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50th Anniversary Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2013

- 6th** Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht | Murray Sidlin | Sponsored by the Division of Mission & Catholic Identity | 11 a.m.
- 6th** Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht | Documentary & Panel Discussion: Defiant Requiem | Sponsored by the Division of Mission & Catholic Identity | 2 p.m.
- 9th** Misa Gaia or Earth Mass presented by the combined Choirs | Chapel of the Holy Spirit | 7:30 p.m.
- 13th** "Slices of Life," a Colloquium by Joanna Leone '89. Sponsored by The Human Journey Colloquia Series and the SHU Italian Club | University Commons | 2 p.m.
- 26th** 50th Anniversary Colloquia Series: Global Health, Education and Poverty presents Majid Sadigh, director of Global Health at Danbury Hospital | Sponsored by The Human Journey Colloquia Series, the College of Health Professions, the Isabelle Farrington College of Education, the Welch College of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences | 6 p.m. — University Commons

DECEMBER 2013

- 4th** 50th Anniversary Colloquia Series: Global Health, Education and Poverty presents "The Ripple Effect: Perspectives on Health in Developing Countries" panel by students from nursing, OT and PT | Sponsored by The Human Journey Colloquia Series, the College of Health Professions, the Isabelle Farrington College of Education, the Welch College of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences | 7 p.m. — University Commons

DECEMBER 2013

- 5th** A Choral Christmas Extravaganza | 8 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
- 6th** The New Haven Symphony Orchestra presents Benjamin Britten's *St. Nicholas* and *Ceremony of Carols* | 7:30 p.m. — Chapel of the Holy Spirit
- 7th** Irish Christmas Concert featuring Cherish the Ladies | Presented by Sacred Heart University's Center for Irish Cultural Studies and the Shamrock Traditional Irish Music Society | 8 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
- 8th** Christmas Concert presented by Sacred Heart University Bands, "Holiday Voyage" | 2 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

JANUARY 2014

- 8-11th** CURTIS Week

FEBRUARY 2014

- 10th** 50th Anniversary Lecture Series on Libraries: The Future Is Open—Or Is It? | William John Sullivan, executive director of the Free Software Foundation, on "The Future Is Open—Open Source and Free Software" | Sponsored by the Ryan Matura Library | 6 p.m. — Schine Auditorium
- 14th** 50th Anniversary Retro Concert Series presents Sheena Easton | Sponsored by the ECPA Retro Concert Series | 8 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
- 27-28th** International Immersions Community Service Program (continues into March)

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MARCH 2014

1-7th International Immersions Community Service Program (continued from February)

15th "Come to the Cabaret!" | A live revue with performers from the early days of the Sacred Heart University Cabaret Theatre | 8 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

16th 50th Anniversary Retro Concert Series — Jack Jones in Concert | 3 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

23rd The Great American Band Concert presented by the Sacred Heart University Band | 3 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

26th Founder's Day: The anniversary of the signing of the charter that established Sacred Heart University in 1963. Traditionally, faculty and staff are honored for milestone anniversaries of employment at the University.

APRIL 2014

tbd 50th Anniversary Lecture Series sponsored by the College of Health Professions

3-6th *Chicago* presented by Sacred Heart University's Student Theatre | Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts — visit www.edgertoncenter.org for show times and tickets

10th The Glass House Christian Music Series presents Holly Starr | 8 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

12th 25th Anniversary Discovery Gala with a special performance by The Beach Boys | Linda McMahon Commons and the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

22nd Special Spring Convocation honoring Conor Gearty | 2 p.m. — Chapel of the Holy Spirit

23rd 50th Anniversary Lecture Series on Libraries: The Future Is Open—Or Is It? | Kathleen Fitzpatrick, author of *Planned Obsolescence: Publishing, Technology, and the Future of the Academy*, on "The Future Is Open—Open Access Publishing" | Sponsored by the Ryan Matura Library | 2 p.m. — Schine Auditorium



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MAY 2014

3rd University Band and Choirs present "Movies and More!" | 7:30 p.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

14-15th Connecticut Children's Theatre presents *The Velveteen Rabbit* | 10:30 a.m. — Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

17-18th Commencement Weekend 2014

JUNE 2014

9th 25th Annual Pioneer Open at the Lake of Isles South Private Golf Course at Foxwoods Casino

For additional updates throughout the year, visit www.sacredheart.edu/50thcalendar





This is a year to celebrate our traditions and take pride in our accomplishments. It's also a time to remember that the most important things have not changed.

This is an exciting time for Sacred Heart University as we embark on the celebration of our 50th anniversary. We hope you will take the journey with us—both through the stories and features in this magazine and by visiting campus to celebrate the growth we've experienced over the past 50 years and participate in the many special events that we have planned.

There was a lot of activity over the summer to get ready for this year's festivities. In fact, I have never seen so much construction going on here all at once. Our new Wellness Center has been completed and is serving students. The Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts has undergone a major transformation. The bright new lobby will allow for new levels in entertainment while providing a place for student and faculty art exhibits, and the video wall in the courtyard is regularly displaying information and has already been used for outdoor movies. In addition, the academic hallways have received a much-needed update. Be sure to see our permanent 50th Anniversary historical timeline that has been installed in the Academic Building.

We are also making tremendous progress on the construction of our new academic building on the corner of Park Avenue and Jefferson Street. There are changes to see every day, and we are looking forward to its completion next

year and the opportunities it will provide for our students and staff.

We just dedicated our new Stamford Graduate Center a couple of weeks ago, but classes began there in August. Now located in expanded space in the Landmark Square Building, the Graduate Center will offer students access to the kinds of programs that traditionally have been available only at our main campus in Fairfield. These include SHU's digital marketing and human resource management degrees offered through the College of Business, film and television offered through the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Education's popular cohort certification program in educational leadership and administration.

This is a year to celebrate our traditions and take pride in our accomplishments. It's also a time to remember that the most important things have not changed—we remain true to our core values and mission as a liberal arts institution firmly based in the Catholic intellectual traditions.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Petillo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John J. Petillo, Ph.D.
President

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President William Conley, center, with University administration.



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Features



Still Growing after 50 Years

As we reflect on the past and embrace the present, the Sacred Heart University community celebrates 50 years of change and eagerly looks ahead to what's next.



The Making of Sacred Heart

We turn the pages of history back to 1963, Year One of Sacred Heart University, highlighting how SHU has remained faithful to its roots despite its evolution through challenges posed by history and society.



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Nursing students Cathleen Reddan, left, and Caitlin Walsh, right, with Professor Nina Pearlin.

New School of Nursing Announced

Sacred Heart University expanded its nursing program into a new School of Nursing beginning with the start of the fall semester. The new School of Nursing, which opened with about 1,100 undergraduate and graduate nursing students, is part of the College of Health Professions, said Susan DeNisco, who has been appointed the school's interim director. The School has 29 full-time faculty members and a support staff of 11.

About a third of the students in the School of Nursing are pursuing undergraduate degrees, while two-thirds are seeking advanced degrees and doctorates, DeNisco said. About half of the 1,100 are online students.

The University has enlisted the aid of an academic search firm to help conduct a nationwide search for a permanent director. DeNisco, who has served the Nursing Department in several different capacities over the past 15 years, said she is a candidate for the permanent position.

The decision to transition the University's Department of Nursing into a School of Nursing reflects the program's steady growth over the past 33 years, said Patricia Walker, dean of the College of Health Professions. She called the transition a "natural next step" in the development of the Nursing Department, which has reached a "critical mass" and now has the ability to stand on its own as a separate school. "Due to our rapid growth, the Department of Nursing has become an increasingly more difficult and complex operation to administer," noted Laura Niesen de Abruna, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. "We've reached the point where it just makes better logistic sense, particularly from an administrative point of view, to expand the nursing program into a separate school." As an example of its growth, Niesen de Abruna noted that 150 freshmen entered the nursing program this fall, a 50 percent increase from the 100 freshmen who entered the program in the fall of 2012.

Creating a separate and distinct School of Nursing within the College of Health Professions will also increase the program's exposure and recognition, both on regional and national levels, DeNisco said. "We think we have a world-class nursing program, and becoming a School of Nursing will help set us apart and increase our visibility and presence," she said. "Our nursing faculty members are known for their clinical expertise, initiatives in global health and use of state-of-the-art technology, and are excited about the future

possibilities that the school designation will bring." The transition from Nursing Department to Nursing School also has a competitive component to it in that it will help the University compete against nursing schools both in and out of Connecticut not only for the best undergraduate nursing students, but also for the most talented doctoral students and doctoral-level faculty members.

The University's nursing program was launched in 1980 as an RN to BSN program in which registered nurses with nursing diplomas could receive their bachelor's degrees. Today it offers a wide range of academic programs, including programs for pre-nursing students, first professional degree students, a campus-based family nurse practitioner program, a doctorate of nursing practice, a nursing program designed specifically for onsite students and several programs for online students, including RN to BSN, RN to MSN and MSN programs in three different tracks: patient care services administration, clinical nurse leader and nurse educator. ☞

Graduate Nursing Program Receives Accreditation

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program has received full five-year accreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education in connection with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The DNP program was developed in 2010 in response to the rapid changes in a complex health-care environment requiring nurses to have the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise to ensure quality patient outcomes. ☞



Nursing Clinical Laboratory Coordinator Beth Boyd with student Andrea Gemma.

Board of Trustees Welcomes Four New Members

FOUR NEW COMMUNITY LEADERS HAVE RECENTLY JOINED SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The four hail from some of the most prestigious organizations in American business and education.

The new trustees are Brian Hamilton, co-founder and chair of Sageworks; Gary Levin, president and CEO of Levin Financial Group; Patrick Maggitti, The Helen and William O'Toole dean of the Villanova University School of Business (VSB); and Richard Schaeffer, co-founder, executive chairman and CEO of Liquid Holdings Group, LLC.



Brian Hamilton '87

Hamilton is the original architect of Sageworks' artificial intelligence technology, FIND, the leading financial analysis technology for analyzing private companies. It is used by thousands of financial institutions and accounting firms. He is the foremost expert on privately held companies and regularly contributes to most major media outlets, including CNBC, *The Wall Street Journal* and Fox Business.

Hamilton also founded Inmates to Entrepreneurs, a community outreach program focused on teaching ex-offenders how to start low-capital businesses.



Gary J. Levin '78

Levin, a 1978 graduate of Sacred Heart University with a bachelor's degree in business, leads Florida's Levin Financial Group from its headquarters in Tampa. The organization represents its flagship firm, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, a U.S. mutual life insurer and financial services company. Levin is also a general agent with Massachusetts Mutual.

He is married to Mary Anne (Gerics) Levin, also a 1978 SHU graduate. The couple are the parents of three children, Nicole, Michael and Richard. Levin and his family have worked many years raising money to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis and have supported the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In 2010, Michael founded the TMH Breathing For Life Foundation and was appointed to the advisory board for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Patrick G. Maggitti

In addition to his role as dean, Maggitti is an associate professor of strategic management and entrepreneurship at VSB and previously served as the university's Carmen and Sharon Danella director of the Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship. Prior to joining VSB's faculty in 2008, Maggitti taught at both Temple and Saint Joseph's universities.

Prior to academia, Maggitti was a successful businessman. He spent nearly 15 years in the steel and mining industries, where he founded two thriving companies and held a variety of roles, including chief executive officer, director of national sales and board member.

Maggitti received his doctorate in strategic management from the University of Maryland, College Park; an MBA with high honors from Johns Hopkins University; and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Saint Joseph's University.



Richard A.M. Schaeffer

Schaeffer, in addition to his role leading Liquid Holdings Group, also serves as a consultant at Pacific Monument Acquisition Corporation, as a non-executive director of Pacific Capital Partners and is a special adviser to General Atlantic. He previously served as director, treasurer, vice chairman and chairman of New York Mercantile Exchange and as a board member of the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business.

In addition, Schaeffer serves as a board member of the Museum of American Finance and the Tribeca Film Festival. He is also active with the New York chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and participates in the WFAN Radiothon that raises funds for Tomorrow's Children's Fund and the Imus Ranch.

Schaeffer earned his bachelor's degree from the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland in 1974.



The new Wellness Center

New Wellness Center to Serve Students and Foster Health

To continue to meet the core mission of serving students and fostering health for the whole person, Sacred Heart University has constructed a new Wellness Center. The two-story, colonial-style, 5,800-square-foot building handles acute health and medical needs as well as offering counseling and therapeutic services.

The first floor of the Wellness Center houses a reception and waiting area, medical records storage room, several examination rooms, a physician's office and both a supervisor's office and nurse's office. The second floor consists of a health resource area, wellness center and several counseling suites. ☞



Students Examine Connecticut's Economic Slowdown

Guided by Professor Lucjan Orłowski, a group of students recently prepared and released a comprehensive analysis and outlook for the Connecticut economy. Their findings show that Connecticut has been severely impacted by the recent financial crisis, perhaps more so than other states. The class concludes that Connecticut needs to work toward creating more of a manufacturing sector like it once had. By focusing on the diversification of the labor market and making the state a more business-friendly environment, their hope is that Connecticut's economy will return to a prosperous state. Check out the full student perspective by visiting www.tinyurl.com/shucteco. ☞



From left are Justin Blum of ACG; MBA students Janelle Wolitski, Henry Pinto, Rory Hauser and Rose Miller; and Ramsey Goodrich of ACG. Missing from the picture is team member Ryan Donahue.

MBA Students Win ACG Connecticut Cup

ACG Connecticut, the premier association of deal makers in the state, awarded the fourth annual ACG Connecticut Cup to a team of MBA students from Sacred Heart University. The SHU team edged out student teams from the University of Connecticut and Yale University.

"This is very close to a real-world exercise for these MBA students," said ACG Connecticut Cup Chairman Justin Blum of M&T Bank. "The teams were allowed one week to develop a central thesis encompassing valuation, capital markets and M&A strategic recommendations that they then had to pitch to a panel of three judges, representing the board of directors of the client company." The team of five students included Rose Miller, Ryan Donahue, Janelle Wolitski, Rory Hauser and Henry Pinto. ☞

Barclays to Support SCFAS Student Investment Management Program

The Investment Management Program (IMP) of Stamford has announced that Barclays is joining the list of corporate supporters that serve as an inspiration to the program, thereby helping to cultivate a young generation of future CFA charter holders. Through a partnership with the Stamford Chartered Financial



Analysts Society, students of the John F. Welch College of Business who are part of the IMP will benefit from access to a wide array of tools and research from financial institutions like Barclays. ☞

Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations Introduces the Community of Practice



On May 30, Sacred Heart University's Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations (NFP) hosted a Community of Practice breakfast and discussion. The Community of Practice brought together not-for-profit leaders and NFP Center representatives in a forum to discuss issues that confront and challenge not-for-profit organizations.

John Chalykoff, dean of the John F. Welch College of Business, gave opening remarks on the importance of the Community of Practice as Sacred Heart moves toward a greater emphasis on service learning. He noted the Center has provided over 150 consulting projects to not-for-profit organizations in the area. "It is an expression of our mission," he said.

Facilitating the discussion was Robert Trefry, former president of Bridgeport Hospital, who helped identify ways Sacred Heart could support not-for-profit organizations in fulfilling their missions.

The first Community of Practice breakfast was held in the Linda E. McMahon Commons.

Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations Announces New Board Members

The John F. Welch College of Business' Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations has added three new board members: Gus Serra, Merle Berke-Schlesel and Kelly Leather '11. These three additions will bring valued expertise and experience to help the Center in its continued growth.

Serra is the former head of community relations at General Electric and has a longstanding relationship with the not-for-profit sector in the greater Bridgeport area. He was named the 2011–2012 Pat Hart Award recipient for his extraordinary work in community affairs, including strong support of the art education programs provided by Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County.

Berke-Schlesel is an experienced executive manager, general counsel and community leader with an extensive and diverse background in strategic planning, policy-making, fund development and all aspects of program creation, implementation and compliance. Since 2001, she has worked as the president and CEO of United Way of Coastal Fairfield County where she has helped to create strategic initiatives to improve community-level outcomes for children and families.

A graduate of Sacred Heart University, Leather most recently transitioned to Inspirica in Stamford where she will take on the role of director of events, communications and volunteers. She previously worked as a development manager for Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County. Leather is a recipient of the U.S. Department of State Fulbright Fellowship, which allowed her to work within the educational technologies and statistics department of the Ministry of Education in Albania to help expand the scope of students reached through initiatives. She also helped to incorporate technology into schools there.

Deacon Dan Ianniello, co-founder of the Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations, will be leaving the board after 11 years of service. With more than 10 years of experience serving in various management capacities in the not-for-profit environment, he most recently worked with Sacred Heart University and Operation Hope, a homeless shelter serving the greater Bridgeport/Fairfield area. He is an ordained Catholic deacon serving in the



From left are President John J. Petillo, Professor Stephen Brown, Kelly Leather '11 and Merle Berke-Schlesel. Leather and Berke-Schlesel are new members on the board of the John F. Welch College of Business' Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations. Missing from the photo is Gus Serra, also a new member.

Diocese of Bridgeport and is also associated with the Valley United Way. He was the former director of REAPS at Sacred Heart University.

"During my years as an adviser and board member with the Center, we were able to complete projects utilizing our students to provide services to many small NFPs that otherwise could not find or afford the help they desperately needed. The Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations and I are very proud and happy to have served the community in this way. I know the Center is working very hard to find ways to do even more in the future," Ianniello said.

The Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations serves a diverse group of NFPs using the skills of Welch College of Business graduate and undergraduate students as well as students from other SHU colleges. In its 11 years, the Center has conducted 150 projects for 60 NFP clients with 25 of these clients returning for multiple projects. Almost 500 students have participated in NFP projects under the supervision of WCOB faculty and advisers. ☺



Paul Healy, executive director of Campus Operations, left, is presented with the Santa Energy Green Business Award by Tom Santa, president and CEO of Santa Fuel, during the Bridgeport Regional Business Council's 13th Annual Meeting in June.

Campus Sustainability Efforts Earn Green Energy Award

Sacred Heart University is the recipient of the Santa Energy Green Business Award, presented to a candidate that displays comprehensive steps for sustainability across multiple departments and operational functions to meet community-based responsibilities for the environment.

Paul Healy, executive director of Campus Operations, Emergency Management & Public Safety, submitted the 20-page application to the Bridgeport Regional Business Council. "The award means we are meeting and exceeding our goal as a corporate entity for environmental compliance and stewardship as a member of the greater Fairfield County community," he said.

The Bridgeport Regional Business Council presented the award on June 6. Healy accepted the award on behalf of his entire team, including the following:

- Vice Provost for Special Academic Programs for the Environment Mary Lou DeRosa
- Director of Custodial Services and Moves Trigona Mililli—Green Cleaning Program
- Manager of Logistics and Emergency Planning Jeffery Barrett—Compliance for Hazardous Wastes
- Manager of Special Projects Ed Dobransky—Single-Stream Waste Management
- Public Safety Officer Ben Benson—University Hybrid Vehicle Program



Ronald Rolheiser speaks as part of the Merton Conference.

Rolheiser Presents Annual Nouwen Lecture on the Occasion of SHU's 50th Anniversary

The Third Annual Henri Nouwen Lecture on Contemporary Spirituality took place in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit on June 15 as part of the 13th general meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society, held from June 13–16. This year's featured lecturer was Roman Catholic priest Ronald Rolheiser. The event was one of many to commemorate Sacred Heart University's 50th anniversary.

Rolheiser, who also served as keynote speaker for the general meeting, is a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He is a community builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world, and his weekly column is carried by more than 70 newspapers worldwide. The talk was sponsored by SHU's Office of Mission and Catholic Identity. ☞

IN MEMORIAM

Community Mourns the Deaths of Two Former Trustees



Lloyd P. Stauder, 1935–2013

Lloyd P. Stauder, 78, of Trumbull, who was a member of the SHU Board of Trustees from 1987–2005, died peacefully with family members by his side on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. He first came to Sacred Heart at the request of his friend and colleague, Robert Matura, to volunteer his time as an attorney, assisting with legal and human resources issues. He was then asked to join the board and graciously agreed to serve. He was instrumental in assisting with the search for a new University president that took place during his tenure.

He received his bachelor's degree with high honors in mechanical engineering from the University of Notre Dame. After completion of military service, he received a full scholarship to Georgetown Law School. Upon graduation, he moved with his family to Connecticut where he began his career with General Electric Company. He subsequently worked for Cluett Peabody, Inc. as their international licensing manager. He retired from the William Carter Company in 1993 as executive vice president and chief operating officer.



Robert William Huebner, 1921–2013

Robert William Huebner, age 92, a longtime resident of Fairfield, passed away peacefully on August 11, 2013. Prior to his retirement in 1984, he was director, executive vice president and chief operating officer at Southern New England Telephone Company. In October 1940, he enlisted in the Navy. He served aboard the *U.S.S. Simpson* in the European and African theaters of the Second World War from January 1941 to June 1944, at which time he entered Yale University as an enlisted man in the Naval V-12 Training Program. He received his honorable discharge from the service in June 1946. He subsequently graduated from Yale in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Huebner joined the Southern New England Telephone Company in 1947 as an outside plant engineer, working out of Bridgeport. Other early jobs at SNET included pole inspector, traffic engineer, district plant

manager and division traffic manager. He was promoted to southern area vice president in January 1965, and in 1967, he became vice president, Operations, and was elected to the board of directors.

Throughout his life, Huebner was very proud of his involvement in the community. His many activities included serving on the SHU Board of Trustees for over 25 years, where he was a former chairman of the executive committee and remained a Trustee Emeritus. He played a key role in the growth of Sacred Heart, helping to transform it from a community college for day students to a full-time residential university. For these and other efforts, he was honored with a Knighthood in the Papal Order of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II in 1983.

STILL GROWING AFTER 50 YEARS

BY HOLLY ROBINSON

REFLECTING ON THE PAST

"WHEN I WAS FIRST HIRED, SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY'S mission statement said there would never be dormitories on campus," says Dr. Edward Malin, associate dean of the Isabelle Farrington College of Education and SHU's longest-serving faculty member. "Hmm, all right, that's just one of the changes on campus," he acknowledges with a laugh. "And it's been an exciting ride to be part of those changes."

As Michael W. Higgins, SHU's vice president for Mission and Catholic Identity and professor of Religious Studies, points out in his stellar feature on the University's first year (see p. 28), Sacred Heart was founded in 1963 by the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport from 1961 to 1988. His intent was clear: to provide the community with a quality liberal arts education at a local Catholic university.

From its outset, the University bore the mark of innovation. Charting a new direction within American Catholicism, Bishop Curtis envisioned Sacred Heart being led and staffed by lay people, independent and locally oriented, to serve both the needs of the diocese and of southwestern Connecticut. Because he had attended Seton Hall in New Jersey, where nearly 70 percent of the

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students were commuters, he also decided that this new institution should be a center for learning without dormitories, noting that this would follow in the tradition of the very first European universities. Most importantly, he wanted to offer an undergraduate education to all, regardless of religion, race, creed or income.

Sacred Heart's early planners doubled as the Board of Trustees. They included the Very Reverend Monsignor James P. Devine, chancellor of the Diocese of Bridgeport; James R. Kerr, president of Avco Corporation; Donald H. McGannon, president of the Westinghouse Broadcasting Company; and the Very Reverend Monsignor John F. McGough, former diocesan superintendent of schools and pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Church. These visionaries brought a combination of experience in finance, corporate business leadership and communication to their task of administering the coeducational institution. After selecting William H. Conley as president and choosing nine faculty members, the first classes were held on September 11, 1963.

Those nine professors and the first 167 students were taking a real leap of faith, not knowing whether the institution would remain afloat by graduation day—or, indeed, even a year later. Still, the founding administrators made it clear to both faculty and incoming students that Sacred Heart would support the core values of the Catholic intellectual tradition, especially the emphasis by Vatican II on social action.

It was an exciting time, with a community driven by the same sense of purpose and enthusiasm for learning. By 1964, all doubts about the endeavor had been banished. Student enrollment grew to 600, and students began creating traditions and organizations that last to this day—everything from academic clubs and fraternities to community service opportunities. That year also heralded the inauguration of radio station WSHU-FM (91.9).

Interestingly, as Sacred Heart marks its 50th anniversary, WSHU Public Radio prepares to celebrate its 30th year as an NPR member station. What originally started as a 1,000-watt radio station serving Sacred Heart students has grown quite a bit. Today, the WSHU Public Radio Group broadcasts on 14 FM and AM frequencies to reach most of southern Connecticut and eastern Long Island, and its programs may be streamed online from anywhere in the world. WSHU listeners get the best of NPR, APM, the BBC and other sources, along with the station's own award-winning news reporting and original music programming. WSHU's news department has won numerous prestigious awards, including two national Edward R. Murrow Awards and prizes from the Society of Professional Journalists and the Fair Media Council. Its flagship production, *Sunday Baroque*, is syndicated on 175 NPR stations and reaches as far as Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

WSHU Public Radio may enjoy a national presence, but its focus remains decidedly on the local community. Witness this year's launch of WSHU Fairfield County Public Radio, the station's innovative approach to public broadcasting at the community level. Creative projects, such as the *Music in Our Schools* outreach program and the *Join the Conversation* author series, demonstrate WSHU's commitment both to classical music and to fostering the community's interest in humanities and the arts among young and old alike.

After celebrating the first commencement in 1967, the University's growth boomed, with the student population approaching 2,000 by the following year and new buildings springing up on campus, including the library, the school's physical plant, the Academic Center and the Administration Building. Sacred

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Bishop Curtis signs the charter alongside Connecticut Governor John Dempsey.

1963

Bill Dean presents the official school seal to Bishop Curtis on Charter Night, with President Conley at left.

1967

Commencement June 10, 1967: SHU's first graduating class.

1967

Blessing ground for the library are, from left, Rev. James P. Devine, SHU President William H. Conley, Rev. Martin McDermott, Rev. John F. McGough, Bishop Walter W. Curtis and Donald McGannon, president of Westinghouse Broadcasting Company.

1967

Students wear their SHU beanies.

1967

John Ratzenberger, famous voice of Pixar Films and "Cliff" from TV's *Cheers*, with Camille Rezutko in Tennessee Williams' *Summer and Smoke*.

1968

Library construction is well under way.

1972

In May, baseball icon Jackie Robinson, left, receives an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Commencement.

1967

Our first faculty. Seated, from left, are John Croffy, Dr. Maurice O'Sullivan, Marcella Malloy, President William Conley, Maureen Lynch, Fr. John Polinsky and William Kilbourne. Standing, from left, are William Ready, Richard Matzek, Alan Reinerman, Lawrence Skane and Anthony Pinciario.

1973-1982



1973

Students work to support Greek Life on campus.

1974

Comedian and actor Kevin Nealon, fourth from left, top row, played on the SHU soccer team.

1974

Student Government.

1982

Men were allowed as members of the cheerleading squad for the first time in SHU history.

1982

Dedication of the Leonard A. Schine Auditorium on December 1, 1982. From right are Bishop Curtis and Mrs. Louis Schine, with students.

1982

Student orientation.



Heart heralded 1970 with a newly minted accreditation from the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The next decade was a breathless one as both academic and athletic programs were expanded almost by the minute. The University added the first Bachelor of Science degree program in 1972 and, five years later, approved the master of business administration program. By 1979, Sacred Heart was addressing the nation's unprecedented teacher shortages with a master's in teaching degree, and total enrollment topped out at 4,164 students the very next year.

The 1980s proved to be just as exhilarating. The University marked its 20th birthday with a year-long celebration and launched a new University Center for Women on campus. SHU also earned accreditation for its baccalaureate program in nursing and established its Department of Computer and Information Sciences. In 1985, the TIE/Communications Computer Science Wing opened its doors, and within two years, the University had added both a new executive MBA program for professional managers and a master's degree program in nursing administration.

When it became abundantly clear that many students would benefit from adding residential experience to their undergraduate years, Sacred Heart added dormitories to its campus in 1990. Likewise, as more students expressed a desire for more competitive athletics programs, the University expanded those as well.

Upon Don Cook's appointment in 1992 as director of Athletics, the University began an unrivaled 20-year period of growth in that arena, expanding its intercollegiate athletic program to 31 varsity sports and constructing several new facilities, including the \$17.5 million William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center in 1997. Cook spearheaded the program's move to Division I status by 1999.

Recognizing the importance of technology, Sacred Heart was among the nation's first campuses to offer a mobile computing program in 1995, providing every freshman with a PC laptop. In 2002, the University introduced a campus-wide wireless network, allowing students to work outside, at the gym, in the dining hall—anywhere on campus—for the ultimate in study freedom.

EMBRACING THE PRESENT

SIGNS OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ONGOING GROWTH AND VIBRANCY are evident everywhere you look. "The physical changes are remarkable," says Tom Pesce '02. "I remember when we dreamed about having a freestanding chapel and student center on campus. In the past 10 years, the physical aspects of Sacred Heart have completely changed, while maintaining the integrity of the initial construction. This shows you a glimpse of the future still to come, which I think is a very bright one."

New facilities, faculty and programs continue to keep pace with student needs, academic research, global politics and economic

shifts. Enrollment has reached more than 6,400 full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students, and the faculty has increased from nine to 233 full-time professors. Today, SHU is New England's second-largest Catholic university, with students hailing from 49 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and 15 countries.

To accommodate the 70 percent of undergraduates now residing in University housing, there are 10 residential buildings. The Chapel of the Holy Spirit, dedicated in September 2009, continues to draw international attention for its magnificent design and artwork. In the spring of 2012, the University dedicated its Linda E. McMahon Commons where students now gather to eat, socialize and study.

Academically, the University has a growing international reputation and a regular place among top-tier colleges named by *U.S. News & World Report*. In keeping with Sacred Heart's founding as a liberal arts institution, the College of Arts & Sciences offers a rigorous, multidisciplinary common core curriculum that provides Sacred Heart students with the values-driven academic and moral framework needed to think critically, solve problems, better understand the diverse world in which they live and wrestle with the fundamental and enduring questions of humankind. Designed to engage students in a multidisciplinary understanding of the arts and sciences and the Catholic intellectual tradition, the five classes that make up "The Human Journey" required of all students

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—TOM PESCE '02

incorporate aspects of history, English, political science, psychology, sociology, biology, physics, philosophy and religious studies. For students who want to focus their studies in the arts, programs range from anthropology to women's studies with everything in between. In addition, minors allow students to explore subjects they're passionate about, expand their knowledge and better train for the future.

Sacred Heart has been providing business education since 1965, just two years after its founding, and the MBA degree was the first graduate curriculum in SHU history. In January 2006, the University announced a partnership with John F. Welch, for whom the College of Business is now named. The legendary former CEO of General Electric and global icon of success in leadership continues to actively advise the Welch College of Business.

By the end of 2006, the John F. Welch College of Business had earned accreditation by the AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—thereby joining an elite membership of fewer than five percent of business schools worldwide.

In addition to the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Business, there are three other separate colleges currently housed within Sacred Heart University: the College of Health Professions, the NCATE-accredited Isabelle Farrington School of Education and University College. This year, Sacred Heart announced the creation of a School of Nursing within the College of Health Professions.

New degree programs and majors in relevant disciplines continue to be regularly added to the curriculum throughout all five colleges. The University now boasts doctoral programs in both physical therapy and nursing practice and is planning to launch doctorates in education and business administration for fall 2014. Recent additions include new graduate programs in advanced orthopaedic physical therapy, speech-language pathology, human resources management and more.

SHU also supports ever-widening outreach to the community. For instance, the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, which has earned the personal endorsement of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, has become a global leader in fostering inter-religious dialogue.

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founders as a leader in community service. Special projects for which the University has become known include immersion experiences in the City of Bridgeport such as Community Connections and CURTIS Week; the ONE Campus Challenge that engaged more than 160 members of the SHU community in fighting global poverty; Habitat for Humanity, deemed one of the top five campus chapters in the country; and the University's longstanding practice of spending alternative spring breaks among the needy in the Deep South and in El Salvador. Last year, the spring mission trips were expanded to include Costa Rica and Guatemala. In all, nearly two-thirds of the University's undergraduates participate in regular community service, which has led to the donation of between 45,000 and 55,000 service hours annually. SHU's student-athletes have received the NEC Building Communities Award in each of the first three years since its inception. The award is designed to recognize the institution that demonstrates the highest dedication to making an impact in the community.

SHU continues to expand its presence in Stamford, launching new graduate degree programs and additional courses, moving

into new classroom space in the center of the city and increasing its involvement and outreach within the Metro- and Stamford-area region and business communities. The new Stamford Graduate Center at Landmark Square, within walking distance of the city's Transportation Center, now offers students access to the kinds of programs traditionally available only at its main campus in Fairfield.

Last but not least, our athletic program has become a serious contender on every level. Since earning Division I status, SHU's athletic teams have set a high standard of excellence in the NEC, winning five straight Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cups before a close loss this past year.

ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE

WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR SACRED HEART?

"The new graduate programs are a superb example of Sacred Heart's continued dedication to innovation, responsiveness to changing marketplace demands and efforts to creatively meet students' educational needs," says John Chalykoff, dean of the John F. Welch College of Business.

In the future, the College will be focused on growing new programs and strengthening existing ones, as well as expanding global awareness for all students. Beginning this fall, for example, the College of Business began offering master's degree programs in digital marketing and human resource management. "We're currently developing master's programs in accounting, quantitative finance and health management to round out our graduate offerings," Chalykoff adds.

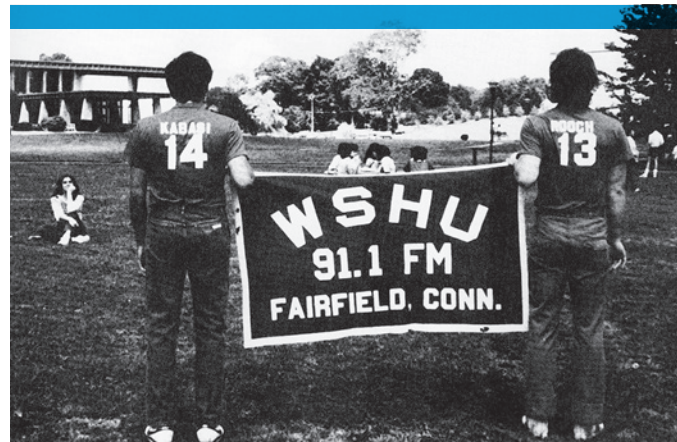
For undergraduates, Sacred Heart is building on its signature Welch experience by developing learning labs in each of the College's majors. These are capstone experiences where students work on consulting projects with the University's corporate partners. In addition, all students will be guaranteed a global experience over the next few years, working on joint projects with teams from partner universities around the world. The first such experience is currently taking place with the University of Bangkok.

All of the University's Colleges are expecting a similar rate of growth in the near future.

University College continues to address the academic needs of the 21st-century student. As one of the founding colleges at Sacred Heart, University College stays true to its mission by serving adult learners from the surrounding communities. Visiting students, transfers from the local community college, veterans in the Yellow Ribbon program and students looking to complete degrees they started elsewhere are advised and supported toward graduation. In addition, two academic programs, Upward Bound and Horizons,



1983-1992



1983
Students relax in the SHU Pub, "Chubby's," named for longtime and beloved SHU employee John "Chubby" Katona.

1984
Seniors celebrate with skit night during Senior Week.

1985
SHU's Division II men's basketball team, led by Coach Dave Bike, celebrates its NCAA National Championship.

1986
Spirited students catch the SHU Flu.

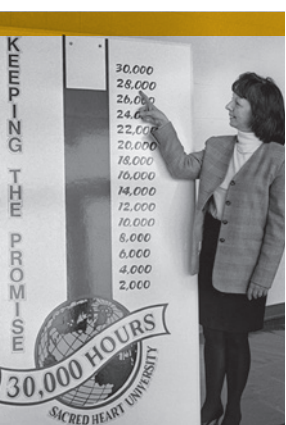
1987
Dean John Croffy with students.

1984
Students hold up a WSHU banner in the quad. This is the year that WSHU became a member of National Public Radio.

1986
Senior week.

1992
Jefferson Hill, later renamed Scholars Commons, the first on-campus residence hall, opens.

1993-2002



1993

The "30,000 Hours Project" celebrated SHU's commitment to volunteerism on the University's 30th anniversary.

1993

Students watch construction of South Residence Hall, completed in 1993, later renamed Seton Hall.

1995

Plans are announced for the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center—the building is completed in 1997. From left, James Lyddy, vice president for Institutional Advancement, William Pitt and Bishop Edward Egan were on hand for the announcement.

1997

Pitt Center construction.

1997

Students serve at the traditional Midnight Breakfast during finals week.

2000

East Hall is completed. The name changes to Angelo Roncalli Hall in 2006.

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are continuing to address the achievement gap in Bridgeport. The changing demographic makeup of the state is addressed by the newly accredited English Language Institute. Both classroom and online initiatives are serving the needs of international students and non-native speakers of English.

The transition from an undergraduate campus to the new Graduate Center at Landmark Square in Stamford offers opportunities for graduate programming and accessibility for students who live and work in lower Fairfield County. The excitement around an urban campus setting and the proximity to NYC provide faculty and students with many resources to complement their studies. Partnerships with the City of Stamford include the Civility Lecture series, the Vita project, Downtown Special Services, the Ferguson Library and the Innovation Center, to name a few.

SHU's online opportunities have seen significant growth (433 percent over three years) in three fully deliverable online programs. The engagement of students and faculty in other regions of the country has expanded the University's footprint and perspective. The future holds many challenges in online pedagogy, blended classes and digital learning, but we are creating the infrastructure to support faculty, students and staff in meeting this demand.

"We are continuing to maintain the high quality of our existing programs and looking to the future. We are establishing new programs to meet the needs of our own students and the students of Connecticut," says James Carl, dean of the Isabelle Farrington College of Education. He says the College's signature program lies in doctoral studies. "Set to launch in the fall of 2014, our first cohort of doctoral students will have the programs they need to study for the role of school superintendent. This dynamic program will offer internships in Connecticut school districts and the research and analytical tools that will enable students to write effective dissertations that will have an immediate impact in the districts where they will lead," he says.

Other new programs that are being developed in the College of Education include an endorsement program in special education—a growing and high-demand field—and art education for K-12. In an effort to offer programs that meet the needs of working adults, many programs now have online components. "This gives students the flexibility of taking some courses face-to-face, in a blended format or entirely online. In addition, we offer students the opportunity to take weekend-only courses," Carl says.

The College of Health Professions is living up to its mission of developing women and men who demonstrate intellectual and professional integrity, who value compassionate service to others and who take leading roles in communities, governed by spiritual and moral values, by expanding existing programs and launching

new programs to meet the growing need for primary care, public health, fitness and rehabilitation services, says Patricia Walker, dean of the College. The College delivers offerings ranging from baccalaureate programs for persons entering or advancing in careers to doctoral programs that prepare graduates for leadership roles in complex health systems challenged to provide affordable, evidence-based, quality care to diverse populations.

New program offerings include graduate programs in exercise science and nutrition, health care informatics and a doctorate of nursing practice. Graduate programs in the planning stages include speech-language pathology to be launched for fall 2014 and physician assistant studies planned for 2016. Inter-professional global study and service are focus areas for the future in collaboration with clinical and educational partners. "Due to health care reform, technological advances, the growing need for primary care practitioners and our goal for a healthier nation, the demand for health care professionals and administrators who can deliver quality care more efficiently will be here for some time to come," Walker adds.

At the very core of the undergraduate curriculum are the new first-year seminars focused on students not only having specific outcomes in writing and literacy, but in engagement and learning in the liberal arts. "Our intent is to build a vibrant intellectual community around ideas through these seminars," says Seamus Carey, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

In the past three years, the College of Arts & Sciences has introduced four new graduate programs that are currently gaining steam. These include a master's degree in communications, another in film and television production and a third in sports communication. There is also a new program leading to a master's degree in environmental sciences being run through the Biology Department and conducted in partnership with the aquarium in Dingle, Ireland. The Dingle aquarium will offer internships to students interested in working abroad.

Still, despite all the changes afoot, Carey notes that a Sacred Heart University education remains true to the vision of our founders 50 years ago and will be fundamentally the same 50 years from now.

"Yes, there may be more varied ways to acquire knowledge online and with new technologies in the future," he says, "but I don't think we'll ever waver from our commitment to the value of face-to-face conversations about ideas between students and professors. Learning is essentially a process of self-understanding, so that you can take what you know and use it to make a stand in the world."



2003-2013



2009

The Chapel of the Holy Spirit is dedicated in September. The interior mosaics were completed in August 2008 by Father Marko Rupnik and his artists.

2011

A Habitat for Humanity spring break mission trip to Georgia in March.

2011

Ryan Matura Library renovations are completed for fall 2011.

2012

Freshman Induction.

2013

Ground is broken in May for the new John F. Welch College of Business and Communications building. From left are James T. Morley, chairman of SHU's board of trustees; President John J. Petillo; outgoing Student Government President Mia James; incoming Student Government President Lauren Kalil; Welch College of Business Dean John Chalykoff; College of Arts & Sciences Dean Seamus Carey and Provost Laura Niesen de Abruna.

2012

Pioneer Park Softball Stadium is completed in spring.

2012

The Linda E. McMahon Commons, named for SHU's trustee and benefactor, is completed in spring.



Colloquia Program Covers Wide Range of Topics, Issues

Students listen during "Reflecting on Sandy Hook: Trauma and Mental Health."

WHETHER IT'S HEARING FROM A FAVORITE AUTHOR, discussing current events or getting the facts about the issues that most concern young adults, Sacred Heart University's colloquia program has something for everyone. A colloquium is a scholarly exchange of ideas on topics and issues. An effective colloquium should be thought-provoking and invite a wide range of perspectives in an engaging and thoughtful conversation.

In 2007, Michelle Loris, professor and associate dean of SHU's College of Arts and Sciences, instituted The Human Journey Core and its complement—The Human Journey Colloquia Series—to engage students in learning beyond the classroom. "Our intention is to engage students in discussions of significant contemporary topics, themes and issues that respond to one of the core questions," she said. "We want them thinking, asking questions and engaged in intellectual conversation, and we want them immersed in a vibrant, intellectual environment."



Matt Cole and Edward Garrity of the Green SHUs.

An example of recent colloquia is the "Reflecting on Sandy Hook" series, which covered such topics as trauma and mental health, media response to tragic events and even the whereabouts of God when evil and suffering occur. The program gave students and other members of

the Sacred Heart and local communities an opportunity to reflect upon and share the emotions brought forth by the events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown on December 14, 2012. The series concluded in September with a discussion of the Second Amendment.

"I liked all the ideas discussed in the Sandy Hook series. Contributing to the discussion was so important. This topic hit close to home," said Elizabeth Bennett '14 who hails from Fairbanks, Alaska.

"The Colloquia Series is unique because it is so closely tied to The Human Journey Common Core, which has gained national recognition," Loris noted. A variety of colloquia are offered throughout the year, including dramatic readings, film discussions, outside speakers and multidisciplinary, faculty-driven presentations. Some of the subjects covered in the past year have included human rights violations, suicide prevention and date violence. The colloquia often have intriguing titles to go along with the fascinating topics. Consider "Zombies, Souls and Fear of the Flesh," "Plastic Planet" or "Meet Your Meat."

Recently, student-driven colloquia have become very popular. "For the past three years, every semester I will have students come up to me and ask if they can present a colloquium," Loris commented. Topics the students have presented include discrimination and prejudice and returning to the classroom with PTSD. The environmental club, Green SHUs, put together a series on the environment that included presentations on plastic and water usage.

Students in the core are required to attend two colloquia each semester, but many students attend more because of the variety of interesting topics. The presentations are also open to University faculty and staff and guests from neighboring communities.

Sacred Heart to Introduce

New Graduate Programs

Sacred Heart continues to expand the programs offered to meet the growing and changing needs of the marketplace. “Some institutions are happy to stick with the status quo,” notes Laura Niesen de Abruna, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. “At Sacred Heart, we have always been pioneers, and we are committed to providing the programs that will best fill the needs of our students as they leave us to go out into the world. We have an extremely entrepreneurial and creative faculty who are willing to go above and beyond to provide our students with the greatest opportunities and the most innovative educational experience possible. Our new programs are tangible proof of that.” New programs include doctorates in education and business administration and master’s programs in accounting and sports communication and media. All four are planned for next fall.

NEW!

Master’s Program in Accounting

The new master’s program in accounting is designed to meet the needs of students who are preparing for the CPA Exam.

“Students need 150 credits to qualify for the CPA Exam, so we have had students ask for the fifth year to prepare them for the exam,” says Barbara Tarasovich, professor of Accounting and Information Systems and director of the new master’s in accounting program. “This program will allow incoming freshmen to prepare for the five-year program as soon as they

arrive at Sacred Heart and will enable them to begin their professional careers more quickly.”

The five-year program will combine a bachelor’s and master’s degree in accounting. Students with degrees from other colleges or in other disciplines can apply for the one-year master’s program.

The program will offer two concentrations—forensic accounting and international accounting. The forensic accounting concentration will teach students to apply forensic accounting principles in complex financial transactions, such as mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcies and contract disputes. The international accounting concentration responds to a growing demand for international rules as a result of the globalization of business. Students will learn about the latest activities of the International Accounting Standards Board. “These concentrations are not widely available, which should make Sacred Heart’s program appealing to potential students,” Tarasovich says.

SHU’s 30-credit master’s in accounting program is designed to be completed in one year. The courses will be offered in a trimester schedule with most classes held online in conjunction with monthly Saturday seminars.

Courses include financial accounting theory and practice, advanced issues in management accounting, federal taxation, contemporary issues in auditing and more. Courses will be taught by established scholars in accounting—some of whom have life experience in the business world. In addition, experts will serve as guest speakers on current and developing accounting topics. SHU expects to roll out the program for the fall of 2014.





Master of Arts in Sports Communication and Media

“CPA firms hired more than 40,000 new accounting graduates in 2012. The demand for qualified accounting graduates is at an all-time high, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants survey indicates that nearly 90 percent of public accounting firms estimate that they will maintain or increase the number of graduates hired in the future,” Tarasovich says. “All signs indicate that this is the right time to add a master’s in accounting program.”



Doctorate of Business Administration

NEW!

Master of Arts in Sports Communication and Media

The new master’s degree in sports communication and media will prepare students for the myriad responsibilities and required skill sets of sports media professionals in the 2010s.

The new program will take advantage of the professional experience of several existing communication and media studies faculty members, including Andrew Miller, who worked in Los Angeles in film and production; Brian Thorne, who works with the Golf Channel, NFL Films and Major League Baseball; and Paul Pabst, executive producer of DirecTV’s *The Dan Patrick Show*.

“Sports media has seen incredible growth, and the industry is still growing even more,” says Miller, director of the new program and associate professor in SHU’s Department of Communication and Media Studies. “It’s gone from about \$90 billion annually in 1989 to close to \$250 billion in 2010. With its ideal location in the geographic center of the sports media industry, the sports communication and media graduate program will be able to offer a unique educational experience that will prepare students for fantastic opportunities in this growing industry.”

The Connecticut area is home to several large sports media entities, including ESPN in Bristol; WWE, NBC Sports and the YES Network in Stamford; *Golf Digest* magazine in Wilton; *The Dan Patrick Show* in Milford; and the U.S. Tennis Association in nearby White Plains, N.Y. Additionally, New York City, less than 60 miles from SHU’s Fairfield campus, is a hotbed of sports media, advertising and public relations companies—including CBS Sports, HBO Sports and Showtime Sports—giving students a wide field for internship and employment opportunities.

“No school in the country is in a better position location-wise to embrace a sports media major and master’s degree,” says Pabst. “SHU is directly in the middle of the hub of sports media in our country. Also, the timing of NBC, CBS and FOX starting 24-hour sports networks to compete with ESPN—all stationed less than an hour away—means that there is no better time to establish SHU as the place to go to school for sports media. Our students can study just down the road from all these sports media outlets. That isn’t the case at Syracuse, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana and the other top sports media schools.”

Pabst will serve as the program’s professional development coordinator, maintaining relationships with area sports media companies to develop opportunities for internships and job openings.

Students in the program will also have opportunities to work with SHU’s Division I Athletics Communications department, including Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Bobby Valentine, and on a University-produced Connecticut sports television show to be broadcast on a network to be announced soon.

The master’s degree will consist of 36 credits that can be earned in one or two years by full- and part-time students. The courses—such as sports communication in the digital age, studio sports broadcasting and sports communication and social media—will be offered in eight-week modules.

The master’s degree is a natural complement to the University’s recently announced new communication studies major with concentrations in advertising media/public relations and sports media that launched in the fall of 2013.

BREAKING NEWS

Human Resources Master's Program Aligns with SHRM Guidelines

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) has announced that Sacred Heart University's master's in human resource management program successfully aligns with the SHRM Curriculum Guidebook and Templates. SHU is one of only two universities in Connecticut to hold that distinction.



NEW!

Doctorate of Business Administration Program

The 45-credit doctorate of business administration program was licensed by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education in August and will commence with an initial cohort of 10. Applications are currently being accepted. Coursework will require two years in the classroom followed by one year for researching and writing a dissertation.

"This new program is an applied research doctorate, so we will be working on real-world cases and data," says Lucjan T. Orłowski, professor and chair of the Department of Economics and Finance. "The structure will allow participants to develop practical, specialized knowledge for advancing their careers in the field of finance—not only at financial but also other business institutions."

Orłowski notes that outside of the core curriculum, the program will be highly personalized, leading to a specialized dissertation research project aligned with participants' individual interests and career aspirations as well as today's business world demands. "We envision that this degree will appeal to finance and business executives who have been in the business world for a while and are seeking to advance their careers," he says. There is also a bridge program for those wishing to move from business to academia in the future.

The program will include field seminars, customized for participants, in the areas of fixed income securities, investments, micro-market structure, derivative securities, international finance and portfolio management.

"Our goal is to provide advanced, quantitative skills for applied financial research and analysis by teaching participants the most up-to-date, state-of-the-art quantitative methods," Orłowski says. "We are also focusing on financial risk assessment and management—skills that are in high demand in today's complex business environment."

"The DBA program is yet another example of the Welch College of Business' dedication to ongoing curricula development. We have an extremely entrepreneurial faculty who are in touch with the needs of the job market in the business world and are focused on providing our students with the programs they will need to be successful in the marketplace," says John Chalykoff, dean of the College.

NEW!

Doctorate of Education

Sacred Heart's doctorate of education (Ed.D.) program will also culminate in a Connecticut 093 certification for school superintendence. The two-and-a-half-year program is interdisciplinary, a collaboration between SHU's Isabelle Farrington College of Education and the John F. Welch College of Business.

"Part of the impetus for creating this great new program was demand among graduates of the certificate of advanced study in educational leadership, and part of it was to capitalize on our fantastic faculty that teaches in the educational leadership program," says James Carl, dean of the College of Education. "We have a great team of expert educators that includes former school superintendents, former principals and others with up-to-date credentials and leadership skills who will be mentoring students." Sacred Heart University is the number one preparer of school principals both in terms of the quality of the program and in the outstanding passage rate when taking the Connecticut Administrator Test.

The College of Education is also expanding its faculty in the educational leadership program. Michael Barbour, formerly of Detroit's Wayne State University, was hired in July to head the new program as director of doctoral studies, to be followed soon by a new professor of educational leadership focused on quantitative research methods.

Carl says the degree will prepare candidates to assume leadership positions as school superintendents and in education management organizations. "The doctorate is also useful for school principals in terms of both making them more competitive in the job market and giving them the skills they need to excel in their current roles," he says.

One innovative part of the program is that it will include three doctoral dissertation seminars to assist students through the process of completing their degree and certification. "These seminars provide a seasoned professor to help students develop their dissertation chapters and ensure successful completion of the program. They serve as mentors in both research and writing," Carl says. "This new doctoral program promises to build on our outstanding network of educational administrators in Connecticut and throughout the Northeast."



Gregory Viggiano



Nathan Lewis



Enda McGovern



Nicole Roy



Jing'an Tang

2013 Tenured Faculty Announced

THE UNIVERSITY REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE when the Board of Trustees awarded tenure to six faculty members in 2013. Congratulations to:

Joseph Audie, assistant professor of biochemistry. Audie graduated with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Hofstra University, a master's in biomedical engineering from the University of Connecticut and a doctorate in biophysics from SUNY at Stony Brook. Audie's area of specialization is protein biophysics and the relationship between protein-protein and protein-peptide. His interests are reflected in his publications on rationalizing, calculating and predicting protein-protein bonding affinities.

Nathan Lewis, assistant professor of art. Lewis received his M.F.A. in painting from Tufts University and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and his B.F.A. in drawing and painting from Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts in Old Lyme. Lewis has also studied at the Florence Academy of Art in Italy and independently in St. Petersburg, Russia. Lewis has exhibited work worldwide and been reviewed in newspapers and magazines.

Enda McGovern, associate professor of marketing. McGovern holds a civil engineering degree and a master's in business administration and obtained his doctorate from Brunel University in London. McGovern regularly teaches principles of marketing and international marketing. His research includes commuter behavior and its role in travel demand management and engaging a greater role for social marketing in persuading commuters to consider alternative modes of transport. He recently published an article on social marketing strategy for a U.S.-based nonprofit in the *Journal of Case Studies*.

Nicole Marie Roy, associate professor of biology and the co-adviser of the pre-health program. Roy completed her bachelor's degree in chemistry at Assumption College, earned a doctorate in pharmacology and molecular toxicology at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, completed her postdoctoral work at Phylonix Pharmaceuticals in Boston and her postdoctoral fellowship at Duke University Medical Center. Roy studies the effects of environmental toxins or pharmaceuticals on the developing fetal nervous system, and her studies have resulted in a long list of nationwide presentations and publications.

Jing'an Tang, assistant professor of management. Tang received a bachelor's degree in economics from Renmin (People's) University of China, a master's in business administration from the University of Maryland and a doctorate in business administration from the University of Western Ontario. Tang teaches a variety of upper-level business classes to both undergraduate and graduate students. In 2008, he received the Faculty Excellence Award, University College. His research is focused on international strategy, foreign peer networks and MNE performance, and his articles have been published around the world in scholarly journals.

Gregory Francis Viggiano, associate professor of history. Viggiano holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and economics from the University of Montana at Missoula, a master's in classics from the University of Texas at Austin and a doctorate in classical philology from Yale University. His research interests include Greek and Roman history and historiography, Greek law and classical Greek and Latin literature. His latest publication focused on ancient Greek warfare, *Men of Bronze: Hoplite Warfare in Ancient Greece* (Princeton, 2013).

(Not included in photos is Joseph Audie.)



Damon Maulucci

Professor Damon Maulucci's Film Lauded on the Festival Circuit

"Any time you make a movie, you learn something. Every single day." So says writer/director/producer—and co-founder of Sacred Heart University's film and television master's program—Damon Maulucci, whose first narrative feature, *Detonator*, made its New York City premiere at the Brooklyn Film Festival to terrific acclaim.

Deemed one of "Brooklyn's Best" by the *Wall Street Journal* and "one of the strongest pictures at the fest" by the *Village Voice*, *Detonator* follows Sully (Lawrence Levine) on an all-night odyssey through the underground punk music scene of Philadelphia. Filmed entirely on location, the film has been called "the discovery of the festival" by *Filmmaker* magazine. *Rogue Cinema* praised the film as "a fine dramatic piece, with an excellent story, utterly authentic acting, with a superior score."

Beauvais Receives the 2013 Ruth M. Olson Excellence in Nursing Education Award



Audrey Beauvais receives the 2013 Ruth M. Olson Excellence in Nursing Education Award from Jane Murdock, treasurer for the Connecticut League of Nursing.

Nursing Professor Audrey Beauvais received the 2013 Ruth M. Olson Excellence in Nursing Education Award from Jane Murdock, treasurer of the Connecticut League for Nursing, during its 24th Annual Nursing Leadership Convention at St. Clements Castle in Portland. The June 7 convention focused on encouraging nurses statewide to utilize their expertise, talents and in-depth understanding of patient-centered care to positively impact the health of Connecticut residents.

Each year, awards are given to nursing leaders who have contributed significantly to the profession. Beauvais, the director of the undergraduate nursing program and an assistant professor at Sacred Heart University, also coordinates the Patient Care Service Administration master's track. ☞



Professor Yvette Blanchard Receives Fulbright Award



Yvette Blanchard

Talk to the faculty at any university and you will hear what an awesome responsibility it is to shape young minds. There are only a handful, however, who can claim to shape some of the youngest minds on the planet.

Professor Yvette Blanchard—Sacred Heart University's most recent Fulbright Specialist recipient—can make those claims. Specializing in neurobehavioral assessment, Blanchard, who teaches in the physical therapy program at SHU and is one of only nine physical therapists to receive a Fulbright, works with premature and high-risk infants. Now her Fulbright Specialist Award will allow her to travel to Norway twice over the next academic year to the University of Tromsø, where she will present lectures to undergraduates and medical students. Additionally, she will serve as a mentor to their faculty and help develop academic curricula and educational materials. ☞

Provost's Article Accepted for Publication in Deans' Handbook



Provost Laura Niesen de Abruna

The American Council of Academic Deans' Handbook has accepted an article by Laura Niesen de Abruna, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, for publication.

Entitled "Working as an Academic Team," the article closely examines communication strategies that can help an academic team achieve the most influence in a university setting.

Love of Horses Inspires Professor

Associate Professor Debbie Danowski's book *Why Can't My Child Stop Eating?* was released earlier this summer. A portion of the proceeds from the book, which is a guide to helping parents understand and overcome emotional overeating in their children, will be donated to the Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines (H.O.R.S.E.) of Connecticut, where Danowski is a volunteer. ☞

Professor Debbie Danowski at her home in Winsted with two of the three horses she adopted from H.O.R.S.E. of Connecticut.

Higgins Receives Merton Society's Louie Award and New York Festivals International Radio Competition's Gold Medal



Kathleen Deignan, CND, presented a 2013 Louie Award to Michael W. Higgins during the Thomas Merton Society conference in June.

It was an embarrassment of riches recently for Michael W. Higgins, vice president for Mission and Catholic Identity, when he received two prestigious honors in less than a week—the International Thomas Merton Society's Louie Award for International Contributions and the New York Festivals International Radio Competition's Gold Medal.

The Louie Award honors the name that Thomas Merton took for religious purposes—that of Saint Louis de France (King Louis IX). The award recognizes those involved in research, scholarship and administration related to Thomas Merton. Higgins was on his home turf when the award was announced, as the 13th General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society took place at Sacred Heart University June 12–16. Higgins was also elected vice president of the Society and will be working on commemorating the 100th anniversary of Thomas Merton's birth, which will be celebrated at the 14th General Meeting of the Society in Louisville, Ky., in two years.

Higgins was equally gratified to learn that his radio series, *Genius Born of Anguish: The Life and Legacy of Henri Nouwen*, was the Gold Medal winner for the World's Best Radio Programs in the Documentary/Religious Program category. The series was produced by Bernie Lucht and Kevin Burns and written and presented by Higgins. It aired earlier this year on CBC Radio 1 and Sirius Satellite Channel 159. It can be heard at www.cbc.ca. ☞

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**Assistant
Director of
Graduate
Admissions
Elected Vice
President of
NEGAP**

Ariana Balayan, assistant director of Graduate Admissions, was elected as vice president of NEGAP, the New England Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals. She will serve a two-year term on the board. Balayan previously served the organization as chair of the professional development committee.



From left are Professor Mary Treschitta, student Mary Disciullo, Professor David Bloom, student Danielle D'Onofrio, Professor Jon Walker, Newtown Scholarship Association Awards Committee Chair Stephanie Gaston, Executive Director of Student Financial Assistance and President of the Newtown Scholarship Association Julie Savino and Professor Stephen Scarpati.

Student T-Shirts Raise Funds for Newtown Scholarship Fund

In the wake of the Newtown tragedy, students searched for ways to help the struggling community. From special tributes during band and chorus concerts and a Newtown community day hosted by the Athletics Department to the campaign to collect 100,000 straws representing the number of shooting victims each year, the ideas were creative and varied.

It only seemed natural that a student-run T-shirt business already in the works would choose a Newtown-themed T-shirt for its premiere. Under the name Heartfelt Designs, a passionate group of students and faculty

took action, developing a shirt where all proceeds would be given to the Newtown Scholarship Association's Sandy Hook Elementary School Memorial Scholarship Fund.

With the help of Jackie Carbonetto, a SHU student majoring in marketing and economics with a concentration in fashion marketing, the shirt's message was developed by SHU alumnus Jay Roeder. Heartfelt Designs recently presented a check for \$4,400 to the Sandy Hook Elementary School Memorial Scholarship Fund. ☺

SHU Partners with Bridgeport Schools for Internship Program

Sacred Heart University has been offering an internship program for students in the Isabelle Farrington College of Education for about 27 years. Now that program is about to expand, as Bridgeport Public Schools partner with Sacred Heart in the Five-Year Program, a grant program providing scholarships to qualifying undergraduate education candidates in their sophomore year. The program adds seven courses above degree requirements toward initial teacher certification during the students' junior and senior years, and during their fifth year, they will complete their master's degree in teaching. Also during the fifth year, candidates will serve as interns in Bridgeport Public Schools. ☺



Education Professor Karen Waters and student Chris Oburchay work with a Bridgeport student.



Freshman Adyel Duran and team leader Kelly Simpson cleaned up the property around St. Margaret's Shrine in Bridgeport as part of Community Connections in August.

Learning to Serve Others: Incoming Freshmen Take Part in Community Connections

Deeply rooted in its commitment to serving others, each year Sacred Heart University offers incoming freshman students the opportunity to take part in its renowned service immersion program called Community Connections. This year the program took place August 16–23, and 48 new students took advantage of it—the largest group in the program's history.

Along with 15 peer leaders and several faculty and staff members, the students resided at St. Charles Catholic Urban Center in Bridgeport, where they built homes for Habitat for Humanity, served at soup kitchens and food pantries and engaged with urban children and parents.

Community Connections is the first taste of volunteering for some students. Freshman Kevin Rivera said the program was an eye-opening experience that offered his first-ever visit to a soup kitchen. “Not only did we prepare their meal, but we also ate with them and learned their stories,” he said. “I met a man there who was from the same place I am—Trumbull—and I learned how he got involved in drugs and in trouble, but he also told me he's recovering. Growing up, you hear about the high crime in Bridgeport, but what I learned is that there are a lot of nice people who live there and want to do better and are working to improve their lives.” Rivera also appreciated the chance to meet and bond with new friends and said the experience has motivated him to continue serving the community.

In addition to service activities, the students also attended a Spanish Mass, took in a Bluefish game, had an authentic Puerto Rican meal and learned to salsa dance. They learned about Bridgeport's rich history and its scores of different cultures and neighborhoods. Additionally, each night students had the opportunity for reflection as a group, where they shared what they had gleaned from the day's experiences.

Participants in Community Connections also got a sobering look at the hard realities of life and the difficulties of obtaining one of life's most basic

necessities—housing. “We worked alongside a family who was building their Habitat for Humanity home and heard how one day they were renting an apartment in Bridgeport, and then they were suddenly homeless because the apartment they were renting had gone into bank foreclosure and they were forced out,” said Teresa Pachelli of Ramsey, N.J. “It was sad, but we also saw how grateful they are that they have been given a second chance by getting a new home. Seeing that and so many other things this week made me grateful for what I have been given.”

Other components of the program were “To Tell the Truth” and “Immigrant Family Panel Reflection.” In the former, participants listened to a panel of four people and tried to determine which was a convicted felon. The latter was a panel where immigrant families shared their stories.

During this year's Community Connections, the students also introduced a new partnership between Sacred Heart University and Bridgeport's North End. The partnership aims to promote and encourage a stronger relationship with residents of that area, many of whom reside close to some of Sacred Heart's buildings. The goal is to encourage North End residents to visit SHU (residents receive discounted prices for on-campus events) and to identify service programs and projects for students—including providing help, such as yard work, to residents who need it. The program's first project was cleanup at a school ball field.

Michelle Lyons, who serves on the Bridgeport City Council and was instrumental in developing the program, was pleased to see the students distributing information about the partnership to neighbors in the North End. “The partnership will bring stability and unity to the area,” said Lyons. “I believe it gives the students a stronger sense of commitment to their neighbors. It is positive for all of us—for Sacred Heart and for residents of the North End.” ☺

GE Foundation Grant Awarded to Deserving Scholars

Sacred Heart University will receive \$150,000 over the next three years from the GE Foundation for the GE Scholars Program. This generous gift will allow six minority scholars to receive an annual award of \$3,500. The University most recently received \$50,000 for the 2013–2014 academic year.

“I feel especially honored that for nearly 20 years, the GE Foundation has continued its support of our outstanding students and their pursuit of academic and professional goals and personal growth,” said Virginia Stephens, director of the Scholars Program.

The program includes a variety of workshops on leadership and careers, along with field trips to arts events. Recipients are also required to perform 30 hours of community service each semester. “They’re getting the benefit of this program, but they’re also giving back to Sacred Heart and to the expanded community,” Stephens explained. She said the financial and other support has created “a very high retention rate. They stay in the program, graduate on time and in a couple of instances graduate early.”

The GE Foundation operates internationally and determines award recipients by a selective, step-by-step process that involves research, outreach, selection, proposal, review, launch, monitor, action, measurement and

leverage. The GE Foundation Scholars Program at Sacred Heart began in 1994 with the generous support of the General Electric Foundation. The program provides scholarship, retention and enrichment support for academically talented minority students with a demonstrated interest in science, mathematics, information technology or one of the quantitative business disciplines (accounting, economics or finance).

For 18 students each year, the program provides more affordable access to higher education and the support system needed to ensure degree completion and preparedness for challenging graduate study and productive careers. In addition to financial support, GE Foundation Scholars receive academic, social and career counseling; engage in a variety of cultural enrichment activities to enhance their growth and University experience; and participate in community service and volunteer projects. ☞



GE Foundation

School of Nursing Receives Grant from the Paul L. Jones Trust Fund

Sacred Heart University’s School of Nursing recently received a grant from the Paul L. Jones Trust Fund to support graduate nursing students enrolled in the nursing practice doctorate program (DNP). The \$30,000 grant, designated for scholarship support, will be distributed to students coming into the DNP program over the next three academic years.

“This funding will offset the costs of tuition, books and supplies for DNP students with a GPA of 3.5 or above who demonstrate financial need while pursuing their degree. The DNP degree represents the attainment of the highest level of preparation in advanced clinical nursing practice,” noted Susan DeNisco, interim director of the School of Nursing.

The nursing practice doctorate was adopted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in response to a number of societal, scientific and professional developments. Among these, the nursing shortage and the crisis in the health-care system have collectively called for a major paradigm shift that will empower advanced practice clinicians, nurse educators and leaders to respond to these evolving changes, DeNisco added.

The program infuses practice-focused doctoral education with innovation, practical clinical research and scholarship. It is designed to serve academically talented nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse executives and nurse educators. As a hybrid program, it blends on-campus residency experiences with online classes and discussions. It is also a clinical doctorate, which requires the completion of a practice-based dissertation that focuses on clinical nursing practice.

“Sacred Heart’s DNP program prepares nurses for advanced roles in teaching, clinical practice and executive leadership. We graduated our first cohort of students this past May, and it was exciting to see the significant



Doctor of Nursing Practice graduate and adjunct faculty member Dorothea Esposito in the Nursing Lab.

growth and accomplishments of the graduates, both while earning their degree and upon graduation,” DeNisco said. “Our students are highly accomplished leaders in their health-care organizations and specialty fields. This funding will assist many of the students to continue to disseminate their knowledge in their respective fields through peer-reviewed publications and presentations.”

This is the first time Sacred Heart has received funding from the Paul L. Jones Trust Fund. It will help prepare an educated nurse workforce that will influence better patient outcomes at multiple levels of health care and will also prepare the next generation of nurse educators. ☞



Bank of America Gives \$5,000 Grant

Sacred Heart University has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation for the Bank of America Scholars Program: A Mentoring & Retention Program for Low- to Moderate-Income Undergraduate Students. This follows a \$15,000 grant from the bank last year.

“We would like to thank Bank of America for its continued support of Sacred Heart University,” said President John J. Petillo. “Helping individuals obtain the education and training they need for 21st-century jobs is critical to



Connecticut’s economic growth. That’s one reason we’re proud to partner with Bank of America to provide opportunities for our students to succeed.”

In 2012, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation gave more than \$2,785,632 to help local nonprofit community organizations develop and grow. ☺

Senior Wins Community Service Award from New England Patriots

Sacred Heart University student Taylor Filanowski '14 of Naugatuck was honored this summer with a community service award from the NFL’s New England Patriots.

Filanowski, a marketing major, volunteers regularly with Habitat for Humanity, Bridgeport-area soup kitchens, churches, schools and more. For her dedication to helping the less fortunate, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation awarded her a third-place prize in the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards.

“Taylor is a very focused student who is dedicated to civic education and to her leadership role at Sacred Heart, so I wasn’t surprised at all to hear she has earned this honor,” says Matthew Kaye, Sacred Heart’s director of Volunteer Programs and Service Learning. “Taylor winning this award validates our students’ engagement with the community. It exemplifies how seriously the University takes its mission and materializes it in our students’ actions.”

The award included \$5,000 for SHU’s Community Connections program. Community Connections, led by senior students, provides an introduction for incoming freshmen to various service opportunities in the surrounding community and increases students’ understanding of urban issues.

Filanowski has worked with Community Connections as a volunteer and as a work-study student since her freshman year. She considers the program her favorite part of attending Sacred Heart University.

“The opportunities that Sacred Heart has offered me to volunteer and just dive into service are pretty much why I’m at the school,” she says. “I do service with all of my friends at Sacred Heart. I work with Habitat because of Sacred Heart, and I got offered the award because of Sacred Heart, so I’m very thankful for all the opportunities that they’ve brought to me. Community service is a big part of the culture here.”

Filanowski took her friend, SHU senior biology major Nicole Mieczkowski, as a guest to the award ceremony at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. She credits Mieczkowski with getting her involved with community service. “Nicole constantly pushed me and supported me in trying all these new, different service opportunities,” Filanowski says. “I was so thankful that I had her to support me and to help get me where I am today.”

On hand to congratulate the award winners was Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft; New England Patriots Charitable Foundation President Joshua Kraft; Andre Tippett, pro football and Patriots hall of famer and Patriots executive director of Community Affairs; Patriots quarterback Tom Brady; kicker Stephen Gostkowski; punter Zoltan Mesko and defensive lineman Vince Wilfork.



Senior Taylor Filanowski with, from left, Hall of Famer Andre Tippett and current Patriots Vince Wilfork and Tom Brady.

The Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards honor individuals who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving their communities through volunteerism. Through the program, nonprofit organizations throughout New England have the opportunity to reward their hard-working volunteers for the invaluable time and support they provide to their communities. Myra Kraft, who passed away in 2011, was the wife of Robert Kraft. These awards were renamed in her honor, as Myra volunteered tirelessly throughout her life to support children and families around the world.

The New England Patriots Charitable Foundation is the nonprofit organization established by the Kraft family in 1994 to support charitable and philanthropic agencies throughout New England. ☺

SACRED 1963:

A History by Michael W. Higgins

In so many ways we *are* our past. That's why we remember. It is not possible to go forward until we have a key and secure sense of where we are from; it is not likely that we will flourish unless we have a grounding in the *shaping* moments of the past.

For those who care about Sacred Heart University, for those who are diligent in overseeing its progress, for those who have benefited from association with its programs, instructors and services, for those who have enabled the University to expand and deepen its educational mandate and for those who have watched admiringly as the University continues to refine and perfect its vision, 1963 is *the* year to remember.

The Backdrop: International Turmoil

Around the world, 1963 was a year of international tensions. The Cold War defined the political temperature with the Cuban Missile Crisis in October of the previous year. The aftershocks of fear and anxiety generated by the crisis would persist for decades to come. As the Vietnam War intensified, 1963 was also a year of major social and political turbulence in the United States, as well as a time of creative fecundity and new thinking.

The Second Vatican Council Convenes

Pope John XXIII's most influential encyclical, *Pacem in terris*, was issued less than three months before his death in 1963 and had a profound international impact; a bold plea to all men and women of good will, it was an eloquent and passionate call for global peace. His immense undertaking of work, the Second Vatican Council, first convened in 1962, would continue after his death thanks to his successor, Paul VI, who ensured that its work would be done.

This work included virtually reshaping the structure of the Church: decentralization of some decision making, strong support for the principle of collegiality, deep recognition of the importance of meaningful dialogue *within* the Church and *between* the Church and other religions, and internationalization of the Roman Curia, the central governing bureaucracy situated in the Vatican.

The Council, by the time it had concluded on December 8, 1965, produced 16 documents addressing everything from the role of divine revelation to the nature of Christian education. Of special significance coming out of the Council was the recovery and celebration of the unique gifts of the laity, a recognition of their common or universal priesthood by virtue of their baptism, their capacity for meaningful leadership in ecclesial life and a renewed emphasis on their sacramental gifts.

These documents have been received and implemented with varying degrees of success since the Council. Under Pope Francis there is special energy and determination to revive the spirit of the Council and to make every effort to fulfill the dreams of the Council Fathers.



Pope John XXIII holds Mass during the Council.

HEART UNIVERSITY

Walter Curtis and the Creation of Sacred Heart

One of the key players at the Council was Walter William Curtis, who was named Bishop of Bridgeport in 1961. The Council was a transformative experience for Curtis, who was swept up by the enthusiasm of a revitalized Church and eagerly applied the new understanding emanating from Rome in his own jurisdiction.

Curtis understood the need for accessible, affordable Catholic higher education for an emerging generation and grasped the importance of creating a culture in which the laity would assume serious leadership and be validated as co-partners in the critical ministry of education in the 20th century.

In his first year as Bishop of Bridgeport, Curtis had considered establishing a Catholic college in the diocese, and in 1962 he appointed a committee to formulate plans for just such an institution. Curtis served as the chair, and fully half of the remaining composition was lay. In addition to Curtis, there would be Msgr. John F. McGough, diocesan superintendent of schools; Msgr. James P. Devine, chancellor of the Diocese; James R. Kerr, president of AVCO Corporation; and Donald H. McGannon, president of Westinghouse Broadcasting Corporation.

While Curtis was in Rome that fall attending the first session of the Council, his committee resolved to create a Catholic college in the diocese, decided on its form and location and began their search for a lay president and administrative staff.

The committee's decision that the college would be coeducational, primarily liberal arts in its core curriculum and focus, located in the Diocese of Bridgeport and administered by laity all met with Curtis' approval. In addition, he insisted on two other conditions:

1. The name of the institution should be Sacred Heart (one of Curtis' appointments as a priest was at a church dedicated to the Sacred Heart, and he retained fond memories of both that pastoral charge and of the popular devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus).
2. Classes should commence within the year; that is, September 1963.

Curtis saw the new college as very much a Diocese of Bridgeport entity, responding to the needs of an expanding demographic, sensitive to the financial challenges facing the majority of his flock and conscious of the emergence of a confident Church, strengthened by a post-World War II immigrant influx from traditionally Catholic countries in Europe, and all demanding the social mobility enabled by higher education.



Bill Dean presents the official school seal to Bishop Curtis, Charter Night, 1963, with President Conley at left.

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His educational plan was driven by an acute pastoral sense grounded in Catholic social justice teaching. He was a pragmatist, a builder and a pastor, and he saw in the still embryonic college a response to a changing Church and changing society. As he adroitly observed in his prepared comments to the Hartford authorities regarding the granting of incorporation and charter, "We believe that Sacred Heart University arrives upon the educational scene at an opportune time. The President of the United States himself has stressed the rising tide of students headed toward the shores of colleges and universities and urges states and the nation to plan for this magnificent opportunity. With classes beginning September 1963, Sacred Heart University will absorb some of this tremendous tide, and as the years go on and the demand increases, will accept an increasing share of it."

Curtis recognized the timeliness of the new initiative and phrased his request in such a way as to underscore its national, regional and local value. It was in many ways a pioneering venture—cutting-edge, nifty and rooted in a careful discernment of what the Vatican Council called "the signs of the times." That pioneering impetus continues to define Sacred Heart's spirit to this very day.

The First Sacred Heart Triumvirate: Conley, O'Sullivan and Ready

The first president of Sacred Heart University, William Conley, was every bit as strong and persuasive an advocate as Curtis in his support of an egalitarian and open university concept. The first of the SHU Triumvirate, Conley, a career Catholic educationist, was the director of the Carnegie Study of Catholic Education and an educational assistant to the president of the Jesuit Marquette University in Milwaukee at the time of his appointment to Sacred Heart. His priorities in the spring of 1963 included recruiting faculty for the fledgling college, crafting policies, objectives and programs and publicly articulating Sacred Heart as a local iteration of the global Catholic higher education network.

Sacred Heart's second triumvir, Vice President and Dean Maurice J. O'Sullivan, was also an experienced Catholic educator: twice a graduate of Seton Hall University, he had served his alma mater as an associate professor of philosophy, a director of student teaching, a professor of education and an associate dean. In addition, he had extensive experience as a high school teacher and assistant superintendent in Jersey City's public school system.

O'Sullivan drew on that wealth of experience to help shape and direct Sacred Heart's opening year of operation, and he did so with a Hibernian flourish: he personally interviewed each of the 167 members of the first class; he counseled, planned and presided over their respective schedules; and he was fully engaged in many of the extra-academic functions of the University, including that of business manager, evening division coordinator and athletic director. He was the "go-to person" in this critical year of genesis, 1963.

The third triumvir was the Welsh-Irish scholar, historian and fiction writer William E. Ready, who was appointed the director of Libraries for the emerging University and whose achievements before arriving at Sacred Heart were impressive by any yardstick: variously an acquisitions librarian for Stanford University and director of Libraries at Marquette University prior to assuming responsibilities at Sacred Heart in 1963, he was also a writer, bibliographer, World War II veteran, art patron and a creative and doggedly resolute archivist who acquired many of the primary manuscripts and original archival materials of both J. R. R. Tolkien for Marquette and Bertrand Russell for McMaster University.



ABOVE Sacred Heart University's first president, William Conley; LEFT Maurice O'Sullivan, seated, and William E. Ready.

These three key players in the formative year of Sacred Heart's inception brought complementary skills to their shared task . . . They were the founding architects of the founder's vision, giving structure and direction to Bishop Curtis' initiative.

These three key players in the formative year of Sacred Heart's inception brought complementary skills to their shared task. William Conley brought his managerial competence, Maurice O'Sullivan his indefatigable energy and William Ready his intellectual pedigree to the common project of creating a vital and singular iteration of Catholic higher education in the United States. They were venturesome, committed, nervous, bold and tenacious. They were the founding architects of the founder's vision, giving structure and direction to Bishop Curtis' initiative.

The Catholic Mission and Identity of Sacred Heart University

Catholic colleges and universities have traditionally been under the patronage of religious orders that have sought to mediate the strength of their respective charisms or gifts through their educational enterprises. Without a sponsoring body or specifically ecclesiastical foundation with oversight, Sacred Heart from the outset needed to define itself as an independent Catholic institution. It did so through a mission integrally connected with the Gospel values of:

- *Hospitality*—openness to the contemporary world; a welcome attitude to the stranger; a nonjudgmental approach to diverse ways of thinking and being
- *Honesty*—critical posture in relation to ideas and people that commands transparency and respect
- *Humility*—a deep recognition of the provisionality, tentativeness and partiality of all our intellectual contributions

In the articulation of its mission as a university that is Catholic in inspiration and ethos, and in the framing of its curricular and pastoral programs wherein it is constitutively Catholic, Sacred Heart University consistently draws on the wisdom of John Henry Cardinal Newman and his seminal works on higher education: *Discourses on the Scope and Nature of University Education as Addressed to the Catholics of Dublin* (1852), *Office and Works of Universities* (1856) and *Lectures and Essays on University Subjects* (1859).

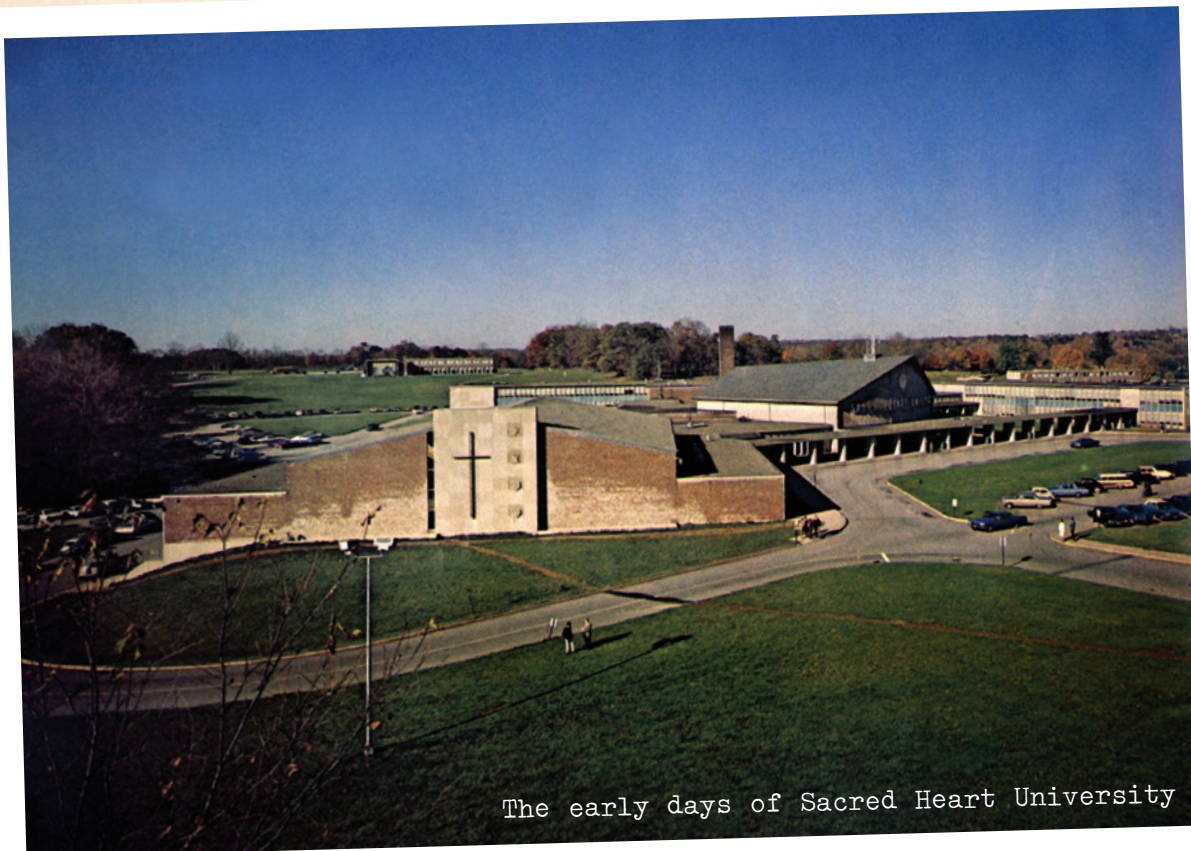
Although Newman was very much the Victorian thinker, many of his key concepts around the university remain cogent and pertinent. Sacred Heart recognizes, like Newman, that the university is for the enlargement of the sensibility, the cultivation of the mind and the uncompromised pursuit of intellectual excellence.

Faithful to its roots, Sacred Heart prizes the individual over the collective, intellectual curiosity over the commodification of learning, the creation of a wisdom culture that nurtures the mind, the spirit and the body—full personhood—over the hyper-specialization and stratification of a constricted worldview.

In this way, Sacred Heart is deeply connected with the Catholic intellectual life, a tradition that has morphed, mutated, evolved and expanded over the centuries and that is distinguished by its capacity for engagement with, and not withdrawal from, the challenges posed by history and by society.

Sacred Heart University, more now than even at its birth in 1963, is an intellectually polished partner in the larger Catholic higher education enterprise, a seasoned participant in the making of a civic and noble society and a credible witness to the perduring virtues of social justice, inclusivity and enlightened tolerance that speak to the strengths of a Catholic education.

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The early days of Sacred Heart University

Pioneer Spirit

FROM THE DESK OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Fifty years ago, Sacred Heart University was founded by Bishop Walter W. Curtis from the Diocese of Newark—just 20 minutes from where I was raised. The promise of an education rooted in faith that would prepare us all to be knowledgeable of self, compassionate in heart, educated in mind and able to respond to an ever-changing world has drawn over 34,000 alumni from near and far ever since. While there are many good options for colleges across the country and around the world, there was undoubtedly something special that called us all to Park Avenue.

That same something special is calling us all back again—this time for our jubilant celebration of Sacred Heart University’s 50th anniversary. In true Pioneer spirit, the events will feature something to awaken the memories from our time spent there. Whether it’s recalling the time our Pioneers won the I-AA National Football Championship, the first pledge class of your Greek organization or the first time you moved into South Hall—Sacred Heart’s first residence hall—now more than ever it’s time to set your GPS to take you back to where it all began. Revisit the place where the SHUBox was, see the banners celebrating the 1986 Division II Basketball Championship and wear your old Sacred Heart gear—because no matter what year you graduated, Pioneer Pride has ALWAYS run deep.

Join me as I make the journey back across the Tappan Zee Bridge and onto the Merritt Parkway to relive old memories with fellow alums and create new ones on the campus we all enjoyed so much. After all, Bishop Curtis made a similar trip, and when the destination is SHU, it’s never far from the Heart.

“... and wear your old Sacred Heart gear—because no matter what year you graduated, Pioneer Pride has ALWAYS run deep.”

Hail to SHU,

Cheryl Janus '01, '03 MAT



Pioneer Pride in and out of the classroom.



WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE OUR ALUMNI?

Katie Mulheran '08 and Katie Hall '06 proudly hold their pennant between the Pitons in St. Lucia.



ARE YOU PLANNING A VACATION, GOING ON A CRUISE OR TRAVELING OUT OF THE COUNTRY? WANT TO DISPLAY YOUR SHU PRIDE ON THE JOB? We want to spotlight you in our "Where in the World" feature. Just contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-365-7671 or alumni@sacredheart.edu, and we will send you a Sacred Heart University pennant to take on your trip or share at work. You can also visit <http://alumni.sacredheart.edu> and click on "Pioneer Pennant Program." All you have to do is send us back a high-resolution (ideally, 1MB or larger) photo of you and the pennant at your vacation destination or at your desk, and we will feature you in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

For additional information, visit www.tinyurl.com/alumniWITW

Emily Gillette '08, director of Alumni Relations at SHU, visits the Mer de Glace glacier in Chamonix, France.



Stephanie Blenner '13 poses in front of the Hollywood sign in Los Angeles, California, while on vacation with friends.



Continuing the Tradition: ALUMNI LEGACY FAMILIES

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST OF OUR THREE-PART SERIES AS WE LOOK THROUGH THE SCORES OF SACRED HEART graduates, revealing that many families have adopted the SHU tradition as their own, with siblings, cousins and children following in their predecessors' footsteps onto the Fairfield campus. These legacy families show how the University's community instills loyalty as contagious as it is strong. As we celebrate Sacred Heart's 50th anniversary, we also celebrate the families who are so much a part of our history.

The Levin Family



MARY ANNE AND GARY LEVIN

In the mid-1960s, Dayle Levin glanced around her English class and spotted fellow freshman John Cummings, who had just left the Air Force. It wasn't the last they'd see of each other. They graduated from the psychology program in 1969, married and began a SHU family tradition spanning three decades.

Dayle's brother, Gary Levin '78, graduated from SHU's business program, where he met the love of his life, Mary Anne Gerics '78. Mary Anne's brother, Gregory Gerics, graduated with an accounting degree in 1978; his sister, Joanne Gerics Lorys, completed her bachelor's degree in business in 1982 and her MBA in 1987.

It all started as a matter of proximity. "Sacred Heart gave us the opportunity to remain in the community and go to a University that provided a solid education," says Gary, originally from Orange and now president and CEO of Levin Financial Group in Tampa, Fla.

He recently revisited campus and was amazed by the changes. "It has become a very robust University. It's incred-

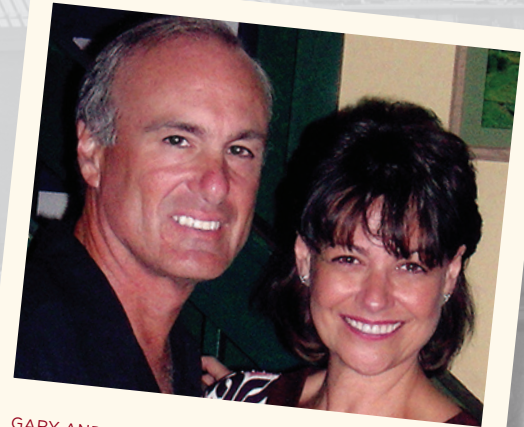
ible," he says. "But what's the same is that the students are just as proud of the school as we were back then. People are still wearing Sacred Heart shirts and other gear, displaying a great fondness for the school, and that rang a bell with me."

Structurally, Gary notes that almost the entire campus has changed, except one thing: "Going into the front of the school, it's the same hallway I used to enter every morning. Everything has grown around that."

Although Dayle hasn't been able to visit Sacred Heart for decades, she stays in touch. "My brother and sister-in-law keep me updated on what's going on, and I watch the tremendous growth by reading the magazine.

It makes me proud to see how SHU has grown and become well known."

Residing in a state a thousand miles away, Gary lost touch for a while, but he recently reconnected with SHU—even becoming a proud donor. "It's an easy thing to do because I really wanted to have that connection back in my life," he says. "This is our University. It will grow with or without us, but we wanted to give back something that was given to us."



GARY AND MARY ANNE LEVIN TODAY



DAYLE (LEVIN) CUMMINGS AND HUSBAND JACK, BOTH CLASS OF '69



JACK CUMMINGS '69



DAYLE (LEVIN) CUMMINGS '69

These legacy families show how the University's community instills loyalty as contagious as it is strong.



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FROM LEFT ARE BRIDGET O'HAGAN '12, ERIN O'HAGAN-AUCHEY '03 AND MOLLY O'HAGAN '12.

The O'Hagan Family

Erin O'Hagan-Auchey '03 first learned about Sacred Heart University from her twin cousins, Shannon Frisch '98, '01 MSPT and Denise O'Hagan '98, '01 MSPT. The family was from eastern Pennsylvania, and when Erin was in high school she would visit her cousins on the Fairfield campus. That's when she decided that she, too, would attend SHU. "I loved the feel of the campus

and that it was only three hours from home," she says. "Plus, having my cousins there was a huge help for me in transitioning to college life."

The legacy continued after all three graduated when Erin's younger twin sisters, Bridget and Molly, who had started visiting

her on campus when they were 10 years old, also chose Sacred Heart. Bridget, who graduated in 2012 with a degree in exercise science, says those early trips made an impression. "Molly and I grew up saying we'd go to Sacred Heart because we were so close to our older sister," she says. "Plus, we thought it was a pretty school, and it felt like a second home."

She and Molly, who graduated in 2012 with a degree in nursing and psychology, still visit campus several times annually. "We're proud that we all went there," Erin says. "It would be great if our kids could go to Sacred Heart someday, too."



SHANNON (O'HAGAN) FRISCH AND DENISE O'HAGAN, BOTH '98, '01 MSPT



ERIN O'HAGAN-AUCHEY '03



DENISE O'HAGAN '98, '01 MSPT



SHANNON (O'HAGAN) FRISCH '98, '01 MSPT



DESTINATION: SHU HOMECOMING '13

OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 20–22, ALUMNI, FAMILY AND FRIENDS MADE SACRED HEART THEIR DESTINATION TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING AS WELL AS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHU'S FOUNDING. Some of the special events included the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon, a special benefit performance in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts with actor, comedian and alumnus Kevin Nealon '75, Big Red's Beer Garden and Family BBQ and the Alumni Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

During the Alumni Awards Luncheon on Friday, eight alumni were honored with awards from the Alumni Association and academic colleges. Each recipient spoke about the impact that SHU has had on his or her life.



TOP ROW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: 1. The 2013 Alumni Award honorees are, from left, Rosanne Badowski '79, Keith Hovan '84, '93 MSN, Michael Pavia '70, President John J. Petillo, Kevin Nealon '75, Susan DeNisco, John R. Quinn '70, Cheryl Janus '01, '03 MAT, Craig Baker '98, '05 MAT and Sylvia Barchue '05. 2. Joseph Bacoulis '99, right, presents the 2013 Alumni Achievement Award to Kevin Nealon '75. 3. Biology Professor Mark Beekey, right, shows young horseshoe crabs to participants of the Alumni College lecture entitled, "Under the Sea—Tales of Horseshoe Crabs and Other Sea Life", in the Schine Auditorium. Beekey talked about the ongoing discoveries of *Project Limulus*, a program that researches horseshoe crabs in Long Island Sound. 4. Assistant Professor of Nursing Linda Strong presented the Alumni College Lecture "What can YOU do?: A Discussion on Preparation and Response in Emergency Situations" in the McMahon Commons Presentation Room. 5. During the Presidential Dinner, past Student Government presidents came



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Alumnus Kevin Nealon's stand-up routine on Friday night drew a sold-out crowd to the Edgerton, leaving the audience in stitches. Kevin is best known for his time as a cast member on *Saturday Night Live* in the '80s and '90s, as well as his current role in the Showtime hit, *Weeds*.

On Saturday, over 450 people packed the tent for Big Red's Beer Garden and Family BBQ. Alumni watched and cheered as the Pioneers beat Chowan University 78-35, breaking a program record. Past Student Government presidents were celebrated at a special dinner in the McMahon Commons Hearth Room during the evening.

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The weekend closed on Sunday with a special Alumni Mass and an Encounter with Christ Alumni Ultreya retreat. The Mass included a blessing of the married couples who met during their time at SHU.

Homecoming Weekend continues to be an annual tradition and an important date on the alumni calendar of events. We are already planning for Homecoming 2014, and we can't wait to see you there!



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together in the McMahon Commons Hearth Room. From left are Matt Telvi '09, Andrew Palo '90, A.J. Campofiore '92, Alumni Association President Cheryl Janus '01, '03 MAT, Mia James '13, current Student Government President Lauren Kalil '14, Jim Daly '07, Tom Pesce '02 and Associate Dean of Students Denise Tiberio '89. MIDDLE ROW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: 6. Kevin Nealon '75 does his stand-up routine on the Edgerton stage. 7. Joseph Marrone '73 and Joan Marrone '74 renew their vows at the Alumni Mass—they met while attending SHU. BOTTOM ROW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: 8-10. Alumni, family and friends enjoy the Big Red Beer Garden and Family BBQ. 11. Encounter with Christ Alumni Ultreya.

A Common Commitment to Truth, Justice and Concern for Others

By Timothy Deenihan

At Sacred Heart University, integrating our conviction and compassion shapes who we are and what we will become. Meet three alums whose sense of social responsibility has been a salvation to many and an inspiration to all.



Alumnus Hannah Ackerman is Changing the Lives of Kenyan Children

Safely cocooned in her upstate New York world as a high school student, Hannah Ackerman '12 had no real aspirations of saving the world. In fact, every year when she was expected to provide an essay detailing her required community service experience, Hannah would make it up.

"We laugh about it now, my guidance counselor and me," she admits, "But back then—yeah—I just made all that stuff up."

Slacker? Well, perhaps for a time.

Guilt ultimately got the better of her and, as she approached her senior year, she sat down with the counselor to consider her options.

They looked at standard food drives and clothing drives and such before coming upon a flyer about an organization taking American high school kids to Kenya on a service mission. Hannah immediately called her dad, got the green light and was locked in to the trip before the nerves had a chance to hit.

"The whole thing was just so far out of my comfort zone, which is exactly what I loved about it. If I'd had a chance to think about it? Really?" She nods, grinning. "Yeah. I totally would have backed out."

And thus the butterfly emerges from her cocoon.

She's traveled extensively with various service organizations since that trip, making stops in India, Morocco, Mexico and El Salvador. But no place *fit* Hannah as well as Kenya. By the summer of 2010, she decided it was time to return.

With a little research, she found an orphanage where she could volunteer, and set off for three months at the Watoto Wa Baraka orphanage on the outskirts of Nairobi.

And here is where our metaphor develops, for in chaos theory there is something known as the "Butterfly Effect"—the idea that the stirring of the wind by the fluttering wings of a butterfly could, through unpredictable circumstances, lead to a hurricane. After only a few weeks at the orphanage, Hannah's wings began to flutter.

"It was immediately evident something was wrong," Hannah explains. Each volunteer paid the orphanage \$90 for room and board and then worked for free. Additionally, the orphanage received funding from the state and private charitable sponsors. With so many streams of income, where was the money going?

But, as she noted, "Everything in Kenya is corrupt, so it just seemed like the way things were done. At the end of the day, you're there to help the kids. So that's what you focus on."

About a month into her stay, she was awakened by commotion as the kids were getting ready for school. She had been up only an hour earlier and everything was fine. Now it was anything but.



Hannah with co-founder Laura Walker, left, at a traditional African ceremony in the village of Campi ya Simba.

“Adam,” a 3-year-old, was crying out in genuine distress. The manager explained that the boy had hurt his leg in his sleep. “But I was up just an hour ago,” Hannah told him. “I saw Adam. He was fine.” The manager looked her in the eye and flatly explained that she had not seen what she had seen. Even other children who had been up earlier were hesitant to speak. At first.

Adam was hospitalized for a full month with a broken femur. Upon his return to the orphanage, he remained bedridden. During that time, Hannah learned to play the game. With the manager and director, she was a demure, doe-eyed volunteer, blankly accepting every story she was told, however outlandish. With the children, she was a confidant and counselor, developing a trust that would bind her to the kids in a way she had never imagined.

Eventually, the truth found a whisper. Three-year-old Adam had soiled himself, incurring the wrath of the manager’s wife. “Mama Faith” had beaten him so savagely as to break one of the largest bones in his body.

Disillusionment set in with Hannah as it did for nearly all the volunteers at some point. It was impossible not to see what was going on. But with enlightenment came a moral dilemma. Confronting Geoffrey (the orphanage director) seemed futile. Complaints to any official bodies were useless as it was heavily rumored the District Children’s Officer was on Geoffrey’s payroll. Besides, the long shadow of slavery and colonization doesn’t help a Westerner in a your-word-against-mine dispute.

Should she leave out of moral rectitude or—for the sake of the children—stay, even if it meant paying into a system that was quite obviously risking their lives?

“I really struggled with that,” Hannah says. “I’d tell myself, ‘I’m feeding this. I’m fueling it.’”

And yet by just being there, she had earned the love, respect and—most importantly—the *trust* of the kids. She decided to stay.

Hannah finished that first tour, accepting all of Geoffrey’s explanations—even the most unbelievable—smiling and nodding. At her appointed departure date, she hugged the kids and made her way home.



Lauren Corso, right, works at the school site with team member Shannon Branton.

Preparation of Excellence

Lauren Corso ’09, ’10 MAT wanted to do more. In her time at Sacred Heart, she had been involved with Habitat for Humanity, launched a mentoring program in Bridgeport called Project S.T.R.O.N.G. and been heavily involved with Student Government—all while earning her undergraduate degree in psychology and her master’s in teaching.

“My love for serving the community really grew there on campus,” she says. “But I’d never been out of the country, and when I was starting out as a teacher, I just felt there was something missing. Something I hadn’t done.”

Next stop: Kenya.

“As a teacher, the importance of everyone having an equal opportunity for education is something I feel really strongly about,” Lauren says. So when she learned of the Free The Children organization, which was helping to build a girls’ school and dormitories on the outskirts of Nairobi, she knew exactly what she was doing next.

“Working with the community like that, meeting the girls already in the school—some of whom travel from seven hours away to be there—it was life changing,” she says with a clarity that is unquestionable. “Building the dormitories made sure more young women could be a part of that school and get that education that they wouldn’t get anywhere else.”

Where did it all begin? “It all ties back to Sacred Heart, for sure. The people just knew me and encouraged me to think outside the box and embrace new situations. That’s really how you find your place in the world.”

—T.D.



Matt Jarvis, center, works at an outreach center in Buremba.

Betterment of Society

Matt Jarvis '09 had never been out of the country other than to go skiing in Canada. "And that wasn't all that exotic," he concedes. But from January through April of this year, the 2009 SHU communications-major-turned-paramedic was busy serving the people of Omungari-Sya in southwestern Uganda at a rural 24-hour medical clinic and outreach center.

"It was pretty different," he says in the relaxed drawl of someone who has gotten used to delivering babies in an old classroom with no running water and only a headlamp for light. Or perhaps it's just that he fell in with the pace of life among the locals.

"There's no sense of emergency there. Even on a bare bones minimum for just about everything, the people are just . . . happy."

In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Matt set to work bringing some order to the chaos of bush medicine. "Some of the stuff was so basic we don't even think about it here anymore, but for them—they'd never thought of it at all." Things like creating a system of order for patient records and supply needs, or tracking cases of malaria.

All of it is pretty far from his first job out of SHU, working in public relations in NYC before quitting and chasing his passion for patient care by becoming an EMT and then a paramedic. Professionally, his next hurdle is to become a physician's assistant.

And after that? Perhaps a return to Africa? There's no hesitation in his answer.

"Oh, absolutely. I think service was ingrained in me at Sacred Heart," he says. "It was such a big part of life there; I guess I just took that with me."

—T.D.

Stateside, Hannah continued working toward her bachelor's degree in media studies at Sacred Heart, perhaps drawn to the campus by a shared passion for service and volunteerism. For the next three years, however, she spent most of every school vacation at the same orphanage in Kenya, proving with each visit her reliability both to the kids and, ironically, the corrupt director.

During this time, countless other volunteers would come and go. A few, however, like Hannah, worked the system from within. Such a one was Michelle Stark. Seated next to Hannah on a flight into Nairobi, Michelle explained her own program that places children in safe and reputable boarding schools. Their discussion, which included their frustration with the widespread corruption, started Hannah thinking about ways to provide safety for the children at Watoto Wa Baraka.

Then came the day "Benjamin" was expelled from the orphanage. Unlike many of the children at Watoto Wa Baraka, Benjamin was a true orphan. In Kenya, orphanages often operate as a last resort for families unable to support a child or for the state after removing a child from an unsafe home. However, any child can be expelled for any reason the facility deems worthy.

Benjamin's grandmother was too old to care for him, and his uncle's abuses were a matter of record. Yet, when he was spotted holding a cell phone one of the volunteers had given him, Geoffrey had Benjamin walked out of the compound. From there, it was up to the 12-year-old to make his own way back to the home from which the orphanage was meant to be a refuge.

Perhaps frustration got the better of her. Perhaps the opportunity to see Geoffrey squirm was too enticing. Perhaps she had just grown tired of her mask of docility. For whatever reason, Hannah confronted Geoffrey with a blend of lucid incredulity and outrage that took the director by surprise.

At the same time, Mary, the volunteer from Texas who had let Benjamin play with her phone, recognized the situation but was at a loss as to what to do. When Hannah mentioned Michelle and her boarding school idea, the two immediately made plans to visit such a school and check it out.

The New School is ranked among the best in Kenya. There, children are not only safe, but their natural curiosity is cultivated to achieve academic success unimaginable in the orphanage. Hannah and Mary sat down with the headmaster and explained the situation. Given the backstory and Geoffrey's unpredictably vengeful nature, it would be imperative that the New School never be mentioned anywhere near Watoto Wa Baraka.

Likewise, Hannah's involvement would have to remain hidden. By moving children from the orphanage, she would be cutting out a significant portion of Geoffrey's revenue, and his reaction could not be trusted.

Hannah personally explained conditions at the orphanage to Benjamin's grandmother, as well as the solution she and Mary were offering. The grandmother agreed to allow Benjamin to be placed in the New School. When he saw Hannah awaiting him at the New School, Benjamin burst into a wide smile. Her decision three years earlier to stay at the orphanage immediately proved itself right. The children instinctively knew whom they could trust, and seeing her in this strange new place was all the reassurance Benjamin needed.



A traditional African ceremony in the village of Campi ya Simba—Hannah took part in the procession.

Around this time—August of 2012—Hannah finally crossed paths with another volunteer whose story and choices were strikingly similar to her own. For years, the two had heard of each other, though their times volunteering at Watoto Wa Baraka never coincided. When Hannah and Laura Walker finally met, they immediately recognized kindred spirits and complementary missions.

Though Hannah was no longer welcome at the orphanage, Laura related Geoffrey's practice of marching the kids around the grounds, chanting slurs and reciting lies. Together, the women decided it was time for another intervention.

"James" and "David" are two brothers who, like Benjamin, were sent to the orphanage by a family unable to support them. Approaching the boys' family, the women explained the conditions at the orphanage and what they were offering in its place. The boys had been on Hannah's radar for some time. She had already been saving half her wages from her on-campus job to pay their tuition somewhere—anywhere—other than Watoto Wa Baraka. After a brief family discussion, her offer was accepted.

It was around this time that the winds stirred by the butterfly wings three years before were finally brewing a storm. Hannah and Laura were contacted by a former Watoto Wa Baraka volunteer from Spain who had no knowledge of their efforts. He had simply launched a Facebook page detailing the stories of corruption and abuse in the hopes of driving sponsors away from supporting Geoffrey. But his English was not up to the task, and he was turning to the girls for help.

The Facebook traffic immediately put unwelcome pressure on Geoffrey—he was even forced to change the name of the orphanage from Watoto Wa Baraka to African Orphanage. At the same time, Hannah began receiving support from all corners to expand her mission.

By April of this year, Hannah and Laura had received donations sufficient to pull five more children from the orphanage and place them in safe boarding schools. What started as a community service guilt trip had grown into an international aid organization.

In an attempt to stabilize and legitimize their mission, the women formed the Stahili Foundation (stahilifoundation.org). The name comes from the Swahili word "to deserve," their point being that these are not *needy* children, but rather *deserving* children who—like their counterparts the world over—deserve nothing more than their best chance at a fair start. As they explain in their mission statement, Stahili seeks "to provide a safe and healthy living environment where children can thrive and where they are encouraged to build their futures." To do this, they are rewriting the book on sponsorship.

The key difference is their model. There is an emphasis on successful education over racking up numbers of children only superficially served. Stahili fundraises for no more than 30 children at any one time, and is only satisfied when a child is funded all the way through university. Only after a child's complete education is secured will they begin to fundraise for another child. So far Stahili is funding 16 children and is excitedly looking to expand its influence.

And here the whirlwind story slows—not because there isn't much going on, but because we've arrived at the present, and the rest of the story has yet to happen.

And it's also at this point that you realize the subject of the story is still only a 24-year-old college grad and master's candidate with a simple bounce of long blonde hair, oversized black-framed specs and the kind of disarming smile that makes you try to remember what you were doing that was so important when you were her age.

Some are born great, you remind yourself. Some achieve greatness. And some have greatness thrust upon them. It's hard to say to which of these categories Hannah Ackerman belongs. Yet one thing is sure. Hers is a great story.

And it's only just begun.



Luxembourg News

Luxembourg Celebrates Commencement

SHU Luxembourg held its 21st Commencement exercises for students earning master's degrees and professional certificates on June 21. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Henri Ahlborn, former director of Luxembourg's Chamber of Commerce, former Maréchal de la Cour and member of SHU's Board of Regents. Gold Medal of Excellence recipient Alberto Serra gave the valedictory address, and Tom Leick MBA '12 presented a poetry reading during the event. Mario Buric received the Silver Medal of Excellence, and Gérald Vinter received the Dean's Leadership Award.



Luxembourg Academic Director Alfred Steinherr speaks during the program.



The graduates lined up during the ceremony.



Trustee James T. Morley with keynote speaker Henri Ahlborn.

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"I am constantly impressed at the physical, academic and community growth that I've witnessed at SHU since the '70s. Everyone who supports our University should take great pride in knowing that they play an active role in all of the advancements that continually evolve through our contributions."

—KAREN ZANESKI-MALEK '76

1970s



"Our support of SHU is based on our 31-year relationship with the school...as a student, an employee, an adviser and as a host family to an international student. Through these experiences, we have learned the value SHU offers its students, not only in educational opportunities, but also in the strong sense of family and community relationships built over the years."

—GIL & NANCY SIDOTI '87

1980s

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"As alumni, we all chose SHU for our own reasons. I now choose to give back so current and future alumni have even more reasons to choose SHU!"

—JOSEPH BACOULIS '99

1990s


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The President's Leadership Society at Sacred Heart University is a donor recognition society for alumni, parents and friends of the University who have contributed \$1,500 or more to the school.

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- Provost's Circle \$5,000–\$9,999
- Dean's Circle \$3,000–\$4,999
- Leadership Circle \$1,500–\$2,999



Sara and John Faliveno, both graduates of the class of 1996, have been involved with the Society for three years and see it as a way to stay active with the modern version of the college they grew to love two decades ago.

"John and I had such a wonderful experience there that we want to help provide others with a similar experience," says Sara Faliveno. "Anything that alums can do to bolster SHU's visibility and reputation helps everybody. It helps not just the students who are there now, but the whole community—from alums to future students and all the people around and in between."

Sara sees the recent growth at the University as just a taste of what's to come. "There have been so many positive changes at Sacred Heart over the years that it almost feels like a new school," she says. "If someone has been a donor in the past, you've got to be proud to see what the University has done to make Sacred Heart such a strong name among universities, not only in the Northeast, but across the U.S."

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SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

GOLD
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A recent addition to the giving program at Sacred Heart University is the GOLD Society, dedicated to alumni who are Graduates Of the Last Decade (2004–2013) and are leaders in giving back to the school.


"The GOLD Society really represents a great chance for recent alums to give back to the University and be recognized at a more premier level of contributions," says Nick Diieso '10, assistant vice president and commercial project manager of Corporate Banking at Banco Santander in Boston. Diieso is an inaugural member of the GOLD Society and sits on the Alumni Board of Directors.



Being a member of the Society comes with an insider's role in some of the happenings on campus, such as access to GOLD and other special events.

"For alums who want to be active in Sacred Heart's future, especially if they were active as undergrads, the GOLD Society is a great place to be," Diieso says. "It's the ideal opportunity to contribute to the success of the University and to have lasting input."

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 Sacred Heart
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Parent
 Council

Alongside alumni, parents of students have helped form the backbone of the financial support of Sacred Heart. For those who contribute \$1,000 or more to the University, a seat on the Parent Council awaits.



The Council is co-chaired by Henry and Despina Albulescu of Essex Fells, NJ., whose daughter Katie '14 is a senior social work major. They see the distinction as a means to go the extra step toward helping their daughter by assisting the University as a whole.

"I understand that tuition is expensive and that parents already contribute a lot in that way," says Despina Albulescu, "but all the other services that the school offers to the kids—which are amazing—need to be supported. Beyond that, just being involved in the school, getting to know the people who make the decisions is invaluable as a parent and as a person who cares about the University community. It's exciting, and it's a nice way of being part of your child's college education."

Albulescu says that the Council is more than a collection of donors—it's also a group of doers. "One of our primary goals for next year is to use the Parent Council to cultivate opportunities for internships and networking. This kind of effort helps the students and the alumni to grow individually and expands the influence and reputation of Sacred Heart," she says. "While we understand that some parents are at a point where they can only make a financial contribution, we are hoping that most will want to take the opportunity to become actively involved."

www.sacredheart.edu/parentcouncil

Don Cook Inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

Former Sacred Heart University Executive Director of Athletics C. Donald Cook will become one of the newest members inducted into the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame, joining other Pioneers Dave Bike, Nick Giaquinto, Amanda Pape and Bobby Valentine. The 2013 inductees will be honored by the Fairfield County Sports Commission Inc. at an induction ceremony at the Commission's Ninth Annual Sports Night awards dinner on October 21 at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich.

A fixture for the last 50 years on the collegiate athletic scene, Cook spent the past 20 years at Sacred Heart and announced his retirement this past season. Just last winter, he was honored with induction into the Northeast Conference Hall of Fame.

Upon Cook's arrival as director of Athletics at Sacred Heart in 1992, the University began an unrivaled 20-year period of growth under his leadership. During his tenure, Sacred Heart expanded its intercollegiate athletic program from 12 to 31 varsity sports and constructed several new facilities, including the \$17.5 million William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, which was completed in 1997. He led the program's move to Division I status, which began in 1999 as a full member of the NEC. With Cook at the helm, the Sacred Heart athletic program has set a standard of excellence in the NEC, winning five straight Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cups to tie the league record for consecutive Cup wins.



Don Cook, left, with Bobby Valentine.



Wrestling Announces 25th Ranked Recruiting Class

The incoming SHU wrestling recruiting class has been ranked 25th in the country, according to *Amateur Wrestling News*. The class of 26 wrestlers is the first under second-year Head Coach Andy Lausier. "This recruiting class will serve as the foundation for the new era of Sacred Heart University wrestling," said Lausier.

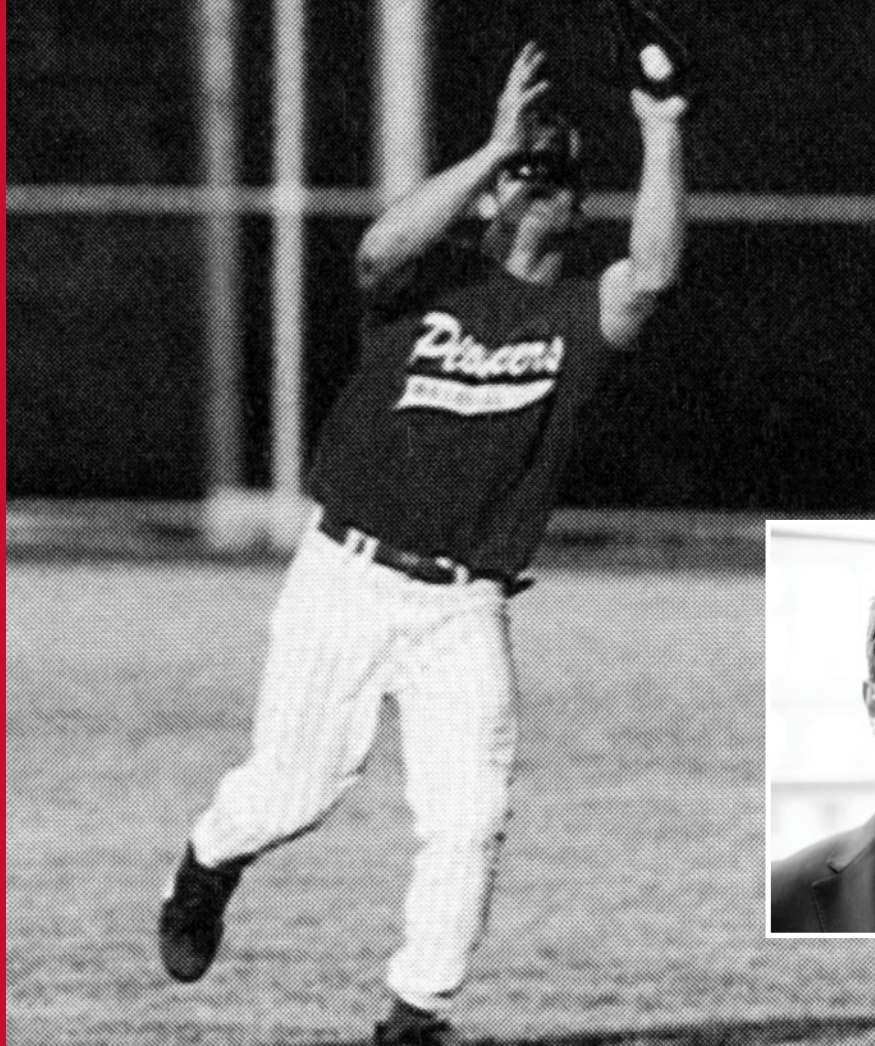
Check out the team at <http://tinyurl.com/shuwrestling>.



Executive Director of Athletics Bobby Valentine congratulates Jessica Mannetti after announcing her appointment as the new women's basketball coach this summer.

Jessica Mannetti Named Women's Basketball Head Coach

Jessica Mannetti has been named the Pioneers' new head women's basketball coach, the eighth head coach in SHU women's basketball program history and just the second on the Division I level. She replaces Ed Swanson, who coached the Pioneers for 23 seasons before accepting the head coaching position at the College of William & Mary. A Fairfield County native, Mannetti comes to SHU after spending the past four seasons as an assistant coach at Hofstra University, where she helped guide the Pride to a 72-55 record as well as a pair of appearances in the WNIT.



WHERE DO YOU LIVE NOW AND WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THESE DAYS?

I just recently left New York City for a town called Cold Spring Harbor (N.Y.), where my wife Melissa and I are busy raising our 6-year-old daughter Amelia and 5-year-old son Donny. My brother and I launched a golf performance facility eight years ago called Drive 495, and that has evolved into other business ventures. Last winter, for instance, we launched a mobile app called Driven that represents A-list athletes and shows everything from their sport training fitness to their nutrition. Our first two athletes were Dwyane Wade and Ernie Els; we plan to launch Adrian Peterson next. I'm also co-owner of a fitness recovery product called the Body Wrench, and I've joined the Revolution golf team as head of golf performance. In addition, I launched my first DVD, *Core Golf*.

Don Saladino '99

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY AS A PIONEER?

I loved my friends on Team Element, as well as the overall experience. There are so many memories I want to hold onto, but a special one is of my final game as a senior.

DO YOU STILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ANY FORMER TEAMMATES?

It's tough to keep in touch, but thank God for Facebook! My best friend and former Pioneer John Randazzo and I speak all the time.

DO YOU STILL FOLLOW THE PIONEERS? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PROGRAM TODAY?

I hear the baseball program has really evolved. I do keep in touch with Nick Giaquinto, who has been an incredible figure in my life. Ironically, four of the 10 strength coaches now working at Drive 495 graduated from Sacred Heart. You can say I favor the graduates coming out of there! Their exercise science programs are excellent.

AS AN ALUMNUS OF SHU, WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED?

We have an obligation to help individuals going through the program. You really do have a feeling of pride when you run into the alumni and see how well people have done. That's why I'm always happy to speak with a student whenever my former coach or anyone else from the University contacts me.



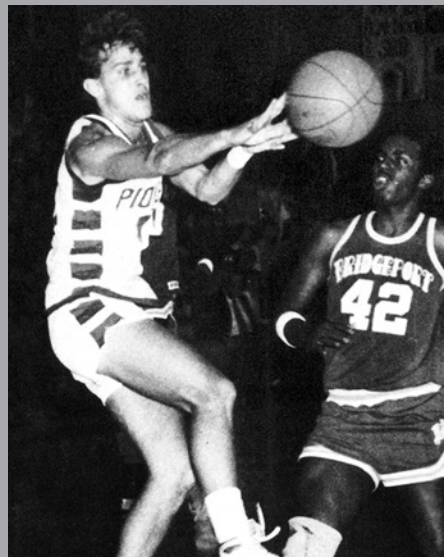


Amanda Pape '07 during the 2006-07 season.

New England Basketball Hall of Fame Elects Three Pioneers

The New England Basketball Hall of Fame inducted former Pioneers Amanda Pape '07 and Bill Bayno '85, along with Head Coach Dave Bike '69, into its Class of 2013. This year's induction took place on June 22 at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass.

Amanda Pape and Coach Bike were inducted in the Ronald S. Perry category, honoring individuals who have achieved in two or more categories. Pape was recognized for her playing career at Sacred Heart and in high school at Trinity Catholic in Stamford. Bike was honored for his high school playing days at Notre Dame High School and in the Division II Coaching category. Bayno was elected in the Division II Players category.



Bill Bayno '85, left, in action during the 1984-85 season.



Dave Bike

Troy Scribner Signed by the Houston Astros



Recent SHU graduate and Sacred Heart baseball ace Troy Scribner (Washington Depot) signed with the Houston Astros as an undrafted free agent. Through his four-year career, Scribner has become one of the best pitchers in Sacred Heart history, including finishing his career second in program history in career strikeouts (261), innings pitched (344) and wins (26).

Jaclyn Smith Competes at 2013 World Rowing Championships



Junior rower Jaclyn Smith (Williston Park, N.Y.) worked her way onto the U.S. Para-Rowing National Team and competed at the 2013 World Championships this past summer in South Korea. "Not only am I honored to represent the United States, but I am honored to go and compete with the love and support of my teammates and coach at Sacred Heart," said Smith, who is visually impaired and was introduced to an adaptive rowing program before applying to work out at the Para-Rowing National Development Camp.



John Murphy Named ABCA Third-Team All-American, Drafted by New York Yankees



With the 194th selection in the sixth round of this year's Major League Baseball draft, the New York Yankees selected Sacred Heart shortstop John Murphy (Seymour). With the sixth-round selection, Murphy became the highest draft pick in Sacred Heart history and the seventh SHU ball player to be drafted under Head Coach Nick Giaquinto. The first Northeast Conference player to be picked in this year's draft, Murphy was also named an American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) third-team All-American and made the ABCA All-Northeast First Team. He finished his career in the Sacred Heart history books with the most RBIs (170) and triples (17) and the second-most hits (264).

Dave Bike Retires; Pioneers Announce Anthony Latina as New Head Coach

After 35 years on the sidelines and a storied career, Head Men's Basketball Coach Dave Bike announced his retirement. Anthony Latina has replaced him as the third head coach in men's basketball program history.

"Today is a defining moment in the history of Sacred Heart University athletics," commented Executive Director of Athletics C. Donald Cook, who also retired from the University on July 1. "Any time a coach serves his institution for 30-plus consecutive years and decides to retire, that's a special moment."

Bike took the reins of the program in 1978 and finished his career with 530 victories. He began his coaching career at Sacred Heart, serving as an assistant in 1965–66 and 1966–67 before earning a degree as part of SHU's third graduating class. After four seasons as an assistant coach at Seattle University, Bike returned to his alma mater to take the only head coaching position he would ever hold.

Bike, who opened his 35th season in 2012–13 by coaching in his 1,000th career game, was also inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame this year. The highlight of his career came during the 1985–86 season when he led the Pioneers to the NCAA Division II National title. He later guided the Pioneers during the transition to Division I status, leading his teams to six Northeast Conference Tournament trips.

Latina assumed charge of the men's basketball program after eight seasons as an assistant coach on Bike's staff. "I am very excited and appreciative for this opportunity," he said. "We will do everything possible to ensure our student-athletes have a first-class experience and reach their potential both on and off the court."



Dave Bike congratulates Anthony Latina.

When Latina joined the Pioneer coaching staff in 2005–06, he helped guide Sacred Heart to its best stretch of basketball in the Division I era. During his eight years at SHU, the Pioneers have made five Northeast Conference Tournament appearances, including two trips to the NEC Championship game (2007, 2008). Since his arrival, Sacred Heart has also produced six All-Northeast Conference players (Kibwe Trim—2006, Jarrid Frye—2006, 2007, Joe Henley—2009, Drew Shubik—2008, Corey Hassan—2010, Shane Gibson—2012, 2013), two NEC All-Rookie team picks (Chauncey Hardy—2007, Chris Evans—2011) and an NEC Most Improved Player award winner (Liam Potter—2010).



Photo Courtesy of the University of Hartford

Jonathan Basti Named Men's Lacrosse Head Coach



Jonathan Basti has been named the Pioneers' new head men's lacrosse coach after serving as the associate head coach at the University of Hartford for the last five seasons. During his tenure at Hartford, the Hawks won their first-ever America East Championship and earned their first NCAA Tournament berth in 2011. Basti now returns to the place where his coaching career began. He was an assistant coach at Sacred Heart from

2000–2002, working with the face-off and defensive units. Basti then was the head coach at Eastern Connecticut State from 2002–2004, leading ECSU to two Little East Conference titles and a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances. A 1999 graduate of Fairfield University with degrees in both politics and history, Basti was a member of the Stags' 1996 and 1997 MAAC championship teams.

Sacred Heart Wins Third-Straight Building Communities Award



Sacred Heart prides itself on its strong commitment to charitable and community service efforts, and on a conference-wide basis, the Pioneers have now won three consecutive Northeast Conference (NEC) Building Communities Awards. The award, conceived by the NEC Student-Athlete Advisory

Committee (SAAC), recognizes the institution that demonstrates the highest dedication to making an impact in the community through the efforts of its student-athletes, coaches and administrators. Over the course of the 2012–13 academic year, Conference members logged more than 20,000 hours of community service.



Volunteering at Our Lady of the Assumption School in Fairfield are football players, from left, Evan Pittman, Nick Bartoli, Matt Colucci and Justin Sexton with Big Red.

Softball and Women's Track and Field Win NEC Sportsmanship Awards

The Northeast Conference announced the Sacred Heart softball and women's track and field teams as the winners of the 2013 Northeast Conference Spring Team Sportsmanship Award for their respective sports. The award program acknowledges the team in each conference sport that, in the opinion of its peers, most closely demonstrates good sportsmanship based on the NEC Principles of Sportsmanship and Standards of Conduct. Voting is conducted at the conclusion of each season by each team captain and head coach.



Lindsay Aponte



Nicole Sidor



Former Softball Coach Allyson Rioux Inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

Former Sacred Heart Softball Coach Allyson Rioux was inducted into the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame. She and Dennis Paglialunga are the selectees of the James O'Rourke Amateur Wing. Rioux coached the Pioneers in the fall of 1988 before passing away from a brain tumor in 1989, but she is mostly remembered as one of the greatest softball players in the history of the game and one of the best female athletes to come out of Fairfield County. A three-sport standout in softball, basketball and field hockey at Westhill High from 1976-1979, she then focused on softball, making a name for herself as one of the nation's top players. In 1985, she was named MVP of the National Tournament.

When she passed away at age 27, Rioux was eighth in career games played and in the top 20 in hits. She was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame in 2009, the Connecticut ASA Hall of Fame in 1989 and the UMass Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

The Allyson Rioux Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was set up in her honor. The Foundation provides outreach support to the Stamford community, particularly those families experiencing financial hardship because of serious illness. The Foundation also recognizes outstanding female athletes in Stamford each year by awarding the Allyson Rioux Memorial Award, which promotes the character, spirit and ideals of Allyson.

Men's Golfer Peter Ballo Qualifies for 2013 U.S. Amateur Golf Championship

Peter Ballo (Stamford) qualified for the 2013 U.S. Amateur Golf Championship after carding a four under 138 over 36 holes at Shorehaven Golf Club. He earned the third qualifying slot, finishing two shots behind the number one qualifier, Max Adler. The tournament took place August 12-18 at the Country Club in Brookline, Mass. Ballo, the second SHU golfer to qualify for this tournament, played in the opening round, but did not make it to the match-play portion of the tournament. He was the runner-up at the Connecticut Amateur Championship in June.



Alyssa Selmquist Named NEC Track Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Sacred Heart graduate Alyssa Selmquist (Northford) was named the Northeast Conference Women's Outdoor Track & Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Selmquist also earned the honor for the 2013 NEC Indoor Track & Field season. She was a double winner at the 2013 NEC Outdoor Track & Field Championships, and did it in dominating fashion. She broke a six-year meet record in the 10,000 meters, beating the competition by 18 seconds with a time of 36:05.40. Selmquist also crossed the tape first in the 5,000 meters, clocking in at 16:56.33. She compiled a 3.82 grade point average as an accounting major.

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1973

Alan Malizia has released Volume 1 of a new book series, *Contagious Optimism*. It includes inspirational stories written by people from various backgrounds who have successfully overcome life's obstacles using successful strategies supported by a strong positive outlook.

1981

JoAnne Weiss was presented with the Muriel J. Frankel Award by Congregation B'nai Torah in Trumbull. She received the award in recognition of her many years of dedicated volunteer service to the congregation.

1985

Nadine Southard ('08 MSN) received a Nightingale Award at the Fairfield County awards ceremony on May 9.

1987

Brian Hamilton, co-founder and chairman of the financial information company Sageworks, joined Sacred Heart University's Board of Trustees as of July 1.

1992

Christopher Conway, an Irish-American author, has penned his first novel, *The Road to God Knows Where*.

1994

Lisa Saba-Price (MAT) has accepted the position of Newfield Elementary School principal. Saba-Price is currently assistant principal at Stillmeadow Elementary School, a position she has held since 2004. She has also served as assistant principal and program improvement planner at Davenport Elementary School, as well as an elementary and middle school teacher in the district.

1996

Max Berkowitz (MAT) is the new principal of Foran High School in Milford. He was previously the assistant principal of Bunnell High School.

Ellen Dunn (MAT, '07 6th Year), an assistant principal at Darien High School, accepted the role of principal as of July 1. Dunn had served as assistant principal since 2007 and has worked in Darien for 25 years, starting as a high school science teacher and later becoming the Science Department coordinator. She has served as a class adviser, a teacher-coach on the K-12 science curriculum committee and a member of the Darien High School Faculty Council.

1999

Don Harrison, author of *Hoops in Connecticut* and other books, has written the biography of pitcher Frank "Spec" Shea in the new book, *Bridging Two Dynasties: The 1947 New York Yankees*. Published by the Society for Baseball Research (SABR) and the University of Nebraska Press, it provides a comprehensive look at every member of the 1947 World Champion Yankees—players, manager, coaches, owners, general manager, broadcasters, etc. Shea, who in 1947 was a loquacious 26-year-old rookie from Naugatuck, assembled a 14-5 record during the season and then won two games in the World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers, including a 2-1 four-hitter in the fifth game. Harrison is a member of SABR's Smoky Joe Wood chapter.

2001



Michael Vigeant, CEO of GreatBlue Research, joined the ranks of the organization's PGA TOUR partner Mark

Wilson during the Travelers Celebrity Pro-Am on June 19 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. Meriden-based GreatBlue Research Inc., a national research organization, brought Wilson back to the Travelers Championship for the first time since 2006.

2002

Doreen O'Leary (MAT) has been appointed principal of Island Avenue Elementary School. O'Leary has worked for three years as assistant principal of Weston Public Schools. She also has experience as a curriculum project manager, a curriculum associate and an elementary teacher for Stamford Public Schools.

2003

Ryan Riley qualified for the U.S. Amateur Golf Tournament on August 12, 2013. The tournament took place at Charles River Country Club in Newton, Mass., and The Country Club in Brookline, Mass.

2004

Thomas Healy (MAT) has accepted the position of assistant principal of Western Middle School in Greenwich. He was previously assistant dean of Student Life for Clark House and a social studies teacher at Greenwich High School.

Kenneth Pera (6th Year) has been appointed assistant principal of Simsbury High School.

2005

Jeffrey Newton (6th Year) is the new superintendent of schools for the Hebron School System. He joins Hebron after 13 years of experience as an educator, most recently serving as the director of special services for the Westbrook Public Schools.

2006

Jeffrey Burt (6th Year) has been named assistant superintendent for the Vernon School System. A resident of Madison, he has served as social studies curriculum leader in the Fairfield School District and was previously an assistant principal in Montville. He also taught in the Darien school system and in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

Inara Coleman ('07 MAT) has accepted a new position teaching fifth-grade mathematics at Kings Collegiate Charter School in Brooklyn, N.Y.

2007

Lisa Dupuis (MBA) was appointed president and CEO of Constellation Health Services. She has a background in health care as an occupational therapist and also experience in quality management, operations, IT applications, and billing and collections.

Jillian Wagner ('09 DPT) has been promoted to the position of assistant director of Rehabilitation Services at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford. As assistant director, she supervises the full staff of physical, occupational and speech therapists in both the inpatient and outpatient settings and assists the director of Rehabilitation with patient and staff scheduling, billing and the daily operations of the department. Prior to joining Masonicare in 2010, Wagner was a geriatric resident at the Jewish Home for the Elderly in Fairfield.

2008

In June 2013, **Jennifer Gay ('13 MAT)** completed her first year teaching at Waltersville School in Bridgeport.

Luke Granato was inducted into the Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball excellence. He scored 668 points in his career at Northwest Catholic High School and was an 80 percent free-throw shooter. He made his last 33 free throws in a row as a senior and played on three state championship teams in 2000, 2002 and 2003. He was a McDonald's All-American nominee and was named to the GHSCA Academic All-State team in 2004. At Sacred Heart University, he scored 729 career points, was an 86 percent free-throw shooter and scored 19 points against UCONN in 2004 and 24 points against North Carolina in 2006. Today he is a teacher in the East Hartford school system and competed in three triathlons in 2012.

Mindi McLaughlin has accepted a teaching position at Wethersfield High School.

Lisa Nowakowski was inducted into the Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame for soccer excellence. She had a prolific soccer career throughout high school and college. At Rocky Hill High School, she is the second all-time leading scorer in women's soccer with 67 career goals. She scored three hat tricks in her freshman year (a feat not equaled since) and was All New England and All State from 2001 to 2003. Nowakowski played for the Olympic Development Team from 1998 to 2003 and made the regional soccer team from 1999 to 2003. She continued her soccer career at Sacred Heart University.

2009

Shawn Fields (MARS) has taken the reins as library director of the Booth Library in Newtown. He comes to Newtown from Shelton, where he served as the director of the Huntington branch of the Shelton Public Library.

2010

Brian Hommel (MBA) joined Better Packages in Shelton as senior director, National Sales and Distribution. In his new role, Hommel will work with the company's authorized distributors in North America and Canada. He most recently worked as national sales manager at Venture Tape-GTA, a 3M company. Prior to that, he was employed at Intertape Polymer Group, where he held a variety of sales management positions of increasing responsibility.

Brenda Renzulli (FNP) and **Susan Storck (FNP)** both received an Excellence in Poster Presentation award at the Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society (CTAPRNS) annual conference on

April 26, 2013. Their posters were entitled "Avoiding Admission in Geriatric Population."

2011

Sam Dowd has accepted a new position at McGraw Hill Education in Boston as a technical product manager. He was previously with the Harvard Business School.

Kelly Leather has been named one of three new board members for the Welch College of Business' Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations. She most recently transitioned to the role of director of Events, Communications and Volunteers at Inspirica in Stamford.

2012



Erin Palonen (6th Year), a Griswold Middle School special-education teacher, was a finalist in the nationwide "Top Teacher Search" on the morning TV chat show *Live with Kelly and Michael*. She was nominated by Lisa Coe, the mother of Katie Coe, one of her former students, who has autism. Palonen was a brand-new teacher in the school but immediately threw herself into the role of teacher, best pal, role model and surrogate sister to Katie, impacting her in an extremely positive way. Congratulations!

2013

Sacred Heart University shortstop **John Murphy** was selected by the New York Yankees as the 194th overall pick in the sixth round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft. Murphy also played for the Bourne Braves in the Cape Cod League, where many future major leaguers play during their college years.

Janelle Wolitski (MBA) was awarded the fourth annual ACG Connecticut Cup by ACG Connecticut, the premier association of dealmakers in the state. She was part of a SHU team of MBA students. They edged out student teams from the University of Connecticut and Yale University.

Engagements

Marie Donaldson is engaged to **Danny Roque (MAT '12)** and a wedding is planned for June 14, 2014.

Nicole Julich ('11) became engaged to **Matthew Vereb ('11)** on September 28, 2012, while visiting SHU for Alumni Weekend.

Jessica Murphy ('08) is engaged to **Luis German ('09)** and will be married in 2014.

Kaitlyn Overbeeke is engaged to **Matt Telvi ('09)**.

Carissa Ruiz ('07) is engaged to be married.

Rachel Schiavone is engaged to **Daniel Attivissimo ('08)**.

Vicki Torres ('10) is engaged to Ryan Shaink, and the couple resides in California.

Christina Tsimortos ('09) is engaged to **Doug Hamilton ('09)**.

Marriages

Ariel Bosco ('05) and Ian Merriss were married on September 12, 2012, at Beavertail Park, Jamestown, R.I. The bride is employed by the Affinion Group in Stamford. The groom graduated from Fairfield University in Fairfield and is with Worldwide Wines in North Haven. The couple lives in Weston.

Linda Catricala ('07, '13 MBA) wed John Prokipchak on June 21, 2013, in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Sacred Heart University.

Tracie Cavanaugh ('01) was married to David McClure in Enfield on April 12, 2013.



Kerri Kalinski ('10) and Corey Hassan ('10) were married on July 4, 2013. The couple just returned to the States from an extended time in

Germany where the groom played professional basketball.

Sarah Kyller ('08) was married to Ryan Jones on May 18, 2013.

Ellen McGovern ('08) was married to Scott Wagner on March 9, 2013, in New Jersey.

Meghan McCaffrey ('09) was married to **Glenn Wilken ('06)** in March 2013.

Kathleen O'Connor ('11 MAT) wed Robert Lynch in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit on July 4, 2013.

Megan Rush ('11 DPT) and Ryan Beans ('07) were married on July 6, 2013.

Katrina Willette ('11) and Coleman Davis wed on July 26, 2013, in Shelton.

In Memoriam

Robert Carl Bisch, Jr. ('87, '91 MBA) of Shelton peacefully entered into eternal rest on Monday, April 1, 2013, at Griffin Hospital with his loving family by his side. He was born on November 8, 1957, in Bridgeport. He was predeceased by his father, Robert C. Bisch, Sr. He was a graduate of Bullard Havens Technical High School and Norwalk Technical College, and earned an MBA from Sacred Heart University. He had been an employee of Sikorsky Aircraft and most recently was a data systems manager for Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield WellPoint, Inc. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and loved the time he spent with his family and friends. He was a lifelong and avid Boston Red Sox and Celtics fan.

Dorothy M. Bottjer ('87) passed away on April 12, 2013. She was the first member of her family to be born in the United States; her German parents, George and Katharine, immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1900s. She spent her childhood in New York City and Hemet, Calif., and summers in Barryville, N.Y., and on Long Island. She was the first member of her family to attend college, graduating *magna cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in English from Heidelberg College (Tiffin, Ohio) in 1951. In midlife she obtained a bachelor's degree in computer science from Sacred Heart University in 1987. Bottjer worked the majority of her career as an executive secretary and a legal secretary at the corporate offices of General Electric, first in New York and later in Connecticut. She moved to Henderson County, N.C., during

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IN MEMORIAM

Maureen Hamilton '84 1962-2013



"As you read this, I ask you to pray for Maureen Hamilton and to ask Jesus Christ to love her and to take her home to a place where there is neither sickness nor strife.

Maureen lost her mother when she was around the age of 5, her father when she was 12 and her grandmother and caretaker around the age of 14. From that time and earlier, because of significant ill health in her family, she raised her brother, John, on her own with very little if any guidance. Most people in similar circumstances would have ended up leading unproductive lives, which would be completely understandable.

Instead, Maureen went to college at Sacred Heart University so that she could stay local and continue to care for her brother while he attended high school.

She graduated from college and went on to receive two master's degrees. Her brother attended college, obtained a master's degree and a Ph.D. and has become very successful in the law enforcement and medical professions. Most importantly, he has built a loving and happy family despite his trying, formative childhood. Maureen has built our own family and is the mother of two, truly wonderful young men, who have grown up to be individuals of great character. She and I are very, very proud of them for who they are as people. Because of the many sacrifices Maureen made, her legacy is extremely positive and fulfilling. It is my privilege to celebrate her life as she now rests in eternal peace."

—BRIAN HAMILTON '87

her retirement to be closer to her brother (the late William Bottjer). She displayed talent in several artistic pursuits, including playing her harpsichord, quilting, drawing and pastiche painting. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.



Thomas M. Corbett ('67), age 67, of New Fairfield died on Friday November 16, 2012, at his home. He was the husband of

Margaret "Peggy" (Zanzal) Corbett. He was born in Danbury on July 19, 1945. He was a graduate of Danbury High School and a member of the first graduating class of Sacred Heart University in 1967, where he received his bachelor's degree in business. He was employed for 37 years with the Town of New Milford school system as its director of Operations, retiring five years ago. Following his retirement, he served as the third selectman for the Town of New Fairfield for two years. A resident of New Fairfield for 36 years, Corbett was a parishioner of St. Edward the Confessor Church and was a 26-year volunteer with the American Red Cross as a disaster relief coordinator.

Daniel "The Dietz" DiNapoli ('76) passed away on June 20, 2013.

He was born and raised on a farm in Greenwich. He graduated from Sacred Heart University, often fondly recalling his favorite biology teacher. He loved golf (The Wheel), the Yankees and the Patriots, but not Tiger Woods or liberals. He was known for his quick wit and took great pride in his Italian ancestry.

William (Bill) Francis Duquette ('68), known as "Duke," age 66, of Woodstock, Ga., passed away peacefully at home on April 17, 2013. Born September 23, 1946, in Bridgeport to Ann and Leo Duquette, he was lovingly raised with his twin brother, Charlie, by Josephine and Kip Kreuter, all of whom predeceased him. Growing up in Bridgeport, he graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1964 and Sacred Heart University in 1968. His career with IBM started in New York City, but moved to New Haven and Bridgeport where he had management positions in Finance and Administration until he went to Southbury and, finally, Atlanta where he retired. He was also a member of the National Guard, serving patriotically for 20 years. His passion in life was the Drum and Bugle Corps, beginning in 1957 with Bridgeport's PAL Cadets where he played baritone and contra bass through 1968. His commitment grew in 1970 with the CT Hurricanes,

marching for three years with the contra horn line before returning to the Hurcs as director and assistant drum major from 1980 to 1984. He played a key role in the Hurricanes winning the DCA Championship in 1981. He guided the Hurcs back to prominence as administrative head and staff coordinator in 1990 and 1992, and was named "Hurricane of the Year" for 1992. He is in the Connecticut Hurricanes Hall of Fame. Duquette also served as instructor for several corps: CT Classics, New London Surfers, Notre Dame High School ND-Etts and the Bunnell High School Marching Band. In later years, he also served as director of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum & Bugle Corps, attracting young members from five states, and as co-director for the Park City Pride in 2003.

Jonathan Higgins ('06 MAT) of Milford passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 9 at the age of 57. He was born in Manchester, but developed an abiding love of the outdoors while growing up in Dalton, Mass., in the heart of the Berkshire Mountains. After attending Vermont Academy, he went on to earn a degree in forestry at Paul Smith College. He followed his family to Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., in 1980. While there, he earned a business degree from Pace University and

was active in the BMFD. He also met and married his best friend Lore while they both were employed at People's Westchester Savings Bank. From there, he went on to great success in the executive search field and eventually moved with Lore to a beach home in Milford. Soon after, he earned a master's degree from Sacred Heart University. He and Lore loved to travel. In particular, they loved Bermuda where his mother was born and raised, Cape Cod at the Higgins family homestead and Chester, Vt., where they had a ski home.

Debra Ann Altieri Howell ('87), age 59, of Milford, beloved wife of the late Robert B. Howell, Jr., passed away on Monday, May 6, 2013, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Bridgeport on April 1, 1954, she was the oldest daughter of Earl and Alice (Cryoskie) Altieri of Trumbull. She graduated from Notre Dame High School in Bridgeport and obtained degrees from Housatonic Community College and Sacred Heart University. She was employed as a phlebotomist at Milford Hospital, creating lasting friendships that she cherished. Her favorite pastimes included reading, listening to Frank Sinatra, watching *I Love Lucy* and spending time with her family.

Kevin M. Kennedy ('70, '77), 58, of Ansonia unexpectedly entered into eternal rest on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. He was born in Derby on February 19, 1955, beloved son of Irene J. Tyszka Kennedy of Ansonia and the late Michael J. Kennedy. He was a graduate of Ansonia High School in 1972 and Sacred Heart University in 1976. He previously worked as a glass cutter at Curved Glass in Derby.

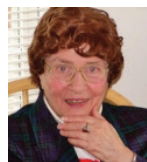
Lawrence D. Mammone ('68), age 68, of Bridgeport, Conn., passed away suddenly on Thursday, June 6, 2013. Born in Bridgeport on September 17, 1944, he was a son of Lawrence and Anna (Conte) Mammone. Mr. Mammone was a professor for over 30 years at both Sacred Heart University and Housatonic Community College and a self-employed tax accountant and consultant. He was an avid Giants fan.

Cynthia Baseggio Menegus ('81), age 69, of Fairfield passed away peacefully on April 9, 2013. She was born in Passaic, N.J., on July 4, 1943. She received a bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University. She worked as an auditor for People's Bank for over 42 years. She was a lifelong member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield.

Sarah Goodhue Waugh Moore ('94), age 57, of Southport, beloved daughter of Sarah (Sally) Waugh and the late Samuel Waugh, passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Born in Norwalk, she had been a lifelong area resident. She graduated from Greens Farms Academy and attended Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland; the University of Wyoming at Laramie and Sacred Heart University. She was employed in the Insurance Division at GE Capital. She had a passion for assisting children with disabilities and volunteered her time with the Pegasus Program. She volunteered for the American Red Cross and the Fairfield Women's Exchange and

worked at the Pequot Library book sales.

Margaret (Marge, Maggie) Murphy ('86), a lifelong Greenwich resident, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2013. She was 47. Born February 17, 1966, she was a daughter of John "Jack" and Margaret "Peggy" Murphy. She attended St. Mary's and St. Catherine's grammar schools and Greenwich Catholic Middle School, graduating from St. Mary's High School in 1984. It was there in her senior year that she was captain of the cheerleading team. Murphy received a degree from Sacred Heart University and later graduated from the Stamford Hospital radiography program. She was a licensed radiology technologist in both New York and Connecticut. During her career she made many dear friends while working as an X-ray and MRI technician at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, N.Y., and Greenwich, Stamford and Norwalk hospitals. When time allowed, she would volunteer at the Shelter for the Homeless in Stamford.



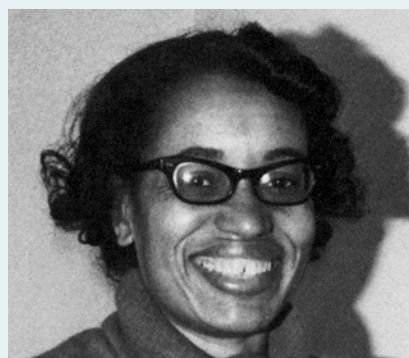
Sally Norman ('02), age 92, of Fairfield passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Stanley Norman who

passed in 1992. Born in Bridgeport on February 19, 1921, she was a daughter of the late Giuseppe and Antonina Romeo Cacciola. She was proud, at the age of 81, to have been the oldest graduate from Sacred Heart University to obtain her bachelor's degree. She was also a longtime volunteer at Cambridge Manor for the last 17 years.

Marilyn (Luchak) Oat ('89 MAT), age 64, of Preston passed away peacefully at Backus Hospital on May 21, 2013, in the presence of her loving family and close friends. She was born in Corpus Christi, Tex., on August 7, 1948, daughter of the late John and Marian (Kowalchik) Luchak of Poulsbo, Wash. She graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and continued her studies at Sacred Heart University and Southern Connecticut State University where she received her MAT and her 6th Year in administration and supervision. She began her career in Ledyard as a math teacher. Later, she held a variety of teaching positions in the Preston School system: gifted and talented for second grade and social studies, reading and math for sixth grade. Following 14 years in the Preston Public Schools, she became the assistant principal at Killingly Memorial School in Danielson. She held this position

for six years before being named principal of Killingly Memorial School in 2004. She was involved in many additional professional positions and activities during her educational career, including president of Killingly Administrators Association; summer fellow of the CT Writing Project; member of the State of CT Teacher Training & Evaluation Program, Young Authors Reading/Writing Project and Connecticut Education Association Leadership Project; presenter at the Early Childhood State Conference; and member of the Harvard Graduate School of Education Network.

Tabitha A. Vincent ('10, '12 MBA), 35, of Cheshire passed away Sunday, March 24, 2013. She was the loving partner of Clifford Cronan of Wallingford. Born in Long Beach, Calif., on January 23, 1978, she was the daughter of Susan Vincent-DeCicco, stepdaughter of James DeCicco of East Haven and mother of Alyssa Allen of Cheshire. After graduating from North Haven High School, she obtained her bachelor's degree in accounting in 2010 and her master's degree in management in 2012 from Sacred Heart University. She had worked for the United Illuminating Company for many years as an analyst. She was an avid supporter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, the Tough Mudders and the Wounded Warrior Fund.



Mariann Russell – Professor

Mariann Russell (professor) passed away on March 30, 2012. She was born on May 23, 1935, in New York City where she was raised and educated. She received her bachelor's degree from St. John's University in Queens, followed by her master's and doctorate at Columbia University. Her first job in higher education was in the English department at Morgan State University before finding her way to Sacred Heart University. Russell was a full-time English professor at Sacred Heart from 1969 to 1997. She taught a variety of courses including 20th century British literature, with a focus on modernism, and also her beloved African-American literature. Described as a "literary pioneer," she

published and produced several articles in scholarly journals. She was a devoted member of the College Language Association and a devout participant, attending annually until her later years. She always shared what she learned with the English Department and her students. She will be remembered for her contribution to the students here at Sacred Heart University.



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