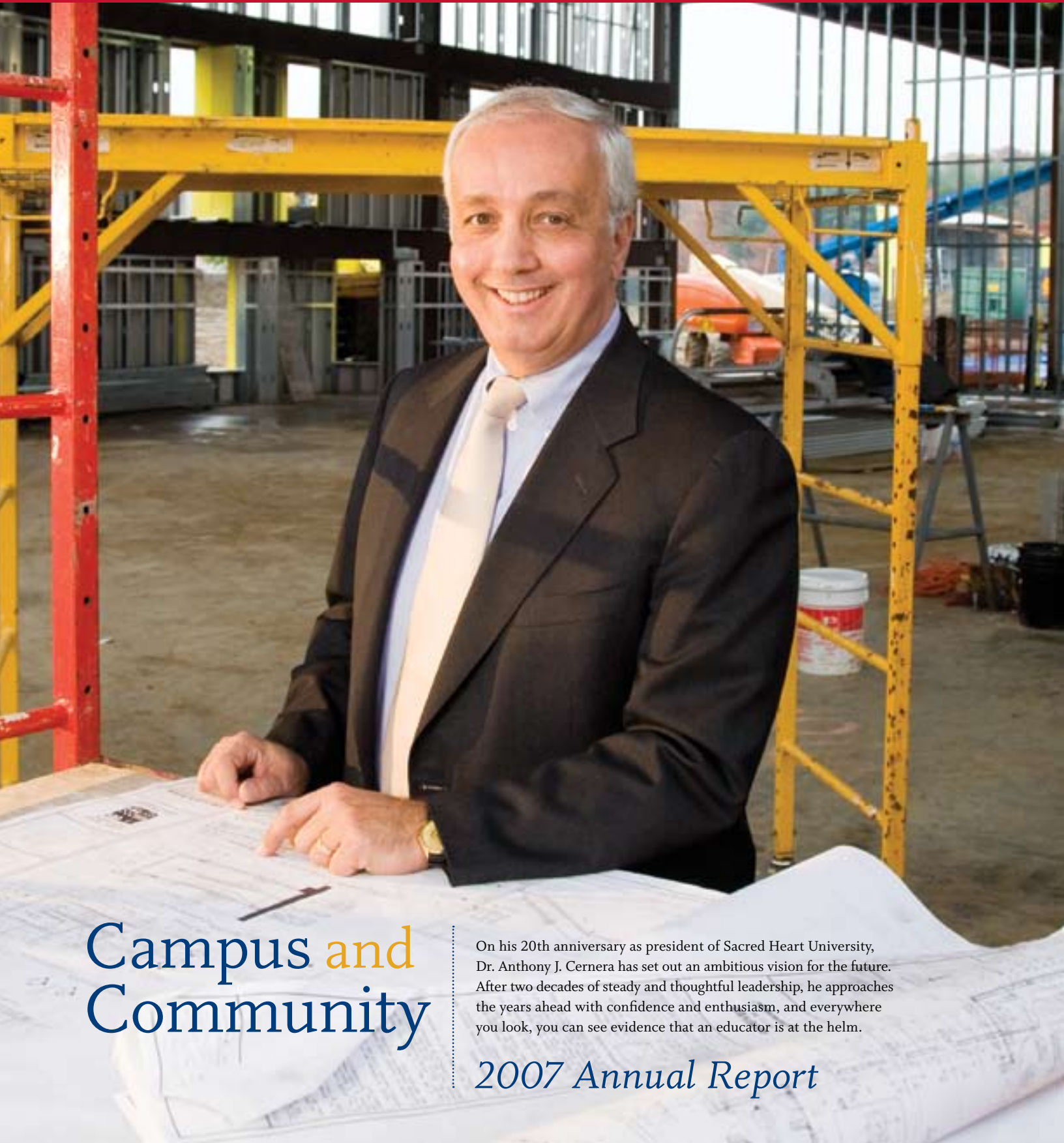


# SacredHeart UNIVERSITY

:: 2007 ANNUAL REPORT ::



## Campus and Community

On his 20th anniversary as president of Sacred Heart University, Dr. Anthony J. Cerna has set out an ambitious vision for the future. After two decades of steady and thoughtful leadership, he approaches the years ahead with confidence and enthusiasm, and everywhere you look, you can see evidence that an educator is at the helm.

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:: FROM THE PRESIDENT IN HIS WORDS ::



extraordinary 19 percent increase from the previous year and a ringing affirmation of the University's growing appeal. We continue to earn top grades from highly respected college guides such as the Princeton Review, which ranks us among the *Best 366 Colleges in America*, and also includes our John F. Welch College of Business among the *Best 290 Business Schools* in the country.

The 2006-2007 academic year was

marked by many successes. Our College of Business, for instance, earned accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. This is a distinction earned by fewer than 10 percent of business schools worldwide. And the College of Education and Health Professions completed plans to move to a new state-of-the-art campus in Trumbull. This 50,000-square-foot facility will allow us to greatly expand our offerings for future educators and health care providers. You will also witness the progress on our new campus Chapel, which is rising as the spiritual heart of our community. And please note the many notable accomplish-

**I am prouder than ever to head a University so committed to building a community of active and engaged learners among students, faculty and staff.**

ments of our students, faculty and staff. Every Annual Report provides the occasion to assess the progress of our journey. I am very proud of what we have been able to do together, and I look forward to the years ahead with confidence and gratitude. The year 2008 marks a very special milestone for me personally: it was 20 years ago that I accepted the position as president of this University. I thank all of you for your friend-

Dear Friends,

This has been an extraordinary year for Sacred Heart University, and I am proud to share some of the highlights with you. Whether you have known the University for long years or are learning about us for the first time, you will see abundant evidence of a community on the move: energetic and engaged. At the same time that we draw on the riches of our Catholic intellectual tradition, we work it enrich it—for ourselves and the generations that follow.

The University's growing reputation led us to receive 8,000 applications from potential first-year students. This is an

ship and support. As always, I depend upon your energy, your intelligence, your prayers. Who could have guessed, in 1988, where the next two decades would take us? The only constant has been the willingness of this wonderful community to work closely together for the good of our entire family. I thank you and pledge my continuing best efforts. Together, we will continue to do great things.

With every best wish, I am

Anthony J. Cerna, Ph.D.



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## Moving Forward, Making Strides

The following pages provide a glimpse of the 2006-2007 academic year at Sacred Heart University. These highlights are a snapshot of the exceptional achievements and milestones that mark the University's commitment to excellence. These accomplishments not only enrich the lives of our students, but also serve to enhance the greater communities well beyond our campus walls. We are happy to report on the strong state of the University, and thank you for your continued confidence and support.



## 02 The Year in Review

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## 12 Under One Roof

Combine stunning artwork by a master designer from Rome, bronze bells cast in the Netherlands, a majestic pipe organ from Canada, and welcoming space for 550 worshippers, and you can begin to appreciate the important addition SHU's new Chapel will make to the life of the community. Come inside for a visit.



# THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

HOW DO YOU MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF A UNIVERSITY?

**T**his year, we earned so many notable achievements that it's tough to highlight them all in just a few pages. For instance, for the first time ever, we were included among the Princeton Review's *Best 366 Colleges: 2008*. The John F. Welch College of Business was also listed among the Review's *Best 290 Business Schools*. Further, we were named among the Best Northeastern Colleges by the Princeton Review and listed among America's Best Colleges: 2008 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

While we're delighted to receive such public accolades, we always come back to what's really important: measuring our success by how we live and learn according to our mission. Our aim is to create an environment where we all help each other to expand our knowledge of the world and deepen our understanding of the human condition. In 2007, we took many measurable steps toward achieving that mission, including:



## Enrollment Planning & Student Affairs

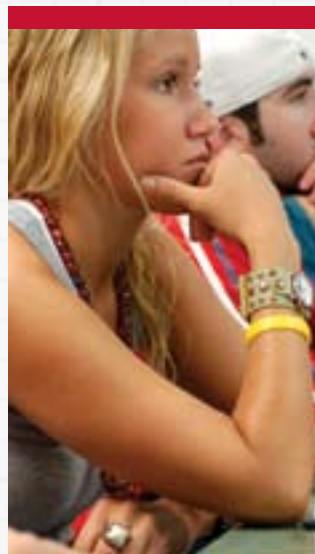
Thanks in part to our new, expanded website, Sacred Heart received the largest undergraduate pool in our history this year. Admissions chose top-quality students from over 8,000 undergraduate applications, an impressive 19 percent gain from last year. In addition, our graduate applications shot up 31 percent from 2006.

## College of Arts and Sciences

Our Common Core curriculum, which bridges the disciplines and explores fundamental questions about the human condition,



is certain to become Sacred Heart's new academic signature. The Core was launched in Fall 2007 after nine years of intensive planning. Dr. Michelle Loris, who was instrumental in developing the Core, was named Associate Dean and will continue to oversee its successful implementation. Other Arts and Sciences highlights include a new study abroad opportunity for science students in Bermuda.



## John F. Welch College of Business

The College of Business earned accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in 2006-07, placing Sacred Heart among the top 10 percent of business schools worldwide. The undergraduate business program now accounts for nearly 40 percent of our full-time undergrad enrollment. The John F. Welch College of Business in Luxembourg has a new director, Dr. Petra Garnjost. And, in Fairfield, Business Dean Stephen M. Brown taught a graduate course

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in Executive Leadership, drawing many area executives to campus, including Jack Welch; Steve Nelson, president of Healthnet of the Northeast and a member of the College's advisory board; and Farooq Kathwari, CEO of Ethan Allen Furniture.

### **College of Education and Health Professions**

The College sponsored a number of successful public events in celebration of its 10th anniversary, based on the theme *Shaping the Future through Education, Service and Advocacy*. These included four professional development workshops and a College-sponsored workday for Habitat for Humanity. A conference on Healthy Aging attracted elders, their caregivers, and students. The anniversary year included the establishment of the Alumni Leadership Award and the Community Partner Award, as well as an important new faculty group focused on childhood obesity.

Finally, this year marked a major transition, as the College planned their move to new quarters at 7 Cambridge Drive in Trumbull, allowing for greatly expanded facilities. The Occupational Therapy program earned re-accreditation, and the University's first doctoral candidates—in Physical Therapy—received their degrees at Commencement 2007.



### **University College**

University College boasts an enrollment of more than 650 students, with over 60 adult students inducted into Alpha Lambda Sigma, the national honor society. To further reach out to our community, University College has translated media materials into Spanish and crafted articulation agreements with Housatonic Community College and Norwalk Community College. This year marked the foundation of the Center for Financial Education, and University College is now planning to develop a site in Shelton.

### **University Library**

The first leg of a 10-year reorganization plan for the Ryan-Matura Library got underway this year by creating four distinct departments: the Office of Instructional Technology; the Department of Digital Library Development and Systems; Information Literacy Programs; and University Library, which includes a Research Services Department responsible for collection development, reference services and liaison with the faculty.

With the Office of Alumni Affairs, the Library cosponsored access to the Ebsco Academic Search—Alumni Edition, allowing graduates to access some 2,400 full-text journals online. This was the first full year of service for the Digital Learning Support Line, which responds to email and telephone inquiries from students taking online courses. Next year, a “virtual technician” will respond to students through their computers. The Office of Instructional Technology has also established an eight-week certification program for new digital learning instructors. This academic year was the third one for the Information Technology pilot program, and Sacred Heart is now adding an online version of this course.



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### Athletics

In 2006-2007, Sacred Heart's athletic teams enjoyed the most successful year in Division I history. The women's program won the NEC Commissioner's Cup for the second time in four years. With an average GPA of 3.0, student-athletes in baseball, men's basketball and women's tennis topped the Northeast Conference in their sports, and the entire Pioneer Program came in third in academic accomplishment. Our coaches in men's indoor track, field hockey and golf all earned Coach of the Year accolades, with several of our student athletes earning top regional honors in their programs.



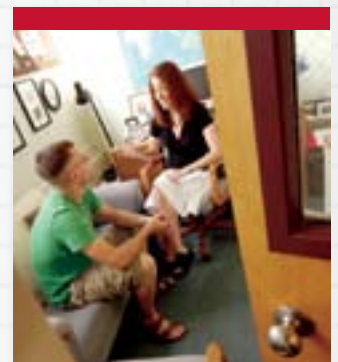
### Office of Alumni & Parent Relations

The University's Alumni Online Community continues to grow. More than 3,100 graduates—an increase of 21 percent from the year before—now participate in this Internet communications tool, using it to stay in touch with the University and each other, and to make contributions. Sacred Heart also established a new series for alumni, *Pioneers in Business*, to engage alumni at various places of business. Those attending the inaugural event at UBS in Stamford were able to tour the facility and listen to a panel discussion as they mingled with other alums.



### Human Resources

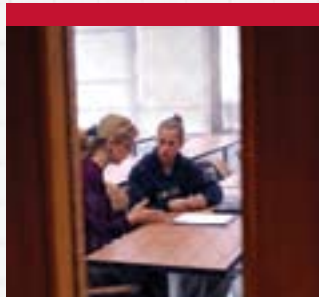
The University's Human Resources Division implemented a dynamic new evaluation tool this year called Partnering for Performance, or PFP. PFP helps staff members reach individual and organizational objectives, and establishes an integrated approach to employee development. Other successful HR initiatives this year:



an October President's Retreat for Experienced Leaders, a follow-up retreat in January for senior managers to explore Executive Coaching Skills, and a President's Retreat for Strategic Planning to engage mid-level employees in discussing the University's Strategic Plan.

### **Institutional Advancement—Foundations and Grants**

This year's gifts for current operations and scholarship programs amounted to just over \$570,000 through the Office of Foundations and Grants. Gifts were received in all sizes, and included \$200,000 from the William H. Pitt Foundation and \$157,000 from the GE Foundation. The Office exceeded its goal for capital projects by 367 percent, raising just under \$2,211,000. The Leir Charitable Foundations committed \$2 million for the new University Library project. Additional grants came from the Maximilian E. and Marion O. Hoffman Foundation, with \$100,000 designated for the new Chapel organ, and a similar amount from the William T. Morris Foundation. Gifts to the Annual Fund from faculty and staff rose by more than 39 percent to top \$41,000. And corporate commitments amounted to \$293,000, a jump of 19.5 percent. Other areas of increased giving were Trustees, Friends of the University.



During Fiscal Year 2007, the University was awarded nearly \$1,175,000 in additional restricted grant funds that are under the active management of the Office of Foundations and Grants. This supplements grants that remain active from previous years. The annual Discovery Awards and Scholarship Dinner took place this year for the first time at the Hyatt Regency in Old Greenwich, Connecticut, celebrating the University's many accomplishments and honoring notable members of the community while raising more than half a million dollars for student scholarships. The black-tie gala is the University's premier social and fundraising event. This year, honors were presented to actress Susan Saint James, GE's Bill Conaty, and Father Lawrence J. Carroll. The 2007 Pioneer Open Golf Tournament in June drew 120 golfers and other participants, and it raised more than \$61,000 for scholarship assistance.

### **Financial Aid**

Over 88 percent of full-time undergraduates now receive financial assistance, with almost four in 10 engaged in work-study in nearly every campus department.

Total financial aid for SHU students in 2006-2007 nearly reached the \$71.5 million mark—an impressive increase over the \$48.2 million in financial aid distributed just three years ago. Sacred Heart currently offers an average undergraduate award package of close to \$12,489.

The largest sector of financial assistance was federal loans, at \$26.0 million, followed by institutional grant aid, at \$23.0 million. Alternative loans amounted to \$15.7 million. Private gift aid to the University totaled \$1.7 million, a 172.5 percent jump in just five years.





'88



Dr. Anthony J. Cernera is welcomed as the University's fifth president.

'90



First off-campus housing opens at Taft Commons, beginning the transformation to community living.

'92



The University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding is established, earning warm endorsements from Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.





'92



Jefferson Hill, the first of 10 state-of-the-art residence halls on campus, opens.

'92



SHU opens an innovative European campus in Luxembourg; in its first 15 years, it will graduate students from 30 countries.

'93



To commemorate the University's first three decades, 30,000 hours of community service are donated. SHU will earn state honors for an unprecedented 12 years in a row for community involvement and leadership.



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The committee knew the challenges facing whomever would lead the struggling Catholic college nearing its silver anniversary: enrollment was down, debt was up, competition was on the rise. It was time for new ideas and a new brand of leadership.

If Dr. Anthony J. Cernera were beginning his first year as president and not his 20th, the agenda he has set for himself and for the University would be impressive. But after two decades of steady and thoughtful achievements, his program for the future is all the more challenging. As it edges toward the half-century mark of service, Sacred Heart University is as nimble as a teenager and engaged in a series of moves that are remaking its campus and its community.

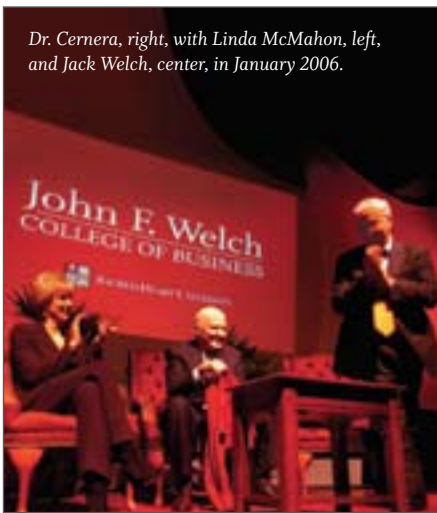
Sacred Heart occupies a unique and trend-setting position in the history of American higher education as a Catholic institution designed to be led and staffed by lay people. Over the course of its nearly 45 years, the Uni-

versity has been guided by five presidents. The founding president was Dr. William H. Conley, who led the University during its formative first years: 1963 to 1971. He was succeeded by Mr. Robert A. Kidera, who served for the next

five years. Dr. Thomas P. Melady was president from 1976 till 1986, and he was followed in office by Dr. Robert A. Preston, who led the University until 1988.

Dr. Anthony J. Cernera began his service as the University’s fifth president on June 1, 1988, during its 25th anniversary year. In the two decades since then, he has led the transformation of a small, struggling commuter school into a robust, comprehensive residential Catholic university. During that time, the University has become the second-largest institution of Catholic higher education in New England, after Boston College. He has headed the school for nearly 45 percent of its history, and it is no exaggeration to call him Sacred Heart University’s “second founder.”

When he arrived in 1988, everyone agreed that the school had reached the limit of its abilities as a locally oriented Catholic “commuter college.” Working closely with the Board of Trustees and the wider University commu-



Dr. Cernera, right, with Linda McMahon, left, and Jack Welch, center, in January 2006.

# Commitment, Campus & Community

Celebrating 20 years with Dr. Anthony J. Cernera

'96



Sacred Heart creates four distinct colleges: Arts & Sciences, Business, Education and Health Professions, and University College.

'97



The \$17.5 million Pitt Health & Recreation Center opens.

'99



Pioneer athletics become an NCAA Division I program.

nity, he has successfully implemented three five-year strategic plans that have made Sacred Heart University one of the leading Catholic universities in the Northeast—and respected around the country. SHU has earned inclusion in the Princeton Review's *Best 366 Colleges in America (2008)* and U.S. News & World Report's *Best Colleges 2007*, and was selected for membership in the Student Horizons Organization: The Colleges of Distinction. Intel has ranked it #11 among the nation's

Monsignor William A. Genuario has been close to Sacred Heart from the very beginning. He was with the founder, Bishop Walter W. Curtis, in Rome when the call came of the official approval of the University in 1962. And he's been on the Board of Trustees for more than 30 years, serving as chairman between Bishop—now Cardinal—Edward Egan and Bishop William E. Lori.

"When we were searching for a new president in the late '80s, I remember hearing Bob

Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, and in September 2007, Dr. Cerna presented Pope Benedict with the 2007 *Nostra Aetate Award* at the Vatican. A 1999 *New York Times* profile on the Center's cofounders, Dr. Cerna and the recently retired Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, was headlined "Building a Bridge for the Next 1,000 Years." Anthony Cerna does not think small.

As an expansion of the vision that led to the CCJU, Sacred Heart University estab-



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most "unwired" colleges, a tribute to the school's advanced use of educational technology, including an entirely wireless environment for students and an ambitious program requiring laptops for every undergraduate.

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Matura [the longtime Trustee who had acted as SHU chancellor for a time] say to me: "We have the perfect candidate!" We were all very excited to be able to attract a man of Tony's qualifications. His great experience in academic life and as an administrator was matched by his strong vision for a genuine Catholic university and a willingness to implement the decrees of the Second Vatican Council. And his own background in theology was a special bonus. Our initial hopes have been confirmed year after year."

Under Dr. Cerna's leadership, Sacred Heart University has taken an internationally recognized role in interreligious education with the creation, in 1992, of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU). The Center has earned the warm endorsement of

lished the Cardinal Spidlik Center for Ecumenical Understanding in 2006, to pursue dialogue and reconciliation between the great traditions of Christianity in the East and the West. These important initiatives expand on the University's Vatican II origins and its mission of reconciliation and service to the larger world.

The University has also hosted national conferences such as "Examining the Catholic Intellectual Tradition," which attracted delegates from 52 colleges across the country, and a national assembly on "Lay Leaders in Catholic Higher Education," drawing presidents from two dozen Catholic colleges and universities.

In his first year as president, Dr. Cerna implemented a strategic-planning process that has enabled the University to prepare for the future. First and foremost is the enhancement



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Enrollment passes 6,100, and degrees conferred soon top 25,000.

'06



Sacred Heart University names its College of Business for the legendary John F. Welch, and the College earns accreditation by the AACSB International, joining an elite corps of fewer than 10 percent of business schools worldwide.

'06



Dr. Cerna is elected president of the 200-member International Federation of Catholic Universities, only the second lay leader in IFCU's history.



Dr. Cerna answers questions from students after a lecture on economics.

and expansion of its academic offerings. Most recently, for example, the University instituted its new Core Curriculum, a full nine years in the making. “The Human Journey,” as the curriculum’s centerpiece is known, will become the signature element of a Sacred Heart University education as it explores the meaning and purpose of human life. As a consequence, the Association of American Colleges and Universities has already chosen SHU for inclusion among a select cadre of schools forming “Core Commitments: Educating Students for Personal and Social Responsibility.”

Other changes include strengthening finances, improving and enlarging the infrastructure, instituting residential life, recruiting top faculty, and increasing the University’s

community service efforts. He is both a prudent manager and an adept fund-raiser, as evidenced by 19 years of balanced budgets and an endowment that has grown to \$70 million—from virtually nothing at the beginning of his tenure.

Dr. Cerna has spearheaded many initiatives to strengthen the curriculum. Fourteen new undergraduate and graduate programs and a Master’s of Business Administration Program in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg have been introduced since 1991 as well as a residential program in western Ireland, in Dingle, County Kerry. The Luxembourg program alone attracts students from five continents, and the Irish experience has drawn young people from 15 different universities. In May 2007, the University graduated its first 35 doctors in

Physical Therapy. It was a first for the State of Connecticut as well.

In 2006, the University named its College of Business for the internationally celebrated John F. Welch who, as head of GE just a mile down the street, had been a longtime neighbor and friend. Within a year, the College had earned accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (the AACSB International), a distinction belonging to fewer than 10 percent of business schools worldwide. The Welch College of Business was recently included in the Princeton Review’s list of the Best 290 Business Schools for 2008. And in September 2007, the College of Education and Health Professions moved to a 50,000-square-foot facility in Trumbull, allowing for

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The University dedicates its 50,000-square-foot College of Education and Health Professions, in Trumbull, a state-of-the-art facility with plenty of room to grow.

'07



Work begins on a \$17 million Chapel, the first of several key capital projects that will transform the campus as it approaches its 50th anniversary.



greatly expanded, state-of-the-art accommodations and room for future growth.

Significantly, these changes have enabled the University to recruit and retain increasingly larger numbers of bright, determined students. The full-time undergraduate enrollment, for example, has grown from 1,411 in 1989 to more than 3,400, a jump of well over 100 per-

cent. At 965 members, the Class of 2011 is the largest in the University's history. Fully 70 percent of the University's undergraduate student body now lives in campus housing, an option introduced by Dr. Certera, and a definite link to the school's ongoing vitality.

Recognizing the immense value of a vibrant campus life to the educational experience, Dr. Certera has championed expansions in student services and, in 1999, SHU achieved a milestone by entering athletic competition in Division I of the NCAA.

To accommodate and educate Sacred Heart University's growing student population, Dr. Certera has overseen the enlargement and renovation of the University's physical plant. Since 1992, the University has built 10 residence halls, and a \$17 million Chapel is under construction at the center of the campus. It will be followed by a new Library and a new Academic Building. This is in

addition to new classrooms and laboratories, a \$17.5 million health and recreation center, a synthetic-surface multi-purpose athletic field, and tennis courts. In all, investments in the physical plant have exceeded \$120 million.

Under Dr. Certera's guidance, a Service-Learning Program was established in 1995. The program offers students the opportunity to develop and learn through active participation in service experiences that are related to the curriculum. Each year, more than 1,200 of the University's students and staff take part in community service activities, largely in Greater Bridgeport but including notable efforts in hurricane-ravaged Mississippi and in El Salvador and Africa. Student and staff efforts were recognized at the state level for an unprecedented 12 years in a row, and the University's Habitat for Humanity chapter was recognized among the top five in the nation.

A native of the Bronx, Anthony Certera received his doctorate of Philosophy in Systematic Theology from Fordham University, where he also earned his Master of Arts degree in Religious Education and his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Theology. A champion of the Catholic intellectual tradition, he is a



Dr. Certera, right, and Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, left, meet with Pope John Paul II in Rome.



'07



The University's chapter of Habitat for Humanity is named one of the top five campus branches in America.

'08



Princeton Review includes SHU in *The Best 366 Colleges in America* and its John F. Welch College of Business in *The Best 290 Business Schools*. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Sacred Heart among America's Best Colleges.

'08



Sacred Heart University celebrates 45 years of educational leadership, and Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, 20 years of exceptional service as president.



tenured professor and teaches in the Religious Studies department each semester.

Mrs. Louella Lieberman is a University Regent and a longtime member of the board of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding. While she counts her "fellow 'Bronxite' one of the most brilliant men I have ever met," she notes that Dr. Cernera never stands on ceremony, and her favorite images of him are far from his official status. "He's an excellent

cook," she recalls from personal experience. "He's got a wonderful sense of humor and a real down-to-earth manner." One of her happiest recollections of time spent with the president is of singing Christmas carols together in Rome —way off season and maybe a little off key. "He's done great things for the University, and he and Ruth have raised a terrific family."

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much-needed anchoring in human values, while also promoting the wide examination of, and tolerance for, diverse traditions. He has both revitalized the energy and pride of its student community and fortified its financial soundness. Very few educational leaders today can point to such broad accomplishments. Truly, leading this University has proven to be the most important job of his life. ■

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# Under One Roof

A once shapeless void in the center of the Sacred Heart University Quad is taking form, rising from the earth and reaching for heaven; and yet, by design, it is a humble place that, when completed in late fall 2008, will serve as the spiritual center of the campus.

Construction tradesmen have toiled there daily since last spring to build the University Chapel, which will convey an image of religious presence in the public square of learning, according to David Coppola, Ph.D., assistant vice president for administration. The Chapel will capture and enhance the nature of what it means to be “rooted in faith, compassionate in heart, and educated in mind,” emphasizing the Catholic philosophy of educating the whole person, Coppola asserted.

Its proximity to the University’s Ryan-Matura Library is no accident in the eyes of SHU Senior Kenneth Koffer of Park Ridge, New Jersey, who views the selection of the Chapel site as a symbol of the University’s commitment to the Catholic intellectual tradition.

“It comments on the fact that knowledge and faith are meant to be in relationship to one another,” said Koffer, a double major in philosophy and religious studies, who attended the topping-off ceremony in August, which celebrated the completion of the steel framework.

The Chapel location is only the first of numerous symbolic elements that went into the detailed design of the building, from the choice of simple construction materials—stone, wood and glass—to the complex and abstract copper tent that will cover the 14,000-square-foot structure, unifying two sacred spaces—the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, a daily chapel for 50 people, and a 500-seat main sanctuary.





“We wanted to create one seamless experience of going from one to the other. That’s when we came up with the idea of the tent as a big gesture that would put everything under one roof,” said Pablo Nistal, a project designer for Sasaki Associates, the award-winning architectural firm from Watertown, Mass., that designed the Chapel, collaborating closely with University officials.

“It was very powerful to work with Sacred Heart. From the beginning of design we had to think very spiritually. From the whole conceptual idea we were going back to the Catholic Church and the Old Testament to find our inspiration, so the

on the Chapel as a tent of meeting, a tabernacle, as well as to Jesus as the “Word became flesh who made his dwelling (literally tented) among us” (John 1), Coppola said. “Such a metaphor celebrates the principle of sacramentality in all that we do as a Catholic University that preserves, develops and transmits the Catholic intellectual tradition, while naturally suggesting the vocabulary of the aesthetic tradition to include color and warmth,” he articulated.

Guido Petra, president of Petra Construction Company in North Haven, Conn., which is building the Chapel, said a large

“It was very important that this should be a very welcoming space for the community and the individual.”

Pablo Nistal, project designer for Sasaki Associates

whole project was inspired by Biblical text,” explained Katia Lucic, another project designer from Sasaki Associates.

“This was a very unique process that we had with Sacred Heart. It was a true collaboration. They were constantly challenging us and they were not afraid of new ideas. They were forward thinking and open to thinking outside the box,” Nistal remarked.

The copper tapestry will flow from wall to roof to wall again virtually seamlessly, draping over the super-structure and representing the idea of gathering under a tent, as in a revival, and signifying coming together under one roof, said Sasaki Architect Brad Prestbo.

The metaphor and long history of pilgrimage within the Jewish and Christian traditions naturally lent itself to reflections

amount of copper and quilt work of varying patinas will comprise the finished roof structure. “It’s not only a beautiful material but it’s really the first time that we have used this type of material to this degree on any one building,” Petra explained.

Generally, the approach to building a religious structure differs little from any other construction. However, the construction means and methods for the SHU Chapel project are atypical due to its uniqueness, Petra said. “The geometry of the building is one of a kind. The materials being incorporated into the finishes of the building, both exterior and interior, are beautifully integrated stone, glass and steel,” Petra described.

“On this particular building both the interior and exterior finishes, are quite beautiful and, because of the high level of finishes there is a tremendous amount of coordination that has to



## OVER 200 GATHER FOR CHAPEL CEREMONY

Following a long-held tradition, the Sacred Heart University community gathered on campus on a humid Thursday in August for a topping-off ceremony on the site of the new Chapel construction.

More than 200 people gathered in the Quad for the ceremony, signing their names to the final steel beam and watching as the construction crew from Steel Fab Inc. hoisted it by crane 50 feet into the air and lowered it into position on the frame of the 14,000-square-foot building. Most simply wrote their names. Others drew hearts

and wrote personal messages, one reading “with God’s love and blessings,” another saying “for the Iraqi Christians.”

The topping-off ceremony occurs when the major structural steel of a construction project is complete, according to Don LaBreck, a project manager for Steel Fab Inc. “It’s a tradition that goes back several hundred years. The roots are northern European. Iron workers sign the beam as their mark that they were there and helped with the construction,” he said.

Just as the topping-off ceremony marks a milestone in a construction project, the construction of a new Chapel marks a milestone in the life of the University, said SHU President Anthony Cernera. “It’s a symbolic moment... By building this Chapel we’re saying something about the past, about the present, and something very important about the future.”

The new Chapel is scheduled to open in late fall 2008.



happen between the various trades. The project requires a high degree of accuracy, all the way from the concrete to the finishes because there’s very little forgiving in terms of dimensions on this project,” said Petra, who knows the SHU Chapel is not just another building.

“It’s always very meaningful to us to build a religious building, regardless of the denomination, because it always brings people together for the right reasons. It’s a place of assembly, it’s a place where people can reflect,” Petra voiced.

The physical building and the sacred space it creates will be the setting for the formal and informal liturgical life of the University, Coppola said. The Chapel will provide a place for the SHU community to gather, where faith may be celebrated, discovered, explored and developed, whether for individuals or the community as a whole.

University President Anthony J. Cernera said the new Chapel will be “a testament to our deepest convictions of life,” and will be a place where people of all faiths are welcome for worship and reflection.

“It was very important that this should be a very welcoming space for the community and the individual,” Nistal said. It was also important to extend that welcome and sense of tranquility into the surrounding landscape, he added.

Prestbo said the Chapel opens up to the landscape in several ways, ranging from intimate to public. On the west elevation between the Chapel and the street side there will be Chapel Grove, a secluded, contemplative garden providing a place for private prayer or reflection and where small groups can gather. A bench and shelves for candles, portraits and flowers are incorporated into the design.

To the north, facing the Quad, is a larger space with an outdoor terrace and benches to accommodate greater numbers of people for public worship, concerts, speakers and other celebrations, Nistal said.

“The idea is that the Chapel is sitting in the center of the campus and opening itself to all directions and paths that people use to go from one part of campus to the other,” Nistal reported.

The Chapel will serve as the literal and spiritual center of the 56-acre campus, Prestbo said.

Lucic said the extension of the Chapel into the landscape was a very deliberate design feature, which came from discussions the architectural team had with Coppola and other Sacred Heart officials. “David mentioned very many times that our spiritual life is not just about going to the church and praying at that particular moment during Sunday Mass but that it’s also important to go back to the community and reflect on one’s spirituality,” Lucic recounted. In other words, what we do in our everyday lives should support one’s spiritual beliefs.

Nistal said the Chapel does not have a defined front or back, the idea being that it is open to every direction, another symbolic gesture of welcome to everyone. “Each side is different; the idea is to invite and promote people to move around from different points,” Nistal described. “If you look from the street, the street façade on the west side is very sculptured, very monumental. On the Quad side it is more inviting and speaking to the community.”

The whole opening façade of the Chapel tells several Bible stories, the walls on the north and south elevations of Eucharistic Hall representing pages, each with different inscriptions from Bible stories. Coppola called the feature “an explicit architectural allusion to the Sacred Scriptures.”

The dramatic height of the ceiling in the main Chapel was designed to emulate clouds and will represent the Ascension, Lucic said.

Natural lighting was also included as a design element. “Light filters in through the folds that we have in the tent. This tent doesn’t touch the ground so there’s a plate of glass



that separates the tent from the ground so it looks like it's floating above the space," Nistal described.

Even the artificial lighting is precisely detailed, Prestbo said. "As one moves through any building we're constantly bombarded by exposed illumination. In this Chapel, we're treating illumination in a specific way. Light will emanate from a concealed source," he said.

"You will never really look at a light fixture," Lucic added.

Only in certain instances will lighting be deliberately obvious, as with the baptismal font and the tabernacle, where light will directly shine down on those features, Prestbo said.

The liturgical art is also a unique component of the Chapel, Prestbo asserted.

"We will be coordinating our efforts on the interior of the building with a major effort that will be put forth by Father Marko Rupnik, an artist from Rome," Petra said. Petra Construction has already worked on a project in Connecticut that involved Rupnik's artwork for the chapel at the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven.

"It's quite a coup for the University to have a Rupnik installation. His pieces are all over the world. In terms of

him by Pope John Paul II. His work will also be featured at the Basilica of Notre Dame du Rosaire at Lourdes, France.

For SHU, Rupnik is producing a number of specifically designed artworks. One major piece will stand 28 feet high and will be installed behind the altar in Eucharistic Hall. He is also working on mosaics for the chapel. "His primary medium is mosaics consisting of tile and stone. They're very striking," Prestbo said.

"As with the copper roof, Rupnik's art will also unify both holy spaces. As you enter into the narthex, you are going to engage with two pieces of his art. You can look into the daily chapel and see one of Rupnik's artworks behind the Blessed Sacrament and then you're going to turn and look into the main sanctuary and see another one," Nistal said.

Also being specially designed and manufactured for Sacred Heart's Chapel is an organ by master craftsmen at Casavant Frères in Saint-Hyacinth, Québec. Casavant Frères is one of the oldest and best-known pipe organ builders in the world.

"It's a fantastic design, a large structure, a freestanding organ," Prestbo exclaimed.

"We are working with a wood frame that's very unique in the sense that we are weaving the wood that will create a unique texture that will serve as a backdrop for the organ pipes, which will be separated from the weaving, and they will give the illusion of floating in space," Nistal said.

The Bell Tower, capped with a gilded cross, will be visible from much of the campus and will house four unique Eijsbouts bronze bells cast in the Netherlands using an old-fashioned method of pouring molten bronze into molds and then cooling it. The largest bell will weigh 1,500 pounds, measuring 41 inches in diameter; the smallest will weigh 447 pounds and will be 27 inches in diameter.

"The Bell Tower will be a beautiful piece. It's going to be clad in limestone," said Petra, who has six people working full-time at his company headquarters, and another 20 to 50 tradespeople on site, depending on the type of work being done on a particular day.

When the Chapel is completed, it will accommodate primarily the University's students, faculty and staff gathering as wor-

## "The Chapel will stand out as a clear and central symbol of the Catholic character of the University."

David L. Coppola, Ph.D., assistant vice president for administrations

the liturgical art world, he's quite sought after. This installation at Sacred Heart will be three to four times bigger than the Knights of Columbus installation and the biggest in the United States," Prestbo said.

Since 1995 Father Rupnik has served as director of the Centro Aletti workshop of spiritual art and since 1999 he has been a consultant for the Pontifical Council for Culture. In 1999, with the Centro Aletti workshop, Rupnik completed renovation on the mosaic of the Redemptoris Mater Chapel, a project entrusted to

shippers, musicians, choirs, speakers and preachers. The Chapel will also serve the needs of the extended University community and will accommodate students' families, alumni/ae, dignitaries, and general visitors at various times of the day and year, Coppola said.

The University community will celebrate Mass at the Chapel daily, including Sundays, he explained.

"The Chapel will stand out as a clear and central symbol of the Catholic character of the University," Coppola said. [SHU](#)





# Brendan Beatty '10

Sports Management Major

## John F. Welch Scholar

*Funded through the generous support of Jack Welch, undergraduate scholarships are given to business students with a financial need who are academically talented.*

### **Favorite Courses**

I love my communications class is because my weakness is public speaking. That professor has already helped me develop strategies for getting my nervous twitches under control so that I can be a better speaker. Plus, I'm learning a lot about how to pose effective arguments. Practice makes perfect. By the end of

the semester, I expect to be a lot less nervous when I have to get up in front of people!

### **Proudest Accomplishments**

I did a lot of things in high school that made my parents proud, like being in the National Honor Society and acting as a volunteer coach for middle school kids. However, earning the John F. Welch

Scholarship is definitely one of my proudest accomplishments ever, since only three incoming business school students at Sacred Heart were honored in this way. The scholarship really helps out my family, too, since I have two sisters in college.

### **Biggest Surprise**

At the start of school, I got involved with Habitat

for Humanity through Sacred Heart's Community Connections program. In addition to helping build a house in Bridgeport, one night we slept outside on campus to raise student awareness about homelessness. We also knocked on every single dorm door to collect money for Habitat for Humanity. I was surprised that volunteering could be that much fun.

### **What's Next**

Leading my team to victory in Flag Football. Right now, we're 0 and 5. We're kind of a ragtag bunch who got started late in the whole intramural thing. But, hey, we're working hard and we're bound to get better, right?

## CCJU Honors Pope, FCC Commissioners at Awards Ceremony



FROM LEFT FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps, left, and his wife, Beth. FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, left, and Former Trustee Vin Roberti. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, left, greets attendees.

Sacred Heart University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) held its 12th annual *Nostra Aetate* Awards Ceremony on November 29 at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City. The ceremony honored the recipients of two distinctions: the 2007 *Nostra Aetate* Award, which was presented to Pope Benedict XVI in Rome on September 5 by SHU President Dr. Anthony J. Cernera and CCJU Executive

Director Rabbi Eugene Korn; and the *Tikkun Olam* Award, which was presented during the ceremony to Michael J. Copps, Ph.D. (Alexandria, VA) and Jonathan S. Adelstein (Arlington, VA), commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The *Nostra Aetate* Award is named for the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) document that signaled a new era of dialogue and mutual understanding

between Christians, Jews and all peoples of good will. "The *Nostra Aetate* Award annually recognizes one Christian and one Jew who have done the most to advance Christian-Jewish relations in the world," said Dr. Ann Heekin, director of programs and publications for CCJU.

"But this year we selected only the Pope because of what we felt to be his singular stature in terms of promoting the Catholic-Jewish dialogue."

The *Tikkun Olam* Award is named for a Hebrew value meaning "repairing the world," and recognizes individuals who promote a more just society, said Dr. Heekin. "Commissioners Copps and Adelstein have both shown outstanding humanitarian leadership to serve the common good by ensuring universal access to the many benefits of communications for all Americans."

## New Book Offers Fresh Insights on State Politics

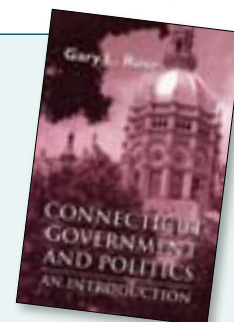
A new book by Gary L. Rose, professor and chair of the Department of Government and Politics at Sacred Heart University, introduces students and general readers to the historical development and current operation of Connecticut's political system.

*Connecticut Government and Politics: An Introduction* (Sacred Heart University Press) is a thoroughly revised

and updated version of the author's 2001 release, *Connecticut Government at the Millennium*. Individual chapters explore constitutional history in "The Constitution State," the transformation of Connecticut politics, the various mechanisms through which citizens can participate in political affairs, the structure and powers of the three branches of government, and

the pivotal role of the mass media, newspapers in particular, in protecting the integrity of the political process. The book is aimed at enhancing civic awareness among readers and also encouraging responsible citizenship through direct participation in state politics.

Dr. Rose has authored several books about politics and government on the state



and national levels including: *Controversial Issues in Presidential Selection*,

*Connecticut Politics at the Crossroads*, *The American Presidency Under Siege*, *Connecticut Government at the Millennium*, and *Public Policy in Connecticut: Challenges and Perspectives*.



## Department of Nursing Receives \$240,000 CHEFA Grant

The Connecticut Healthcare and Education Facilities Authority (CHEFA) has awarded Sacred Heart University a \$240,000 grant that will allow for creation of a new Nursing Education Certificate program as well as support current faculty pursuing doctoral degrees. SHU was the only educational institution in the state to receive the CHEFA grant.



"The whole purpose of this grant is to try and impact the number of nurses available by increasing the nurse faculty we have," said Dori Sullivan, associate professor and chair of SHU's Department of Nursing.

The existing nursing shortage could affect the quality of care in the future, especially with the aging Baby Boomer generation, she explained, and a shortage in qualified nursing educators is compounding the problem. In 2006, nursing education programs turned away more than 40,000 applicants nationwide because of a lack of qualified instructors.

Nurse faculty in registered nurse education programs must possess at least a master's degree, with a doctoral degree preferred by four-year college programs. At Sacred Heart, the CHEFA grant will support current faculty members' pursuit of doctoral degrees, but is not limited to that purpose. The funding, awarded in the amount of \$120,000 a year for 2006-2008, helped create the Nursing Education Certificate program, and will benefit current as well as prospective students through scholarship support for students who choose the Nursing Education Certificate program, particularly for those who are currently underrepresented in the profession.

## Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg Receives Honorary Degree

Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg was presented with the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, at Sacred Heart University's Academic Convocation and Induction of the Class of 2011 on September 10. The official ceremony welcomed first-year students to

SHU with a formal academic procession and messages from the faculty, student representatives, and President Anthony J. Cerna, Ph.D.

The Laudatio, a tribute customarily read on behalf of an honorary degree recipient, was

presented by Dr. Edmond Israel, founding chairman of Cedel International and the former chair of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The honorary degree was conferred upon Prince Guillaume by Dr. Cerna.

Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg is the youngest child of Grand Duke Jean and Grand Duchess Josephine-Charlotte of Luxembourg. Guillaume Marie Louis Christian was born in 1963 and attended secondary school in Luxembourg and Switzerland. He received his baccalaureate in Grenoble in 1982 and continued his studies at Oxford University and Georgetown University. He earned his degree in International Relations in 1987. The Prince worked at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, and spent two years with the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels.



### Edmond Israel

In connection with the visit of Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg to campus on Monday, September 10th, Dr. Edmond Israel, who is a leader in the political and business community of Luxembourg and the Chairman of SHU's Board of Regents there, chaired a roundtable discussion on "Exchange of Views on Europe" in the Pitt Center Boardroom.



Lucjan T. Orłowski, Ph.D., professor of Economics and International Finance at SHU's John F. Welch College of Business, addressed an exclusive audience of international scholars, European Union leaders and Vatican

## Business Professor Meets the Pope, Delivers Economic Presentation at European Conference

officials at a four-day conference in Italy this past June, where he was among a select group of conference participants who enjoyed a private audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

In his speech, "Monetary Policy and Inflation in the European Monetary Union—Perspectives and Lessons," Orłowski spoke about adjustments and modifications made to the European monetary policies of individual central banks to facilitate mon-

etary convergence of participating countries to a common currency. The conference, titled "A New Humanism for Europe: The Role of Universities," was sponsored by the Vatican's Council of European Episcopal Conferences and the President of Italy. It was coordinated by the Vicarage of Rome, Office of University Pastoral Care. Inspired by the Pope, the aim of the conference was to initiate a dialogue between leading contemporary theological thinkers and

scientists about the future direction of the European integration.

During the private audience with the Pope in Aula Nervi, the pontiff implored them not to depart from core Catholic values while devising scientific research and scientific policies related to the further deepening of the European integration. Orłowski hopes to bring insights from the conference to his undergraduate and MBA economics students at SHU.



A group of Catholic bishops and Jewish rabbis returned to the United States forever changed by their visits to two holy places, "one where God cried and one where God smiles," in the words of one delegate.



the CCJU's *Nostra Aetate* Award for the great contributions he has made to Christian-Jewish understanding. "When we met Pope Benedict, I said, 'Holy Father, this is a wonderful group of rabbis and Catholic bishops. Pray for us and our work.' He

## + Interreligious Delegation Visits Nazi Death Camp During SHU-Sponsored Study Tour +

On a study tour sponsored by Sacred Heart University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, the clergy first walked the grounds of Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp in Poland where 1.2 million Jews and others were exterminated during World War II. They then traveled to the Vatican, where they met with religious officials, including Pope Benedict XVI and Bishop Brian Farrell, vice president of the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. Rabbi Eugene Korn, CCJU Executive Director, who was making his first trip to Auschwitz, called the experience "shattering."

At the Vatican, the delegation, which included University President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., presented the pontiff with

looked at me and said, 'It is very important for the future that you be together,'" Most Rev. Michael Cote, Bishop of Norwich, Conn., said.

"It's a wonderful insight that Sacred Heart University has had to bring this about. It's a laudable effort that they've made and a very positive thing," Bishop Cote added.

This year's participants also included Bishops Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida; Ronald Herzog of Alexandria, Louisiana; Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Rabbis Irving (Yitz) Greenberg of Riverdale, New York, and Tsvi Blanchard of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, New York, New York.





# Megan Spehar '08

Psychology Major

## Favorite Courses

All of my courses in psychology are fascinating. My favorite was the personality course. In that class, we learned all about different personality disorders, from anxiety to schizophrenia. We even did a little bit of dream interpretation.

## Proudest Accomplishments

I grew up in California. I always thought I'd stay close to home for college because I was scared to venture out on my own. I'm really proud of the fact that I came to the East Coast for school, and of getting the athletic scholarship

at Sacred Heart that made it possible. I've learned a lot about living independently because of my experiences here.

## Biggest Surprise

I was nervous about moving across the country and meeting new people, but I was amazed at how nice

## Athletic Scholarship

Full-time undergraduate awards are given to students based on academic performance, leadership and participation in the University programs. Award programs include athletic scholarships.

people are. That's especially true at Sacred Heart, where everyone says hello when you walk around campus and it's easy to make friends.

## What's Next

I'm taking an internship class right now that offers different options for my 60 hours of required clinical work.

Ideally, I'd like to work with kids after I graduate, either in occupational therapy or school counseling. I'm considering different graduate school programs for the future.

# Pollsters Takes the Nation's Pulse

**What are Americans thinking about as they sort through the presidential rhetoric before the upcoming election?** Pollsters at Sacred Heart University's Polling Institute have been busy conducting nationwide surveys to find out. Among their recent findings in various polls, each of which involved about 1,000 respondents:

The top four issues: The war in Iraq (28%), health care (22%), the economy (14%), and education (13%).

The majority of people surveyed (62.5%) agreed that "most Americans seem to be in a funk" and "politicians who constantly gripe are bringing us down" (66.6%).

Most Americans are proud of our military, believe religion is a force for good in the world today, and are proud of our status as an immigrant nation.

Fewer than half of all Americans believe the nation is prepared for a major natural disaster or that a new terrorist attack will occur in the next few years.

Only 38.6 percent of Americans believe the surge in Iraq seems to be working and turning things around.



A poll by Sacred Heart University in Connecticut found that most

Americans are in a funk about politics precisely because of polarization.

By more than a two-to-one margin, Americans surveyed said that the media should be free from government involvement.

Large majorities of Americans surveyed said they were likely to support a 2008 U.S. Presidential candidate who promises action to improve the environment (93.1%), promises to maintain a strong military (87.9%), embraces religion and has strong faith in God (83.6%), and will lower taxes (81.3%).



## First Communion, Confirmations Celebrated at SHU Community Mass

Four members of the Sacred Heart University community ended the academic year on a very special note. On April 15th, Mike James Gemza was received into full communion with the Catholic Church at a Mass that included his First Holy Communion and Confirmation. He is a communication system technician in the University's IT Department. At the same University Commons Liturgy, students Gary Alan Guertin, Jr., Lisa Maria Henselder and Jamie Morales were confirmed. The University chaplain, Father Jean Ehret, concelebrated the Mass with Father Mark Villano, C.S.P., the University's director of Campus Ministry. Dr. Cernera shared reflections with Father Ehret at the service.

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## SHU PRESENTS 2007 FACULTY & STAFF MISSION AWARDS

On Tuesday, October 23, Sacred Heart University honored its own at the 2007 Faculty & Staff Mission Awards Ceremony. Said Dr. Margaret A. Palliser, SHU's assistant vice president for Mission, "The awards recognize people who make contributions at all levels and in all divisions of the University."



**Dr. Cima A. Sedigh, associate professor of Education**, earned the Joseph Grau "Action for Justice" Award, established in 1993 in honor of Dr. Grau, a former member of the Religious Studies faculty. It recognizes outstanding service by full-time faculty and staff in developing and nurturing the

University as an academic community whose members are both inspired and encouraged to live their faith in action for justice and in solidarity with the poor.



**Professor of Economics Dr. Lucjan T. Orłowski** received the Teaching Excellence Award. Established in 1991, the award provides recognition of and support for faculty members in their pursuit of excellence in teaching. It honors professors who have made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of SHU, providing models of teaching excellence and involvement of students in the learning process.



**Dr. Frances S. Grodzinsky**, professor of Computer Science, was honored with the Scholarly Achievement Award, established in 1991 to provide recognition of and support for the scholarly endeavors of members of the faculty. It honors outstanding scholarship that has resulted in publications and presentations in settings involving one's academic

peers and professional colleagues.



**Michael D. Trimble, SHU's vice president for Information Technology and Security**, earned the John XXIII Award for Campus Leadership. The award honors Pope John XXIII, whose deep faith and breadth of vision lay at the heart of the Second Vatican Council. It was established

in 2000 to recognize outstanding campus leadership and service by full-time administrators and staff in developing and nurturing the University to fulfill its mission as an academic community that is committed to quality, excellence and service.

**The Outstanding Service Award was presented to:** Lillie M. Alston, a cleaner with Campus Operations; Claudia A. Burkart, executive secretary in the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs; Corinne L. Nevers, associate dean of Undergraduate Admissions; and Susan M. Scalisi, assistant for Mathematics in the Academic Department. The award was established in 1994 to recognize outstanding service by full-time administrators and staff.

The ceremony also recognized members of the faculty and staff who have been recently promoted or awarded tenure, including: Dr. Anne M. Barker, professor of Nursing; Dr. Michael J. Emery, professor of Physical Therapy; Dr. Claire Marrone, professor of Modern Foreign Languages; Dr. Ako Doffou, associate professor of Finance; Dr. Andra Gumbus, associate professor of Management; Dr. Jason Moliterno, associate professor of Mathematics; Dr. Michael J. Ventimiglia, associate professor of Philosophy; and Dr. Jijin Michael Zhang, associate professor of Management.



## DIVERSITY ISSUES CHAIR ELECTED VP OF AAUW

Gail Nordmoe, Ed.D., Diversity Issues Chair at Sacred Heart University, was elected Executive

Vice President/Secretary of AAUW, the second highest office in the organization, at the national convention in Phoenix.

A lifelong educator and longtime national AAUW leader, Dr. Nordmoe is a passionate advocate not only for education and equity for women and girls, but also for acceptance and racial justice for all people. A well-known

Leader-on-Loan, she served two previous terms as Secretary of AAUW and another as Program Vice President of the Educational Foundation.

"Her history of leadership at the national as well as the state level has enriched our organization in many ways," said State President Carol R. Virostek, Ph.D. "Gail has helped us to understand better how to become a more inclusive and welcoming organization for widely diverse groups of prospective members."

"I firmly believe that the work of the national organization for the past 125 years has

had a profound impact on shaping the views of America on major issues related to women and girls," stated Gail. An assistant professor in the College of Education and Health Professions, Dr. Nordmoe has served as Executive Director of the Richard R. Green Institute for Teaching and Learning in Minneapolis and as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for three public school systems. She received her B.A. from the University of Illinois, and her M. Ed. and Ed.D. from Wayne State University, Detroit.

## :: Campus + Grounds ::

### SHU Receives Chinese Artifact Offering Evidence of Ancient Christian Practices

A replica of the earliest known artifact linking the practice of Christianity to ancient China now rests permanently at Sacred Heart University, a gift from Sister Nancy Charlesworth, SSMN, and the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur. Sr. Charlesworth received it seven years ago during a trip to the Orient to mark the Great Jubilee, the celebration of the year 2000 in the Catholic Church.

On Sept. 11, University officials unveiled the rubbing made from a Chinese stele, or marble tablet. Only a handful of the rubbings are housed at institutions in the United States. The framed rubbing features about 1,700 Chinese characters in white against a black background. The original stele in Xi'an, China, dates back to 781 A.D. during the Tang Dynasty and stands about 10 feet tall.

Sr. Charlesworth, director of the Office of Immigration Services in Bridgeport, called the original stele “a religious document, a piece of art and a piece of history. It’s something holy; it’s not the Bible, but it is a Christian credal expression of the Chinese people in that epoch,” said Sister Charlesworth, who has a master’s



Sister Nancy Charlesworth, SSMN, reveals an ancient Chinese artifact.

degree in religious education. “The idea of this being the first institutional visibility of the Church in China, the first catechism, the first written word in this form, I found just overwhelming.”

Sister Charlesworth also gave Dr. Cernera a framed rubbing from the top of the stele called the crown, which reveals its title, “The Promulgation of the Luminous Religion from Daqin.” Daqin means the west. She said she was happy to give the rubbing to President Cernera and SHU “because of your commitment to the Catholic intellectual tradition.”

### Cardinal Špidlík Center for Ecumenical Understanding Hosts Inaugural Event



Fr. Ronald Roberson speaks during the inaugural event.

The Cardinal Špidlík Center for Ecumenical Understanding at Sacred Heart University presented its inaugural public event, a lecture titled “Orthodox and Catholics in Dialogue—Problems and Progress,” on November 27. The discussion featured two speakers: Fr. Ronald Roberson, a resident of St. Paul’s College in Washington, D.C., and associate director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; and Fr. Thomas FitzGerald,

professor of Church History and Historical Theology at Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Mass.

The two experts spoke about the relationship between the Orthodox and Catholic churches, the progress that’s been made toward the communion of these churches, and the difficulties associated with that objective.

The Špidlík Center was founded in the fall of 2006 to promote greater ecumenical understanding and cooperation through dialogue, research,

education, publications and artistic collaboration among the Western and Eastern Churches. The Center is named for His Eminence, Cardinal Tomás Špidlík, a founder of Rome’s Centro Aletti, a center for study and research attached to the mission of the Society of Jesus at the Vatican’s Pontifical Oriental Institute. Cardinal Špidlík is a Jesuit priest and scholar who has spent more than 50 years pursuing dialogue and greater union between the Western and Eastern “branches” of Christianity.



## JFWCOB and ICN Sign Agreement

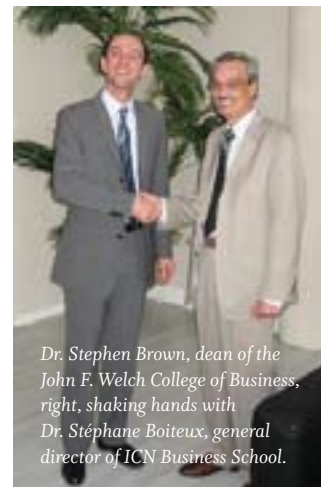
On June 5, the John F. Welch College of Business (JFWCOB) of Sacred Heart University in Luxembourg and the ICN Business School signed a cooperative agreement promoting scholarly activities and international understanding. This allows graduate students from both institutions to take courses in a French or American university. This first agreement also allows

professors to teach in both institutions and conduct mutually beneficial research.

The ICN Business School, formerly the “Institut Commercial de Nancy,” was created in 1905 by the University of Nancy and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Meurthe-and-Moselle. The ICN Business School has 2,000 students studying in six graduate and

three under-graduate programs.

Both institutions recently earned prestigious accreditations: AACSB for the John F. Welch College of Business and EQUIS for the ICN Business School. The agreement was signed in Nancy by Dr. Stephen Brown, dean of the John F. Welch College of Business, and Dr. Stéphane Boiteux, general director of ICN Business School.



*Dr. Stephen Brown, dean of the John F. Welch College of Business, right, shaking hands with Dr. Stéphane Boiteux, general director of ICN Business School.*

## College of Education and Health Professions Hosts Open House for New Location

Sacred Heart University’s College of Education and Health Professions marked its 10th anniversary by expanding to a state-of-the-art 50,000-square-foot facility at 7 Cambridge Drive in Trumbull. The College celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours on Wednesday, October 24th. The event, which included a reception and remarks from Dr. Patricia W. Walker, dean of the College, Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, president of SHU, and Dr. Thomas V. Forget, provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, was open to the public.

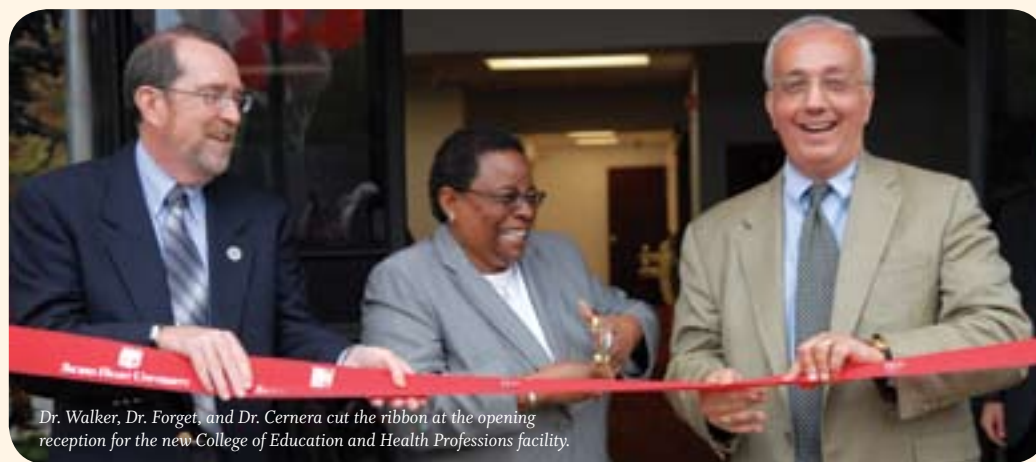
The new site accommodates enlarged classroom and lab spaces as well as dozens of faculty offices and spacious public

Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Athletic Training and Exercise Science, among others. Together, these departments educate some 300 undergraduates and more than 1,500 graduate students.

The demand for credentialed professionals such as nurses and teachers has skyrocketed in recent years, and Sacred Heart University has become a state leader in addressing those needs. Dr. Thomas V. Forget noted that the University is now “the top independent educator of teachers and administrators in the state. We are offering the first Doctor of Physical Therapy program in Connecticut, which will see its inaugural graduates in May, and the first entry-level master’s degree in Occupational

Therapy in Connecticut.”

Sacred Heart pioneered the state’s online RN-to-BSN program and has initiated exciting programs in Remedial Reading, Educational Technology, Clinical Nurse Leadership, and Geriatric Health and Wellness, Dr. Forget added. The University expects to invest at least \$10 million over the next five years to ensure that students in these high-growth areas have access to the best



*Dr. Walker, Dr. Forget, and Dr. Cernera cut the ribbon at the opening reception for the new College of Education and Health Professions facility.*

areas. Situated just three miles from the University’s main campus in Fairfield, the new center accommodates programs in Teacher Certification, Educational Leadership, Nursing,

facilities and resources possible, preparing “the next generation of leaders in these critical areas—with room to grow for the decade to come.”

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“She is one of our most generous benefactors and continues to support many projects at the University.”

—SHU president Dr. Anthony J. Cernera

## SHU Dedicates Education School to Philanthropist

Sacred Heart University has dedicated its School of Education in honor of Isabelle Farrington. The dedication, which was held on November 27 at the Education Department on the Cambridge Campus in Trumbull, was attended by students, faculty, staff and friends of Mrs. Farrington.

SHU’s School of Education is part of the University’s College of Education and Health Professions, which recently expanded to the state-of-the-art 50,000-square-foot Cambridge building. The University is the top independent educator of teachers and administrators in the state. SHU annually recommends about 300 students for teaching certification, and its Internship Program—designed for students who are completing their initial

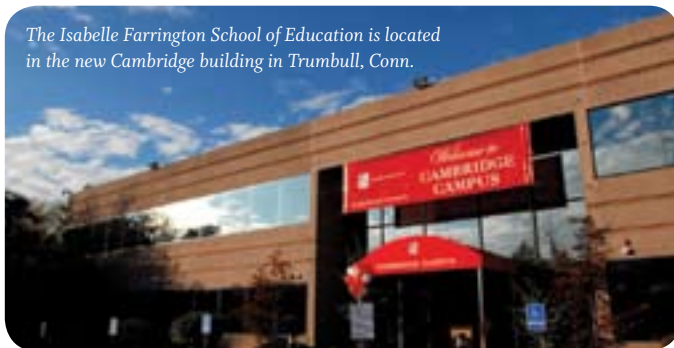
certification program after they have earned their bachelor’s degree—now places over 200 interns in schools each year.

In May 1997, SHU honored its longtime friend, Mrs. Farrington, with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, *honoris causa*. Through a long and incredibly productive life, she has defied expectations and defined a distinctive role for herself. Reared in then-rural Brewster, New York, she was educated in a one-room schoolhouse. She paid her way through Danbury State Teachers College—now Western Connecticut State University—by working several jobs and graduated in just three years. She began her classroom career as an elementary school teacher in Milford, Connecticut.

After her marriage to Harold P. Farrington, she pursued art history and painting at Columbia University. As an assistant to her husband, she developed her skills in finance and became a vice president and director of gas companies in West Virginia and Louisiana. Following Harold’s death in 1964, she served as chairman of both companies until 1973 when she retired. Mrs. Farrington has established several scholarships, including a particularly important one at Sacred Heart University.

“Mrs. Farrington has always maintained a strong interest in the education of future teachers,” said SHU president Dr. Anthony J. Cernera. “She is one of our most generous benefactors and continues to support many projects at the University.”

The Isabelle Farrington School of Education is located in the new Cambridge building in Trumbull, Conn.





## Library Expands Collection; Extends Hours Through ebrary

The Ryan-Matura Library is using technology to provide patrons with thousands of additional books and extended hours of operation. Virtual books sit somewhere in cyberspace taking up no room at all on the library's physical bookshelves and provide users with anytime access. The recent subscription to three e-book services has added 35,000 titles to the University library's collection, increasing the total title count to almost 180,000.

"The collection is available 24-7, 365 days a year and at a distance," says Sacred Heart University librarian Dennis Benamati. "The library is never closed if we have these materials online." The availability of these materials online will allow the University to extend its educational offerings to include more distance learning programs, opening up opportunities to off-campus or online students.



The Ryan-Matura Library



## Police and Fire Departments Stage Mock Accident

The Fairfield police and fire departments staged a mock drunk-driving accident at Sacred Heart University on October 24. Student Government members organized the event and acted as victims.

## University College Earns Awards for Quality Improvement and Innovation

Two innovative programs initiated by Sacred Heart University's University College have earned recognition from two prestigious organizations. Both awards were presented to University representatives at ceremonies in October.

University College's Center for Financial Education, located in Stamford, received the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership's silver entry-level Innovation Prize for its Series 7 Prep course. Additionally, its Hispanic Marketing Initiative,

introduced by University College a year ago, was presented the 2007 Outstanding Services to Underserved Populations Program Award by the Association of Continuing Higher Education.

The Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership Innovation Prize is the second for Sacred Heart University. Last year the Center for Strategic Planning for Not-for-Profit Organizations, part of SHU's John F. Welch College of Business, received the honor.

## SHU HOSTS WORLD CHAMPION DRUM CORPS

On June 12th, Sacred Heart University hosted the nine-time world champion Cadets Drum Corps, comprised of 135 men and women from around the world. The Corps practiced at the University's Campus Field and offered music clinics to area high school bands, covering all aspects of marching and musicianship.

"The easiest way to describe what the Cadets do is to think of them as a professional-level marching ensemble," says Sacred Heart Director of Bands Keith Johnston. "The Cadets have an incredibly strong history of achievement since their founding

in 1934 as 'His Holy Name Fife and Drum Corps.' They are dedicated not only to presenting cutting-edge marching shows, but they are also deeply committed to providing educational opportunities to young musicians."

The relationship between Sacred Heart University and the Cadets began in 2003, when the Pioneer Band program began to sponsor events with the educational division of the Cadets, USSBA. Since that time, the Pioneer Bands have been a sponsor as well as a host of USSBA educational events for high school band members throughout the country.



# Pat Healy '07

## Sports Management, Fifth Year MBA Student

### Trustee Scholar

*The merit-based Trustee Scholarship is awarded to entering full-time first-year students.*

#### **Favorite Courses**

As a freshman, I knew that I wanted to study business and play lacrosse. My sophomore year, I realized that I could pursue both interests by majoring in sports management. I'm taking advantage of everything the Jack Welch College of Business has to offer, especially the fifth year

MBA program. Of all of my classes, I've appreciated the marketing courses most. It's essential to understand how consumers think if you're going to succeed in business.

#### **Proudest Accomplishments**

I'm proudest of the way I've really applied myself at

Sacred Heart. In addition to taking classes and playing lacrosse, I did an internship at a consulting firm and I'm president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which addresses the needs of student-athletes. I'm also a graduate assistant at the Pitt Center, where I help oversee the facility and make sure everything runs smoothly.

#### **Biggest Surprise**

I had a good sense of the school's campus and academic programs before coming to Sacred Heart. But I was truly surprised by the extent of community involvement most people experience here. At Sacred Heart, you're encouraged to spread your wings in ways you never did in high school.

#### **What's Next**

I'll take a couple of classes next fall to finish up my MBA. After that, I want to get involved in the sports entertainment industry, either in sports marketing or management.

# ALUMNINEWS

## Alum Makes Filmmaking Debut

Technical writing and screenwriting are worlds apart—one considered logical, the other creative. But Alex Calvo '89 prides himself on mastering one and being well on his way to successfully tackling the second. Soon after graduating from SHU with a degree in computer science, Calvo's career as a software developer and consultant for various companies led to writing articles for Microsoft Corporation's magazine, *MSDN*, and a book, *The Craft of Windows 95 Interface Design*.

In mid-July, Calvo completed filming his first feature-length independent movie with a budget of about \$600,000, a pittance by Hollywood standards. It's a supernatural thriller titled *The Other Side of the Tracks*, a project for which he wrote the screenplay and directed, and which has attracted attention from some Hollywood heavyweights. Karen and Howard Baldwin, of Baldwin Entertainment Group, are executive producers. Their previous projects include *Ray*,



Alex Calvo, left, works on the set of his film, *The Other Side of the Tracks*.

which won two Academy Awards, and they are currently co-producing a film with Robert Redford. The makeup effects director is Arjen Tuiten, who worked on *Pan's Labyrinth*, an Oscar winner, as well as *Terminator 3* and *Hellboy 2*.

Calvo's cast includes Sam Robards—son of Jason Robards and Lauren Bacall (*American Beauty* and *A.I.: Artificial Intelligence*), Brendan Fehr (*Roswell* and *CSI: Miami*), Tania Raymonde (*Lost*), Chad Lindberg (*The Fast and the Furious*, *CSI: NY*) and Oscar-nominated actress Shirley Knight.

"The cast we had with this budget is really unheard of. Names are critical to a film's success," said Calvo, who counts his blessings,

knowing how difficult it is to break into the business. "It's almost like jumping through the eye of a needle," he said.

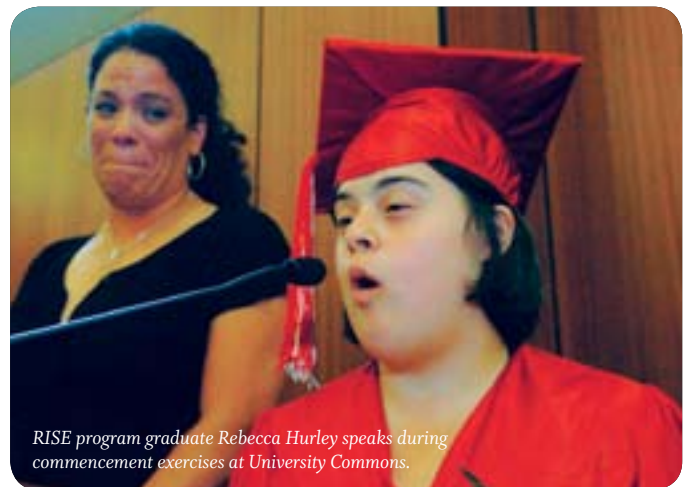
For more information about Calvo's film, visit his website at [www.theothersideofthetracksmovie.com](http://www.theothersideofthetracksmovie.com).

## Special Students Rose to the Occasion at RISE Graduation

Jodi Lovegrove had just told the audience at the second annual graduation of the RISE Transition Program that they would not see a repeat performance of last year's tearful ceremony because she had steeled herself through "rehearsal, self-visualization and waterproof mascara."

Only several sentences later, Lovegrove, a 1999 graduate of Sacred Heart University's MAT program and the head teacher for RISE—Reaching Independence through Supported Education—

was dabbing her eyes with a white handkerchief. She wasn't alone in the display of emotion at University Commons during the June 18th graduation. In the audience of about 75 people, some parents, educators and friends also let tears of pride flow for the accomplishments of Rebecca Hurley and James Santone, both of Stratford, and Brandon Rottblatt, from the Region 9 school district. The three graduates successfully completed the two-year RISE program for college-age students with developmental disabilities.



RISE program graduate Rebecca Hurley speaks during commencement exercises at University Commons.



### Archbishop Daniel Ciobotea, Hon., Th.D. '03, Elected Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church

Archbishop Daniel Ciobotea, Ph.D., who received his Doctor of Theology degree, *honoris causa*, from Sacred Heart University in 2003, has been elected Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church.

Archbishop Ciobotea was honored by SHU in recognition of the rich contribution he has made in the field of theology and of the spirituality the Christian East, as well as his personal witness in working for Church unity. He will be the sixth Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church.



### PHYSICAL THERAPY ALUMNI EVENT

FROM LEFT Dr. Patricia Walker, dean of the College of Education and Health Professions; Capt. Jeremiah Y. Sampson, PT, MS, OCS of the U.S. Air Force (Class of 2001); Lt. Christopher Ficke, PT, MS, OCS of the U.S. Navy

(Class of 1999); Capt. Benjamin R. Hando, PT, MS, OCS of the U.S. Air Force (Class of 2001) and Dr. Michael J. Emery, Associate Dean/Department Chair/Director of Physical Therapy Program/ Associate Professor of Physical

Therapy, pose for a photo during the Physical Therapy Alumni Recognition Award Dinner on November 16, 2007. The three alums were honored for their professional achievements and outstanding service to our country.

# HOME COMING '07



Well over 1,000 alumni and friends visited Sacred Heart University for Homecoming '07 on Saturday, September 22, celebrating the spirit of the SHU community with a tailgate party, awards brunch, parade and a Pioneer football game.

The day began with the Alumni Tent and tailgating party in the faculty/staff parking lot. A pre-game Homecoming parade livened up the already festive atmosphere. The Alumni Awards Brunch, attended by more than 90 people in University Commons, recognized graduates who have made a difference in their industries and communities, as well as to their alma mater. Awardees included Richard P. Cercone '01 and Linda B. Melodia '04 (College of Education and Health Professions Alumni Leadership Award); Anthony Maida, Dr. Michael Redler and Katherine Yacovone (Community Partner Award); Michael Del Re, Jr. '68 (University College Alumni Leadership Award);

John Benvenuto '78, Donald J. Kinahan '85, Floyd Neil '98 and Olia Yelner '05 (Pioneer Award); Chad Betz '90 (Volunteer of the Year Award); and Alice Ferreira '91 (Alumni Achievement Award).

On the gridiron at Campus Field, the SHU football team treated the Homecoming crowd to an exciting afternoon game against Duquesne University. Though Duquesne took the contest, senior safety John Wilson provided memorable fireworks when he returned a blocked punt for a touchdown to tie the score in the fourth quarter, forcing the game into overtime. Duquesne eventually won 30-23 in front of 3,356 fans.

# ALUM MAKES A MIGHTY ROAR ON BROADWAY



Jim Ferris '88 performs in Disney's *The Lion King*

**Y**oung Simba, the lion cub protagonist of Disney's animated movie and Broadway musical, *The Lion King*, sings gleefully in the first act, "Oh, I just can't wait to be king."

Sacred Heart University graduate Jim Ferris was infinitely patient in the quest for his crowning glory—not a regal title but an opportunity to showcase his talent on the most prestigious stage in the world: New York's Broadway. It's an opportunity Ferris got last June when he joined the cast of the long-running Broadway production of *The Lion King* at the Minskoff Theater, serving as the standby for three different roles.

"I thought to myself, 'It's no big deal.' Then the show starts and, as Zazu, I come through the audience with this bamboo stick with the Zazu

bird kite on it and when I got to that first stair leading up to the stage, my knee buckled and I thought, 'I'm on Broadway.' It was so overwhelming. It really was a big deal," he said.

Ferris was no overnight success. It took him 10 years to realize his Broadway dream, making the Bridgeport native, who grew up in the Huntington section of Shelton, a shining example of the value of employing perseverance and patience.

He first auditioned for the stage adaptation of the popular movie before it opened on Broadway but wasn't cast. After seeing it on Broadway, Ferris said, "I never experienced anything like I experienced that day. In my mind somebody finally created

what I thought was theatrical perfection. It's what I thought theater should be. It's supposed to stimulate all the senses. It's about imagination, it's about creativity," he added.

By intermission it was clear to Ferris he was destined to play the role of Timon, a hyperactive meerkat. A friend of Ferris' from Trumbull was working as a puppet wrangler for the production and he gave Ferris a backstage tour.

"He actually put me in the Timon costume. I played with the puppet and he said, 'You're going to be doing this,' and I said, 'From your mouth to God's ears.'"

Numerous times over six years Ferris auditioned for the Broadway productions and the national tours of *The Lion King* and *Beauty and the Beast*, but was never cast in either show. Then one day he got a call to join the road show of *The Lion King*.

"I did the national tour for just over three years. I was a standby for the roles of Timon, Zazu (the honorable hornbill) and Pumbaa (the dim-witted, warm-hearted warthog)," Ferris said. A year later he also added to his standby duties the role of Ed the Hyena.

Ferris said SHU played a direct role in his performing career. It was at the University that he studied voice under the tutelage of Frank Correta, who was in the original cast of *Brigadoon* on Broadway. "He was the first vocal teacher I had who I felt had a big influence. He broke the voice down in a way I truly understood. I didn't know I could sing. I had no idea and he said, 'There's your voice. It's in there. Do you hear it?'" Ferris said.

He also credits his Business Management degree with his performing success. "I look at my career as a business. I am the product. I think that's why I'm still in the business. So many people said, 'It took you so long, why didn't you quit?' I think it's because I learned in my days in college from marketing classes that it takes a while for product placement to work," Ferris said.



Jim Ferris on the left, as Zazu.

## AFTER HOURS ALUMNI TOUR



Katie Scinto, right, daughter of former SHU trustee Bob Scinto, leads a tour of a model condo at the Renaissance in Shelton, Conn., during the Pioneers in Business After Hours alumni event on July 19, 2007.



Former SHU trustee Bob Scinto, left, Susan Szturma, and William Szturma (Class of '77) pose for a photograph during the Pioneers in Business After Hours alumni event on July 19, 2007. Forty-seven alumni attended the event.

# TODAY'S STUDENTS

## Junior Selected for Law Fellowship

Sacred Heart University junior Jason Guberman-Pfeffer has been selected as an Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) Honors Fellow for 2007-2008. The ISI Honors Program, a highly selective law fellowship, is offered to only 50 undergraduate students each year.

Guberman-Pfeffer, a Political Science major who is also pursuing minors in History and Middle Eastern Studies, says that the program will explore the evolution of the Western legal tradition in an intellectually rigorous environment. The theme of this year's fellowship is "Law in the Western Tradition: Common, Constitutional, Natural, and Divine." The fellowship begins with a summer conference in Quebec City. Following the conference, fellows and faculty mentors continue their discussions online and may participate in weekend colloquia. Their fellowship culminates with ISI's National Leadership Conference in the spring.



"I hope to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the history, development and continued relevance of Western law to our society," said Guberman-Pfeffer, who has distinguished himself academically and personally. Among his many achievements, he is a student in SHU's Thomas More Honors Program and president of the Class of 2009.

He was also president of the Commuter Council and organized a Freedom Concert in conjunction with the Middle Eastern Studies Program and HAMSA, a Middle Eastern civil rights organization. His future plans include law school. "My goal is to devote my life to the pursuit of the betterment of our nation through public service," he said.

## Etiquette Dinner Teaches Students How to Mingle

Sacred Heart University's Office of Career Development and the University's College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Health, and the John F. Welch College of Business hosted a formal Etiquette Dinner for students on November 13. The event—

sponsored in part by *The New York Times*—was conducted by nationally renowned specialist Ann Marie Sabath, president and founder of At Ease, Inc.

Approximately 125 graduate and undergraduate students from the full spec-

trum of SHU's colleges and programs were invited to the event. In addition to Sabath's presentation, the students networked and dined with alumni and representatives from local corporations, including Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Federated Insurance,

General Electric, People's Bank, UBS and Pitney Bowes.

"The purpose of the dinner was for the students to gain real-life exposure about how to conduct themselves in the business world," said Heather Marchand, SHU's assistant director of Career Placement.



## Leaving a Lasting Mark

We invite you to celebrate your lifelong connection to Sacred Heart University by purchasing a brick in the "Pioneer For Life – Alumni Walk."

Add your name or the name of any alumnus or alumna you wish to honor or remember. Your support will benefit the University Scholarship Fund, enabling bright and gifted students to fulfill their educational goals.

Purchase your brick for \$150 and leave a lasting mark at Sacred Heart University. Call the Office of Annual Giving at **203.369.8272** or visit our website, [www.sacredheart.edu/brick.cfm](http://www.sacredheart.edu/brick.cfm), to reserve your brick.





# Sarah Novotny '08

Math Major, Music Minor

## Catholic Social Thought Scholarship

*The merit-based Catholic Social Thought Scholarship is awarded to freshmen and sophomores with a minimum 3.2 grade point average and a record of volunteer work.*

### Favorite Courses

I really liked math in high school, but since coming to Sacred Heart, it has become a passion. I think about math all of the time, whether I'm bowling and calculating angles or playing the viola and keeping time. If I had to pick one favorite

course, it would be graph theory because it can be applied to real-life things like road maps.

### Proudest Accomplishments

Definitely my research fellowship. I was one of eight students chosen from

100 applicants for an REU—Research Experience for Undergraduates—position at Rochester Institute of Technology. I worked with a professor for eight weeks on graph theory. Besides that, I'm very proud of my bowling team's record and of my singing. Sacred Heart's

bowling team is currently ranked fifth in the nation and I'm in all of the University choirs.

### Biggest Surprise

I made a unique discovery while I was doing graph theory this past summer. The professor I worked with

is helping me publish my research results in a journal.

### What's Next

I've just finished sending in my applications to graduate school programs in mathematics. I plan to get a Ph.D. so that I can continue doing research while teaching at the university level.

## dedication service

### University's Upward Bound Program Receives \$1.1 Million Grant

The federal Department of Education has awarded Sacred Heart University's Upward Bound program a four-year grant totaling more than \$1.1 million.

The grant provides funding for the educational program that offers academic support to 55 Bridgeport area high school students, most of whom are from low-income families whose parents are not college graduates.

"Our goal is to have them perform the best they can in high school, have them graduate from high school and get them into college," says Carylanne Rice-Ehalt, director of the college preparatory program, which has a retention rate of more than 89 percent each year and numerous success stories to share from its 18-year history.

More than 1,000 students have participated in SHU's

Upward Bound program since its inception in 1989. Alumni are working in the medical, legal and educational fields and still remain in contact with the program so that they can contribute back to their community.

"The University has made higher education a reality for so many students who would not otherwise have the skills necessary for success beyond secondary school," said U.S. Congressman

Christopher Shays (CT-4).

Since Upward Bound first began at SHU, the program has received over \$4 million in federal funding. The program comprises two components – the academic year component, which runs in conjunction with the high school calendar from September to May and offers Saturday workshops and tutoring sessions, and a six-week intensive summer program of academic classes in July and August.

### Habitat for Humanity Chapter Builds Its Way to the Top

The efforts of Sacred Heart University's Habitat for Humanity campus chapter have earned it a place among the top five collegiate chapters from among over 500 nationwide.

Three of the SHU chapter's board members traveled to Georgia to participate in a three-day Habitat Youth Leadership

Conference and to accept the award, which features a framed pair of work gloves with the hand-lettered words "Habitat Collegiate Chapter of the Year Honorable Mention." The inscription is symbolic of the hands-on work so many SHU students do to build homes, improve lives and create neighborhoods throughout the country. They have traveled to New Mexico, Florida, North Carolina and Alabama to construct homes.

"Instead of just raising money for someone else to do the work, we actually do the work, building with the families," said Shane Dolan, a senior business administration and marketing major from Bristol, R.I., and vice president of the SHU Habitat chapter.

In addition to the award announcement that evening, State Farm Insurance announced a \$3,000 donation to Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County on behalf of Sacred Heart University's Habitat chapter.

Robert Knebel, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County, said SHU students are on site at house-building projects every weekend during the school year. "They're a special group of kids. It makes you optimistic for the future of the country and of the world to have a group of people so interested in contributing," he said.



FROM LEFT Rob Bristol, Kaitlin Gerberville and Stephanie Reyes accepting the award from Habitat for Humanity International.





Joe Lugo and Amanda Main.

## Freshmen Work With Inner-City Bridgeport Residents

Through Program Funded by People's United Bank

**T**hanks to a generous grant from People's United Bank, 44 incoming Sacred Heart University freshmen participated in Community Connections, an urban outreach program that teaches students the value of leadership and giving back to the community.

From August 25 to 31, the freshmen, together with 12 upperclassmen, two sophomores and six faculty and staff members, stayed at

St. Charles Catholic Urban Center and Golden Hill United Methodist Church in Bridgeport. During the day, the groups worked to build homes for Habitat for Humanity, helped feed people at the Thomas Merton Center and shared time with families in the immediate neighborhood.

"We do this to introduce the freshmen to the Bridgeport community, which gives them the opportunity to get to know people locally while

making a difference," said Phyllis Machledt, director of Service Learning & Volunteer Programs at SHU. "Community service is more than just kids showing up for an activity to pad their résumés. We're looking for students who are willing to see a need and work with the community to address it, thereby making life better for many."

Community Connections has been sponsored by People's United Bank since its

inception in 1996. "People's United Bank's ongoing support of the ideas of community service and leadership development has just been amazing," Machledt said. "We couldn't run the program without their financial support." This year, People's United Bank granted the program \$20,000. People's United also provides the school with two minivans for SHU to use for outreach work throughout the year.



## “AIR” Exhibit Explores Physical, Religious, and Spiritual Aspects of the Elements

“AIR” continued the series of exhibits exploring the physical, spiritual and cultural aspects of the elements (earth, air, fire and water) at the Gallery of Contemporary Art at Sacred Heart University. The exhibit ran from September 16 through November 4. A reception, featuring

jazz by the Carol Sudhalter Duo, opened the show. On Tuesday, September 25, Robert O. Mendelsohn, Ph.D., the Edwin Weyerhaeuser Davis Professor, Professor of Economics and Professor in the School of Management at Yale University, presented “The Impact of Air Pollution in the U.S.”

According to gallery director Sophia Gevas, “The 16 artists in this exhibit depicted air in its varied movements, used air to animate their works, proposed a way to harness air, or depicted creatures who have the gift of flight.”



*Falling in Trees 1 (of Falling and Floating Series 2006), Elijah Gowin, pigment inkjet prints, 14" x 12" Courtesy of Robert Mann Gallery, NYC.*

### Faculty Art Exhibit Featured at Gallery

The Gallery of Contemporary Art at Sacred Heart University presented a faculty exhibit of fine art and graphic design from November 29 through December 10, 2007. The exhibit featured a talk by Professor Nathan Lewis on the processes and development of his evocative paintings. His work, including a 4' x 5' oil on canvas painting titled “Fragments of the Future,” was displayed along with 32 other works from 10 of his colleagues,

including: Adjunct Professor Stefan Buda (Derby), Professor Jack de Graffenreid (Trumbull), Professor Theodore Gutswa (New Haven), Dr. Anahit Ter-Stepanian (Shelton), Professor Jonathan Walker (Fairfield), Adjunct Professor Carl Schumann (Fairfield), Adjunct Professor Leslie Cober-Gentry (Fairfield), Instructor Mike Denysenko (West Haven), Adjunct Professor Vladimir Schpitalnik (Branford), and Professor Mary Treschitta (Fairfield).



*ABOVE East Granby #16 (2004), Lucy Sander Sceery, black and white infrared, silver gelatin print, 11" x 14" BELOW Lament (2001), Paul Villinski, found knit gloves, hand stitching, needles, pack frame, aluminum. Courtesy of Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans.*



*Fragments of the Future, Nathan Lewis, oil on canvas, 4' x 5'*

## Junior Art Student Accepted Into National Juried Exhibition

Junior art student Christine Palumbo has received national recognition from the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles, having been accepted to its "Illustration West 46" exhibition.

According to the society's website, "Illustration West 46" is the "largest juried illustration competition west of New York."

Palumbo's work, a graphite illustration portrait of late music legend John Lennon, was one of 130 student pieces accepted. Her illustration will be shown in the exhibit's online showcase beginning in the spring, and will be hung at Sacred Heart's main campus as part of the University's permanent art collection.

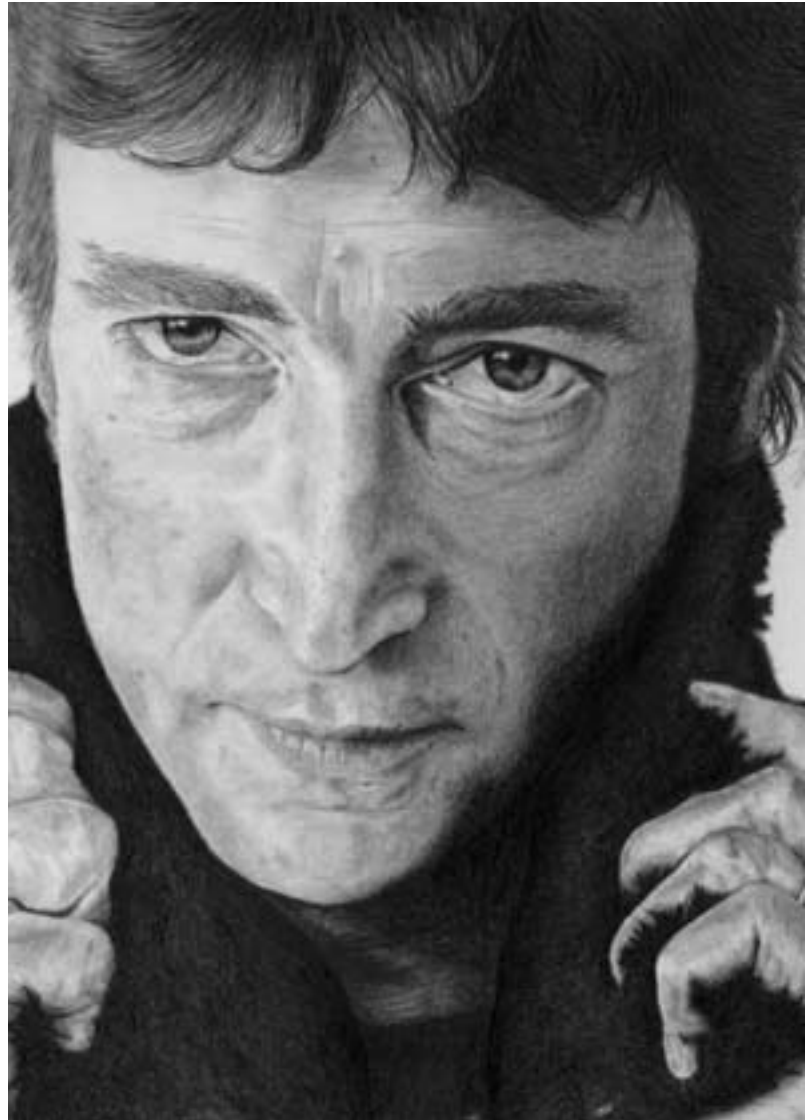
"It's very exciting, just to be acknowledged by something this big," said Palumbo, a resident of Cedar Grove, New Jersey, who's studying for a double major in graphic design and illustration.

"I am extremely proud of Christine for being recognized for her artwork by one of the most prestigious societies in the illustration field," said SHU Assistant Professor of Art Jack de Graffenried, Palumbo's illustration instructor. "Taking into consideration that the competition for this exhibit is predominately composed of students from larger universities and art schools, this speaks volumes about Christine's talent and accomplishment."

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## Honoring Rumi, Poet of Peace

A 13th century Persian poet, whose simple yet deep words continue to have relevance in the modern world, was honored at Sacred Heart University on November 13th through literature, music and Sufi dance. The event, An Evening with Rumi: Poet of Peace, featured the University Choir singing Rumi poems; Columbia University Professor Hossein Kamali lecturing on Rumi and Islam; Allen Godlas, Associate Professor in the Department of Religion at the University of Georgia, lecturing on Rumi and Sufism; poetry readings in Persian and English; and musical performances by Hossein Behroozinia and Pejman Hadadi – members of Dastan Ensemble, a world-renowned group of classical Persian musicians. Sufi dances were presented by Khadija Julia Goforth and her group of Whirling Dervishes.



*Christine Palumbo's illustration of John Lennon was shown in the national exhibition, "Illustration West 46."*



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## Freshman Named National Arts Finalist

Freshman Allegra De Vita was selected to participate in two prestigious singing programs this year. A native of Monroe, Conn., Ms. De Vita was a finalist for the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts, a prestigious organization providing scholarships, workshops and awards to young artists.

A singer in the 4 Heart Harmony and Liturgical Choir at SHU, Ms. De Vita was one of 150 finalists chosen from a pool of roughly 8,000

young artists who applied in 10 different arts categories. She was one of only five classical singers, ages 17-18, to earn this honor. Ms. De Vita received an all-expense-paid trip to Florida in January for a week of workshops and lessons.

In addition, Ms. De Vita was selected to participate in the Dolora Zajick Institute for Young Voices' 2008 workshop held in Orem, Utah. Dolora Zajick is a Metropolitan Opera singer who started the workshop to mentor young singers of exceptional talent.

## Innovative University College Dean Retires



The shelves of University College Dean Nancy Sidoti's office are dotted with her family photographs, depicting the joyful and fulfilled life she lives away from the Sacred Heart University campus. Equally revealing about the woman are the three framed Ansel Adams prints that decorate the north wall of her office. Adams, a distinguished nature photographer, was a visionary in promoting wilderness preservation.

With the same painstaking precision and clear vision that Adams used to bring every detail of his signature black and white landscapes into sharp focus, Sidoti made clear the direction and purpose of University College. In her role as dean, Sidoti launched the Center for Financial Education and developed University College's new Hispanic initiative. She also saved the program when decreases in enrollment threatened its existence.

"University College was experiencing a decline in enrollment when I first took over," said Sidoti, who retired

on October 31 after 25 years. "We were worried about what direction we were going to take because if we continued that decline, eventually we would have to close our doors. Now we are seeing a resurgence in our enrollment." Sidoti was quick to credit her entire staff for the turnaround and all the recent initiatives.

"As a graduate of the University at both the undergraduate (BA, '87) and graduate (MAT, '93) levels, Dean Sidoti is an alumna of whom we are very proud," said Thomas V. Forget, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In 1982, Sidoti had an associate's degree in gerontology from a local community college when she took a job as a data entry clerk in the Registrar's office, which changed her career path. She moved into progressive responsibility as the Assistant Registrar in that office, then worked as the University College Stamford Admissions Coordinator, the Director of Admissions, and for the past five years, Dean.

"It really has been an incredible journey," she said.





### **Michael Trimble Named VP for Information Technology and Security**

Michael Trimble has been promoted to Vice President for Information Technology and Security at Sacred Heart University. It is a new position at the University, where he has been Assistant Vice President for Technology since 1999. Heading the University's IT and public safety functions, Trimble will report to SHU

Senior VP for Finance & Administration Michael J. Kinney. Trimble came to SHU from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. A career officer of the U.S. Army, where he earned the rank of lieutenant colonel, he most recently served as West Point's deputy chief information officer. A graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where he received a bachelor's degree in government, Trimble earned his master's in management information systems at George Washington University.



### **Philip McCabe Promoted to VP for Finance**

Philip McCabe, a member of the administration since 2000, has been promoted to vice president for Finance at Sacred Heart University.

In this role, Mr. McCabe will oversee Sacred Heart's Student Accounts and Business Office, which is responsible for University financial reporting, planning and budgeting, along with

payroll, accounts payable, risk management, and purchasing. Mr. McCabe will also oversee debt management, investment management and internal auditing. Before his tenure at SHU, Mr. McCabe worked in the insurance and financial services industry for 23 years. Mr. McCabe holds a BBA in accounting from Siena College and an MS in financial management from RPI—Hartford Graduate Center.



### **Dr. Matthew R. Kenney Named Executive Assistant to the President**

Dr. Matthew R. Kenney has joined the Sacred Heart University community as the new executive assistant to the president. In his new position, Dr. Kenney will assist SHU President Anthony J. Cernera with various tasks regarding the University's mission. "My role is to support the University by helping the president address

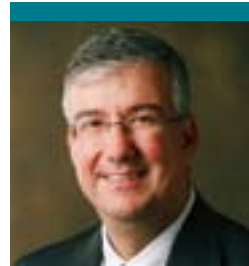
the essential issues that Sacred Heart faces both short-term and long-term," Dr. Kenney said, "and to provide the ability for wishes, concerns and desires to be voiced to him in a way that's constructive and positive and that helps the University accomplish its mission." In addition to his responsibilities in the president's office, Dr. Kenney will also teach a bioethics course during the spring 2008 semester.



### **Dr. David G. Rice Named Associate VP for Academic Affairs**

Dr. David G. Rice has joined the Sacred Heart University community in the newly created position of associate vice president for Academic Affairs. Dr. Rice will be responsible for further developing the leadership of academic events and programs, coordinating commencement and freshman convocation, managing the

Provost Council agenda, overseeing the University's Academic Program Review protocol, and leading special projects such as retention improvement. Dr. Rice holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Classics and History from Boston College, along with a master's degree in Classics and a Ph.D. in Classics/Ancient History from Yale University. He is also a graduate of the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University and the Institute for Administrative Advancement at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

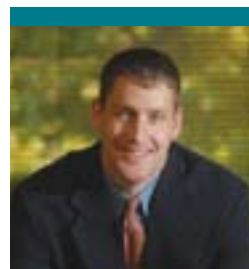


### **Michael Iannazzi Named Associate VP for Institutional Advancement**

Michael L. Iannazzi has been named the associate vice president for Institutional Advancement at Sacred Heart University.

In this newly created position, he will work to advance the mission of the University through publications, public relations and special events,

while overseeing such University institutes as its Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts and the Gallery of Contemporary Art. Mr. Iannazzi has been the University's Executive Director of Public Relations since 2005. "In just a couple of years, Michael has become an indispensable part of our team," said Mary Young, vice president for Institutional Advancement. "He has taken our publications, our branding, our media relations, and our internal relations to an entirely new and positive level."



### **Todd Gibbs Named Executive Director of Development**

Todd Gibbs has joined Sacred Heart University as executive director of Development in the Division of Institutional Advancement.

Mr. Gibbs will be responsible for annual giving, major gifts, alumni/parent relations, information services and prospect research.

For the past three years, he was director of the Church Division with Ruotolo Associates in Cresskill, New Jersey, where he worked closely with churches, parish schools, religious orders and other faith-based institutions in capital planning and fund-raising. A 1998 graduate of Quinnipiac University, he served his alma mater as director of Alumni and Parent Relations and head of the Parents' Fund for several years. He also led the Development Office at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury.

## SPEAKING OUT: 2007 SPEAKERS

### SEPTEMBER 2007

**Jeffrey Lang**, Ph.D., professor of Mathematics at the University of Kansas and the author of three books, delivered a lecture entitled “From Atheism to Islam: An American Journey” on September 6. Sponsored by the Middle Eastern Studies Program.



Rwandan genocide survivor **Immaculee Ilibagiza**, the author of *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, spoke about her life on September 17.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Life as part of the Student Affairs Lecture Series.



In celebration of Constitution Day at Sacred Heart University, **Congressman Christopher Shays** (R-CT) presented a public lecture, “The Polarization of Washington: Factionalism in

American Politics,” on September 17th. In addition to the public lecture, SHU’s Ryan-Matura Library featured a Constitution Day exhibit, which included the full text of the Constitution; portraits of the founding fathers; James Madison’s notes of the Federal Convention; and the biographies of Madison, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin. The exhibit remained on display through the end of September.

A forum on “The Emerging Catholic Electorate: Political Perspectives of Students at Sacred Heart University” took place on September 26. Political Science Professor **Gary L. Rose** delivered the lecture, which was sponsored by the Faculty Scholarship Seminar Series.

**Dr. John H. Lienhard**, host of *The Engines of Our Ingenuity*, spoke on September 27 as part of the WSHU “Join the Conversation” lecture series.

**Ken Milani**, Ph.D., professor of Accountancy at the University of Notre Dame, presented a lecture on “Ethics and the Elderly: Peering at America’s Aging Population from a Business and Economic Perspective” on September 27. The presentation was part of the University of Notre Dame’s Hesburgh Lecture Series and was co-sponsored by Sacred Heart University.

### OCTOBER 2007

Professor of English **Jeffrey Cain**, Ph.D., spoke on “Becoming God: The End(s) of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition” on October 16. Sponsored by the Faculty Scholarship Seminar Series.

“The Rule of St. Benedict,” a roundtable discussion facilitated by President **Anthony Cernera**, Ph.D., was held on October 17. This was the first monthly discussion for faculty and staff in the “Understanding the Tradition” series based on readings from the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

The Committee for the Involvement of Departments in Engaged and Active Learning held a faculty workshop on October 18 entitled “Your Ideal Professor: a Student Perspective.”

The Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture presented a panel discussion entitled “Is the Death Penalty a Moral Solution?” on October 28 with **Robert Nave**, Executive Director, Connecticut Network to Abolish the Death Penalty; **David Reynolds**, Legislative Liaison, Connecticut Catholic Conference; **Matthew Semel**, J.D., Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, SHU; and **June-Ann Greeley**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, SHU.

Local author, attorney and *Stamford Advocate* columnist **Julie Jason** discussed her latest book on October 24. Sponsored by the Ryan-Matura Library and the Center for Financial Education.

**Fr. Edward (Ned) Murphy**, S.J., President, POTS (PART OF THE SOLUTION), spoke on “Repairing the World: The Ethics of Compassion and Co-Responsibility in the Abrahamic Traditions” on October 24. Sponsored by the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding.



**Ethan Green**, Vice President, Sponsorship & Talent Brands, World Wrestling Entertainment, presented a lecture on “The Changing Sports & Entertainment Sponsorship Landscape” on

October 25. The event was the first to be sponsored by the newly established Sport and Entertainment Marketing Consortium of Sacred Heart University’s John F. Welch College of Business.

The Bridge Building Ministry of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc. presented a panel on “Health Care for All...A Dream or a Real Possibility?” on October 29. **Dr. Susan Davis**, R.N., president and CEO of St. Vincent’s Medical Center, served as keynote speaker. Panelists included **Rev. Dr. Anthony Bennett**, **Katherine Yacavone**, M.S.W., and **Adrienne Farrar Houël**, M.B.A.

Tibetan Lama **Tenzin Demchok** offered a lecture and meditation entitled “Teaching of the Diamond Heart” on October 29. Sponsored by the College of Education and Health Professionals.



Singer and Songwriter **Bill McGarvey** performed a concert comprised of biographical music and a media presentation titled “Beautiful Mess” on October

30. Sponsored by Sacred Heart University’s department of Campus Ministry.

### NOVEMBER 2007

Sacred Heart University presented a panel discussion titled “What Does It Mean to Live in a Just Society?” on November 5 in celebration of the 40th anniversary of *Populorum Progressio*, the fifth encyclical of Pope Paul VI. The panel was comprised of five notable experts on Roman Catholicism based at SHU: University President and President of IFCU (International Federation of Catholic Universities) **Dr. Anthony J. Cernera**; **Dr. Brian Stiltner**, chair of Religious Studies and Philosophy; **Dr. Margaret Palliser**, assistant vice president for Mission; **Dr. June-Ann Greeley**, assistant professor of Religious Studies and director of SHU’s Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture; and **Dr. Kathryn Ott**, adjunct instructor of Religious Studies.

**Bob Woodward**, author and longtime *Washington Post* journalist, presented “State of Denial” based on his best-selling book of the same name on November 12. Sponsored by the Student Affairs Lecture Series.

The Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture partnered with the Nikon Spirit Initiative to host two installments in the Vision Project lecture series entitled “Photography in a Digital World.” The first lecture on November 12 featured the prolific photographer, multimedia artist and



Bob Woodward presented "State of Denial" on November 12th.



documentary filmmaker **Ron Amato**, followed by a presentation by award-winning photojournalist **Ron Haviv** on November 26.

**David McCloud**, Director of the Middle East Affairs Office Asia and Near East Bureau, USAID, held a conversation entitled "US Development Assistance in the Middle East" on November 19. Co-sponsored by the Core Curriculum and Colloquium Program and the departments of History and Government and Politics.

12 DECEMBER 2007



**Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ**, a Vatican astronomer who explores connections between meteorites, asteroids and the origin and evolution of small solar system bodies, offered a lecture titled "God's Mechanics" on December 4. The discussion's title and topics were borrowed from Br. Consolmagno's most recent book, *God's Mechanics: How Scientists and Engineers Make Sense of Religion* (Jossey-Bass).

**Lisa Ling**, host of *National Geographic Explorer*, spoke at Sacred Heart University on December 4. Sponsored by the Student Affairs Lecture Series.



*Lisa Ling on December 4.*

## Trim Selected in Third Round of NBA D-League Draft

Former Sacred Heart men's basketball player Kibwe Trim '05 was selected by the Dakota Wizards in the National Basketball Association's Developmental League draft. Trim was the 30th overall pick, the second in the third round of the 10-round draft.



Former Pioneer the 30th overall pick.

The Wizards are the defending D-League champions, finishing with a 33-17 record last season. They play in Bismarck, North Dakota, and opened the season on November 23.

There were 44 Developmental League alumni on the rosters of NBA teams at the start of the 2007-08 season.

Trim, who scored nearly 1,300 points in his SHU career, was a First Team All-Northeast Conference selection his senior year. He was also named a CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-American that season. The San Juan, Trinidad, native set school Division I records with 626 career rebounds and a 58.6 career field goal percentage.

Trim played this past summer with Gatos de Monagas in Venezuela, averaging 13.2 points and 5.8 rebounds in 38 games. He spent the 2006-07 season in France with Clermont, averaging 2.4 points and 2.6 rebounds in 14 games. He participated in the NBA summer league with the Los Angeles Clippers in 2006.

## All-NEC Accolades

In soccer, juniors Matt Jones (Stoke-on-Trent, England) and David Backman (Gothenburg, Sweden) were named First Team All-Northeast Conference and junior Luke Gagliardi (North Branford, CT) received second team honors.



Juniors Carisa Eye (Nesconset, NY) and Amy Hendricks (Milford, PA) have been named to the All-Northeast Conference first team in field hockey, while senior Jenn Howley (North Salem, NY) earned second team honors.



Junior Carisa Eye.

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## Athletic Teams Near Top of NEC in Graduation Rate

The Sacred Heart University men's basketball program ranked first among Connecticut Division I schools, second in New England and second in the Northeast Conference in Graduation Success Rate (GSR), according to data released by the NCAA.

The men's basketball program, led by head coach Dave Bike, achieved a GSR of 91%. In addition, 16 Sacred Heart teams recorded a 100% GSR score, including men's fencing, men's golf, men's ice hockey, men's lacrosse, men's volleyball, wrestling, women's basketball, women's crew/rowing, women's fencing,

field hockey, women's golf, women's soccer, women's swimming, women's tennis and women's volleyball. Three other programs, baseball, women's cross country and women's track, achieved GSRs of over 90%.

"The focused effort of our student-athletes, combined with the dedicated support and encouragement of our coaches and academic support staff, is the reason why the GSR results are what they are" says Don Cook, Director of Athletics.

Sacred Heart's athletic program is the largest in the State of Connecticut and in the 11-team Northeast Conference, with nearly 800 student-athletes.



Steve Tedesco



Jason Richardson

## Football Players Make CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Team

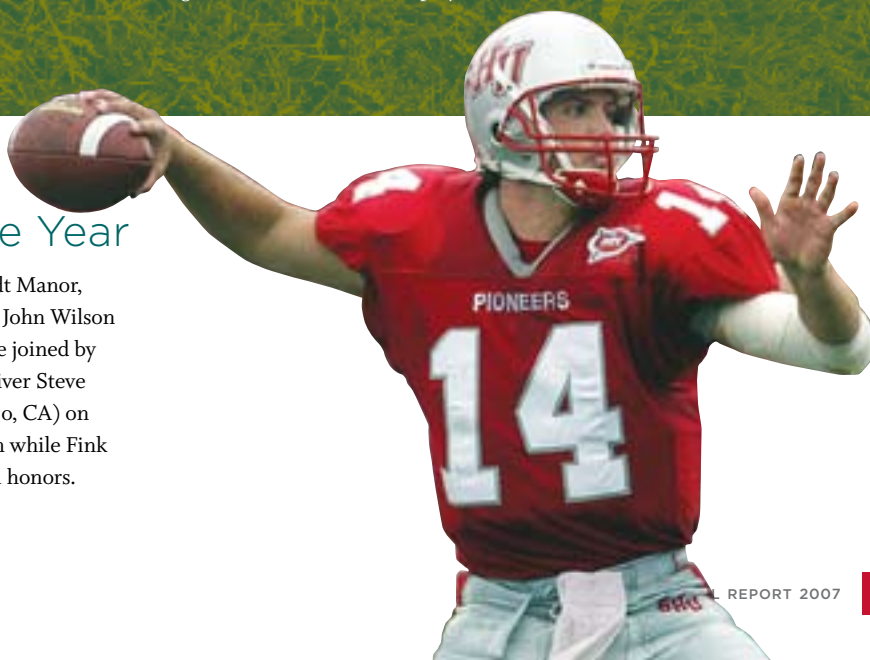
Senior Jason Richardson (Malden, MA) and sophomore Steve Tedesco (Mission Viejo, CA) were named to the CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-District Football Team. Both players made their first appearances on the team and were placed on the national ballot for an Academic All-American honor.

Richardson, a senior defensive tackle on the Pioneer defensive line, is a Business Management/Marketing major. Tedesco, a sophomore wide receiver, is a History major. The duo moved on to the national balloting stage for Division I and I-AA players.

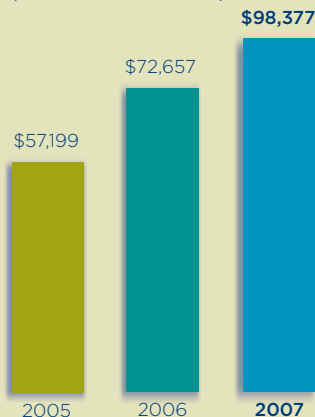
## Freshman Quarterback Named 2007 Rookie of the Year

Sacred Heart freshman quarterback Dale Fink (Swansea, IL) was named the 2007 Northeast Conference Football Rookie of the Year while joining three other Pioneers on this year's all-conference teams announced by the league office. Senior running back

Jason Payne (Cortlandt Manor, NY) and senior safety John Wilson (Bloomfield, CT) were joined by sophomore wide receiver Steve Tedesco (Mission Viejo, CA) on the All-NEC first team while Fink garnered second team honors.



## TOTAL NET ASSETS (in hundreds of thousands)



## Continued Growth & Financial Stability

Sacred Heart University operated with a balanced budget again in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Revenue of \$128,592,003 was 10% greater than the prior year, reflecting continued growth in our undergraduate and graduate programs. The University achieved an operating surplus of \$22,084,990, demonstrating the financial stability necessary to achieve its academic objectives and to further its mission now and into the future. A disciplined budget process funded continuing improvements for our students by increasing the number of new full-time faculty, expanding classroom and institutional facilities for the coming year with the addition of the Cambridge Campus, renovating student residence and athletic facilities, and increasing funding to the Library. Prudent financial management enabled us to make investments in the future by increasing the University's net assets 35% in the past year.

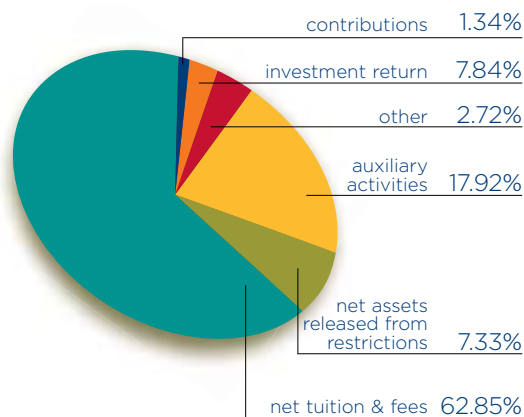
### UNRESTRICTED REVENUES

JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

Statement of Unrestricted Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets as of the twelve months ended June 30, 2007 (unaudited)

Tuition and Fees	\$106,922,084
Less: University-sponsored financial aid	(\$23,083,098)
Externally funded financial aid	(\$3,013,498)
Net tuition and fees	\$80,825,488
Contributions	\$1,717,154
Investment Return	\$10,087,073
Auxiliary Activities (net of financial aid)	\$23,046,224
Other	\$3,493,756
<b>Total Unrestricted Revenue</b>	<b>\$119,169,695</b>
<b>Net Assets Released from Restrictions</b>	<b>+ \$9,422,308</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Revenue and Other Support</b>	<b>\$128,592,003</b>

### SOURCES OF REVENUES, FY07

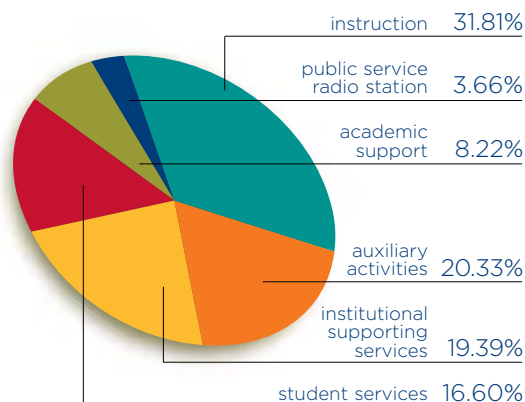


### EXPENSES

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SERVICES

Instruction	\$33,881,850
Student Services	\$17,676,331
Academic Support	\$8,751,493
Public Service Radio Station	\$3,895,306
Auxiliary Activities	\$21,652,402
Institutional Supporting Services	\$20,649,631
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$106,507,013</b>
<b>Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>+ \$22,084,990</b>

### EXPENSES BY FUNCTION, FY07





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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to present this Annual Report on behalf of the Trustees of Sacred Heart University and the community we represent so proudly. The academic year 2006-2007 had many highlights cataloged in these pages, and we are pleased to be part of such great growth and change.

Sacred Heart achieved its goals in a number of arenas this year. We are pleased to report that the University again experienced an impressive jump in undergraduate applications. This allowed us to enroll top students in greater numbers than ever before, and ensures our continued status as the second-largest Catholic university in New England.

Among other watershed accomplishments, Sacred Heart's John F. Welch College of Business received accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, earning the University a place among the top ten percent of business schools worldwide. The University has also continued to address student needs with top-notch academic programs, faculty and facilities. This year, for instance, the University launched its new Common Core curriculum as well as new facilities in Trumbull, Connecticut, for our College of Education and Health Professions.

Naturally, none of the University's great accomplishments would be possible without the continued and very generous support of our alumni and friends. Gifts to the Annual Fund from faculty and staff rose by more than 39 percent, and corporate commitments jumped 19.5 percent. Trustees, friends of the University, and foundations also increased their financial support. All in all, the University ended the 2006-2007 year with an increase in unrestricted net assets of over \$22 million, the 19th year in a row that the University has operated under a balanced budget.

On behalf of everyone here, I offer my deepest thanks for your support of our vision for a great University. Through your generous support, we are, indeed, the very definition of a great higher institution of learning in the honorable Catholic intellectual tradition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Morley, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

James T. Morley, Jr.  
Vice Chairman of the Board





## LEAD Society

### Loyal Engaged Alumni Donors

The LEAD Society is the new giving society of Sacred Heart University that honors alumni who have supported the University for five or more consecutive years. The LEAD Society encourages annual support and participation at all levels. Membership is maintained as long as the giving string is kept alive from year to year. Members receive special invitations to University events and presidential receptions.

## GOLD Society

The GOLD Society recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past decade and who, as leaders, have stepped forward to give back to their alma mater. Membership extends for one year to any individual or couple who gives \$100 or more to Sacred Heart University. Matching gifts from employers count as part of the donation by an individual or a couple.

## Curtis Society

Named for Bridgeport's Bishop Walter W. Curtis, the founder of Sacred Heart University, this elite membership level is reserved for those who have included Sacred Heart University in their estate plans. Planned gifts include bequest intentions, life income vehicles such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts, designating the University as an IRA beneficiary, giving real estate but retaining the right to reside in the property for life, and naming SHU as the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

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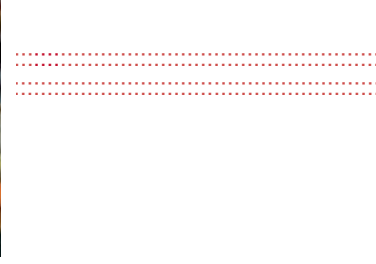
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