

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

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Congratulations to all our 2011 graduates!

This year was the largest class ever from the Department of Communication and Media Studies. Fifty-six members of the class of 2011 leaving their student lives at Sacred Heart University behind to become fifty-six SHU alumni making their way as citizens of the world.

And to our new CMS graduates, a farewell address:

We will miss you, but let's be honest, it was time for you to leave. Simply put, you are ready. Ready for the next step... Ready for the exciting challenges that await you beyond Fairfield...Ready to take on the world.

You are ready, but since it is customary I will briefly offer some words of advice...very briefly...

Take Chances.

Be Nice.

The rest you can figure out as you go along.

Congratulations to all our 2011 graduates!

...Dr. Andrew Miller, Department Chair

CONGRATULATIONS COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES GRADUATES!



COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES CELEBRATES OUR OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

Gold Medal of Excellence in Media Studies: Therese O'Shea

Silver Medal of Excellence in Media Studies: Elizabeth Brombacker

Gold Medal of Excellence in Communication & Technology Studies: William Puglisi

Silver Medal of Excellence in Communication & Technology Studies: Alyssa Antonucci

Congratulations Class of 2011!!

BA Media Studies

Joseph Anici
Steven Armato
Alexander Atkinson
Matthew Banak
Elizabeth Brombacker
Mari Brown
Nicholas Brown
Brittany Calvanese
Melissa Carmelitiano
Gina Cerniglia
Alyssa Collier
Jessica Colucci
Lauren Craft
Samuel Dowd
Nicole Eastman
Andrea Gorkofsky
Marisa Graniela
Daniel Graziano
Jordan Haas
Jennifer Hill
Stephanie Kanner
Sarah Keller
Edward Kuspiel
Emma Levine

Erica Lucca
Tyler McKeon
Jamie Miller
Ashley Monaco
Michael Oberlander
Michael Ohrenberger
Andrew Orlandi
Therese O'Shea
Nicholas Phillips
Edward Ponessa Cacioppo
Sarah Prial
Ariane Rasmussen
Liam Roecklein
Tara Rotundo
Mark Theroux
Kristi Troccoli
Michele Tymann
Christopher Whittemore
John Young

BS Media Studies

Peter Vincent

BA Communication & Technology

Alyssa Antonucci
Douglas Barone
Brittany Brown
Christopher Daly
Jade Ean-Heller
Sergios Freitas
Giancarlo Massaro
Michelle Murowski
Anthony Priore
William Puglisi

BS Communication & Technology

Brendan Donahue
Ali Kaba



REFLECTIONS ON SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

While sitting in the pouring rain at the start of graduation day I couldn't help but ask myself, "If I could do these four years all over again, would I do it the same way?" I didn't know the answer to my question until the moment came when I walked across the stage and shook the hands of my professors, Andrew Miller, Jim Castonguay and Greg Golda. It became clear to me that because of these three individuals, and a few others, that my time here at Sacred Heart was an absolutely amazing experience.

I knew exactly what I wanted to do coming into Sacred Heart, and right off the bat, I felt like I was at home. Within the first week of school, every professor in the Media Studies Department knew my name. Having such a small and intimate department, made my learning experience priceless. After that, each year just grew better and better.

My senior year was one that I don't think I will ever forget. Not only was I elected to be the General Station Manager of SHUBOX (Sacred Heart University's Multimedia Network), I wrote, filmed and edited a movie completely by myself, had the opportunity to work for outside clients, and I had the honor to receive the Don Coonley Award.

It is such a great feeling to know that everyone recognized my hard work and dedication. Without the help of everyone in the department, I don't think I'd be the same person that I am today. I am so thankful for all I was taught and for all of the relationships I've made along the way. I know that I have accomplished so much and have such a broad spectrum of skills and experience to offer, all because of what our department has taught me while being here.

We have a staff that is truly dedicated to their work, pushes their students into doing what they believe they can do and, of course, is there as mentors and friends.

I loved all four years of being at Sacred Heart and as sad as it is that this chapter is closing, I was taught that even bigger and better things wait for me at the start of the next one. With that being said, thank you everyone in the Communication and Media Studies Department for an amazing four years, and you'll definitely be hearing from me soon!

..Stephanie Kanner, 2011



Receiving the Inaugural Don Coonley Award was a perfect way to finish up my four years at Sacred Heart University. I would not trade the well-rounded education, connections, and friends I made at SHU for an education anywhere else. This university was great in allowing me to focus on what I wanted to do, film production, and run away with my own projects, despite how wild some of them may have been. I look back on my four years here and struggle to find times when I was unhappy with the quality of education. I worked hands-on with most of my professors, a lot of whom I consider to be friends (despite Andrew Miller not wanting to admit that in person) I came out of Sacred Heart and immediately landed a full time job as a documentary film editor. I look forward to seeing where my education will take me, and I hope to have the chance in the future to mentor students like I was and help them achieve what I have been able to.

...Mike Ohrenberger, 2011



The Department of Communication and Media Studies

Senior Night and Alumni Reception

On April 13, 2011, the Department of Communication and Media Studies sponsored our second annual Senior Night and fifth annual Alumni Reception in the Schine Auditorium. A panel of four recent graduates, Genevieve Manna, Dan Nevanpara, Alex Bente, and Lacey Gilleran, shared their experiences in the job market, how they landed their first jobs, and what it's like working professionally in the media field. Genevieve currently works as a Fashion Assistant at Allure Magazine; Dan is an Associate Producer and Editor at PDH Creative; Alex is a Producer for Showtime Sports, and Lacey, who previously worked as a Production Assistant and Commercial Associate Director for

WWF, and is currently at work on an independent film (<http://www.indiegogo.com/624andsleepless-Presents-Scril>).

Following the roundtable speakers, alumni who attended the event were also able to share their experience and advice with graduating seniors, including the importance of networking, staying in touch with people, persistence, and keeping your dreams big.

According to Dr. Sally Ross, coordinator of the event, "This is part of our ongoing effort to stay connected to our alumni and build a strong and loyal SHU network for our graduates in an industry in which networking is vital to success."



Prof. Sally Ross welcomes students and alumni.



Roundtable panelists share employment insights



Genevieve Manna



Carolyn Aucella, '77 and Arlene Greene, '78 with Prof. Sid Gottlieb

CMS ALUMNI NEWS

Catherine Fiehn, '89, has a photography studio in Milford, CT, and shoots pageants, such as Miss America, and weddings. She also acts, and has appeared on 30 Rock and the Nate Berkus Show, among others. Check out her photography at www.catherinefiehnphotography.com

Justin Liberman, '02, is a film director in LA and NYC, and is currently completing his MFA in Film Directing and Screenwriting at Columbia University.

Katie Minger (Trindall), '04, is a high school Telecommunications and English teacher in Pottstown, PA.

Maureen Daley, '05, has been a Manager of Program Planning and Scheduling at Showtime in New York City since 2008.

Jill Tomasz, '05, is an Account Executive at Comcast SportsNet New England. Prior to that, Jill was an Ad Assistant at Fox SportsNet.

ALUMNI NEWS

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Shelly Thomas, '09, currently works as a Production Assistant for The Gayle King Show on OWN, Oprah Winfrey Network in New York City.

Kristen McCarthy, '10, works as an Assistant Media Buyer at an agency in NYC where she previously interned as a student. She assists national cable and major television networks in the buying process of commercials for various consumer and health care brands.

Entrepreneurial recent grad Giancarlo Massaro, '11, created and runs AnyLuckyDay (<http://anyluckyday.com>), a website that offers product reviews, discounted products, and daily contest giveaways.

Tara Rotundo, '11, is a Sales Coordinator at Moffly Media, which publishes lifestyle magazines such as Westport, Greenwich, and At Home Magazine, as well as custom publications.

Please send any comments, ideas, contributions or alumni news to: Suzanne Golub, Editor, at golubs1506@sacredheart.edu

THE MEDIA ARTS EXHIBITION



On Saturday, May 7th, the Media Arts Exhibition (MAX) showcased original projects completed by Communication and Media Studies majors in photography, video, animation, radio production and broadcast journalism, screenwriting, cinematography, print journalism and magazine production.

An exhibition of student work in the Media Studies Studio was followed by a screening of student films in the Schine Auditorium.

The department presented SHUIE Awards of Excellence in Media Arts to department majors, as well as graduating seniors for excellence in senior projects. A selection of student projects can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/sacredheartshubox.

Special Congratulations to Elizabeth Brombacher, '11, whose story on Lamont Hiebert, musician and founder of Love 146, an advocacy group working to end child sex trafficking, aired on WSHU's All Things Considered, and on Morning Edition in May. The story can be heard online at:

<http://www.wshu.org/news/story.php?ID=8764>> <http://www.wshu.org/news/story.php?ID=8764>

Check out recent examples of multimedia community outreach projects by CMS students at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/shumedia?feature=mhee>

Congratulations to all of our SHUIE award winners!!

This year, CMS presented the inaugural **Don Cooney Award** in honor of the founder of the department. The award will be presented annually to a graduating senior in the CMS Department who exemplifies the commitment to excellence in the art, theory, and practice of Communication and Media Studies that Don, himself exemplifies. This year, the award was presented to two graduating seniors, Stephanie Kanner, and Mike Ohrenberger, for their outstanding work in the field of media arts and their excellent application of theory and practice throughout their four years at Sacred Heart University.

We are sad to share the news that Don recently passed away. We are proud and honored to be able to carry on his legacy through the work of our faculty and students.

SAVE THE DATE!!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011
7:00 PM

SCHINE AUDITORIUM

JIMMY MARGULIES

AWARD WINNING EDITORIAL CARTOONIST



Jimmy Margulies has been the editorial cartoonist for The Record since 1990 after working at The Houston Post, and Journal Newspapers of Maryland and Virginia. His award-winning cartoons appear nationally in major newspapers and magazines including Time, Newsweek, The New York Times, Business Week, and The Washington Post, among many others. The author of two published collections of cartoons, he appears regularly on network and local TV news programs.

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