made \$6 in a month that was a huge success."

As he described on a fan page for his college band, Moes Haven, it dawned on Farley around 2008 that while earning \$2 on one song wasn't much, "earning \$2 per song on thousands of songs could be a real income and would also be amusingly ridiculous."

Essentially Farley had organically stumbled on search-engine optimization: creating content that people were looking for. For example, they had a few songs that mentioned celebrities.

"If someone types in 'Hugh Grant,' for instance, the only thing they're going to find is our song about how great Hugh Grant is," he said. "I thought, 'Well, I could just write a song about every celebrity.'"

He had a similar realization about food, and after noting the relative popularity of their song "Shut Up Your Monkey," concluded people must be looking for songs about animals, too.



From left, Matt Farley '00, Charlie Roxburgh '99, and Tom Scalzo '00 with horror movies they would watch for creative inspiration in their film-making.

The debut of streaming services like Spotify in 2008 and their integration into smart home devices such as Amazon's Echo in 2014 revealed the popularity of silly songs about bodily functions, especially among children. Many of Farley's songs on those topics have been played millions of times. Every month, more than 150,000 people listen to music by the Toilet Bowl Cleaners, which has 14 albums to date.

Farley's musical career began in childhood when his parents noticed him picking out melodies on a toy organ in the basement of their home in Peabody, Massachusetts. He took lessons with the music teacher at his elementary school for five years.

"That got me a good base of piano knowledge, and then from that point on, I was just exploring it myself, which was more fun because I could play whatever I wanted," Farley said.

During his first year at PC, Farley lived in McDermott Hall on the same floor as Roxburgh and Scalzo. They were members

of the Honors Program and recognized their similar interests. Scalzo and Farley started recording music and Roxburgh and Farley made films.

"Now, more than 25 years later, we're still doing it," Farley said.

By senior year, Farley spent entire weekends in his Bedford Hall apartment playing electronic keyboard with his roommate Scalzo on acoustic guitar, recording songs on a four-track cassette recorder.

"With Matt and Charlie, there was always something in the works, some project to focus on. And that made for a college life that was never boring," Scalzo said.

During one recording marathon, they decided to never say no to a song idea.

"The minute you start judging your own ideas, you get to the point where you just start saying no," Farley said. "It's easy to find the potential flaw in an idea. If an idea comes, it's easier



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to just do it. You waste less time writing a bad song than you do overthinking.”

That approach has resulted in prolific output. Farley would prefer to write music that’s as good as any respected songwriter, but those aren’t the songs that earn money or attract attention.

“Even if it’s bad, who cares?” Farley said. “I’m a bad judge of my own work. All my favorite compositions are the least popular.”

Farley also honed his promotional skills at PC. Each semester he organized a variety show in Stuart’s, the student pub in Bedford. He plastered campus with fliers with his photo and invited other students to perform, in the hopes that the guests would bring friends. He wrote songs about happenings on campus in the late 1990s, like “Save the Grotto,” about elimination of “Grotto Beach” to make way for St. Dominic Chapel.

Farley and Roxburgh took a similar approach to their films, once reserving a lecture hall in Moore Hall to screen their premiere of *The Paperboy*.

“I’m a desperate entertainer who just wants an audience,” Farley said.

Both Farley and Roxburgh made films in high school and continued in college.

“What we learned is we had a whole campus of potential actors at our disposal,” Farley said. “We could knock on someone’s door and be like, ‘Hey, do you want to be in a movie?’”

Roxburgh worked for Academic Media Services as a student and used editing gear there to turn their camcorder footage into films. After graduation, he earned a master’s degree in



Matt Farley Wrote Us A Song

“PC IN THE ’90S”

At our request, Matt Farley ’00 composed a song about his years at Providence College. Watch the music video created by Chris Judge ’05, ’07G and hear more selections at the link.

graphic design and video production and worked in Hollywood. There, he learned techniques that he applied to their personal projects, which stream on platforms like Vimeo, Amazon Prime, and Tubi.

Roxburgh said that the three motivated each other creatively right from the start. They would get up early and meet at the Admiral Spa diner for breakfast, writing out scenes on notecards, or retreat to adjacent Feinstein classrooms to work independently.

“We knew that we could count on each other to help with any project — no matter how quirky,” Roxburgh said.

In June, Roxburgh awoke at 4:30 a.m. to travel from his Connecticut home to New Hampshire to film scenes for a new production. “We never want to let the other person down,” he said.

Matt Farley '00 homeschools his sons four days a week, then spends three days writing music in the spare room of his home in Massachusetts.



Similarly, all of Farley’s recent films feature their relatives, co-workers, or former classmates.

“None of them are trained, and frankly, many of them don’t even want to be in the movie, so that makes for a very unique viewing experience,” Farley said.

The three also travel for screenings and to play shows. In June, a Brooklyn film collective hosted a festival of four of their movies along with a Q&A with Farley and Roxburgh. During the summer, Scalzo, who lives near Binghamton, New York, performed with Farley there and outside Baltimore.

Farley prefers when time with friends coincides with a creative project. As life gets busier with family and other responsibilities, saying you’re going to go hang out with your college friends is a hard sell, he said. However, shooting a movie with your friends is a different proposition.

“You get to do all your socializing, and then you also have a movie to show for it. And I think that’s better than just hanging out,” Farley said.

Scalzo said that these creative projects have gained more importance amid growing family and professional responsibilities.

“Knowing we have an upcoming weekend booked to do some filming, or a live show to practice for, helps to keep our lives balanced and offers a much-needed outlet for creativity,” Scalzo said.

Roxburgh agreed. “They bring joy to my life,” he said.

At home, Farley has a straightforward routine. He and his wife live in Danvers, Massachusetts, and homeschool their two sons. He teaches them during the school year while she works four days a week. From Friday through Sunday, he’s in



In 2016, Matt Farley '00 played "Used to Be a Pizza Hut" on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon.

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the spare room of their home with a keyboard and recording equipment, surrounded by artifacts from his journey, like a Tonight Show tote bag and milk bottles from Munroe Dairy in East Providence, where he likes to buy coffee milk — his only vice — when he is in the area.

Farley spends about 20 minutes writing improvised songs and as long as 90 minutes on one with rhyming lyrics. While watching TV on weekday evenings, he'll do more tedious but necessary tasks, like typing in the title of each uploaded song.

In many songs, Farley includes his cell phone number, a tradition that began in his days writing for The Cowl.

“I would end each of my articles by posting my on-campus phone number, challenging people to call me on the phone, which I thought was funny,” he said.

He always answers. Most callers are college or middle school students who have stumbled on his songs, but once it was a producer for The Tonight Show asking if he wanted to perform his Pizza Hut song on television.

“I honestly forgot that I had written the Pizza Hut song,” Farley said. “As I was talking to her, I was going through my own catalog on Spotify and saw that I had indeed written that song, and that was a relief because I thought she had the wrong songwriter at first.”

Some media coverage dismisses Farley as a spammer merely gaming the streaming system. He dismisses this right back.

“You know, I’m making a living off the music,” Farley said. “It gives me time to write music that I find quite artistically fulfilling.” ❖





SARA CORBEN HARWOOD

WEIRD ISLAND PODCASTS

BY EALISH BRAWLEY '14

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ANGEL TUCKER

Among the podcast topics explored by Sara Corben Harwood '14 is the Superman Building in downtown Providence. She is photographed on the Rooftop at the Providence G.

YOU MAY HAVE ENJOYED a Murder Burger from Haven Brothers in Providence, but did you know that the iconic food truck can trace its origins to 1893? Has the intersection at the border of Providence and Pawtucket where Ridge Street becomes Pidge Avenue struck you as odd? Have you hiked into the Smithfield woods to find the ruins of Hanton City, a settlement mysteriously abandoned more than 100 years ago?

Listeners of the Weird Island podcast have explored these peculiar Rhode Island topics with host Sara Corben Harwood '14. Her introduction to each episode conveys the podcast's approach to local history: "Weird Island brings you some of the strangest stories you probably haven't heard before, all originating in tiny Rhode Island."

During the pandemic, without a daily commute or social engagements, Harwood, a manager of global brand development and marketing at Hasbro (then for Transformers, now for Marvel), listened to hours of podcasts. She sought to channel her love of podcasts into a project that would allow her to get out of the house and engage with the community in a safe way.

Harwood had no experience producing podcasts. True crime was her favorite genre, but she considered it too dark for a deep immersion. Her father suggested she explore the history of Rhode Island mills and their ties to the development of early sprinkler systems. She was intrigued by the idea of researching unusual topics particular to her tiny state. That's how Weird Island was born.

Harwood came to PC in 2010 from Plymouth, Massachusetts, to join the Honors Program and study marketing. She remained in Rhode Island to begin her career after graduation.

A resident of East Providence, she feels a strong connection to her chosen home. She admires how the typical Rhode Islander is so invested in and knowledgeable about the state.

"People love and feel proud of this tiny place," Harwood said.

For more than a year, Harwood produced weekly episodes of Weird Island. She did all the research herself starting with a simple Google search. She traced threads through library books, newspaper archives, and databases, and interviewed local experts, such as Providence Journal writers and the president and CEO of the Providence Performing Arts Center. Her first episodes were about mysteries that she had long wondered about. As her listenership grew, fans began to submit their own suggestions.

Weird Island is a testament to how a great podcast can be produced without a large team or expensive equipment.

Harwood's parents gave her a \$50 microphone to record her episodes. She has used it to make more than 70 episodes in her living room, reaching more than 2,000 listeners.

PC's Development of Western Civilization Program fostered the intellectual curiosity that motivated Harwood to produce Weird Island.

WEIRD ISLAND BRINGS YOU SOME OF THE STRANGEST STORIES YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T HEARD BEFORE, ALL ORIGINATING IN TINY RHODE ISLAND.



Listen to Weird Island episode 20: "It's a bird, it's a plane, it's the abandoned Superman building."

"Civ covered so much ground in history, literature, and philosophy," Harwood said. "Being a marketing major, I wouldn't have gotten that perspective or learned those things going to another college. I wouldn't be the person I am today, or have the same curiosity about a breadth of topics, if not for Civ."

After a hiatus of 18 months, during which she married, Harwood is back producing episodes of Weird Island. Listeners who have patiently waited for more

weird stories about the smallest state will be delighted by her newest episode topics — Rhode Island's octagonal houses and the author of "The Yellow Wallpaper" short story, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, an early feminist who spent much of her childhood in Providence. ■■

Francis Brissette '26G, left,
and John Paul Brissette '25.

PROVIDENCE



FRANCIS BRISSETTE AND JOHN PAUL BRISSETTE

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FOLLOWERS ON

TIKTOK

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

FRANCIS BRISSETTE '26G

perches on the porch roof outside his bedroom in Cranston, Rhode Island, wrapped in a blanket, expressing his angst about dating, relationships, school, employment, insomnia, the state of the world.

A booming voice intrudes from off-camera — his brother, John Paul Brissette '25. After attempting to introduce reason to the conversation, John Paul can only conclude with an exasperated “Francis!”

Franchismo10, also known as “the roof man,” is a social media character the brothers created in 2019. Their videos have brought them 3.4 million verified followers on TikTok, 572,000 on Instagram, and 57,000 on YouTube — and recognition as influencers in the world of social media marketing and content creation. Through their business, Broskis’ Studios, they have shared their creativity with professional sports teams and partnered with major brands, including Instagram. Since October 2023 they have been under contract with the national Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to promote its work to a younger audience.

“J.P. and I love making people laugh and smile,” Francis said. “We want to make life easier for people who need it the most. You see a lot of ‘life is hard’ messages. We want to be family-friendly and relatable.”

Their business may be comedy but it’s one they take seriously. Francis, who has a bachelor’s degree in performing arts from Rhode Island College, is studying in PC’s MBA program. John Paul, who has an associate degree from the Community College of Rhode Island, is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in marketing.

“There is so much to know about business,” John Paul said. “A degree helps. We had people doing our accounting for us; we want to do it ourselves. At the end of the day, business is foundational.”

“We’re both Rhode Island boys,” Francis said. “You hear about PC your whole life. One day you want to be a Friar. We have a Marshon Brooks autographed basketball in our room from a field trip to the college when I was in third grade.”

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The brothers refined their Franchismo10 character while at home during the pandemic. When travel resumed, “a plane was our home for a year and a half,” Francis said. They sat in the penalty box at a St. Louis Blues hockey game and rode a golfcart onto the field of a Texas Rangers game, introduced as “TikTok sensations from Rhode Island.”

During the academic year, John Paul brings his social media talents to Campus Ministry, helping to create videos with the Dominican chaplains, including Rev. Simon Teller, O.P., who also has a large Instagram following. John Paul also marketed the School of Business as a Benjamin Family Social Media Fellow during his junior year.

Most professors are unaware of the brothers’ fame and its responsibilities. Just weeks after school resumed in 2023, they had to apologize for missing class — they’d been invited to be special guests at VidCon Baltimore, a four-day gathering of thousands of digital creators, fans, and brands.

“One time we were negotiating a contract, so I was five minutes late to a Civ class with Father (Isaac) Morales, who didn’t like anyone being late,” John Paul said. “Many of our flights have been on Friday nights and back on Sunday night for school.”

“We’re working the dream job,” Francis said. “It’s everything I could have hoped for.” 🍷

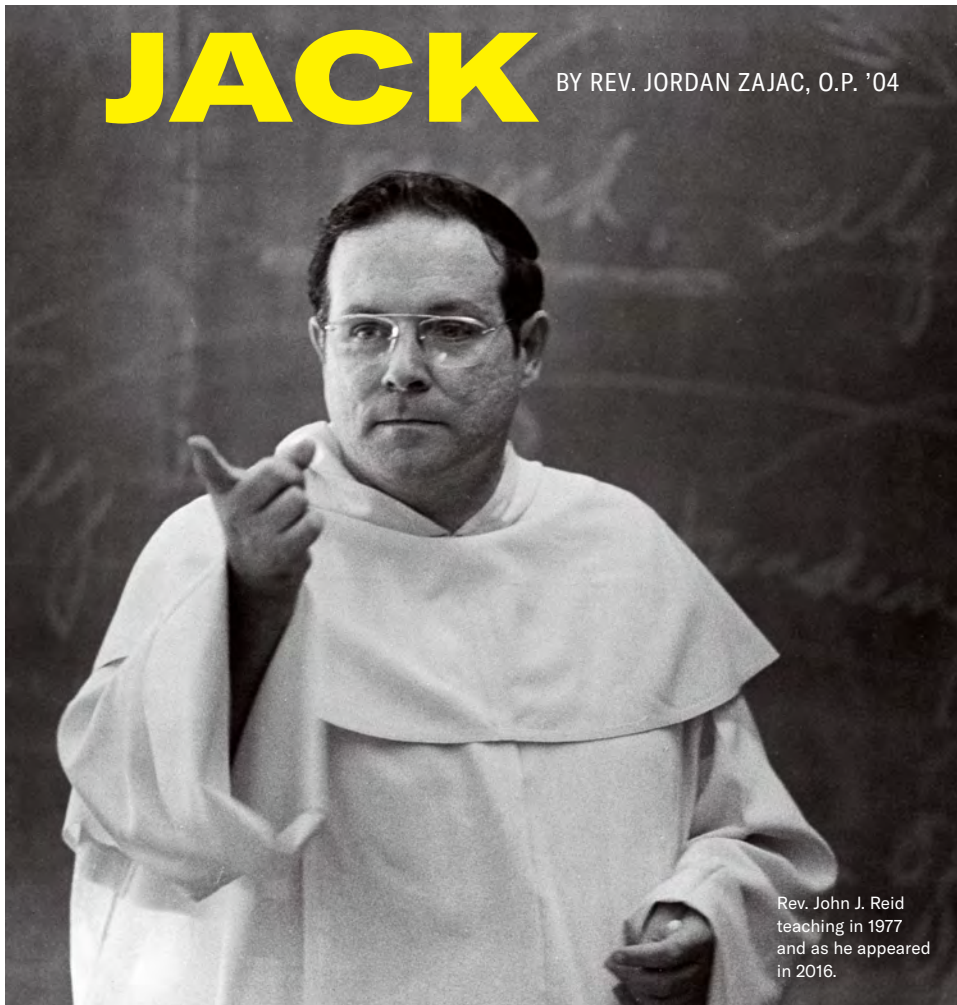


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MY BROTHER

JACK

BY REV. JORDAN ZAJAC, O.P. '04



Rev. John J. Reid teaching in 1977 and as he appeared in 2016.



Rev. John J. Reid, O.P., who served as a theology professor, associate vice president for student services, director of Slavin Center and of Campus Ministry, and chaplain at the time of the Aquinas Hall fire, died on June 24, 2024, at age 89. He was a Dominican priest for 50 years.

At first, Rev. John J. Reid, O.P. perplexed me. I grew up around priests, but I had never encountered one quite like him.

In the fall of 2001, my sophomore year, I found myself in class with Father Reid for THL 401: The Mystery of God. I can still remember the classroom on the fourth floor of Harkins and can clearly envision him. That's because Father Reid simultaneously shocked and charmed me. His classes began with a torrent of caustic jokes directed at various targets, myself included. He was savagely funny; all you could do was

laugh along, even when you were the butt of the joke. He was just that good, and that disarming.

Father Reid would carry on like this while, at the very same time, wearing massive coffee stains down the front of his cream-white habit. These stains didn't seem to bother or embarrass him in the least. He would walk in, look down at himself, crack a wry smile, and hold up his hands, shrugging. Those hands were not like any I had seen before. I had never known someone with Parkinson's Disease, so the hand tremors that afflicted Father Reid (and

his habit) were unfamiliar to me. But the contrast between his struggle to pick up chalk and the way he could still produce perfect cursive when his hand finally rested against the chalkboard — there was something triumphant about it.

I had Father Reid's class the morning of September 11, 2001. The second tower had just been hit, and he began class that day with a prayer I will never forget. As a Brooklyn native, he was full of emotion. Full of righteous anger. That day I came to understand something about the wrath of God. If God didn't hate evil, He wouldn't be God.

As a student at Providence, I got to know Father Reid, my professor. Almost two decades later, as a Dominican at Providence, I got to know Jack, my brother. When I first moved in, he did not remember me, but I certainly remembered him. I started making regular visits to his room on the fourth floor of the priory. Stopping by for the sacrament of Confession, Jack had me laughing at myself yet again — this time at my sinful folly, lest I ever take myself, or life, or the Lord, too seriously. From these meetings, I came to understand much about the mercy of God.

Other times Jack would call my room, needing a hand. I'd recognize his raspy voice right away. "Jordan? It's ... the Holy Spirit. I'm calling you ... to send you ... to Jack."

There were many visits we had. None of them were brief. The vivid, labored stories Jack produced about his life growing up, life in the Dominican Order and at Providence College, just



Rev. Jordan Zajac, O.P. '04 hugs Rev. John J. Reid, O.P., during Father Jordan's ordination in St. Dominic Chapel in May 2020. At left is Rev. Michael Weibley, O.P.

blended seamlessly, taking hours of your time. But delightful hours they were.

When I was ordained a priest here on campus in 2020, amidst the COVID lockdown, I asked Jack to vest me: to place upon me for the very first time the special garments priests wear for Mass. It is a great honor to be asked to do so. Ever humble, Jack balked at the suggestion. "Why me?" he asked. "Because you're you," I replied. All he could do was smile. That was the only time I ever left him speechless.

No man is prepared to receive the full weight, power, and responsibility of the priesthood. During the ordination Mass, I felt overwhelmed. After vesting me, Jack sized me up and simply said, "You look like a priest!" That was all the validation I needed. I have never felt stronger.

Strength was something Jack possessed in abundance. It was deeply moving for me to watch his health and strength decline in his final years, and to

see him remain resilient and dignified in the face of so many indignities he suffered at the hands of Parkinson's and other ailments. Jack always had a deep love for the poor, and the Lord permitted him to become quite poor himself (poor in health), that he might in turn become rich (2 Cor 8:9). At his specific request, Jack's casket was a "plain wooden box, nothing fancy. Give the rest of the money to the poor." Deeply edifying. Yet the thing Jack didn't anticipate was how hard this simple wooden box would be for us to maneuver, since it lacked any handles. It also left me with a splinter.

Indeed, I have never been to a funeral like his before. I have never met a priest like Father Reid before. I have never had a brother like Jack before. And I never will again. ❧

Rev. Jordan Zajac, O.P. '04 is an assistant professor of English at PC.



FRIARTOWN



Video:
Sights and Sounds —
Devin Carter on NBA draft day.

A KING IS CROWNED

Devin Carter was selected by the Sacramento Kings in the first round of the NBA Draft in June 2024, the 13th player chosen overall. He has the distinction of being the college's 12th first-round selection and the 8th highest pick in program history.

Carter was among the 25 top players from around the country invited to follow the draft live in the “Green Room,” a staging area in front of the NBA draft podium at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. Among his invited guests were his PC coach, Kim English, and his father, Anthony Carter, who spent 13 seasons in the NBA.

PHOTO: NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES



Devin Carter and Coach Kim English on draft night.

“Devin has worked tirelessly to make the first step of his dream come true and our fan base should feel a great sense of pride in his achievement,” English said.

Carter transferred to Providence in 2022 after a season with the University of South Carolina. At PC, he was a key player who chose to remain with the team under new coach English in 2023. He helped carry the Friars after a season-

ending knee injury to Bryce Hopkins and was named BIG EAST Player of the Year — only the second Friar ever to receive that honor.

A 6-foot-2 guard, Carter led the BIG EAST in overall scoring with nearly 20 points per game in his final season and was second in defensive rebounds, averaging 7.7 per game. He had 14 double-doubles, including two games with 31 points and 13 rebounds.

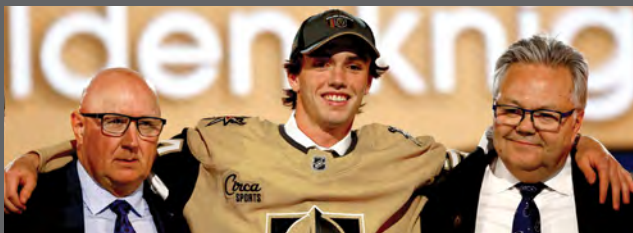
Prior to the draft, Carter shopped in New York City for a suit for the occasion. He wore no shirt under his jacket for a Florida vibe, he said. He is from West Palm Beach.

Carter, who posts on social media under the name “King Carter,” said the Sacramento Kings were “honestly my number one” choice as a team.

“Friartown will always be home to me,” Carter said. “Providence College and the Friars welcomed me like family and helped me grow as a person and a player. I will never forget the incredible people I met in Friartown and the support they gave me these past two years. I will always represent Friartown wherever my career takes me.”

NBA FIRST ROUND FRIARS

DEVIN CARTER	KRIS DUNN	MARSHON BROOKS	AUSTIN CROSHERE	ERIC WILLIAMS	DICKEY SIMPKINS	ERIC MURDOCK	OTIS THORPE	MARVIN BARNES	ERNIE DIGREGORIO	JIMMY WALKER	LENNY WILKINS
13th	5th	25th	12th	14th	21st	21st	9th	2nd	3rd	1st	6th
2024	2016	2011	1997	1995	1994	1991	1984	1974	1973	1967	1960



BEND THE KNEE

Providence College was the only college or university in the country with first round draft picks in both basketball and hockey in 2024.

Trevor Connelly, an incoming first-year player for the men’s ice hockey team, was selected by the Vegas Golden Knights in the first round of the NHL draft in June.

He was the 19th player selected overall and is the 5th first-round pick in PC program history.

In September, Connelly won a silver medal as a volunteer coach of the U14 Hockey Players of Color team at the Amerigo LATAM Cup. His team won 7-6 in overtime against Brazil’s U14 National Team in the semi-finals. It was Connelly’s second year as a volunteer coach. He is from Tustin, California.

On the second day of the draft, future Friar John Mustard (Oradell, New Jersey) was selected by the Chicago Blackhawks in the third round and his teammate Logan Sawyer (Orangeville, Ontario) was selected by the Montreal Canadiens in the third round.



FRIARTOWN



A photo from golf's final season, 2001-2002.

GOLF RETURNS

Men's golf will return as a varsity sport and women's golf will be offered for the first time in the 2025-2026 academic year.

"PC has a long and proud history with men's golf, and we are pleased to be able to restore the sport to varsity-level status, which will put us on par with our fellow BIG EAST institutions," said College President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G. "In addition, women's golf has become extremely popular in recent years, and it made sense for us to add a women's varsity team at the same time."

The addition will bring the total number of varsity athletic teams to 21 — nine for men and 12 for women.

Men's golf ran from 1932-1934 and from 1960-2002. Joe Prisco '49, '63Hon., a player and a coach during his student years, was head coach for 43 seasons until the sport was discontinued in 2002. The Friars claimed BIG EAST championship titles in 1980 and 1993.

"We look forward to competing in the BIG EAST with both our golf programs," said Steve Napolillo '98, vice president and director of athletics. "Adding these two sports will create additional opportunities for student-athletes and allow them to experience all that Friartown has to offer."

The college will recruit coaches and finalize contracts with area courses.

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FRIARTOWN NOTES

New master's degree in sports administration

Providence College will offer a new graduate program, a master of science degree in sports administration, beginning in the fall of 2025. It is the college's first fully online degree program.

Students may study for the degree full time or part time. There are 11 courses totaling 33 credits. The priority deadline for applications is December 15, 2024. Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2025. The program is housed in the School of Business. For more information, visit prov.ly/msa.

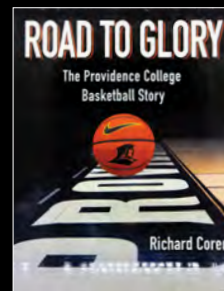
PC Athletics is an economic win for RI

Providence College's sports teams are an economic engine for the state of Rhode Island with a total annual economic impact of \$100.3 million, according to a study commissioned by PC Athletics. The study also found that the program supports about 630 jobs.

The impact on the city of Providence is \$65.9 million and 450 jobs, according to the study by EConsultSolutions, Inc., a Philadelphia consulting firm.

The report highlighted the effect of men's basketball, which is responsible for \$24 million annually in local economic impact, supported by visitor spending.

A guide to men's basketball



Road to Glory: The Providence College Basketball Story is the latest book by Richard Coren, host of the 247 ScoutFriar podcast and the official scorer of PC men's basketball since 2010.

Billed as "the ultimate reference book on Friar basketball," the book gives an account of each season from 1926-2024 and has breakout sections on players, postseason tournaments, transfers, and the evolution of the BIG EAST Conference. It can be purchased online at store.bookbaby.com.

Coren's first book on the Friars, *Providence College Basketball: The Friar Legacy*, was published in 2002.



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FRIARTOWN



FRIARS IN PARIS

EMILY SISSON '14 finished the marathon 23rd out of 80 runners at the Summer Olympic Games in Paris with a time of 2:29.53. It was Sisson's second appearance in the Olympics. She finished 10th in the 10,000 meters in Tokyo in 2021. Sisson is coached by Ray Treacy '82, director of cross country and track at PC. She holds the North American women's marathon record with a time of 2:18.29 set in Chicago in 2022. Sisson was a member of the cross country team that won the NCAA Division I championship in 2013.

JOVANA NOGIC '19 became the first women's basketball player in Friar history to compete in the Olympic games when she played for her native Serbia in Paris. Nogic, a forward, helped the Serbian team defeat Puerto Rico and China before losing to Spain and falling to Australia in the quarterfinal round. Nogic played for the Friars from 2015-2019. In 2019, she led the team to its first NIT appearance since 2010 and was named Friar Female Athlete of the Year.

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Erin Batth and Kim English with, from left, Gabriella Alvarez '24, from the Red Sox Foundation, and Red Sox employees Jenna Cobb '24 and Katie Seibel Kelly '15.

COACHES AT FENWAY

Basketball coaches Kim English and Erin Batth threw out the first pitches before the Boston Red Sox played the Baltimore Orioles at Fenway Park in Boston on September 10, 2024.

English, a native of Baltimore and lifelong Orioles fan, delivered a strike from atop the mound. Batth, a left-hander, practiced her throws on campus before heading to Boston. She threw a strike as well. Batth grew up in suburban Atlanta, where her mother was a Braves fan.

The coaches were joined on the field by Steve Napolillo '98, vice president and director of athletics, and players from the men's and women's teams.

After the pregame festivities on the Truly Terrace above the right-center field bleachers, the teams, administrators, staff members, and guests were treated to dinner and an opportunity to watch the game from a suite. During the fourth inning, coaches and student-athletes participated in a meet-and-greet with alumni attending the game. ❖

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ACT TWO

ALUMNI PRESIDENT **BRIAN MCMANUS '90**
KNOWS THE VALUE OF A SECOND CHANCE

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G

Brian P. McManus '90, the new president of the National Alumni Council, is a peer recovery coach. He works to assure people with mental health and substance use disorders, and those just released from prison, that life offers second chances.

McManus speaks from experience. He knows what it's like to lose everything and begin again.

"I'm in a place now where I don't regret my journey because it got me where I am today," McManus said. "But I do regret the things I did that affected my friends and family."

McManus grew up in Hamden, Connecticut, the son of Irish immigrants. He was a first-generation college student. Financial assistance from PC made it possible for him to leave home

for college, unlike his older sisters who commuted closer to home. His parents were familiar with the Dominican priests who staffed St. Mary Church in New Haven and it reassured them as he left for Providence.

McManus majored in history, built lifelong friendships, and went on to law school at Quinnipiac University. After graduating in 1993, he opened a real

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estate law practice in New Haven. He married a classmate, Kerry Ryan McManus '90, and together they had three daughters and a home in Fairfield. All seemed to be well — except that it wasn't.

“For a lot of my life I had depression and mental health issues, and I self-medicated with alcohol,” McManus said. “I suffered from alcohol use disorder, what we used to call alcoholism, probably for many years. The depression started in high school and got progressively worse. I normalized it, telling myself everyone felt the way I did. It was a really debilitating path. I made bad decisions that affected my family and my career, to a place where I almost lost hope.”

McManus hit bottom when he was hospitalized in November 2010. He revealed the true extent of his problems to his wife — he had been mishandling funds from his law firm. They decided he would hire a lawyer and inform the FBI. Over the next year, as McManus began his recovery, he worked alongside

an FBI investigator to detail the wrongdoing. No outside complaint had ever been lodged against him — he had hidden everything well.

“Once you cross the line it's a circle,” McManus said. “The guilt, the shame fueled the depression which fueled the drinking. The more I worked to get myself out the deeper I got in.”

In October 2011, McManus pleaded guilty in federal court to misappropriating more than \$1 million in proceeds from real estate transactions. He was ordered to make restitution and sentenced to 21 months in prison. He served 15 months at the federal prison in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and in June 2013 was released to a halfway house in Connecticut.

He needed to find a way forward.

“I had to reinvent a direction for myself,” McManus said. “I couldn't go back to the legal field, nor did I want to.”

McManus was grateful when a friend from PC and a friend from high school found him a job with a power washing company. To earn more income for his

family, he worked evenings and weekends as a house monitor for a residential drug and alcohol treatment program, bringing residents to recovery meetings in the community.

“People saw that I was doing the right things for myself and for my family and started asking how they could help,” McManus said.

He was hired to do legal research for a private investigation firm that performed background checks on reality show contestants. He applied to become a licensed private investigator in Connecticut but was told that path was closed to him because of his background.

So McManus pivoted. He became a certified peer recovery coach with the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery, responding to hospital emergency rooms to talk to patients with substance and alcohol use disorders. It gave him the opportunity to work one-on-one with people whose stories were like his own — presenting not as a clinical counselor, but as someone with lived experience.

In November 2020, McManus became program manager for the organization's Jail Diversion Recovery Coaching Program, which provided in-person treatment to 1,000 people leaving prison. Today he manages the Recovery Coach Program for Bicycle Health, a Dallas-based startup that provides telehealth counseling to people with opioid use disorder.

“I've been in recovery almost 14 years now,” McManus said. “I've been able to reestablish a new way of living, find a new direction, and have a great relationship with my wife and my daughters. I've been able to build on some meaningful relationships and friendships that have been with me since my days in Providence.”

In January 2022, during winter break, PC's Chirico Career Center invited McManus to be part of an alumni panel



Brian McManus '90 and Kerry Ryan McManus '90 at Reunion in 2015.



for students on the topic of working for nonprofits.


“It reconnected me,” McManus said. “I wasn’t sure how people would react to me. I wasn’t sure PC would want to connect with me.”

He was even more surprised when Jennifer MacCallum O’Meara ’93, president of the National Alumni Association, asked him to accept an at-large position on the National Alumni Council. Because the college would be adding a School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the board wanted representatives from the health field.

“We were inspired by Brian’s journey and his affinity for PC,” O’Meara said. “Many members of our alumni family, including some of our past presidents, have personally dealt with addiction and recovery. Additionally, and maybe more importantly, Brian represents our broader alumni family. Many of us have a love for PC but not everyone is able to be an active volunteer. Brian is a testament



Brian McManus '90 addresses the National Alumni Association at its 100th anniversary celebration in June 2024.


**“No matter
how bad things
look, there’s no
reason to
lose hope.”**
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to the adage that we can always come home to Friartown.”

McManus was nominated to run for vice president of the alumni association and won the election in June 2023. The vice president serves for a year before becoming president, a role he assumed on July 1, 2024.

McManus remembers that as a student, he worked in the alumni office in Harkins Hall under Bob Ferreira ’83, now assistant vice president for special projects and strategic initiatives at PC.

“Brian always stood out as someone who was willing and eager to assist with whatever project he was given,” Ferreira said. “I’m proud that he is leading the alumni association. His story will inspire many Friars.”

McManus has another memory from his college days. It was a Catholicism course taught by Rev. Walter J. Heath, O.P. ’56, a professor and administrator who was a World War II submarine commander.

Illness prevented Father Heath from finishing the semester, but his message to McManus endured.

“Father Heath had a lesson about the sacrament of confession. He told us that no matter what we did, we have a God that will forgive,” McManus said. “The message of the Dominicans is fundamental in my recovery journey. I feel God has given me a second chance and I need to take advantage of that.”

McManus is leading the alumni association as it concludes the celebration of its 100th year, a public role that means his story will be told many times.

“My recovery journey has been very much an open book, not really by my choice,” he said.

But he doesn’t mind. He’s grateful to have another platform on which to get his message across.

“There is still so much stigma around mental health issues and addiction, alcohol and substance use,” McManus said. “It’s hard to find a family that is not affected in some way. We really haven’t talked about what it is to recover from these things and how people can go forward and live productive lives and contribute to the greater community.”

“One thing I’ve learned is that people want to help. They can’t help if they don’t know,” McManus said. “We have an incredibly supportive community. If you feel like you’re struggling, talk to somebody. There are a lot of people out there who have been through things and are willing to help. No matter how bad things look, there’s no reason to lose hope.” ❧

WE ASKED. FRIARS ANSWERED.

2024 ALUMNI SURVEY RESULTS

In January, PC's National Alumni Association invited alumni to provide feedback on what is important to them. The biggest takeaway? Friars have pride! The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving will use survey results to build on this pride by creating initiatives for greater alumni engagement and information sharing.

94%

FRIARS FEEL
POSITIVE
ABOUT PC

FRIARS MOST WANT TO KNOW ABOUT

1. WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PC
2. ATHLETICS
3. REUNION AND HOMECOMING
4. NEWS ABOUT THEIR CLASSMATES

87%

FEEL EXTREMELY
OR VERY PROUD
OF BEING A
PC ALUM

PC'S TOP PRIORITIES, ACCORDING TO ALUMNI:

STRENGTHENING PC'S REPUTATION | ACADEMIC INNOVATION | ATHLETICS | FINANCIAL AID

ENGAGEMENT

47%

of alumni feel engaged with PC
44% feel somewhat engaged
9% feel not at all engaged

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WORK WITH THE
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SUPPORT



You are most likely to
philanthropically support:
Financial Aid
Student Life
Athletics

All three areas are supported through
The Fund for Providence College

 **81%** GRADS BEFORE 2010
PREFER INFORMATION
VIA THIS MAGAZINE

 **76%** GRADS SINCE 2010
PREFER INFORMATION
VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

 **66%** ACROSS ALL GRAD YEARS
LIKE INFORMATION VIA
EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO RESPONDED

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9.7%
RESPONSE RATE
2,962 ALUMNI*

49% FEMALE
48% MALE



59% NEW ENGLAND
24% NY/MID-ATLANTIC
17% OTHER U.S.

BEFORE 1970 **11%**
1970-1989 **27%**
1990-2009 **37%**
2010-2019 **16%**
2020-PRESENT **7%**
UNANSWERED **3%**

*This response rate has a margin of error of +/-1.7% at a 95% confidence level and aligns with industry standards.
The survey was conducted by WASHBURN & MCGOLDRICK from January - February, 2024.

CLASS NOTES

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'66

Jack Kirk '66 of Wilmot, New Hampshire, remained thankful for his years at PC as he celebrated his 80th birthday in March 2024. Until his retirement a year ago, he practiced internal medicine, geriatric medicine, and hospice work and taught Dartmouth medical students and residents in his practice while serving on the faculty of Dartmouth-Geisel Medical School. He graduated from Cornell Medical School in 1970, did his residency at Dartmouth, then spent two years in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Iceland, before settling in New London, New Hampshire. He has been married for 54 years to his wife, Jane, whom he met when she was a student at Salve Regina University in Newport, and they have three children and four grandchildren. He has taught classes and worked with older adults emphasizing how they might age with “grace and wisdom ... The challenge for all of us remains to be thankful for all that we have had, and still have,” he said. “My years at Providence were a blessing in many dimensions of my life.”

'71

Vasilios J. “Bill” Kalogredis '71 of West Chester, Pennsylvania, chair of the Health Law Department at Lamb McErlane PC, was a panelist for the American Bar Association’s Health Law Section webinar, “Medical Terminology New Health Law Attorneys Need to Know.” Kalogredis has advised physicians, dentists, and other healthcare professionals about contractual, regulatory, and transactional matters for almost 50 years. He is a certified Healthcare Business Consultant and a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and Chester County Bar Association.

'85 (Reunion: May 30-June 1, 2025)

Marcia Cohen Proto, M.Ed. '85 of Wallingford, Connecticut, received the 2024 Lifetime Contribution to the National FORUM of State Nursing Workforce Centers Award in June 2024 in recognition of her expertise, innovation, and significant contributions on the national and state levels to promote and build a robust and sustainable nursing workforce

within Connecticut and across the nation. Marcia has enjoyed a successful career in state and national association leadership, nursing education and workforce development, healthcare fundraising, and statewide coalition building. An innovator in creating healthcare and nursing workforce development strategies, she stepped down from her role as executive director of the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce in July 2024, after 20 years, and now is principal of Marcia Proto Consulting, LLC.

'87

Carmen Del Guercio '87 of Baltimore, president and CEO of The Maryland Food Bank, was named by the Baltimore Business Journal as a Power 10 CEO for 2024. The distinction celebrates leaders whose contributions have significantly shaped the Baltimore region through leadership, innovation, and influence. He was formally recognized at the Power 10 awards ceremony in September 2024.

Julie Malloy Hildebrand '87 of Millersville, Maryland, retired from the National Security Agency after more than 36 years of federal

National Alumni Council 2024-2025

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Robert Reilly '86, assistant professor of practice in finance

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2024 National Alumni Association Award recipients

The National Alumni Association recognizes the achievements of distinguished alumni with the National Alumni Association Award. Awards are distributed throughout the academic year.

EXEMPLARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Adetola Abiade '95

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Emily Byrne '04

FAITHFUL FRIAR AWARD

Donald DiLauro '68

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William Molloy '69

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Kevin Porras '14

To nominate a classmate, visit alumni.providence.edu/naa/naa-awards/

service. A mathematics major at PC, Julie completed certifications in cryptanalysis and computer science and specialized in cryptanalytic programming. She and her husband, Eric, have two children and two grandchildren.

'88

Eileen Corr '88 of Brewster, Massachusetts, graduated from Johns Hopkins University in the spring of 2024 with a master of liberal arts degree. Her thesis was titled, "How Heterosexual Female Maiden Name Abdicators Advocate Gender Equality Yet Perpetuate Gender Inequality."

Heather Wessely Feeney '88 of Meridian, Idaho, marked her 25th year of service with the federal government. Since 2004, she has been a public affairs specialist with the Bureau of Land Management in the U.S. Department of the Interior. Her first job in government

was staff assistant to U.S. Senator John Chafee of Rhode Island, for whose 1988 reelection campaign she also served as communications director. She has worked in television news at the ABC News Bureau in Washington, D.C., and as a reporter-producer and on-air host for three member stations in the National Public Radio network.

Mindy Penney '88 of Providence was appointed to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission by Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee. The appointment was approved by the state Senate. Penney is founder and CEO of Lindon Group, Inc., a Rhode Island-based, woman-owned distribution and rebar manufacturing company serving New England. She is president of the Harmony Women's Center and served on PC's National Board of Overseers for a decade.

'92

David Berard '92 of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, was named head coach of the men's hockey team at Stonehill College in April 2024. He previously was the associate deputy athletic director for coaching excellence at PC. He also served as the sport administrator for men's hockey, women's hockey, and lacrosse during his tenure. While a PC student, Berard, a goalie, helped the Friars to two NCAA tournament appearances. He also was an assistant coach for the men's hockey team for 15 years. He and his wife, Lynne Campbell Berard '93, who played field hockey for the Friars, have two sons, Brett, now with the New York Rangers organization, and Brady, who played hockey for two years at PC.

Paul Byrnes '92 of Knoxville, Tennessee, became senior vice chancellor for finance and administration at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in July 2024. He oversees finance and administration, including campus and auxiliary operations, facilities services, finance and administration, human resources, and public safety. He previously was vice provost for academic finance at Emory University. He has an MBA from Notre Dame University.

Peter Dujardin '92 of Newport News, Virginia, a reporter with the Virginian-Pilot and Daily Press, was named the Virginia Press Association's Outstanding Journalist of the Year for 2023. He was praised for his coverage of critical events, including a 6-year-old student's

shooting of his first grade teacher, and in-depth investigations into public safety concerns, including bridge tunnel safety and marijuana laws. He studied political science at PC and has a master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Andrew Gazerro, DMD '92 of Coventry, Rhode Island, was elected president of the Rhode Island Dental Association. He continues to serve as chair for the Council on Dental Benefits and completed his term as the New England representative to the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Benefit Programs. In addition to maintaining his own dental office in West Warwick, he lectures on dental coding procedures and is active in the Rhode Island General Assembly, where he has promoted bills to improve patient access to care, including the Rhode Island Fair Share for Dental Care Act.

Jim Paquette '92 of Lutherville, Maryland, was named chief development officer for the Friends of the Heights, the Name, Image, and Likeness collective serving Boston College athletes. He spent 16 years as an administrator at BC, securing more than \$210 million in athletics fundraising commitments during his tenure. He also served as assistant vice president/director of athletics at Loyola University Maryland and general manager for IMG College at The George Washington University. He is the founder and president of JRP & Associates LLC, a boutique higher education and nonprofit consulting firm.

'93

Dina M. Mastellone, Esq. '93 of Franklin Park, New Jersey, joined nationwide employment law firm Jackson Lewis P.C. as a principal in the Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, office in March 2024. Dina conducts workplace investigations, counsels businesses on employment matters of all kinds, and advises on establishing and auditing human resources policies, handbooks, and procedures. She also trains businesses and human resources organizations on matters involving anti-harassment and diversity policy compliance; best human resources practices; and hiring, documentation, discipline, termination, and managing accommodations and leaves of absence in accordance with local, state and federal employment laws. Dina is a past president and co-nominations director for the New Jersey Women Lawyers

Association and a member of the Board of Trustees of George Street Playhouse.

Peter Wilcox '93 of Providence worked as construction coordinator for the 20th Century Studios film, "Ella McCay," which filmed in Providence from February to May 2024. Wilcox managed the budget and the workers who built sets, including Helen's 445 Tavern, a fictitious bar on Broadway. He got his start in film as a student at PC, working on sets for Michael Corrente's 1994 movie, "Federal Hill." He credits Dean **Sally Thibodeau, Ph.D. '66G, '22Hon.** for "taking him from high school dropout to a proud PC grad."

'94

Amy Diggett-Wutke, Ed.D. '94 of Springfield, Missouri, is president of the Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences in Cincinnati. She had been president of Cox College in Springfield, Missouri, since 2017, and served as vice president for academic affairs. She studied history at PC and has a master's degree in secondary administration from Southwest Baptist University and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

'96

Tom Felke, Ph.D. '96 of Naples, Florida, received a lifetime achievement award from the Florida chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in recognition of his dedication to meeting the needs of southwest Florida's growing population of older adults. Felke works at Florida Gulf Coast University

as associate dean of the Marieb College of Health and Aging and director of the Shady Rest Institute on Positive Aging. He studied elementary and special education at PC and discovered his interest in social policy while completing a practicum and internship at the Rhode Island Department of Public Health in the Office for Children with Special Needs.

Edward Giblin '96 of Verona, New Jersey, served as Grand Marshal for the 89th anniversary of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade in March 2024. He is the third generation of his family to hold the position.

Christopher Kennedy '96G of Florence, South Carolina, is vice president for student life at Francis Marion University. In July 2024, he also became director of the Honors Programs. He bolsters student engagement in scholarship, research, and service through creative course offerings, activities, and domestic and international travel opportunities.

'98

Steven Napolillo '98 of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, and his wife, Beth, received the 2024 A Wish Come True Lifetime Impact Award from A Wish Come True, the oldest wish-granting organization in Rhode Island and Massachusetts for children with life-threatening illnesses. Napolillo, vice president and director of athletics at PC, has been involved with A Wish Come True for more than two decades. The organization dedicated a playroom and relaxation center in its Coventry office in memory of his late father, Robert Napolillo.

Pietro Petrarca '98G of Coventry, Rhode Island, is an assistant professor in the School of Business at Dean College. He has taught

at Johnson and Wales University, Bryant University, and Rhode Island College, and worked in community policing for 25 years in the town of West Greenwich. He has an MBA from PC and a Ph.D. from California Coast University.

'99

Delia Furtado '99 of East Providence, Rhode Island, was promoted to the rank of full professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Connecticut.

Colleen Tierney '99SCE of Warwick, Rhode Island, became director of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, in May 2024. She previously worked in school and public libraries in both New York and Texas, most recently as director of library services in the Kyle Public Library. She has a master's degree in library and information science from Syracuse University.

'00 (Reunion: May 30-June 1, 2025)

JP Teti '00 of London, England, founder Passyunk Avenue, a Philadelphia-themed, London-based restaurant and bar group with locations in Fitzrovia, Waterloo, and Battersea, hosted Jason Kelce and Travis Kelce in Fitzrovia for the filming of the London episode of their New Heights podcast. The Kelces were in Europe for Taylor Swift's Eras Tour. Teti moved to London in 2008 to work for Xerox. A political science major at PC, he has an MBA from the London Business School.

'01

Elizabeth Waterfall '01 of Watertown, Massachusetts, returned to Providence to join Planned Parenthood of Southern New England as a donor relations officer.



Riding for a cause

Alumni were well represented in this year's Pan-Mass Challenge, an annual bicycle ride across Massachusetts to benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Photo: Friars reconnect and celebrate at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Bourne after completing the first day of the ride. Front row, from left: Tim Lally '08, Steven Anthony '94, Kathleen Wade '89, Katie Iwanowicz '21, and Kelly Grill '87. Back row, from left: Bethany Evans '20, Taylor MacDonald '08, Michael Cavallaro '08, Blaise Sheppard '08, Jay Willett '20, Christian Willett '24, and Chris Downey '84.

'03

Katherine Vince Skidmore '03 of Neptune Township, New Jersey, was awarded honorable mention in the Townsend Press Educators Writing Contest for an essay discussing her later-in-life autism spectrum disorder diagnosis and the perspective shift it caused. "Funny enough, the topic, 'Three Life Lessons,' was eerily similar to my PC application essay prompt, 'What are your words to live by?' I did not realize it until after I was notified I won — a coincidentally similar message, but with more life experience behind it!"

'05 (Reunion: May 30-June 1, 2025)

Kerri-Ann DaFonseca Varela '05 of East Providence, Rhode Island, was promoted to assistant director at Brown University's Counseling and Psychological Services in July 2024.

Troy A. Quinn, DMA '05, '24Hon. of Los Angeles has been named pops conductor of the Santa Rosa Symphony and Luther Burbank Center for the Arts beginning in February 2025. He also will conduct the Boston Pops New Year's Eve Celebration concert with Bernadette Peters. He is pops conductor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic and is in his eighth season as music director of the Owensboro Symphony in Kentucky and in his seventh season as music director of the Venice Symphony in Florida. Quinn and the Owensboro Symphony were nominated for two Emmy awards for their PBS special, "A Night at the Oscars."

'06

Lisa Amanti '06 of Boston was promoted to vice president, assistant general counsel at athenahealth. She also was nominated by athenahealth for the Rising Star Award from the Healthcare Business Women's Association. The award recognizes outstanding performance, commitment to excellence, and valuable contributions to a company's success.

'07

Jeff DuJardin '07 of Marina del Ray, California, plays the lead villain, Marquis de Morès, in the period drama series "Elkhorn," which premiered in April 2024 on cable channel INSP. Set in the 1880s, the 10-episode series follows a young Theodore Roosevelt as he journeys to the Dakota Badlands, where he discovers the notorious French financier standing in the way of his plans to establish a cattle

ranch. DuJardin called the role "a blast." He was an award-winning theatre major at PC who performed across New England before moving to California.

Lindsay Dumas Wittwer '07 of Rochester, New York, was named assistant director, collections in the Department of Rare Books, Special Collections and Preservation at the University of Rochester, River Campus Libraries. She manages the library's extensive physical and digital archival holdings.

'09

Christiane Darby Lynch '09 of Winter Garden, Florida, began her new role as director of choral activities at Horizon High School in Winter Garden in August 2024. She has dedicated the last 15 years to teaching middle school chorus.

'10 (Reunion: May 30-June 1, 2025)

Francine Chi Hannan '10 of Wilmington, Massachusetts, completed the Level 2 Orton-Gillingham Certification through an accredited program with the Orton-Gillingham Academy. Orton-Gillingham is a multisensory approach to teaching reading to students with dyslexia and language-based learning

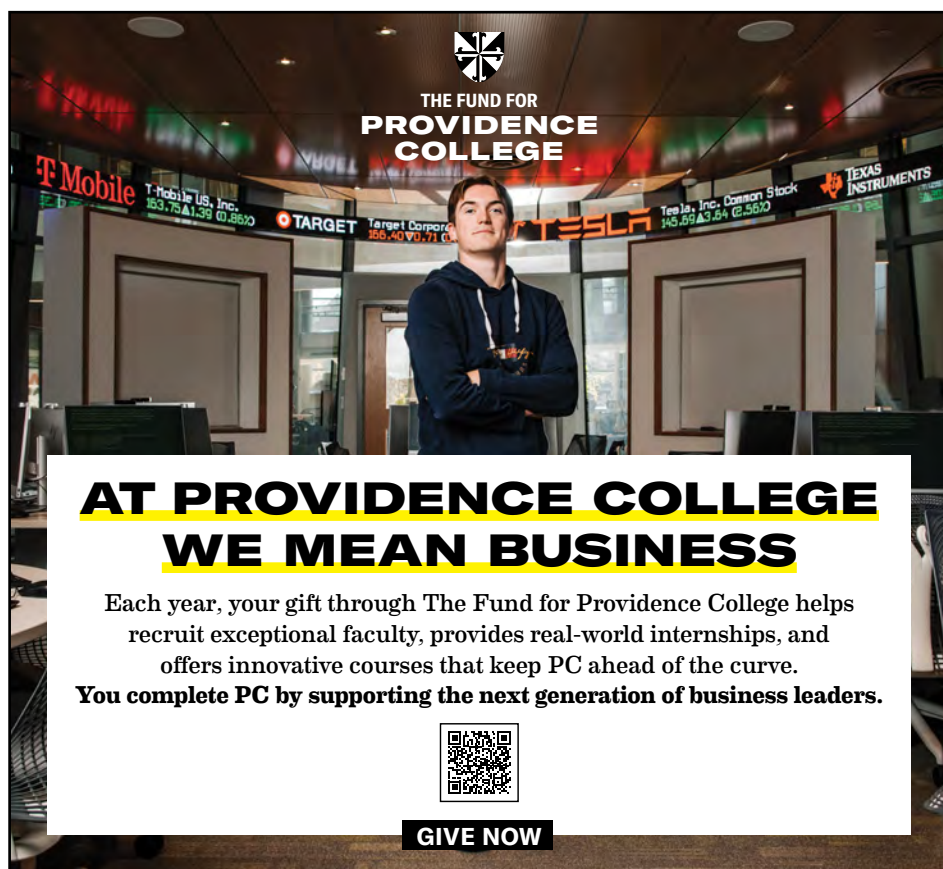
disabilities. Hannan is a special education teacher at Fiske Elementary School in Lexington, where she works with students with dyslexia who require a systematic, phonetic-based approach to reading. She was awarded a grant to purchase a decodable text library for the school. The texts provide opportunities for students with dyslexia to learn and practice phonics patterns for reading and spelling.

'12

Sarah Caputo '12 of Washington, D.C., received a master of science in nutrition education degree from American University in May 2024.

Kelly Branham Smith '12 of Maitland, Florida, was awarded tenure and promotion at Stetson University, where she teaches political science. She has a Ph.D. from Brown University, where she was a postdoctoral research associate on the education standards research team at the Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy.

Robert Smith-MacDonald '12, '18G of Mansfield, Massachusetts, a history teacher at Mansfield High School, was awarded the James Madison Fellowship, representing Massachusetts. The program brings one history teacher from each




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state to Washington, D.C., for a four-week summer institute on the American constitution and provides up to \$24,000 for completion of a master's degree. MacDonald, who has a master's degree in education from PC, began his studies in the graduate history program in September 2024.

'14

Megan Hyland '14 of Dryden, New York, earned a Ph.D. in public policy from Cornell University. Her dissertation studied the effect of healthcare information in hospital outpatient, nursing home, and pharmaceutical settings. She has joined the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as an economist.

'16

Giselle Bonilla '16 of Boston is a licensed mental health counselor in Massachusetts with her own practice, Holistic Wellbeing Counseling. She co-founded a nonprofit in Massachusetts, Time of Butterflies, to provide a supportive community for women of color. In addition, she founded Centro Bonilla, a nonprofit in the Dominican Republic that offers workshops, events, and clinical and holistic therapies to help create a more just society for those experiencing social vulnerability, violence, and economic, educational, or cultural precariousness.

Brooke Coderre Cooper '16G of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, is executive vice president/general manager of the Worcester Red Sox, the AAA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. She has

worked with the club for a decade and most recently was senior vice president/assistant general manager and vice president/marketing. Blending her talents in merchandising and marketing, she spearheaded the rebranding when the club moved from Pawtucket to Worcester. She has an MBA from PC.

'17

Pedro Alemán '17 of Silver Spring, Maryland, moved from San Diego to Silver Spring in the D.C. metro area for a career change. He is a policy advocate for Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., known as CLINIC. Along with PC alumni, friends, coworkers, and family, he celebrated his wedding ceremony on May 17, 2024.

Vincent P. Baccari III '17, '24G of Johnston, Rhode Island, was named operations director at Rhode Island Restoration, a full-service commercial and residential property restoration services company that recognizes the stress clients experience when dealing with property damage emergencies. Baccari oversees the mitigation department and works with the president to optimize company performance in a cross-functional role within the company's operational departments. He joined the firm three years ago and was project manager prior to his promotion. He studied management at PC with a minor in finance and also earned a master of business administration degree and a graduate certificate in business analytics.

'18

Felicia C. Baccari, R.N. '18 of Johnston, Rhode Island, was promoted to general surgery team

leader at The Miriam Hospital in Providence, where she works with surgeons and other management specializing in colorectal cancer, bariatric, and robotic surgeries. Felicia studied health policy and management at PC, then furthered her education at Becker College in Worcester, Massachusetts. During the COVID pandemic in 2020, she passed the National Council Licensure Examination, NCLEX, to become a registered nurse. She attended the perioperative nurse training program offered by Miriam, co-sponsored by the New England Institute of Technology, and has been an operating room nurse ever since. She also earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Southern New Hampshire University.

'19

Jacqueline Michels '19, '21G of North Providence, Rhode Island, a history teacher at Lincoln High School, was awarded a 2024 James Madison Fellowship, representing Rhode Island. The program brings one history teacher from each state to Washington, D.C., for a four-week summer institute on the American constitution and provides up to \$24,000 for completion of a master's degree. Michels studied history and secondary education in the Honors Program and received a master's degree in education through the Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers, or PACT, program. She now is studying for a master's degree in history at PC.

Kayla Steeves '19 of Medfield, Massachusetts, was named assistant coach for the women's soccer team at Brandeis University in January 2024. She was a four-year midfielder for the Friars and earned All BIG EAST honors as a junior and senior. She has coached since graduation, guiding Natick High School to a Division I State Championship in 2021 and Needham High School to the Division I Sweet 16 in 2022 and 2023.

'23

Justin Andries '23 of Brooklyn, New York, is studying for a master of public health degree, with a concentration in global health, at New York University. He is an intern at MHKAFE, a nonprofit that seeks to decrease the stigma surrounding mental health disabilities in Africa. He created an individualized study major in global health equity at PC. ❧

Four alumni become priests

Three Providence College alumni were among 11 men ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston by Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap. in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston on May 25, 2024.

REV. MATTHEW J. HARRINGTON '17, from Peabody, Massachusetts, is assigned to St. Edward the Confessor parish in Medfield and St. Jude parish in Norfolk.

REV. DAVID W. JOANIS '20, from Franklin, Massachusetts, is serving in Brookline at Saint Mary of the Assumption parish.

REV. CHRISTOPHER J. LETIZIA '20, from Natick, Massachusetts, is assigned to St. Catherine of Siena parish in Norwood.


REV. JOSEPH BRODEUR '20 was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence by Bishop Richard G. Henning, D.D. in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, 2024. Father Brodeur, from Westerly, Rhode Island, is in Rome for post-graduate studies.



Brendan and Kerri McGrath with daughter Sloane and son Miles (born May 2023) in front of their favorite family photo with Colin. Colin is also pictured at lower right.



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“There is one constant we appreciate as we navigate these waves. We know Colin lived every day to the fullest ...”



COLIN'S JOY

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G

Colin Thomas McGrath, the son of Kerri Palamara McGrath, M.D. '02 and her husband, Brendan, was killed in July 2018, a month shy of his third birthday. He was on his way home with his nanny and his 4-year-old sister, Sloane, after an afternoon at the park when a van jumped the curb and struck his stroller as it was being pushed along a sidewalk in South Boston.

Colin, a child with blond curls, laughing eyes, and “a hilarious little voice,” also was the grandson of Tom Palamara '77, the first women's hockey coach at PC, and Marjorie Hall Palamara '78.

Kerri and Brendan were buoyed in their grief by support from family, friends, and strangers. To honor Colin's legacy, they teamed with The Boston Foundation to create the


nonprofit Colin's Joy Project and “continue to weave joy into the lives of others as Colin did” by enhancing play spaces and funding family-focused programming in the Boston area.

Since 2018, Colin's Joy has worked with Boston Parks and Recreation, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Restoration, and other nonprofits to create and improve indoor and outdoor play spaces in the community. They also have provided more than \$1.3 million in grants to community partners through donations and fundraising. They have supported book clubs to increase family literacy, grocery and diaper donations to families, summer camp and after-school programs, family bereavement programs at hospitals, and grief camps for families

to learn to play and laugh again after loss.

Kerri McGrath, who studied biology and played softball at PC, is a primary care general internist at Massachusetts General Hospital and an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. She ran her first Boston Marathon in 2019 to raise money for Colin's Joy Project and will do so again by running the New York City Marathon in November 2024.

“There is one constant we appreciate as we navigate these waves. We know Colin lived every day to the fullest, reminding us of our quest with Colin's Joy Project, to live each day with pure joy in our hearts,” Kerri and Brendan wrote in their latest newsletter to the Colin's Joy Project community.

Learn more: colinsjoyproject.org 



Matthew Griffin '17 and Abigail Northgraves Griffin '19 married on April 29, 2023, in downtown Providence with more than 50 Friar alumni present. Matt proposed to Abby in 2022 while they were visiting campus. They resided in Watertown, Massachusetts, until Matthew's death from pancreatic cancer on April 18, 2024. Matt, a member of the Honors Program, loved being a student at PC. He studied abroad in the PC in Rome program, was a member of Student Congress, an avid Friars basketball fan, and was among the first tenants of the Eaton Street house "Shaboos" when it reopened following a 2016 fire. He relied on the Friar alumni network to find his job at Strategic Benefit Advisors, now part of Brown & Brown, and worked there until his death. During his four-year illness, it was his faith and the Friar family that sustained him.

FRIAR WEDDINGS

Gabriella Reimer '18 and Alexander Pollan '18 married in Providence in August 2024. They reside in Washington, D.C.

Lauren Berolini '17, '18G and Evan Fritz '17, '22G married on August 2, 2024, at the Aldrich Mansion in Warwick, Rhode Island. Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98 officiated. They reside in Franklin, Massachusetts.

Micky Carbone '18 and Katherine Russo '20 married in St. Dominic Chapel on June 29, 2024, surrounded by family, friends, and plenty of Friars. They reside in New York City.

Maddie Fairbanks '19 and Teddy Batchelder '19 married in St. Dominic Chapel on June

15, 2024, surrounded by Friar friends, with Rev. Jordan Zajac, O.P. '04 officiating. The couple resides in Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

Ben Ridley '16 and Lauren Berube Ridley '18 married on June 8, 2024, at Lauren's family's farm in Topsfield, Massachusetts. Ben works in finance at Draper Laboratory and Lauren is a physician assistant at Boston Children's Hospital. They reside in Boston.

Kelsey McKenzie '18 and Carter Buff '18, '19G married on May 25, 2024, at St. Cecilia Parish in Boston, celebrating with family, friends, and fellow Friars at the Boston Public Library. They are forever

grateful for the experience, relationships, and memories they made in Friartown. They reside in Boston.

Kevin Forand '14, '15G and Emma Granowitz '16 married in Washington, D.C., on May 4, 2024. They were joined by a large group of Friars. The couple resides in New York City.

Richard Brassard '90 and Elizabeth Kehew '04 married on March 23, 2024, in Newport, Rhode Island. They reside in Middletown.

Brigid Flaherty '16 married **Jon Staab** on January 6, 2024, in Our Lady of Providence Chapel at the Aldrich Mansion in Warwick, Rhode Island. The principal celebrant of

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the nuptial Mass was Rev. Justin Brophy, O.P, assistant professor of political science at PC, joined by Rev. Damian Day, O.P. '15. The couple was joined by generations of Friars, including the bride's parents, Robert Flaherty '70 and Claire Banisch Flaherty '83. They reside in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Alex Kral '18 and Meredith Haverly '18 married on November 11, 2023, in Newport, Rhode Island. They reside on Long Island.

Lina Balta '16 and Peter Norberg '16 married on October 15, 2023, at Castle Hill Inn in Newport, Rhode Island. They were surrounded by their roommates and favorite Friars. The couple resides in Boston.

Joe Argus '16 and Taylor Morley '16 married on October 14, 2023, on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. They began dating in 2015, during senior year, and reside in Boston.

Jennifer Giffels '14 and Richard Bell of New York City married on September 30, 2023, in York, Maine, alongside family and friends, including members of the Class of 2014 and Jennifer's aunt, Elizabeth Doherty '93. In giving baby Jenn a PC bib years ago, Beth set the path by which Jenn would become a Friar.

Cayleigh Griffin '14 and Jay Shunnar married on August 25, 2023, in Long Beach Island, New Jersey, surrounded by family, friends, and Friars. They reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

Brian Beloin '09 married **Brenna Gould**, a graduate of the College of St. Benedict in Minnesota, on August 19, 2023, at Vista Valley Country Club outside San Diego. Brian's groomsmen were Jordan Moore '09, Kevin Yurch '09, and Jay Joyce '10. The couple resides in Kirkland, Washington.

Alexandra Katis '18 and Aiden O'Connor '18 of Natick, Massachusetts, married on June 10, 2023, in St. Dominic Chapel. They met while working as tutors in the Office of Academic Services.



Little FRIARS

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At Riverfield Elementary School in Fairfield, Connecticut, the starring roles in "Beauty and the Beast" were played by **Evelyn Colelli**, daughter of **Michael Colelli '07** and **Sheila Mengel Colelli '07**, and **Thomas Magaldi**, son of **Tom Magaldi '06** and **Kate Boyle Magaldi '06, '08G**.

Nicholas Ieraci '14, '15G and **Jessica Clark Ieraci '14** of Canton, Massachusetts, welcomed a baby girl, **Madison**, in November 2023.



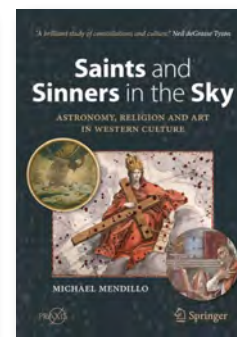
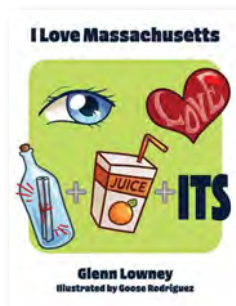
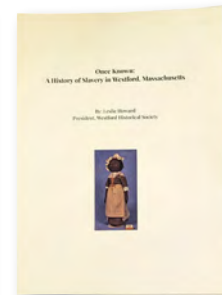
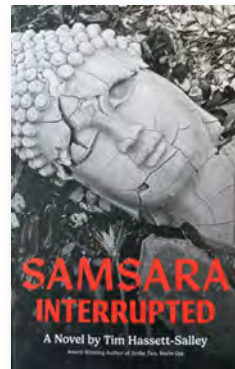
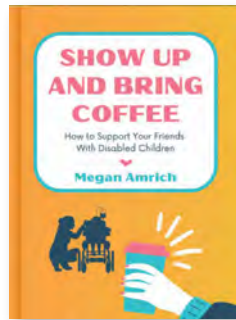
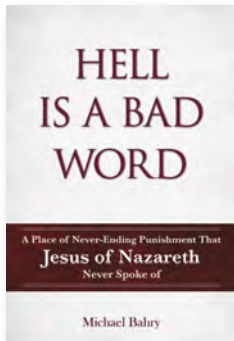
Kayla Misto Illiano '15 and **Giovanni Illiano '14** of Foster, Rhode Island, welcomed a daughter, **Lily Annunziata Illiano**, on October 2, 2023. She is the granddaughter of **Karla Misto '15SCE**, grant coordinator at PC.



Ben Remillard '13 and his wife, **Kerry**, of Grafton, Massachusetts, welcomed their second child, **Levi**, in November 2023. He joins big sister Stevie, who is 2.

ALUMNI AUTHORS

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Michael Bahry '91SCE, '17G, '22G of East Providence, Rhode Island, wrote *Hell is a Bad Word: A Place of Never-Ending Punishment That Jesus of Nazareth Never Spoke of*, a book about what Jesus said and did not say about divine justice. The book began with a thesis Bahry wrote for the second of two graduate degrees in theology he earned from PC. He spent most of his working career in the construction industry and also was director of the Physical Plant at PC until 1996. He now is an adjunct instructor at Salve Regina University, a public speaker, and executive director of Fifty-Three: Five, a nonprofit he founded to provide spiritual and material assistance to the elderly, inner-city families, and the homeless. Bahry formed a company, Mercy Publishers, to publish the book, which is available through Amazon and on his website, michaelbahry.com.

Megan Gorzkowski Amrich '08 of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, released her first book, *Show Up and Bring Coffee: How to Support Your Friends With Disabled Children*. She is the founder of Joyful, Brave & Awesome, a website that encourages honest conversation about friendship, parenting, and disability inclusion.

Award-winning author **Tim Hassett-Salley '81** of Plymouth, Massachusetts, published his second novel, *Samsara Interrupted*. Readers travel through time with Peter Dunn as he is forced to relive his teenage years, hamstrung by all the emotional baggage from his previous life. Peter grapples with Samsara, the Buddhist notion of the reincarnation cycle of birth-death-rebirth. Will Peter reach enlightenment? Has he already? Will he ever make it back to pick up the crumbling pieces of his former adult life?

Kimberly Anthony Hirsch '05 of Pelham, New Hampshire, has written and published four books for children through the company she created, Vanderbark Press. The latest, *The Worry Journey: Maisy's Story*, published this fall, is the third book in her journey series. The others are *Journey to the Bright Side: Pickles' Story* and *The Jamboree Journey: Tank's Story*. She also wrote *Our Best Friend Karma*. Hirsch studied elementary and special education at PC with a minor in writing and especially enjoyed her creative writing course with Peter Johnson, Ph.D., professor emeritus of English. She draws on her education degree when she presents author talks, readings, and writing workshops at elementary schools in New Hampshire and Massachusetts on topics that include her book themes, behind-the-scenes of publishing, and writing strategies.

Leslie Kinnicutt Howard '05, '06G of Westford, Massachusetts, president of the Westford Historical Society, published her first book, *Once Known: A History of Slavery in Westford, Massachusetts*. Her research was made possible by a grant from the Freedom's Way Partnership Grant Program. Howard discovered there were at least 20 enslaved people in the town of Westford from 1730-1780. Her research was inspired by Peggy, a doll in the Westford Women Doll collection, who represents a woman once enslaved in a local household.

Glenn Lowney '94SCE of Swansea, Massachusetts, published his first book, *I Love Massachusetts*, a rebus picture puzzle book inspired by the game show "Concentration." The book, published by Stillwater Press of Warwick, Rhode Island, is dedicated to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with puzzles depicting

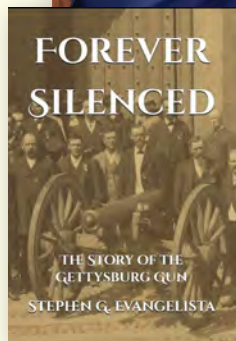
people, places, and landmarks associated with the Bay State. He says it's a good gift for those who enjoy solving puzzles.

Marisa Urgo Lynch '14 of Haverhill, Massachusetts, wrote *The Gravity of Missing Things* (2022), a novel about a plane that goes missing, told from the point of view of the pilot's teenage daughter as she races to solve the mystery. It was a #1 bestseller in the teen category on Amazon. Marisa studied psychology and theatre at PC. By day, she works in higher education in academic advising for graduate students. By night, she is writing more books and spending time with her husband, Kevin Lynch '13, and their daughter, Rachel.

Ian S. Maloney, Ph.D. '97 of South Salem, New York, published his first novel, *South Brooklyn Exterminating* (Spuyten Duyvil Publishing) on April 25, 2024. He is

professor of literature, writing, and publishing at St. Francis College, director of the Jack Hazard Fellowships at New Literary Project, and a contributor to Vol. 1 Brooklyn.

Michael J. Mendillo, Ph.D. '66, an astronomy professor at Boston University for 50 years, wrote *Saints and Sinners in the Sky: Astronomy, Religion and Art in Western Culture*, published by Springer. The book shows how visual depictions of the heavens evolved in tandem with science and religion throughout much of western culture, with cave art, illuminated manuscripts, sculptures, painting, and architecture reflecting some of the great religious and secular battles taking place over the course of centuries. Mendillo majored in physics at PC and earned a Ph.D. in physics and astronomy from BU in 1971. After two years of post-doctoral study, he joined the full-time faculty.



Stephen Evangelista '96 with the Gettysburg Gun at the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

The story of the Gettysburg Gun

A 12-pound iron cannonball remains lodged in the muzzle of the Gettysburg Gun, a bronze Civil War cannon last fired during the battle of Gettysburg. Soldiers from Battery B First Rhode Island Light Artillery were loading the cannon when it was hit by an enemy shell. The explosion dented the muzzle. When the surviving crew tried to reload, the gun, hot from use, fused around the cannonball. The Gettysburg Gun became the first relic of the Civil War and was exhibited in Washington, D.C., until 1874, when it was returned to Rhode Island.

Stephen Evangelista '96 has extensively researched Battery B and the Gettysburg Gun. He was part of an expert team that accompanied the cannon on its historic move from the Rhode Island State House to the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, in August 2023. His book, *Forever Silenced: The Story of the Gettysburg Gun*, was published in April 2024. He is the author of *Our Story: The Lives and Legacy of Those Who Served in Battery B First Rhode Island Light Artillery*. Both books were accepted into the Gettysburg National Park Library and Research Center. Proceeds from his books support educational programs about the Civil War.

Evangelista is acting deputy commissioner for policy and research at the Social Security Administration and a member of the Senior Executive Service Corps. He also is an accomplished musician. His album, "North of Now," has been recognized among the top ambient albums. His song "Farewell Dachau," which he composed as a student in Aquinas Chapel, is part of the permanent collection of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

"Much of my success is due to the education I received at Providence College," said Evangelista, who majored in humanities and Italian and was valedictorian of his class. He resides in Maryland with his wife and two children.



REV. TERENCE KEEGAN, O.P. '60



Rev. Terence Keegan, O.P. '60, pictured in 1977, in a photo from PC Archives and Special Collections.

Rev. Terence Stephen Keegan, O.P. '60, who served the college for 40 years in roles that included executive vice president and treasurer, college chaplain, and professor of theology, died on August 11, 2024, at Mount St. Rita Health Centre in Cumberland, Rhode Island. He was 85.

Father Keegan was a man of profound faith, keen intelligence, and a touch of mischief. Always learning, he relished teaching. He was equally at home with scripture and theology, orienteering, and professional sports teams, especially the National Football League. He was an organized administrator and a compassionate priest.

Father Keegan studied mathematics at PC and earned a master's degree in the subject at Brown University. He entered the novitiate of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph in 1961 and was ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev. Ernest B. Boland, O.P. '52, '84Hon., bishop of Multan, Pakistan, on June 13, 1968, at St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the degrees he earned while in formation at the Dominican House of Studies, Father Keegan held a doctoral degree in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelicum, in Rome, and a licentiate degree in sacred scripture

from the Pontifical Bible Institute in Rome. He also earned a diploma from the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem.

Father Keegan joined the theology faculty at PC in 1975 and became a full professor in 1994. He also taught in the mathematics and computer science department. He was college chaplain from 1975-1977, residence hall head resident from 1977-1982, assistant chaplain from 1977-1984, co-director of the graduate program in theology from 1986-1992, dean of graduate studies from 1994-1995, executive vice president from 1994-2005, and treasurer from 1999-2005. He served on the college's Board of Trustees.

He wrote and edited many books, including *A Commentary on the Gospel of St. Mark* (1981, 2005), *First Timothy*, *Second Timothy*, *Titus*, and *Philemon* (2006), and *Interpreting the Bible: A Popular Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics* (1985, 2005).

In 2013, the master of the Dominican Order bestowed on him the order's highest distinction, that of Master of Sacred Theology.

The funeral for Father Keegan was celebrated on campus on August 16 with burial in the Dominican Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to Providence College, Dominican Scholarship Fund, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918.

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THE LAST WORD

THE OPEN-HEARTED COLLEGE

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Fortunate to be a frequent visitor to campus, I have found something almost indefinable with my return. My grandson, Andrew Snape '23, was a student, and my friend, professor Yingsheng Wan, Ph.D., asked me to meet with his biology class. I loved those visits. The thrills of returning as an alum, a grandparent, and a teacher were unexpected and pleasant surprises because of the many defining moments.

What were those moments? Here is something I wrote for our Golden Reunion:

I recently returned to Harkins Hall for a meeting, my first time in the building in almost 50 years. Nostalgia

unexpectedly washed over me. I paused at the entrance, looked around at the granite that once seemed intimidating, looked up from the rotunda to the balcony, and down to the stairs that once led to the auditorium where I went for the 20-minute Mass between classes. It was the same auditorium used for a class rally, for the Pyramid Players, the Brothers Four, mixers, the class roast, the Veridames Society meetings, and once even basketball. The smell of aged wood, granite floors, and the clacking sounds as students and faculty walked through rekindled memories of my student years. Disoriented for a moment, I looked at my watch, thinking that I might be late for class. I walked each floor, ending on

the fourth. What happened to the art museum? Where was the tuition office? What happened to the library? I could smell those musty books in stacks that once held me captive. Harkins was a trove of wonderful surprises. The memories linger.

Now, some years later, I was recaptured. The open gate to the main campus was welcoming. I stopped at the friendly security guard. "How can I help?"

"My grandson is here. I'm giving a class."

"Right there. Park right there."

I walked to the iconic Harkins Hall, the campus's first building, and looked more carefully at its

embracing curve, replicated in the new business school across campus. Now that I had more time, or so it seemed, I appreciated the statues of saints Mary, Albertus Magnus, Catherine of Siena, Thomas Aquinas, and Dominic, and the symbols that surrounded them on the facade of the neo-Gothic building.

The Providence campus can be addicting. I was stunned, and pleased, by its beauty and expanse; from something that was once the necessary, nearly inconspicuous place for my education to something that is now a beautiful haven for everyone's edification; a haven that included me, that made me want to return, to be a part of it again, to be a student, a learner. I'm guessing that's what an open-hearted college does. It wants you to be an integral part. And Providence's welcoming warmth did that.

Pleasant smells — freshly cut grass, sweet, fragrant flowers, the earthy smell of bricks. Sentimental smells — chemicals from the old labs, gas from a Bunsen burner. Now there are new labs in the spanking new and handsome Albertus Magnus building. I wanted to be a first-year student. Where was my beanie?

I walked to St. Dominic Chapel. Welcoming incense? I stopped in and smelled spirituality. A walk further on to another side of campus, where a silent cemetery, its gravestones in acknowledging



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rows, was resting on a mount for our Dominicans, the gods who taught us.

I found the Ginkgo tree that was once an assignment. I fought to stay out of the imposing Phillips Memorial Library. I might have gone missing in action.

I joined my grandson in the student union. Just a spit away was a sparkling track and field venue adjacent to a gleaming athletic facility with statues of coaches Mullaney and Gavitt at the entrance.

In Slavin Center, the aroma of brewing coffee filled the social hub where students were fueled with caffeine and conversation. Dunkin' of course. And the scent of paper and leather-bound books from the bookstore across the way. There was a beer garden on the other side. And a cafeteria where the food looked good despite what I heard from the grandson. Baked goods, fresh pastries, chocolate chip cookies. We never saw that stuff.

The place was buzzing with energy. The energy was transferable. There was a constant hum of activity;

students with diverse backgrounds and interests flashing to class, chatting between lectures in a microcosm world. What was that coed scribbling in her book? How could that guy toss a Frisbee that far?

A walk back on a college campus is a reflective experience, filled with memories of classes, professors, friends, sports, and the excitement of college life. The atmosphere is energetic, with students hurrying to and from classes, chatting in between, or sprawled out on the lawn studying.

Here, on this campus, albeit more modest in my day, there was a message that molded me. Was it here that I found life and all its possibilities? Maybe, though I wasn't quite sure then, because I didn't feel it. But I came away with something. I know it and feel it now.

These days I was gripped, again. I cut a slice of the new campus cake, mixed it with the old, and took it home. 🍷

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