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A photograph of three young adults, two men and one woman, standing outdoors in front of a large, multi-story building with a prominent tower. The man on the left is wearing a grey blazer over a maroon shirt. The woman in the center is wearing a black top and a red skirt. The man on the right is wearing a red and blue plaid shirt over a grey t-shirt. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

First- Generation Students Aim High

Experiencing the transformational
power of a Duquesne education

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Thoughts from the President

Pursuing a world-class education at Duquesne University, high on the Bluff overlooking the city, is a time-honored tradition for generations of families.

Almost 140 years ago, Duquesne was established to educate the children of Pittsburgh's immigrants, many of whom were first-generation college students. We continue that tradition today and our cover story showcases first-generation trailblazers in higher education. We recognize the importance families place on education and we are thrilled that these young people chose Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit as the foundation on which to build the rest of their lives.

Speaking of lifelong connections, you'll read in this issue about how my own Catholic education inspired my life path. The dedicated teachers I encountered at St. Anselm's School in Swissvale left a deep impression on me. There, my siblings and I took advantage of rigorous academics, but also took away important lessons regarding faith, ethics, honesty and morality. Thanks to the Sisters of Charity and teachers at St. A's, I was fortunate enough to have a life-changing educational experience that still guides me.

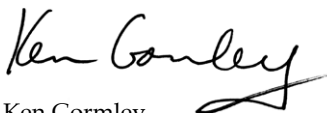
Duquesne's Spiritan mission of serving God by serving others has always been its hallmark. Alumna Nicole Tomasello takes this mission to heart—literally. In these pages, you'll read about how she travels to Africa to help perform lifesaving surgeries on people with rheumatic heart disease. She says, "...the foundation Duquesne laid became very important and special to me, and I knew I wanted to touch as many lives as I could by helping and healing."

Benefactor John G. Rangos, Sr. has dedicated his life to shaping the ethical, values-based core of young men and women for the greater good of society. His charitable family foundation is renowned for supporting institutions and initiatives related to education and health care. In this issue, you'll discover why Duquesne University is one of the most fortunate and grateful recipients of his generosity.

These pages also include information on cutting-edge technology enhancing learning in the School of Nursing; how a professor's research gained deeper insights by focusing on the strengths—rather than the weaknesses—of a community; and how alumna Mary Gaffney turned her passion for capturing the sounds of nature into a career as an audio engineer.

Education is the common theme that has animated every stage of my life—as the beneficiary of a great Catholic education, as the son of a dedicated third-grade teacher, as a law professor and dean, and now as Duquesne's president. Duquesne University has been a model of transformative education for generations. We are proud, and grateful, that you are part of this special academic institution and its rich, shining tradition. ♦

Sincerely,



Ken Gormley
Duquesne University President



“Duquesne's Spiritan mission of serving God by serving others has always been its hallmark.”



Duquesne football players help themselves to delicious treats made by team manager and baker extraordinaire Annie Rodgers.

Taste Test

STUDENT'S SWEET TREATS SWEEP SOCIAL MEDIA

By Rose Ravasio, A'90

Stressed? Anxious? Go for a run. Meditate. Listen to quiet music. Take a hot bath. Bake a batch of brownies topped with peanut butter, chocolate chips and chocolate-covered pretzels.

While most people would rather eat treats than bake them, student Annie Rodgers bakes nearly every day to relax.

"Some days I'll wake up at 5 a.m. just to bake—I know that sounds totally absurd," says Rodgers, a fourth-year physical therapy major. "Today, I slept in because we had a big test yesterday, but I was up at 8 a.m. to bake. I use it as an escape in a way—it's relaxing."

Rodgers' favorite way to unwind has gained a big following on Instagram, drawing fans from across the world and across campus.

"When I hit 1,000 followers, I was amazed," says Rodgers, whose account has grown to 113,000 followers. "It just shocks me, but food blogging and lifestyle Instagrams are becoming so popular now."

Rodgers created her @bakinyoucrazy Instagram account in 2015. The account, which features mouth-watering photos of jumbo cookies, brownies, cupcakes and more, continues to grow in popularity.

In addition to sharing her baked goods with friends and fellow Duquesne students, Rodgers often shares with the nearly 140 members of the University's football team. She has served as manager / assistant to the



"I love to come up with new things and baking serves as a great way to be creative."



director of football operations of the team since she was a freshman.

"They eat a lot of the stuff I bake, which works out when I'm trying out a recipe for the first time," she says. "They haven't turned me down yet!"

Recently, Rodgers took over one of Duquesne's kitchens for a day, baking more than 300 brownies, giant cookies and other treats for Duquesne Dining Services to sell. The sweets sold out in an hour and Dining Services plans to do more events with Rodgers.

Rodgers often helped her mom bake when she was a kid, but only started to bake regularly herself about two years ago. Baking not only helps Rodgers relax, it also allows her to be creative.

"I love to come up with new things and baking serves as a great way to be creative," says Rodgers. "People ask me if I had discovered baking as a hobby earlier would I have gone to culinary school—while I'd consider opening a bakery on the side later down the road in my life, I don't want it to become my job that has to pay the bills because that's when it stops being enjoyable." ♦



Recent Rankings and Honors for DU Programs and Schools

U.S. NEWS AGAIN RANKS DU AMONG BEST COLLEGES, BEST VALUE SCHOOLS

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Duquesne in the top tier of schools for the ninth consecutive year in its annual edition of the *Best Colleges* rankings. Duquesne is ranked No. 124 in the Best National Universities category and is recognized at No. 37 in the Best Value Schools category, marking a six-spot increase from last year. Other Duquesne highlights from the 2017 *Best Colleges* rankings include:

- Ranked No. 82 in the Best Colleges for Veterans category (up 12 spots from last year)
- Named No. 98 in the High School Counselor Rankings (a 28-spot increase from last year)
- Ranked No. 150 in the Best Undergraduate Business Programs category (up 41 spots from last year)

In addition, Duquesne is No. 13 among the national Catholic universities within the *U.S. News* top tier schools.

DUQUESNE UP 62 SPOTS, NURSING NAMED NO. 26 AMONG BEST ONLINE PROGRAMS

Duquesne's online bachelor's programs have broken into the Top 100 ranked, and the School of Nursing has again been recognized as one of the nation's best, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2017 *Best Online Programs* rankings.

**BEST
VALUE
COLLEGES**

U.S. News named Duquesne No. 81 among 231 schools included in the Best Online Bachelor's Programs category. This marks a 62-spot jump for the University, which was ranked No. 143 last year in this category.

The School of Nursing was ranked at No. 26 among 107 institutions included in the Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs category. This is the fifth consecutive year that the nursing school was ranked by *U.S. News*, and the fourth consecutive year it was named among the Top 30.

PRINCETON REVIEW NAMES GRADUATE BUSINESS SCHOOL AS ONE OF NATION'S TOP 294

The Donahue Graduate School of Business is among *The Princeton Review's* Best 294 Business Schools, 2017 edition, based on how students rate their schools.

School profiles include admission, academics, financial aid, campus life and career/employment information. The profiles also include ratings in five categories, such as admissions selectivity and career statistics, based primarily on institutional data.

**-TOP 294-
GRADUATE
BUSINESS
SCHOOL**

PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL RECOGNIZES UNIVERSITY

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll again has selected Duquesne as an honoree for the country's highest federal recognition for universities that strengthen communities.

Duquesne was the sole Pittsburgh institution and among only 12 schools statewide honored for General Community Service with Distinction, the second-highest recognition presented by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service. This marks the sixth consecutive year that Duquesne has achieved this prestigious ranking.

- PRESIDENT'S - HONOR ROLL

The University was one of just seven Pennsylvania schools and the only one in southwestern Pennsylvania honored with distinction in the category of Education. In the category of Economic Opportunity, Duquesne was one of only four Pennsylvania schools to achieve distinction.

DU ACHIEVES SECOND HIGHEST RESULT ON PA. BAR EXAM

Duquesne School of Law graduates achieved a 91.96 percent first-time taker pass rate on the July 2016 Pennsylvania Bar Examination, placing the University second among 10 Pennsylvania-area law schools. This pass rate exceeded the Pennsylvania first-time average pass rate by 16.6 points, marking the 10th time in the last 11 years that Duquesne has exceeded the statewide average.

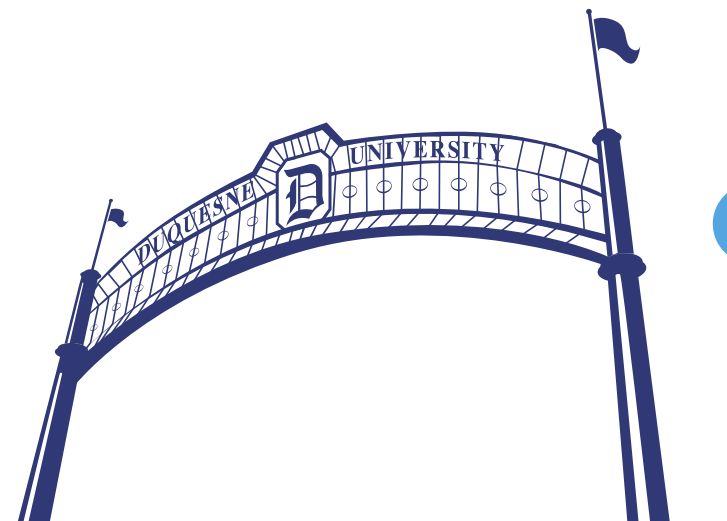
With the exception of the University of Pennsylvania, Duquesne placed ahead of Temple, Villanova, Drexel, the University of Pittsburgh and other law schools.

NURSING EARNS FIRST GOLD-LEVEL RANKING AS MILITARY FRIENDLY PROGRAM

The School of Nursing, which has again been named a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, has earned the gold-level ranking for the first time.

"We are honored by this recognition as it reflects our diligent efforts to support veterans and their families in achieving a career goal of completing their BSN and licensure as a registered nurse," says Dr. Mark Crider, director of the School of Nursing's Veteran to BSN program and assistant dean for administration and special projects. ♦

GOLD LEVEL RANKING



Did You Know?

\$491,610,322

280,000+ **service hours**



Duquesne drives growth in the Pittsburgh region in many different ways, making important economic, research and service contributions. Over the last year, Duquesne's total economic impact was nearly half a billion dollars, and Duquesne students and employees volunteered 280,000 service hours.

Read more at www.duq.edu/impact.

For a special weekend in November,

Duquesne students and the Hill House Association

hosted a pop-up museum in Pittsburgh's Hill District neighborhood. History and public history graduate students worked with artists, collectors and residents of the Hill District to gather artifacts to tell the story of the neighborhood in the 1970s.



Dr. Devika Manickam, assistant professor of pharmaceuticals, recently received a 2017 New Investigator Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP).



Manickam's research project, *DNA Nanoparticles for Ischemic Stroke Therapy*, garnered the award from the AACP, which provides start-up funding for the independent research programs of early-career pharmacy faculty. Each grant includes funding of up to \$10,000 for research, and

Manickam will have the opportunity to present her research findings at the AACP's annual meeting in 2018.



Law Professor Frank Yining Liu has been inducted into the American Association of Law Libraries' Hall of Fame.

provides law students and faculty access to more than 300,000 legal and law-related volumes and online resources. When he began at the law school in 1980, the Law Library was physically inadequate and had fewer than 10,000 books/titles.

"That was considered very, very small for a law library," Liu explains. "The books were just in stacks and weren't even classified in order—they were arranged in alphabetical order by author. But, I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to design the law library here in the law school."

Liu's role in the law school first expanded when, in 1982, he was asked by then Dean John Sciuolo to teach legal research and was granted faculty status. Liu, who would go on to serve as Faculty Senate president for two terms, teaches courses in introduction to the U.S. legal system, advanced legal research, Chinese legal history and Chinese for lawyers.

In an unprecedented move, Duquesne University formed a unique partnership with Allegheny County in 1999 to take over management of the failing Allegheny County Law Library.

"That partnership now serves as a model for the United States and is seen as the standard in developing similar partnerships," says Liu, who serves as director of the Allegheny County Law Library. "I'm happy to say that the county law library is thriving now."

Liu, who was born in China, is highly regarded for his service to the Asian-American and Chinese-American communities. He is a past national and local chapter president of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), on whose behalf he met with former President George Bush and discussed Asian-American issues; co-founded the Chinese American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries; and coordinated former Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy's visit to China in 1998.

"I got involved with the American political process because Asian-Americans felt that they weren't being recognized for their contributions to American society and were being discriminated against by society at large," says Liu. "The OCA seeks equal

Legal Intent

LAW PROFESSOR DEVOTES CAREER TO LEGAL STUDIES, FORGING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

By Rose Ravasio, A'90

When Frank Yining Liu joined the School of Law nearly 40 years ago, he was charged with bringing its poorly stocked, undersized Law Library up to the American Bar Association's (ABA) required standards. Now, he's a Hall of Famer.

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), an organization for which he has been a dedicated and longtime valued member, recently inducted Liu into its prestigious Hall of Fame. Liu says he is thankful his peers have acknowledged his efforts in legal information management.

"The AALL Hall of Fame Award is the highest honor that AALL bestows on its members," says Liu. "I'm deeply grateful for their encouragement and support."

Liu has served on numerous AALL committees; has been a member of its executive board; and played a key role in helping Pittsburgh serve as the host city of the organization's 1995 convention. He also was a founding member, vice president and president of the Asian American Law Librarian Caucus. In 2006, AALL presented him with a Presidential Recognition of Appreciation award and the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship.

"Active participation in the activities of professional organizations is an essential and integral part of one's job performance and continuing education," says Liu.

At Duquesne, Liu is responsible for the successful Center for Legal Information (Law Library), which

“I think it is very important to encourage Asian-Americans to become active and to participate in the American political process.”

opportunity and equal rights for Chinese and Asian people—I think it is very important to encourage Asian-Americans to become active and to participate in the American political process.”

After working with the OCA, Liu developed a faculty exchange program between the law school and the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in 1990. This led to his co-founding and co-directing the school’s ABA-approved Summer Study of Chinese Law Program in Beijing.

Some of Liu’s accomplishments at Duquesne also include working with Ken Gormley (former law school dean and now Duquesne’s president) to create the law school’s LL.M. for Foreign Lawyers in 2012 and being named associate dean for legal programs in 2014. Last December, the Southwest

University of Political Science and Law in China appointed Liu to a three-year term as a visiting professor, enabling him to do short-term teaching there.

Liu is quick to credit his success and achievements to his faith and Duquesne’s constant support of diversity.

“I think that every level of the community here has given me the trust and confidence that has enabled me to accomplish what I’ve done—to dedicate myself to the Duquesne community, to society, to international exchanges,” says Liu. “And my faith has always played a critical role in my work here, and in return, my work here helps my faith and spiritual growth. Diversity and faith—they’re the underlying spirit of Duquesne University.” ♦

Cutting-edge Learning Tools

SCHOOL OF NURSING INVESTS IN HIGH-TECH WAYS TO LEARN

Mannequins that bleed and moan. Accurate drug information at the tap of a finger. And a robot that allows off-site faculty and students to communicate with colleagues as part of classroom lessons.

It’s not the future—it’s happening now in the School of Nursing, where technology is enhancing the learning experience in new and exciting ways.

What started as a one-room lab with eight hand-cranked beds has grown over the last two decades into nursing’s state-of-the-art Learning and Simulation Center. Packed with technology, the center offers a safe environment where nursing students can practice simple to complex patient care skills.

One of the newest additions to the lab is DUSTIN (short for *Duquesne University Simulating Telepresence in Nursing*), a robot that acts as the eyes, ears and mouthpiece for students and faculty who cannot participate in person. Duquesne is only the second nursing school in the nation to have one.

“You can connect to this robot from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection,” says Joe Seidel, director of technology in the School of Nursing. “So even if the students are not on campus in the lab, they can connect through an iPad or iPhone app or any computer. Once connected, they can use DUSTIN to see, hear, speak and communicate with anyone in the room. DUSTIN’s screen displays a live video feed of the person at a distance, so it feels like he or she is part of the team.”

This technology is helping Duquesne nursing students in new and amazing ways, including putting a world of information at their fingertips.



For example, every nursing student at Duquesne uses an iPad, which helps prevent mistakes and accelerate work pace.

“We have a product called Skyscape Skills Hub,” says Rosanna Henry, director of the Learning and Simulation Center. “It is a quick point of care reference. If a nurse needs to learn about a medication or review a skill, the information is easily accessible through an iPad or phone app. They know the reference is up to date. It ensures that someone is not proceeding without a clear review.”

Seidel sees even bigger possibilities for the iPad in nursing.

“I think the software is going to improve greatly over the next few years,” he says. “There are going to be a lot more apps available for nursing, whether for studying for exams or for simulation. Professors have begun integrating the iPad more into the classroom. There is tremendous potential here.

“We are on the forefront of technology in the School of Nursing,” says Seidel. “And we will continue to be the leader.” ♦



The Power of a Positive Community

DUQUESNE RESEARCH FOCUSES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY TO HEALTH

By Tracy Jackson

A call from a former student offering a research opportunity recently had psychology professor Dr. Russell Walsh packing his bags and heading to the remote Hudson Bay area of Ontario.

There, Dr. David Danto, A'05, head of the psychology program at the University of Guelph-Humber, was preparing to study the Cree communities in Northern Ontario, part of the six First Nations communities that surround Hudson Bay. Accessible only by boat, small plane or—in the winter—frozen highway, the aboriginal communities offered unique research opportunities because of their geographic isolation.

Danto previously made contact with the Cree communities, but was unsure what aspects of the group he wanted to study. On the team's first trip to Ontario, they met with community leaders and elders to find out what type of research was needed.

"In our initial meeting, we discovered all but one of the aboriginal communities had notoriously high rates of substance abuse, mental illness and teen suicide rates," says Walsh, who oversaw Danto's doctoral work at Duquesne. "Studies outlining the pathology of the Cree communities already existed, so we obtained grant funding in order to pursue qualitative research focusing on the one community that was thriving."

"The question came up as to why this community is doing so well. No one had asked that question before."

All six communities shared the same trauma, including physical and sexual abuse of children; the imposition of religious schooling on community youth; the dismantling of community traditions; and outside influences that disconnected many community members from the land. Walsh and Danto wanted to discover what made one of those communities flourish despite shared hardships with its neighbors.

So, with grant funding in hand, they returned to Ontario and through interviews with leaders, mental health workers and traditional healers, tried to discover how this one community set itself apart with very low rates of teen suicide, depression and substance abuse.

"The question came up as to why this community is doing so well," says Walsh. "No one asked that question before. The focus, thus far, had been on pathology, the struggles and difficulties among this community, and not a study of their strengths."

Walsh and Danto's biggest finding among this flourishing group was its deep connection to the land.

"This most remote community had been untouched by corporate mining,

(Left to right) Canoes are used to journey upriver. Dr. Russell Walsh is shown in the town of Moosonee, Ontario. The community church integrates both native and Christian traditions.

and had very little outside influence," says Walsh. "Most members still hunted for food, and each summer, both the younger and older generations would hunt together, embracing their traditional way of life."

Additionally, Walsh and Danto discovered that this community accepts both the traditional aboriginal healing faith and Christianity, shares parenting responsibilities among its members, and looks out for one another—all traditional beliefs and practices that Walsh and Danto believe attribute to the group's success and vitality.

Recently, Walsh and Danto submitted their findings in the form of a revised manuscript to the *Qualitative Report Journal*. The duo hopes to collaborate with other researchers who have studied resilience and health in different aboriginal populations so they may better understand indigenous psychology.

"Dr. Danto and I really want to shift the focus of these communities from one of pathology to one of resilience," explains Walsh. "Our goal is to help affirm a sense of pride, strength and health among these aboriginal communities." ♦

Doing the Right Thing

SCHOOL OF NURSING LAUNCHING NATION'S FIRST PH.D. IN NURSING ETHICS

Nurses are on the front line of ethical issues in health care. By offering the nation's first Ph.D. in Nursing Ethics, Duquesne's School of Nursing is leading the way in giving nurses a better framework and a greater voice.

"Nurses are typically with patients 24/7, so they are the health care professionals who really recognize ethical dilemmas," says Dr. Mary Ellen Glasgow, dean and professor of the School of Nursing. "They may know it does not feel right, but they sometimes cannot address it using an ethical framework, or explain why it is not right."

To that end, Glasgow has focused on making sure ethics has a role in every School of Nursing program. This summer, the school will launch the new doctoral degree.

"All of the courses are related to ethics, and student dissertations are on health care ethics," says Glasgow.

"Students are not only going to be taught by nursing faculty who understand the clinical environment, but they are also going to be taught by health care ethicists and faculty from our Duquesne University Center for Healthcare Ethics."

Students will develop the intellectual skills and practical knowledge to identify ethical issues in nursing practice and to come to a well-reasoned resolution and conclusion. Various options according to moral and ethical reasoning, and standards of evaluation that are decidedly ethical in nature, will be evaluated.

"All the pieces fit," says Associate Professor Dr. Rick Zoucha, chair of advanced role and Ph.D. programs, who helped develop the new program. "It is the next natural progression for our school—to be known as the place to study nursing ethics because of the faculty from the Center for Healthcare Ethics and our faculty in the School of Nursing."

For more information, visit www.duq.edu/nursing-ethics. ♦

Law School Houses, Helps Pa. Innocence Project's Pittsburgh Office

By Rose Ravasio, A'90

Duquesne University School of Law students now have the opportunity to help those who have been wrongfully convicted.

The Pennsylvania Innocence Project works statewide to exonerate those convicted of crimes they did not commit and to prevent the innocent from being convicted. Located in Philadelphia at Temple University's Beasley School of Law, the project recently opened a much-needed Pittsburgh-based office in the law school's Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education.

"The Pennsylvania Innocence Project has grown exponentially," says Elizabeth DeLosa, managing attorney of the project's new Pittsburgh office. "(The project) receives letters every day from inmates across the state asking for our assistance, and we have many cases in various stages of investigation and litigation here in western Pennsylvania. As you can imagine, it's difficult for the Philadelphia-based attorney to litigate here."

In Philadelphia, the project includes law students from Temple, Villanova,

Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania. The satellite office in Pittsburgh provides a clinic opportunity for both Duquesne and University of Pittsburgh law students.

"The Pennsylvania Innocence Project is one of the best in the country," says Duquesne President Ken Gormley. "It's a tremendous honor for Duquesne University to be hosting the western Pennsylvania office of the project. This is something that I have been working on since I was appointed interim law dean in 2008 because I believed that it was a much-needed initiative."

Students attend class with DeLosa each week, and each student is required to devote at least 10 hours a week to the clinic.

"Each law student is assigned an active case and they review actual case documents," says DeLosa, a 2010 Duquesne law school graduate. "In class, we discuss things like the common reasons that our criminal justice system fails, resulting in convicting the innocent."



"The establishment of this satellite office is a game changer for the justice system in the entire commonwealth," adds Gormley. "It has the potential to not only provide hands-on opportunities for our students to be engaged in important, life-changing legal work, it also has the potential to become the finest of the innocence projects in the United States. The fact that the Pittsburgh legal community and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law have embraced it so thoroughly is extremely gratifying."

For more information about the Pennsylvania Innocence Project housed at Duquesne, visit www.duq.edu/law/innocenceproject. ♦

HOME COMING 2016

Homecoming 2016 was a tremendous success with over 1,200 alumni and friends returning to the Bluff for celebrations of 21 class and affinity group reunions, school gatherings, athletic events, KidsZone, an Alumni Jazz Concert and more!



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AutumnFest
Tables

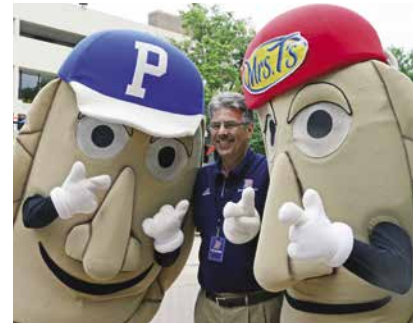
Men's Soccer

1-0 Win

Powder Puff Game

21-0

Sophomores/Seniors
over Freshmen/Juniors



KidsZone

Faces Painted

67

Shirts Tie-Dyed

100

Balloon Animals
Created

61



Football Game
Attendance

2,658



10 Homecoming King &
Queen Court members



Campus Window Paintings **9**



Rally to Rooney
Parade Entries **27**

26 
Spirit Boards



Furthest Distance Traveled

2,498 Miles 

from Bogotá, Colombia!

Anniversary Giving
Challenge Winner



Red Team

(Classes of 1971, 1981,
1991, 2001, 2011)

  
#duhomecoming Posts **251**



Class Reunions & Affinity Celebrations

21 



Battle of the Bands Attendance

200



Swag

T-Shirts
700



Sunglasses
1,000



Tech Pouches
500



Lanyards
3,000



Save the Dates!

Homecoming 2017
October 6-8

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2017 will feature celebrations for:

- Class years ending in 2s and 7s
- Golden Dukes
- *The Duquesne Duke*
- Resident Assistants and the Residence Hall Association
- Alpha Sigma Tau
- Phi Kappa Theta
- Sigma Nu

Can you help us identify alumni who were involved with *The Duquesne Duke* and Residence Life?

Share your own information and identify others who may be interested by visiting:

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43

+ Units of Blood Donated

456

Anniversary Giving Challenge Participants



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New President Reflects on His Catholic Education

By Ken Gormley

As I begin the presidency

of Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit, the 13th person to hold this position of responsibility and trust, I am keenly aware that certain people and institutions made this appointment possible. In my case, much of the credit belongs to a tiny Catholic school in Swissvale—St. Anselm’s (now Word of God Parish)—staffed by a dedicated group of Sisters of Charity and other teachers who left a permanent imprint on me.

St. Anselm’s—or “St.

A’s”—consisted of two modest school buildings and a gym in a working-class town, where Union Switch & Signal and the steel mills along the Monongahela River provided livelihoods for most families. Although there was nothing fancy about the classrooms, asphalt playground or all-purpose room that doubled as a lunchroom at St. A’s, the education that my brothers, sisters and I received in the 1960s and 1970s was as life-changing as any we could have received at the finest private preparatory schools in the country.

Much of this was thanks to the sisters. Not only did we learn algebra, Latin and physics; but our daily classes were infused with important lessons about faith, ethics, honesty and morality. Years later, I carry those lessons with me every day, recognizing that true education is as much about the heart and soul as it is about cramming information into one’s cranium.

“It’s only because I am the child of a Catholic education...that I now have an incomparable opportunity to serve as president of Duquesne University...”

My mom, Elena Furia Gormley, taught third grade at St. A’s for 20 years. “Mrs. Gormley” was not just famous for speed-walking a mile to and from our house and school each day—including at noon to fix us tomato soup and grilled cheese for lunch. She was also famous for nurturing students; she was a tiny woman with a huge capacity for helping and inspiring others, even those who struggled most. Even today, when I run into her former students at church or the pizza shop, they say: “Your mom was the best teacher ever. She changed my life.” Watching my mom sit at the kitchen table every night grading math papers and writing notes of encouragement left a permanent impression on me. A conscientious teacher can change the trajectory of a young person’s life and even shape the course of history.

Each of my siblings has made a significant contribution with his or her own talents, of which I’m quite proud. My oldest brother, Bill, is an accomplished professor at Georgetown specializing in early childcare policy. My brother B.J. is a retired chemist, who, along with his

family, is now engaged in missionary work with handicapped children in Guatemala. My sister Nancy has a Ph.D. in math from Carnegie Mellon University and recently won a major award for teaching statistics at Pitt. And my youngest sister, Susie, is a speech pathologist helping grade school kids overcome limitations with her unbounded optimism.

My own family’s successes at St. A’s were not a fluke. Many of those students who passed through its marble halls went on to become doctors, scientists, nurses, lawyers, educators or business owners. I still turn to St. A’s friends whenever important events occur in my life. (One of my classmates, Peggy Blocky Eiseman, is my new assistant in the president’s office at Duquesne.) These individuals embody the quality of trustworthiness, empathy for others and personal integrity—all of the qualities that the sisters instilled in us years ago, seated behind our wooden desks at St. A’s.

My own children all received a Catholic education during their formative grade school years, springing off from that foundation



Gormley, far right, with other altar servers at the former St. Anselm's in Swissvale.

to build their futures, a source of great pride for me and my wife, Laura. Two of our children—Luke and Rebecca—attended Duquesne University during my time as professor and Law School dean. There is nothing more rewarding as a parent than to see one's children grow, mature and thrive in front of one's eyes.

And the best part relates to intangibles: at Duquesne, the distinctive Catholic-Spiritan mission is to serve God by serving our students so that they can, in turn, serve others. Over a century's worth of leaders in business, health sciences, government, education, music, liberal arts, science, law and pharmacy have graduated with degrees bearing the seal of Duquesne. We are proud to count Bishop David Zubik, one of the great pastoral leaders of the Catholic Church today and a frequent visitor to campus, among Duquesne's most distinguished alums. There is no substitute for building upon the pillars of faith, moral principle and ethics to fashion a 14-karat educational experience that lasts a lifetime.

Today, I am acutely aware that I am the recipient of a great gift. It is hard to imagine an honor more meaningful than being appointed to serve as president—not just of an historic Pittsburgh institution, but of one of the most prestigious Catholic universities in the United States. Of course, I only wish that my parents, Elena and Bill Gormley, were here to witness the inauguration in September. They were never showy; they sacrificed mightily, living in a modest home on West Swissvale Avenue to provide their five children with a precious Catholic school education. That gift, I now see,

was worth more than a house full of gold.

A few months ago, after my appointment

as president was announced, I was invited to visit the Sisters of Charity motherhouse in Greensburg. There, I enjoyed a lunch of lime jello and ham slices—even better than the St. A's cafeteria—with a group of sisters who had taught me nearly 45 years ago. These included Sister Vincent Mary Nolan, who taught English and helped me to become a writer; Sister Pat Collins, who taught American History and set me on the path to publish books about American presidents; Sister Melanie DiPietro, who later became my colleague in law practice and helped me grow as a young lawyer; and Sister Patrice Hughes, who taught my brothers French (La Français) and went on to help generations of Catholic school students succeed.

As I left that luncheon, the sisters encircled the table—some in wheelchairs and others with walkers—and presented me with a framed certificate. It said, in fancy script: "He's one of our boys!"

“A conscientious teacher can change the trajectory of a young person’s life and even shape the course of history.”

It's only because I am the child of a Catholic education, albeit in a tiny mill town where families had modest means but valued faith and education, that I now have an incomparable opportunity to serve as president of Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit, an anchor of our region and a beacon of light for thousands of future students. The strength of my teachers has allowed me to embark upon this new role with my own strength, conviction and deep sense of gratitude.

For many years, a plaque hung on the wall of the all-purpose room at St. A's, paying tribute to the remarkable contributions of one teacher, a tiny woman with a gigantic ability to shape others' lives and bring out God's greatest gifts in students. That plaque read: "Mrs. Gormley loved her students, loved learning, loved teaching and believed in the wondrous miracles of Catholic education."

Now, her son will do his best to follow in her quiet footsteps. ♦

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At the request of the Rev. Ray French, C.S.Sp., vice president for mission and identity, Pope Francis recently granted an Apostolic Blessing to President Ken Gormley. In light of Gormley's recent inauguration as president of Duquesne University, French thought it would be a nice gesture to mark the occasion. The blessing "invokes an outpouring of heavenly graces for an ever more fruitful witness to the mercy of the Father in our world." ♦



Sister Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., E'66, GA'84, recently stepped down after serving 12 years as the president of St. Bonaventure University. She is the university's first president emeritus. In January, she received the Monika K. Hellwig Award for outstanding contributions to Catholic intellectual life during the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities' annual conference in Washington, D.C. This lifetime achievement award recognized her as a researcher, teacher, author, practitioner, national spokesperson, learned advisor, mentor and leader in Catholic higher education. Here, she is shown (front row, center) with Duquesne President Ken Gormley.



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 Founders Week • 2017

Earlier this year, Founders Week, an annual celebration of the work, vision and mission of the University's Spiritan founders, featured a series of events focused on the many ways the Duquesne community draws inspiration from and is guided by a rich Spiritan heritage to travel to the ends of the earth to work, to serve and to learn. ♦



Creating Knowledge

RECENTLY, DUQUESNE RESEARCHERS HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON LEADING A MAJOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE FDA; CRIME REPORTING IN NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE; MUSICAL CREATIVITY; RESEARCH RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY; AND MUCH MORE.



RESEARCH AIMS TO BRING DIGITAL IMAGERY INTO FOCUS

Dr. Stacey Levine, professor of mathematics, is collaborating with other University researchers to develop a mathematical framework that uses geometric calculations to reconstruct degraded image data.

This relatively new technique could be applied to images used in areas such as medicine, microscopic research and ground-penetrating radar.

Her method goes beyond the traditional image-correcting technologies. By focusing on the geometrical characteristics of image data, Levine and her team attempt to understand what the image should look like and then fill in the missing information without adding fabricated details.

Levine's research is supported in part by a Research Bridge Funding Grant, a University-wide internal funding opportunity.



FACULTY RESEARCH RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY

Dr. Robert Sroufe, Murrin Chair of Global Competitiveness, was able to seize a significant opportunity to develop his scholarship and teaching in support of sustainable business practices. Last year, Sroufe was a visiting researcher at the Blekinge Institute of Technology in Karlskrona, Sweden.

For years, Sroufe searched for an opportunity to focus on his research and learn more about the Scandinavian approach to business management and sustainability, high performance building systems, infrastructure, supply chains and graduate education.

During his sabbatical, he produced academic articles, worked on a book and collaborated on research projects with faculty and Ph.D. students in Sweden. Sroufe's research in Sweden was funded by the Beard Faculty Resource Fund in Sustainability.



DU RESEARCH FOCUSES ON GUNSHOT RESIDUE

Gunshot residue (GSR) is important evidence that can place a person at the scene of a crime or prove someone's innocence. Some questions, however, can completely undermine the results of GSR tests.

At Duquesne, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Dr. Stephanie Wetzel is conducting research to determine the answer to one of the most often asked GSR questions: regarding secondary transfer, could the GSR have gotten on a suspect's hands by means other than actually firing or being in the vicinity of a fired gun? Wetzel and her team of student researchers have focused on GSR transfer from police officers, police vehicles and stations.

The team used two methods of GSR detection: SEM/EDS is used to identify characteristic primer residues; LC-MS/MS is used to identify organic gunpowder residues.

Wetzel's work has shown that while GSR transfer is possible, it is minute in these scenarios. The research also indicated it is possible to extract and detect GSR after an aluminum carbon-coated adhesive pad has been analyzed using the SEM/EDS detection method. This finding, Wetzel says, opens new doors for the future of GSR testing because analysts will be able to test the same sample using both the SEM/EDS and LC-MS/MS methods.

Her current findings were published in the September edition of *Journal of Forensic Science*.



PROFESSOR'S NEW BOOK FOCUSES ON MUSICAL CREATIVITY

Dr. Zvonimir Nagy, assistant professor of music composition, recently finished a book on musical creativity.

According to publisher Routledge, *Embodiment of Musical Creativity* “offers an innovative look at the interdisciplinary nature of creativity in musical composition. Using examples from empirical and theoretical research in creativity studies, music theory and cognition, psychology and philosophy, performance and education studies, and the author’s own creative practice, the book examines how the reciprocity of cognition and performativity contributes to our understanding of musical creativity in composition. From the composer’s perspective, the book investigates the psychological attributes of creative cognition whose associations become the foundation for an understanding of embodied creativity in musical composition. The book defines the embodiment of musical creativity as a cognitive and performative causality: a relationship between the cause and effect of our experience when composing music. Considering the theoretical, practical, contextual and pedagogical implications of embodied creative experience, the book redefines aspects of musical composition to reflect the changing ways that musical creativity is understood and evaluated.”



DUQUESNE DEVELOPING GENE GUN TO HELP TEACH GENETICS

A team of student researchers from the master’s program in biotechnology and the biomedical engineering (BME) program has been working to develop a gene gun that the Citizen Science Lab (CSL) can use to teach high school students about simple genetic engineering.

Under the supervision of Dr. Alan Seadler, associate academic vice president for research, and Dr. John Viator, director of the BME program, the students are designing and building a gene gun that injects micro particles at speeds high enough to penetrate the cells of living organisms. The device uses helium to propel particles that can alter the DNA of cells and plant tissue.

Seadler, Viator and their students are doing this work in order to eventually hand the gene gun over to CSL to teach high school students about genetics. The project is also providing the Duquesne students with industry experience that will serve them after graduation.

The CSL, Pittsburgh’s first and only community life sciences laboratory, is a collaboration that started with foundation funding by Duquesne and Urban Innovation 21. This research is supported by a grant from the Grable Foundation and a U.S. Economic Development Administration grant, in conjunction with the Duquesne Center for Green Industries.



PHARMACY FACULTY, STUDENTS LEAD MAJOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR FDA

Pharmacy faculty and students continue to collaborate on a project aimed to improve the quality and safety of certain medications.

The National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education recently awarded Duquesne \$237,000 for its ongoing research on behalf of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Carl Anderson, director of the School of Pharmacy’s Center for Pharmaceutical Technology, and Dr. James Drennen, associate dean for research and graduate programs, are leading the research project. Its goal is to enhance the industry’s product development practice, thereby improving the efficiency of pharmaceutical manufacturing, as well as the quality of drug products sold around the world.

Duquesne pharmacy professors Dr. Ira Buckner and Dr. Peter Wildfong, and a number of senior graduate students, as well as faculty, students and post-doctoral scientists from the University of Connecticut and Purdue University, are assisting in the project.



PROFESSOR RESEARCHING CRIME REPORTING IN NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE

Research by Journalism Professor Maggie Patterson and a colleague that looks at crime reporting by the media in various countries has garnered a \$93,549 grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Through their study, Patterson and Romaine Smith Fullerton, associate professor of information and media studies at University of Western Ontario, are reviewing crime reporting in 10 countries. In addition to examining the news coverage itself, they’re analyzing press law and ethics codes in each country and interviewing crime reporters, editors and media experts.

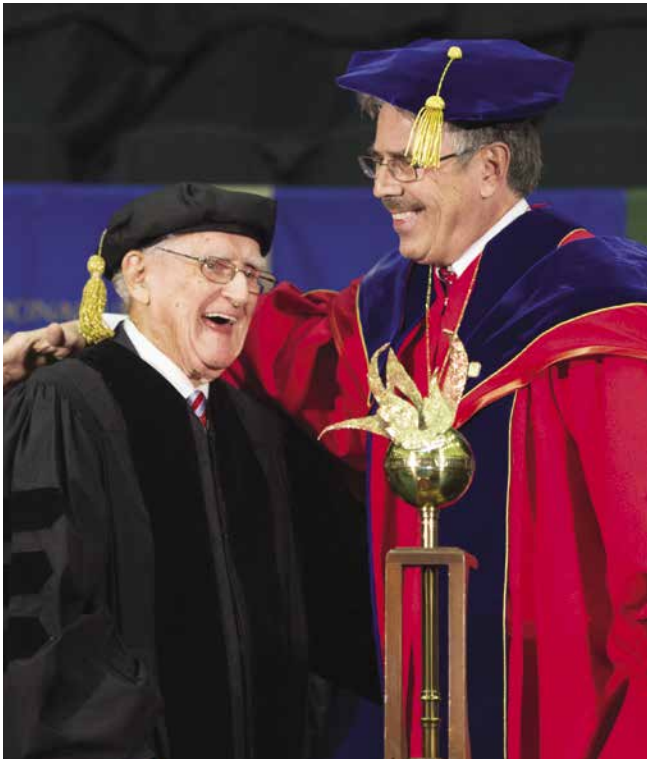
The pair’s study reveals significant differences in journalistic ethics and habits. For example, some journalists try to protect the identity of criminals so as not to negatively impact their ability to rehabilitate or to shield their families. But the co-authors also met journalists who consider it their ethical duty to report all they can find to keep the public properly informed.

Patterson and Fullerton have published three journal articles and plan to publish a book on their research.

100 Years in the Making

100-YEAR-OLD VET RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE AT WINTER COMMENCEMENT

By Rose Ravasio, A'90



During the three years that Leo Plunkett attended Duquesne University as an undergraduate, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was president of the United States; Babe Ruth retired from Major League Baseball; Hoover Dam was dedicated; and movie stars of the day included Clark Gable, Shirley Temple, Greta Garbo, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Plunkett made some history of his own when the 100-year-old received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Duquesne's 2016 winter commencement ceremony.

"I'm overwhelmed, believe me," says Plunkett, who was seated on stage.

Duquesne President Ken Gormley met Plunkett in November at the University's annual Veteran's Breakfast. When he learned that Plunkett didn't finish his studies at Duquesne, Gormley decided to award him an honorary degree.

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"I can still remember the two big events—Duquesne winning the Orange Bowl and senior Mike Basrak being the first player at Duquesne to be named an All-American," recalls Plunkett. "It was such a wonderful atmosphere. Everybody knew everybody, and the big meeting place was the basement of Canevin Hall, which was the cafeteria at that time."

Someone Plunkett didn't meet at the time was his future wife, Ruth Morrissey, an education major who graduated in 1938.

The two were "fixed up" by mutual friends from Duquesne after Plunkett returned from serving in World War II, and the couple married in 1947 in the Duquesne University Chapel.

"We always had such an affinity for Duquesne," says Plunkett, adding that they attended his late wife's 50th homecoming reunion in 1988, the re-dedication of the University chapel in 1995 and a special ceremony in 1997 during which alumni were invited to renew their vows in the chapel.

Approximately 12 of Plunkett's family members were present at commencement to see him get his honorary degree. ♦

Professor Working to Establish Bioethics Standards Among Pharmaceutical Companies

For pharmaceutical companies, negative press coverage usually results in a loss of trust among consumers and other stakeholders. Dr. Henk ten Have, director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics, is working to help remedy that by creating a global compact for bioethics.

With the support of an \$85,470 grant from Danish multinational pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk, ten Have is working on the second part of a three-phase research project titled *Bioethics Tool for Implementation of Global Principles*.

The overall goal of the project is to engage participants—primarily pharmaceutical companies—in an initiative to set up the global compact, which is a cooperative agreement between businesses and the United Nations, with businesses committed to human rights implementation. In the case of ten Have’s research, it would focus specifically on bioethics among pharmaceutical companies.

“We all know that pharma is heavily criticized and has lost the trust of society,” says ten Have. “The idea is that pharmaceutical companies should take the initiative to show how they try to implement ethical principles for medical research and practice.

“They can do that by setting up a transparent platform online, creating an organization that meets once a year at the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) summit in Paris to formulate best practices and discuss ethical issues with a range of stakeholders,” says ten Have.

Ten Have explains that the first phase of his project was completed last year, during which he and his research assistant developed the framework for the global compact platform, identified the ethical issues to explore, created the ideal platform structure and secured the cooperation of UNESCO.

In the second phase, which focuses on outreach, ten Have will work to secure the interest and cooperation of pharmaceutical companies, traveling to various pharma headquarters all over the world.

“This should come from the pharmaceutical sector itself, otherwise it will never work,” says ten Have.

Depending on the success of this second phase, ten Have’s project will conclude with the implementation of the global compact for bioethics among cooperating companies. ♦

DU Professor Coordinating International Bioethics Conference on Face Transplants

Dr. Gerard Magill, the Vernon F. Gallagher Chair for the Integration of Science, Theology, Philosophy and Law, and professor in Duquesne’s Center for Healthcare Ethics, is working with surgeons and scholars in the United States and Europe to plan the first ever International Bioethics Conference on Face Transplants.

Magill and Pittsburgh surgeon Dr. Vijay Gorantla secured grant funding from the Brocher Foundation in Switzerland to host the event. Additional funding was received from the National Endowment for the Humanities through the McNulty College and Duquesne’s Office of the Provost.

The goal of the conference, which will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in May, is to help establish ethics standards for vascularized composite allotransplantation to guide reconstructive transplantation, focusing on face and limb transplants, but also considering dilemmas regarding penis and uterus transplants. ♦

Gormley Book Event



Some of the country’s leading presidential historians gathered at Duquesne in November to discuss the power of the presidency at *The Presidents and the Constitution*, hosted by the Duquesne University School of Law. The event was named for *The Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History*, written by Duquesne President Ken Gormley. He was joined by David Shribman, executive editor of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and syndicated columnist; Lori Cox Han, a scholar and professor of political science at Chapman University; and James D. Robenalt, a lawyer, writer and expert on presidents from Ohio. ♦



The Last Hope

ALUMNA TAKES
HER PASSION FOR
HELPING OTHERS
AROUND THE WORLD

By Jill Greenwood

“The foundation I obtained at Duquesne led me to where I am.”

Nicole Tomasello’s favorite part of helping

patients in Rwanda is seeing their grateful faces and knowing she played a role in healing them.

Tomasello, A’05, landed a coveted spot on a team of three perfusionists who traveled to Africa to perform lifesaving surgeries on people with rheumatic heart disease as part of the volunteer organization of medical professionals known as Team Heart.

She traveled to Rwanda last year, and her team performed two surgeries a day for eight days on patients who otherwise likely would have died.

“A lot of these people don’t have the funds or the means to get treatment, and they don’t have the medicine or ability to perform the surgeries we are doing,” says Tomasello, who works as a perfusionist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, where Team Heart is based. “We are more or less the last hope they have.”

For Tomasello, the groundwork for serving others was laid at Duquesne—a school she originally swore she wouldn’t attend.

Her sister was a pharmacy major at Duquesne when Tomasello started her college search. Tomasello “wanted to do something on my own” and had her mind set on choosing a different school. After she visited her sister, Duquesne became her choice school.

“I absolutely loved it. I wish everyone could have the college experience my sister and I had at Duquesne,” she says. “I cried every day from Christmas break until graduation because I didn’t want to leave. It was the perfect place for me.

“Every time I hear or think of Pittsburgh, my heart melts with precious memories made at Duquesne University. The foundation I obtained at Duquesne led me to where I am.”

She graduated with a psychology degree with a math minor and a pre-health concentration and worked a bit in the corporate world, but realized she missed helping others. So she attended SUNY Upstate Medical University to become a perfusionist, a specialized health care professional who uses a heart-lung machine to manage a patient’s physiological status during cardiac surgery and other surgeries that require cardiopulmonary bypass.

Tomasello says she found her foundation and her faith during her years at Duquesne, which drove her desire to serve others.

“I really struggled post-graduation with my faith, but the foundation Duquesne laid became very important and special to me, and I knew I wanted to touch as many lives as I could by helping and healing,” says Tomasello.

She has returned to campus for reunions and keeps in touch with classmates, and often thinks of relocating back to Pittsburgh.

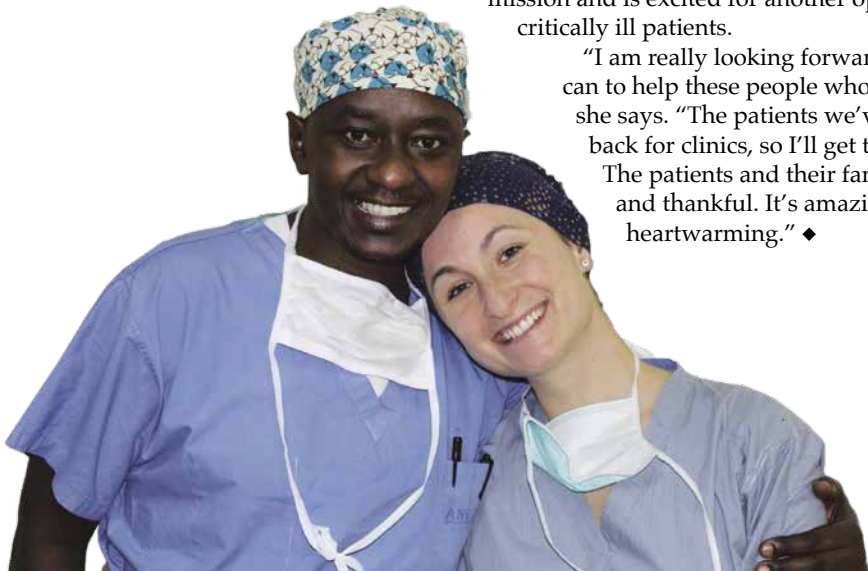
“I have so many great friends and memories there,” she says. “Duquesne had a very big impact on my life.”

Tomasello will return to Rwanda this year for a similar mission and is excited for another opportunity to help critically ill patients.

“I am really looking forward to doing all that I can to help these people who are counting on us,” she says. “The patients we’ve already helped come back for clinics, so I’ll get to see their progress.

The patients and their families are all so grateful and thankful. It’s amazing to see and really heartwarming.” ♦

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New Members Join Century Club

New members of the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne University Alumni were inducted in September.

The Century Club was established during Duquesne's 100th anniversary in 1978 to recognize graduates with exemplary records of professional achievement and service to the University and their communities. Of more than 100,000 alumni since 1878, only 330 have been admitted to its elite ranks.

The 2016 inductees are:

Robert S. Barker, Esq., Arts 1963, Law 1966, Graduate Arts 1974

Distinguished Professor Emeritus,
Duquesne University School of Law

Robert S. Barker earned his undergraduate degree at Duquesne, where he majored in history and political science, and was captain of the debate team. He graduated in 1966 from Duquesne University School of Law, where he was case editor of the *Duquesne University Law Review*.

Following his admission to the bar, Barker served for two years as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Panama, promoting community development in impoverished squatter communities and providing legal services to the residents.

Upon his return to western Pennsylvania, he worked as an attorney for Neighborhood Legal Services; as an official of the City of Pittsburgh's Model Cities Program; as an associate of the law firm of Rose, Schmidt and Dixon; and as assistant dean and assistant professor at Duquesne University School of Law.

In 1974, he earned a master's degree in American history at Duquesne. Thereafter, as assistant Allegheny

County solicitor, he was legal counsel to Pittsburgh International Airport, and served as vice chairman and chairman of the American Bar Association committee on airport law.

Barker returned to the full-time Duquesne law faculty in 1982. Since then, he has written and spoken throughout the western hemisphere, in English and Spanish, on a wide range of constitutional law topics. He served 12 years as chairman of the constitutional law committee of the Inter-American Bar Association (IABA), and for five years was the IABA's general reporter. In 1995, he was a Fulbright scholar and visiting professor of constitutional law at the University of Buenos Aires.

In addition to his legal activities, Barker has served as an officer and director of Partners of the Americas, a nonprofit organization promoting economic, social and cultural development among citizens of the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean.

In 2001, Barker was awarded the rank and title of Duquesne University distinguished professor of law, and in 2014, he was awarded the degree of doctor honoris causa by the Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca in Peru.

The Honorable Maureen P. Kelly, Law 1987

Chief Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Chief Magistrate Judge Maureen P. Kelly earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame before attending Duquesne University School of Law.

Following law school, Kelly worked at Thorp, Reed & Armstrong, where she specialized in commercial and employment litigation. In 1999, she joined Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, chairing the employment and labor services group.



(Left to Right) Century Club inductee Robert S. Barker, Esq., Century Club inductee The Honorable Maureen P. Kelly, University President Ken Gormley, Mind, Heart and Spirit Award recipient Ginelle G. McPherson, and Century Club inductee Francis S. Marchilena.

Kelly was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2007 and the Litigation Council of America in 2008. She was elected to the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County in 1996 and is a fellow in the Academy of Trial Advocacy.

She was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve as chair of the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Board. She has also served as an appointed member of the lawyers advisory committee to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, as well as chair of the merit selection panel for the selection and appointment of magistrate judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Kelly has been dedicated to the delivery of civil legal aid to those in need. She served as president of Neighborhood Legal Services Association and chaired the annual Equal Justice Under Law Campaign. She was a member of the board of directors of Pennsylvania Legal Services from 1996 to 2003.

Among awards recognizing her professional accomplishments are the Sylvia H. Rambo Award from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law, the Outstanding Leadership in Support of Legal Services Award from the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, the Women's Bar Association's Susan B. Anthony Award, and the Dorothy Ann Richardson Award from Neighborhood Legal Services Association.

Kelly was named Woman of the Year in 2004 by the Women's Law Association of Duquesne University School of Law and was presented with the 1999 Duquesne University School of Law Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.

Francis S. Marchilena, Natural Sciences 1967

Retired Executive Vice President and General Manager,
Raytheon Company

Francis S. Marchilena majored in mathematics at Duquesne, but also took a range of scientific coursework that prepared him to join the Raytheon Company immediately after graduation.

He began his career developing sophisticated global tracking systems to detect incoming enemy missiles, rockets that could intercept enemy aircraft and computers that enabled America's space program, including the Apollo missions that landed men on the moon.

Intrigued by the complex and challenging problems of surface-to-air defense, he was assigned to Raytheon's SAM-D project, which became known as the Patriot missile system. Developed in the 1970s and deployed in 1984, Patriot first saw combat in the Persian Gulf War of 1991, successfully intercepting Iraqi missiles fired at Israel and Saudi Arabia. While the world watched on television, Marchilena and his Raytheon colleagues were in the field analyzing the results after each launch.

Marchilena was appointed to a task force on 21st century defense technology strategies and twice testified before Congress on proposals to modernize our nation's air traffic control system.

He also held top leadership positions within the corporation, managing a division with more than 20,000

employees and retiring as an executive vice president.

While at Raytheon, he championed the cause of attracting more women and minorities to pursue careers in math, science and technology. He facilitated a partnership between Raytheon and Merrimack College—where he served on the board of directors—to help middle school students develop math and science skills through after-school and summer programs.

Marchilena and his wife, Marlene, have endowed a scholarship for underserved engineering students at Merrimack and a scholarship at Duquesne, which provides intensive mentoring and internship experiences for talented women and minorities enrolled in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences.

The Marchilenas are also active supporters of the Massachusetts Science Museum, the Greater Boston Food Bank, the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts and the American Textile History Museum. ♦

Alumna Receives Mind, Heart and Spirit Award

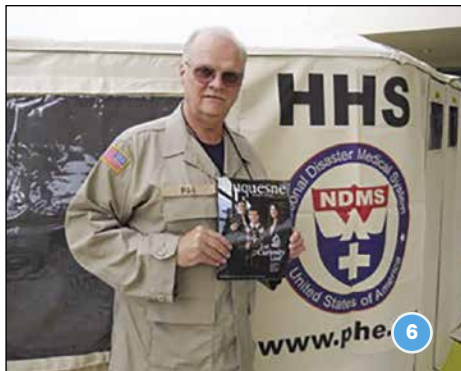
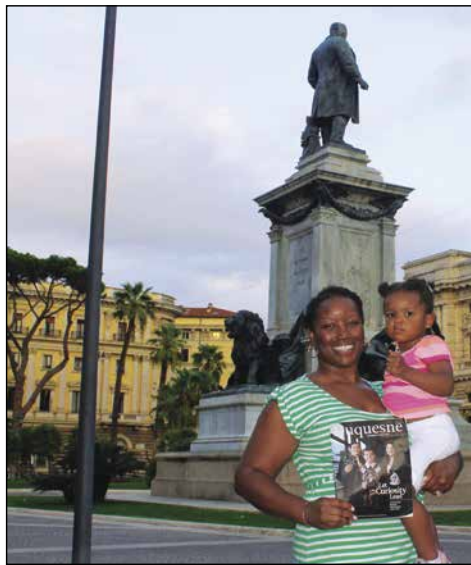
Alumna Ginelle G. McPherson received the 2016 Mind, Heart and Spirit Award during the President's Dinner in September.

Offered under the auspices of Duquesne's Young Alumni Council, the award recognizes young alumni (fewer than 10 years since their most recent degree) who exemplify the University's mission in their daily lives. Their achievements are not only demonstrated through career successes, but also through community activity and service to others.

McPherson, who received her Bachelor of Science in Perfusion Technology in 2001 and Master of Science in Leadership and Business Ethics from Duquesne in 2008, is a certified clinical application analyst with the CareConnect project team of Hartford Healthcare in Connecticut. CareConnect is a system-wide initiative designed to transform the way patient care is provided and coordinated by using industry-leading software.

McPherson joined Hartford Healthcare in 2009 as a volunteer with more than eight years of clinical experience as a certified clinical perfusionist. She transitioned to her present position in 2014. She has worked as a program manager at Hartford Hospital's Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, as a laboratory director and staff perfusionist for Hospital Clinical Services Group at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center in the Detroit area, and as a staff perfusionist at Charleston Area Medical Center's Memorial Hospital in Charleston, W.Va.

Her volunteer service includes board work for the Foundation for Educational Opportunities, Inc. and the Ron Foley Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, Inc. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Epsilon Omicron Omega Chapter) and The Links, Inc. (Greater Hartford Chapter), and is a novice distance runner, having completed her first 5K in 2016. McPherson and her husband, Frederick, have a daughter, Vivienne Marie. ♦



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DU in Pictures



The Alumni Association and Chapters host family-friendly events, social activities and networking receptions throughout the year. Join us next time! Learn what is coming up by checking out the Alumni Calendar on pages 52 and 53 or by visiting myduquesne.duq.edu.

1. Annamarie Lovre, a freshman in the **RANGOS SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES** and recipient of the Alumni Endowed Scholarship for Academic Merit, joined her grandfather, Robert McGivern, P'57, her parents and President Ken Gormley at the Legacy Breakfast this past fall.
2. Cleveland-area alumni, parents and their families gathered to enjoy **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** at the Lake County Captains minor league baseball game.
3. **PITTSBURGH-AREA ALUMNI** shared dinner and advice with current students in October.
4. Joe DeFazio, E'51, GE'58, former manager of the Dukes basketball team, and Tony Carfang, B'73, host of the Chicago-area alumni reception, gathered with **PRESIDENT KEN GORMLEY** to hear the latest updates from the Bluff.
5. Dallas/Ft. Worth-area alumni gathered to **CHEER ON THE STEELERS** and discuss the formation of an alumni chapter. For more information on getting involved in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumnionline@duq.edu.
6. Francis Feld, DNP, CRNA, N'93, was deployed to Florida by the Department of Health and Human Services for **HURRICANE MATTHEW** as a member of PA-1 DMAT. The team's mission was hospital decompression in an area that saw several small hospitals evacuated and closed because of flooding concerns. Feld is a nurse anesthetist at UPMC Passavant Hospital.
7. Diane Schwalm, B'59, Teresa Lyford Parks, E'74, and Rosanna Lyford Slobodian, P'59, are shown aboard the **NCL BREAKAWAY** last year.
8. Dr. John McDonough, E'65, and his wife, Aura, took the *Duquesne University Magazine* to **MAYAN RUINS IN IXIMCHE**, Guatemala.
9. Four alumni took the *DU Magazine* to the **CARIBBEAN** to celebrate their 60th birthdays. Cruising were 1978 School of Nursing graduates Vivian Cimoch Faetini, Mary Wooddell Balogh, Cherie Frisch Fitzpatrick and Mary Barone Hester.
10. Ginelle McPherson, HS'01, GLPA'08, recently traveled to **EUROPE** with her husband, Frederick, and daughter, Vivienne. Here, she is pictured with her daughter and the *Duquesne University Magazine* at the Palace of Justice in Rome.

THE HEART OF DUQUESNE BEATS FOR FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

COLLEGE—A DOOR TO OPPORTUNITY.

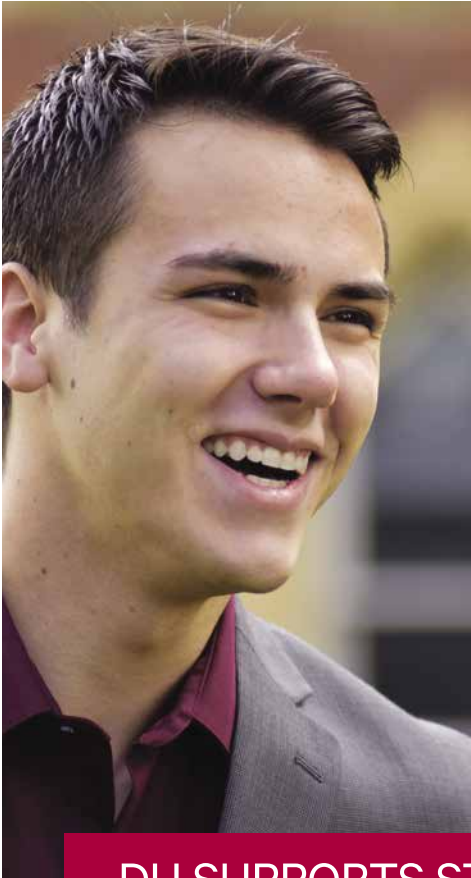
In many minds, the way to a better life. Since Duquesne's founding in 1878 to lift immigrants out of poverty through education, many generations of families have experienced the transformational power of a Duquesne education.

The University continues to draw students of all backgrounds and is still home to first-generation college students. These trailblazers in higher education for their families are 21st-century stewards of Duquesne's 19th-century mission.

"These students are changing the path for the entire family," says Debbie Zugates, director of undergraduate admissions, and a first-generation college graduate. Because of her experience, she knows the challenges facing these students and what can be done to make their transition to college easier.

"First-generation students and their parents walk in at a disadvantage," acknowledges Zugates, who hosted a regional fair at Duquesne that unveiled the mysterious college process for about 300 first-generation applicants. "We don't know what they don't know, and we'll do everything we can to help them."

Though these students may have a learning curve when it comes to the college selection and application process, they tend to build a special relationship with the institution, its faculty and its staff.



DU SUPPORTS STUDENTS FROM THE VERY FIRST STEP.

CREATING A LEGACY FROM SQUARE ONE

Nobody announces they are the first in their family to be on a college campus when they meet with Jeff Mallory, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Adam Wasilko, director of Freshman Development. That salient fact becomes apparent only as relationships unfold—starting with Duquesne’s FAST program, when incoming freshmen and family members flock to Duquesne to acclimate to campus and tap the knowledge of Duquesne staff members.

“Over my six years of doing the FAST program, I can say paperwork is the biggest issue for first-generation college students,” says Wasilko, who tells new students to break paperwork into

“have to do,” “smart to do” and “recommended.”

The FAST program offers students and parents one-on-one help with paperwork and helps calm general fears about college.

“Even before they get into finances, there are questions, like, ‘Am I even good enough to go to college?’” says Mallory. “You see a wide range of emotions and reactions.”

The FAST team keeps in mind the courage and sacrifices of first-generation students and their families—and knows FAST can offer a crystallizing moment.

“I think for many families, it affirms that they and their child have made the right decision to come to Duquesne,” says Wasilko. “They get to feel that transformational moment while

they’re here. They feel the mission.”

He also strongly supports the “10-minute rule” for families struggling with questions: “Don’t stew over something for more than 10 minutes. Give us a call. We may not have the answers, but we will give you some options that maybe you haven’t thought of.”

Duquesne is unusual in having a full team of staff members from across campus smooth the way for incoming students. This personal attention contributes to a successful first year, as well as retention of students—a critical point when nationwide, three of five first-generation college students don’t complete their degrees in six years, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Dr. Joseph McCormick, chair of Duquesne’s biological sciences



ZACH RESKO



Zach is not only the first in his family to attend college, but the first to set sights on a Ph.D.

department, has mentored many first-generation students—undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows—in his 20-year career at Duquesne. Students like Zachary Resko.

Resko was a 2015 American Society for Microbiology fellow, was a presenter at the national Microbe 2016 conference and was a 2016 Goldwater Scholar (among about 20 percent of all applicants to receive this national STEM recognition). He's not only the first in his family to attend college, but the first to set sights on a Ph.D. Resko's parents bolstered his decision with strong support, but without having a personal college experience, couldn't offer practical advice. Resko's friends helped him through the college application process and, by his sophomore

year, he was working in McCormick's lab. Now, he's in overdrive, working on independent research, earning competitive national awards, receiving opportunities to present at national conferences and planning to write an honors thesis.

"He is a good lab citizen, interacts well with his peers and professors," McCormick wrote in the Goldwater Scholar recommendation letter. He mentioned Resko's mentoring of other undergraduates, his time management skills and the way he balances a work-study job with conducting independent research.

"Having also been a first-generation university student, I appreciate how important it is to have a mentor to guide someone with the talent to realize they are truly competitive, can

go as far as their talents will take them and can have a productive career in science," McCormick wrote.

This is McCormick's ultimate reward during his two decades of teaching. And many relatives who were never exposed to higher education don't understand his vocation. At family reunions, one uncle quizzes McCormick:

"You're a college professor right?"

"Yes," McCormick assures him.

"Well," says the uncle, "I can't see it."

Another relative once said, "I don't understand. You went to college. You graduated. Why don't you just get a job?"

These are examples of the kind of advice given when the process is foreign and isn't well understood



JULIA CHABALA



“My mother always said that the true measure of her ‘American Dream’ was for her children to graduate from college...”

by first-generation students, says McCormick.

“In science,” he explains, “you think about something we don’t know about, and then think about how to do it. When you’re starting out, you don’t even know what to look for and things don’t work out the way you thought they would.”

He saw Resko asking the right questions, running to his office to share the thrill of discovery—a thrill Resko shared with 10,000 other scientists when he presented at a national conference where Bill Gates gave the keynote address.

“Figuring it out for yourself is the big thing,” says McCormick, realizing that he is training Resko to become one of his peers. “You get there—somehow.”

McCormick sees that Resko’s confidence and skills are building along with his

resume, and he’s in a place far from the scary college process and the even scarier national competitions. Resko swears that his younger sister will accomplish even more.

SUCCESS ROOTED IN DREAMS, EXPECTATIONS

From the time Julia Chabala, B’15, A’15, was in middle school, her parents started discussing careers with her and her younger brother, Alex. Their mother, Anna, escaped communism, emigrating from Serbia at the age of 12. She became a flight attendant after high school. Chabala’s father, Jack, served in the Vietnam War following his high school graduation and started his electrician’s business once he returned home.

Chabala grew up in rural

southwestern Pennsylvania near the West Virginia border.

“It was the kind of town where there are maybe 800 people. We didn’t have next-door neighbors, streetlights or even a police station,” she says.

By the time Chabala was preparing for high school, her parents were willing to alternate living between two communities so their children could get a better public school education. In her senior year, Chabala stumbled through five college applications.

“I didn’t even know how to enroll for the SATs,” she remembers. “My parents didn’t know that you’re supposed to go online to find out all the admissions information. I just jumped in headfirst.”

The process was scary and the idea of a far-flung

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destination was overwhelming, as it often is for first-generation students. She remembers applying to Duquesne.

“I remember like it happened yesterday: my mom received a postcard in the mail from Duquesne and said, ‘Hey, what do you think about Duquesne? It’s not exactly far, not exactly close.’ I never thought I’d get into Duquesne—ever,” says Chabala, who was shocked by her acceptance letter. Then reality set in.

“It was like the family was breaking up. It was hard on everybody. Nobody knew what to expect; nobody had left the nest before,” she says.

During her freshman year, Chabala met her dad for lunch every Wednesday.

“Toward the end of my freshman year, our weekly lunches stopped because he finally became comfortable,” says Chabala, who held leadership positions in social, honor and professional organizations throughout her undergraduate years. Before she graduated

“I BELIEVE I’M ON THE RIGHT PATH...”

Everything came with a question mark.

“You aren’t given a rule book, and you don’t know what to do,” says Chabala, who learned from other students, staff and professors. “I had to be open-minded and learn to reach out. I didn’t have the parents who had all the answers to college.”

with two bachelor’s degrees in marketing and corporate communications, she landed a digital marketing job in Pittsburgh.

Only four years before, the Chabala family entered unknown territory. Now, the family can count one college graduate and another college student—Chabala’s brother attends college in Washington, D.C., and will be graduating in 2018.

“My mother always said that the true measure of her ‘American Dream’ was for her children to graduate from college,” says Chabala. “Now looking back, she sees it as the reason she came to this country—to leave her legacy.”



BRANDON KEIP



“I’m blessed. I’m here at Duquesne, and it’s like a faith-based family. I still have a lot more ways to learn to get better as a student, but I believe I’m on the right path because I’m here at Duquesne.”

FOUNDATIONS THAT SHAPE THE FUTURE

Brandon Keip didn’t start thinking about college until his junior year of high school.

“I think because of events in my life, I was in a rut,” says Keip, whose father died when he was in fourth grade, which impacted other family relationships, especially with his mother.

“Basically, there was a lot of family and social pressure to go to college,” says Keip, a sophomore liberal arts student majoring in international relations. “My mother wants the best for me; every mother wants the best for her children.”

Accepted into Duquesne’s Spiritan Division, which offers students with potential a chance to acclimate to college, Keip came to campus in the summer, making honors list, becoming the freshman class council

president and president of his residence hall council. He found the perseverance to overcome obstacles thrown into his life’s path—partnered with an intense desire to help others.

“I’m blessed,” says Keip, who credits his mother with helping him succeed. “I’m here at Duquesne, and it’s like a faith-based family. I still have a lot more ways to learn to get better as a student, but I believe I’m on the right path because I’m here at Duquesne.”

“I think going to Duquesne has made all the difference, with the resources and vast support. Because I am a first-generation college student, I want to take this education and use it to the fullest. There’s no way I can repay what they have done for me. I can only scratch at the surface, but I’m going to try to do that.” ♦



(Above) Tom Kikta, of the Mary Pappert School of Music, had the honor of composing and performing a score for the New York City Ballet. His daughter, Emily Kikta, is a member of New York City Ballet's corps de ballet.

Music Professor Writes NYC Ballet Score, Daughter Dances to It

It's likely that no other father and daughter have ever had the opportunity to perform together with the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center.

Tom Kikta, assistant professor of music technology at the Mary Pappert School of Music, and his daughter Emily performed in September during the New York City Ballet's 2016 Fall Gala: Celebrating Five Years of Ballet and Fashion. A primary fundraiser for the ballet, the gala was co-chaired by actress Sarah Jessica Parker.

Guitarist Kikta performed with a four-piece ensemble playing a 15-minute, guitar-centric score that he composed. His daughter was among the 10 featured members of the New York City Ballet's corps dancing at the performance.

Kikta worked with Peter Walker—a member of the New York City Ballet's corps and choreographer for the gala—to write the score. The two collaborated previously when Walker recruited Kikta to write a short piece for The New York Choreographic Institute, followed by another piece for the School of American Ballet's Winter Ball (both are operated by the New York City Ballet).

“Peter told me, ‘I don’t choreograph this—the music does. When I listen to the music, it tells me what movements have to happen...’”

“Our past projects ultimately set the foundation for how we would work when we got to this ballet,” says Kikta. “I’d write thematic material based on his direction.”

According to Kikta, Walker wanted seven movements, and he utilized adjectives such as “unstable” to describe the kind of music he wanted.

“Peter told me, ‘I don’t choreograph this—the music does. When I listen to the music, it tells me what movements have to happen. That’s how I know when the music is right,’” explains Kikta.

While he’s a trained classical guitarist, Kikta says the score he composed for the gala could not be described as featuring classical guitar.

“But to play it, you have to be a classical guitarist,” he says, referring to the polyphony and other types of techniques included in the music. “I’m using classical meters and classical harmonies, but I’m getting jazz, fusion, classical and pop—that pretty much supports the type of dancing that has been choreographed.” ♦



President Ken Gormley, center, is joined by the panelists and moderators from *Racial and Cultural Understanding in a New Era*. Pictured from left, Dr. Emad Mirmotahari; Tracey McCants Lewis; Fayeze Hassan; David Hickton; Gormley; Esther Bush; Lawrence M. Lebowitz; Imam AbduSemi'h Tádése; and Coleman McDonough.

Standing Room-Only Crowd Attends Racial and Cultural Understanding Event

By Rose Ravasio, A'90

More than 750 students, faculty and staff packed Duquesne's Power Center Ballroom on Feb. 13 to hear experts, scholars and professionals candidly discuss race and police, and Muslims and immigration at the inaugural program of a new series on civil discourse created by Duquesne President Ken Gormley.

Racial and Cultural Understanding in a New Era featured the panel discussions *Race and Police: Building Trust in Communities* and *Muslims, Immigration and the American Dream*, each of which included a question-and-answer session. Esther Bush, president of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, and David Hickton, former U.S. attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, served as moderators at the standing room-only event.

"Esther Bush and Dave Hickton both have vast experience with civil discourse, and they understand the importance of treating all members of our society fairly and equally," said Gormley. "They have spent their careers committed to living out this philosophy and serving as role models for others."

Before beginning the first panel, Bush and Hickton gave brief remarks, sharing their thoughts on the event's focus.

"For ours to be a first-class nation, there cannot be any second-class citizens," said Bush during her opening remarks.

Hickton added, "Our country depends on active citizenships—we need you to get involved."

Tracey McCants Lewis, assistant clinical professor in Duquesne's School of Law, joined Coleman McDonough, superintendent of Allegheny County Police, for the *Race and*

Police panel. The group talked about subjects such as racial bias in suspects, officers and communities at large, as well as community involvement in policing.

McCants Lewis addressed the militarization of police, describing it as a problem that has led to a loss of trust with communities. McDonough discussed body cameras serving as good tools for police to gather evidence but that "they're not the entire picture."

Participants in the *Muslims, Immigration and the American Dream* panel included Imam AbduSemi'h Tádése, director of religious affairs, Islamic University Center; Lawrence M. Lebowitz, chair of immigration group, Cohen & Grigsby, PC; and Dr. Emad Mirmotahari, associate professor of English and African studies in Duquesne's McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts.

This panel's discussion covered topics including the similarities and misconceptions of different faiths; perceptions in the United States and abroad of President Donald Trump's executive order and travel ban; constitutional issues with the travel ban; and views of Islam from immigrant and foreign perspectives.

Also during the event, Gormley invited Duquesne law student Fayeze Hassan to the stage to discuss her parents being forced to flee from Iran to Afghanistan for defending religious minority groups. In addition to sharing her personal story, Hassan reiterated to audience members the significance of the event's topics: "This is an important discussion that will affect you on many levels."

During his concluding remarks, Gormley announced that discussions from the *Racial and Cultural Understanding in a New Era* event would continue at two student events on campus: The Hon. Ronald Wilson, former chief presiding judge for the city of South Tucson in Arizona, hosted the conversation *Immigration and the American Dream* on Feb. 27; and officers from Duquesne's Department of Public Safety and the City of Pittsburgh will join School of Law representatives to discuss *Community Policing and College-Aged Constituents* at 7 p.m. on March 27 in the Towers' Multipurpose Room. ♦

Spiritan Year of Service Pilot Program Takes Off

By Deacon Joe Cerenzia

Liz Keller and Lydia Presper entered Duquesne University for similar reasons, and after they graduated from the University last year, they still share a common bond in the form of a profound opportunity.

Keller, a graduate in biology, and Presper, a graduate of the nursing school, are the first two participants in the Spiritan Year of Service Pilot Program (SYSP) that began in June. The goal of SYSP is engaging young college graduates in a life of faith in action, while growing spiritually in a structured “gap year” of service prior to their choice of careers or furthering their education. During their year of service, SYSP participants have the opportunity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Spiritan spirituality—which is rich in the tradition of prayer, community and service to those on the margins of society—while working to be agents of positive change in the local community and beyond.

The pilot program was approved for implementation by Fr. Jeffrey Duaine, C.S.Sp., provincial for the Spiritan U.S. Province, and the Provincial Council.

“Before I came to Duquesne, I never really was exposed to social service activities,” says Keller, who plans to apply to medical school during her SYSP year. “After reading Duquesne’s mission statement and spending four years there, I realized the importance of a concrete expression of the Gospel; applying faith in action.”

Though Keller was a casual acquaintance of Presper’s while at Duquesne, both were drawn to the University

because of its urban setting in Pittsburgh and its Spiritan identity. They now agree that being a Duquesne grad and participant in SYSP will aid their careers in health care in many ways.

“I believe my years at Duquesne and now my year in the SYSP will influence my career as a nurse,” says Presper, who recently passed her nursing boards. “I always wanted to be a nurse since I was little, and these new experiences will help me to advocate for my patients and to help those in need.”

Luci-Jo DiMaggio, director of mission animation in Duquesne’s Division of Mission and Identity, explains the concept behind SYSP had been thought of for years by Dr. Anne Marie Hansen, a lay Spiritan associate and scholar-in-residence at the Center for Spiritan Studies, based upon a model utilized by other religious communities. “So why not the Spiritans?” asked DiMaggio.

Participants have two options during the year: traditional service during which they commit to 30 hours a week of volunteer work with a local social service organization, or a year with a paying job in their field, provided that their work connects in a direct way with those on the margins, plus an additional 10 hours of volunteer service. Each participant makes a commitment to live a simple existence at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park, Pa., giving them the opportunity to interact with the retired Spiritans who live there for regular prayer and liturgical celebrations, social activities and mentoring.

For the inaugural pilot program, Keller and Presper are working with FOCUS Pittsburgh, a community outreach ministry of the Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh’s underserved Hill District neighborhood.

“Each day at FOCUS is different,” explains Keller, who’s volunteering full-time for the program. “I really like that aspect, since I’ve always had a lot of energy, and volunteering there keeps me going since you’re never really sure what the visitors there need. You’re continually helping them with everyday life experiences and issues that confront them.”

Presper agrees, adding she enjoys working with the self-help ministry of FOCUS, since it deals with those on the margins “by overcoming life skills issues through long-term problem-solving techniques rather than providing them with only temporary assistance.”

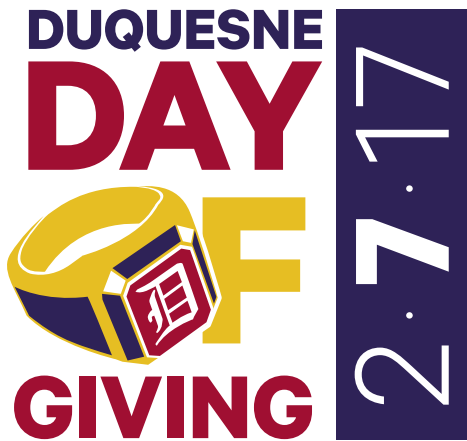
Presper, who plans to work in her career as a nurse during the SYSP year, says it is gratifying seeing clients regularly coming back to FOCUS, since the aim is to help them resolve life issues completely. She and Keller enjoy being at the Spiritan Center, spending time working in the garden, walking on the local trails and joining the community for liturgy and other activities there.

“Liz and Lydia were natural choices for the program, and the Holy Spirit really put them in front of us for consideration,” says DiMaggio. “They both eagerly jumped at the opportunity when I asked them.

“My prayer for them both is that they will have a ‘metanoia’ experience through participating in SYSP. The hope is that with that type of experience they will always be more willing to recognize and reach out to those on the margins in society as they go through life,” explains DiMaggio. ♦



Lydia Presper and Liz Keller



Duquesne Day of Giving By the Numbers

A sincere thank you to all of our alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends from around the world who virtually came together on February 7, 2017 to make the day such a success!

 **1,217**
Total gifts
 A new one-day record for Duquesne University

 **165,574**
Dollars raised
 to support Duquesne students

 **128**
Schools, organizations, sports teams supported

 **\$38,000**
in Challenge Gifts unlocked

 **7,306**
miles from Pittsburgh to Shanghai, China
 where our farthest donation came in from

 **501**
#DUQDayofGiving posts

 **38**
Number of states plus Washington, D.C., that made gifts

Save the Date for Duquesne Day of Giving **2.8.18**



Spirit of Generosity

MAJOR BENEFACTOR JOHN G. RANGOS, SR. SUPPORTS DU STUDENTS, INITIATIVES

By Kimberly Saunders

The Greek philosopher Aristotle declared “generosity” among the top virtues one must develop by deliberate, habitual action to live an honorable and happy life.

It’s no coincidence that John G. Rangos, Sr., H’00, holds an Aristotle Award from the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, the country’s oldest grassroots association of American citizens of Greek heritage. The award honors those who promote the ancient Greek ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence—principles that Rangos has championed throughout his life.

Rangos, a self-made industrialist and entrepreneur from a small steel town in West Virginia, was one of the country’s earliest environmentalists. He pioneered technological advances in waste transportation and disposal, and developed a resource recovery system that converts waste-generated methane into energy.

After a storied business career—he launched or managed 23 companies—Rangos set his sights on helping

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others achieve success. He established a charitable family foundation that is renowned for supporting institutions and initiatives related to education and health care. Duquesne University is among the many beneficiaries of his altruism.

Rangos' generosity to Duquesne dates to 1991, when he provided substantial financial support to establish a school of health sciences, the University's first new school in more than 50 years.

"As a very young child growing up in the Depression, I was aware of a wealthy man named E.T. Weir who made sure all the children in our town had medical care and provided doctors to give us checkups twice a year to ensure we maintained good health. This made a lasting impression on me, which translated into my adult life by serving on medical boards and supporting universities," says Rangos. "I think I have played a role in medical care issues not only for children, but adults and veterans, my whole life. I believe health education is the key to maintaining good health for all of mankind."

Today, the John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences is one of the largest schools of its kind and has earned a national reputation for excellence. It educates nearly 1,000 students each year in athletic training, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, physician assistant studies, rehabilitation science and health management systems.

"John Rangos has distinguished himself as a visionary from the earliest days of his career," says Ken Gormley, president of Duquesne University. "The Rangos School of Health Sciences is now a model for other similar programs across the United States. Duquesne was blessed when Mr. Rangos stepped forward a quarter-century ago to help move this University, and the region where he grew up, to the next level of excellence. Our students, and the tens of thousands of patients they now serve, are forever indebted to him."

Throughout the years, Rangos expanded his support of the school with additional gifts. In 2003, he endowed the Anna Rangos Rizakus Chair in Health Sciences and Ethics, in honor of his late mother. The chair helps to fund faculty

research initiatives, explains Dr. Paula Turocy, who was the inaugural chairholder and now serves as the interim dean of the Rangos School.

"Mr. Rangos has been a long-standing advocate for the advancement of health care, and the knowledge and expertise of the health professionals who provide that care," says Turocy.

And in 2015, he established the John G. Rangos, Sr. Endowed Scholarship to provide direct financial support to health science students during the professional phase of their programs. This phase prepares students for their respective licensure exams and includes clinical rotations that provide hands-on experiences with patients.

Students in five- and six-year programs lose access to many sources of undergraduate financial aid so additional funding often is needed. The Rangos Scholarship provides a \$5,000 award to talented students who demonstrate financial need.

Cassidy Powers was one of five students who received a scholarship at an award dinner with Rangos in September. Currently an athletic training student in her third year, she plans to complete that program and pursue a master's degree in physician assistant studies.

"Receiving this scholarship has meant so much to my family and me. We are so grateful for Mr. Rangos' generosity. He has inspired me to pursue my dreams because he made me believe that we all have the opportunity to make a difference both in our health care roles and in society," says Powers, who plans to enlist in the U.S. Navy and work in the field of orthopedics.

Siblings Evan and Molly Gomez are also in the 2016 class of Rangos Scholars. Evan Gomez is in the final year of the physical therapy program and Molly Gomez is a fourth-year occupational therapy student. She credits frugal spending, loans, grants and scholarships with helping them both meet the financial challenges they faced.

"It was often difficult to cover school expenses, especially having my brother and I enrolled at the same time. Were it not for the combined help of my family and people like Mr. Rangos, I don't think I could have overcome this challenge," she admits.

Receiving the scholarship is an acknowledgment of the respect and appreciation Rangos has for hardworking students, Molly Gomez continues.

"It was an incredible opportunity and brought me so much joy," she says. "Also, having a sit-down dinner with Mr. Rangos really showed me that he truly cares about my future and helping me achieve my dreams."

"The additional gifts Mr. Rangos has provided to Duquesne through the Rangos Rizakus Endowed Chair position and the Rangos Endowed Scholars Program have allowed us to continue to advance our research and educational efforts, positioning us to be recognized as one of the top health professional schools in the country. We are forever grateful for his generosity, support, and vision for our school and the health professionals we educate," says Turocy. ♦

Inspired by Sound

FROM CRICKETS TO COWS TO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS, ALUMNA MARY GAFFNEY HAS HEARD AND RECORDED THEM ALL

By Michelle Boehm, GA'12

When Mary Gaffney, M'72, first used a tape recorder to record the chirps of a cricket trapped in her parents' garage, she never dreamed the art of capturing sounds would become her passion and she would become one of the few women across the country working as an audio engineer.

As a child, music was the common thread that tied together Gaffney's home, school and church life. She sang and danced for school and church functions. Her mother sang. Her grandparents were members of the church choir and her great-grandmother served as church organist.

"Music was a big part of my life and strongly encouraged by my mother's family," says Gaffney, who knew she wanted to pursue a degree in music and enrolled at Duquesne University at her parents' urging.

Gaffney recalls her college days as an incredible time in history.

"The anti-war movement was strong and there was a lot of unrest, but Duquesne represented something strong and safe to my family," she says.

While she enjoyed her studies, Gaffney did not have strong professional aspirations.

"Marriage and family was the expectation," she says. "At one point, I questioned getting a degree, but my father wanted me to have an education in case I didn't marry."

Gaffney laughs as she admits her father was right.

She recalls spending long days at the Mary Pappert School of Music performing and practicing music, learning theory and fine-tuning techniques.

"It was a lot of work, but my professors were passionate about teaching," says Gaffney. "And what better way to spend a day than surrounded by music?"

After graduation, she briefly taught music to children before moving to Chicago, where she worked as a back-up singer for various musicians. Gaffney quickly grew intrigued by what made one take better than another.

"It excited my mind to listen and try to detect the subtle variances," she says. It was during these sessions that Gaffney became interested in sound engineering as a career.

"I went from thinking I would be a music teacher to wanting to become an engineer. Today, there are probably fewer than 10 percent of women nationwide that do this job and back then—even less," says Gaffney.

The fact that women were largely excluded from the field didn't stop her. Gaffney enrolled in a Chicago tech school for radio engineering despite naysayers and reached out to industry contacts seeking training and guidance.

She received her first break during a softball game with local musicians, singers and songwriters. A teammate knew of a position at a local radio station.

"I put together what I learned through school, took additional classes in electronics and studio tutorials, and learned a lot on the job," says Gaffney.



"Sound has always excited me."

Gaffney worked midnight to 6 a.m. playing records, doing tape duplication and learning the business of sound. Within three years, she was invited to record her first symphony orchestra performance—in a bank lobby. It wasn't the acoustic challenges that made the occasion memorable, it was the surgery she underwent three weeks prior.

"The surgeon recommended removing both the appendix and the gallbladder, which would have required a six-week recovery time; removal of the gallbladder alone would only take three. I told them to make sure they only took out my gallbladder so I could keep that job," says Gaffney. "They must have thought I was crazy, but I really wanted to record that concert."

Surgery didn't slow her down. She kept the job.

Since then, Gaffney has worked with numerous artists, such as Studs Terkel (a noted Chicago author and historian), the Grammy-winning American blues rock band Alabama Shakes and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. She is now the audio supervisor at Chicago Public Media, where she also engineers and oversees in-studio live and taped performances.

Reflecting on how her time at Duquesne prepared her for a career in music, she recalls learning the art of tuning her ear to subtle nuances of sound.

"It was in a solfeggio class that I learned how to write out a piece of music after hearing it," she remembers. Eventually, Gaffney could hear a piece of music, know it and recreate it from memory, which is a skill she uses often in her work.

Gaffney still maintains the same curiosity she had as a young teen who recorded the chirps of a cricket. She is inspired by the sounds of the world around her and especially enjoys capturing nature sounds. She hopes her work will preserve the music of the natural world in the same way she engineers the music of artists.

"Sound has always excited me," she shares. "It started with that recording of a cricket, then my grandparents' cows. Today, I capture buzzing bees, birds and bears scrambling up trees, as well as nationally-recognized artists." ♦

Two Spiritans Installed in the College of Cardinals

By Rose Ravasio, A'90

For the first time in the 300-year history of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, two Spiritans have been elevated into the Roman Catholic Church's College of Cardinals.

Monsignor Dieudonné Nzapalainga, C.S.Sp., archbishop of Bangui, Central African Republic, and Monsignor Maurice Piat, C.S.Sp., archbishop of Port-Louis, Mauritius, were appointed by Pope Francis at a consistory in St. Peter's Basilica in November.

Nzapalainga was born in the Central African Republic. He entered the junior seminary of St. Louis Bangassou followed by the senior seminary at the Holy Apostles of Otélé in Cameroon to study philosophy. Nzapalainga then continued his theological studies at Daniel Brottier Senior Seminary in Libreville, Gabon. He took his first vows in the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in 1993 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1998.

After studying at the Jesuit College at the Sèvres Centre in France, Nzapalainga returned to the Central African Republic to become the regional superior of the Spiritans. He also served as a parish priest in Bangui, and later was president of the Conference of Major Superiors of Central Africa. Nzapalainga became apostolic administrator of Bangui in 2009 before being appointed the metropolitan archbishop there in 2012.

Nzapalainga became president of the Episcopal Conference of the Central African Republic in 2013. That same year—together with the president of the Islamic Council and the president of the Evangelical Alliance—he participated in the foundation of an inter-religious platform in Bangui for peace in the Central African Republic. Nzapalainga received Pope Francis in his diocese in 2015, during which the pope opened the first holy door of the Holy Year of Mercy.

Piat was born in Moka in the Diocese of Port-Louis. He entered the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in Ireland after attending Holy Spirit College in Mauritius. He made his first religious profession in 1962 when he was in Ireland and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970. After earning a bachelor's degree from University College Dublin, Piat was sent to the Pontifical French College in Rome, and later studied theology at the Pontifical Gregorian College.

After spending three months in pastoral ministry in Bangalore, India, Piat returned to Mauritius and was appointed professor and catechist at the Holy Spirit College in Quatre-Bornes, where he was responsible for the Spiritan candidates. In 1986, he was appointed parish priest of the Coeur-Immaculé-de-Marie parish in Rivière-du-Rempart. Piat was also responsible for the diocesan pastoral project for the care of basic Christian communities and was episcopal vicar for the formation and coordination of diocesan pastoral ministry.

In 1991, Piat was appointed as coadjutor to then-Archbishop of Port-Louis Jean Margéot, and was later ordained bishop in May of the same year. He was appointed archbishop of the Diocese of Port-Louis in 1993, and served as president of the Episcopal Conference of the Indian Ocean from 1996-2002 and again from 2013-2016. ♦



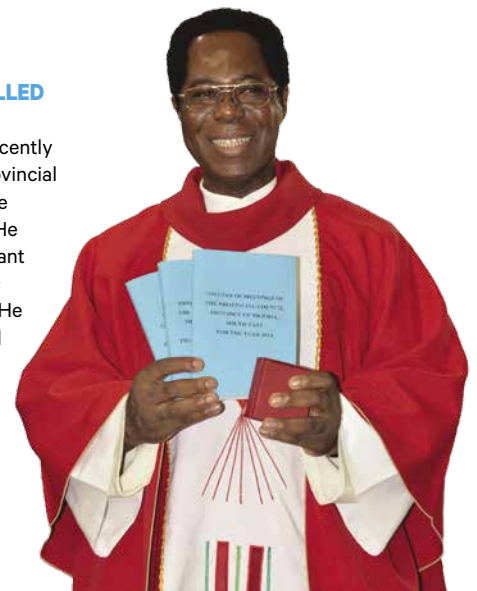
The Rev. James McCloskey, C.S.Sp.; Cardinal Maurice Piat, C.S.Sp.; The Rev. John Fogarty, C.S.Sp., superior general of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit; and Michael Wright, director of European programs for Duquesne University.



The Rev. James McCloskey, C.S.Sp., Cardinal Dieudonné Nzapalainga, C.S.Sp., and Michael Wright.

DR. GREGORY INSTALLED

Dr. Gregory Ikechukwu Olikenyi, C.S.Sp., was recently installed as Spiritan Provincial Superior of the Province of Nigeria South-East. He has served as an assistant professor of systematic theology at Duquesne. He was born in Nigeria and ordained in 1989.



Bluff in Brief

FROM NEW ONLINE PROGRAMS TO OUR ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING ON THE BLUFF.



NEW LAW CLINICS TO HELP CHILDREN

The School of Law's newest clinics focus on children.

The Juvenile Defender Clinic helps children navigating the juvenile delinquency court system. The clinic represents children charged with delinquency offenses, adults and children seeking to have their juvenile records expunged, and children who are defendants in Protection From Abuse allegations. The clinic provides free, holistic representation, and student attorneys get the opportunity to advocate for children in every aspect of delinquency cases.

The Education Law Clinic helps students and their parents with legal issues related to school disciplinary, suspension and expulsion hearings. Potential clients are referred to the clinic by the courts, social service agencies and parent advocacy organizations. Student attorneys staff the clinic. They are assisted by doctorate-level students from Duquesne's school psychology program, and master's-level social work students from the University of Pittsburgh provide assistance to clients as part of a holistic representation model practiced by the clinic.

For more information, visit www.duq.edu/law/clinics.

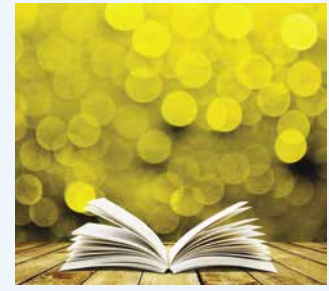


UNIVERSITY'S RECRUITMENT & IMAGE MARKETING INITIATIVES, DU MAGAZINE GARNER AWARDS

Duquesne's recruitment and integrated image advertising campaigns were among the winning projects recently recognized at the 37th Annual Golden Triangle Awards.

Hosted by the Pittsburgh chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, the awards honor Pittsburgh's best communication work by universities, corporations, agencies and nonprofits. The winning Duquesne projects include: Junior Recruitment Piece, Admissions Recruitment Series 2015-2016, Integrated Image Advertising Campaign and *Duquesne University Magazine*.

The recruitment, admissions and advertising projects were the result of a collaboration between the Office of Marketing and Communications and the Enrollment Management Group. The collaborative work resulted in creative and more sophisticated communications efforts that included new concepts, writing and messaging; a stronger, better connection with the University's target audience; and fresh photography and designs.



CETR PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages recently recognized a Duquesne program for its outstanding contributions to the field of language education.

The Center for Community-Engaged Teaching and Research's program Reading to Play and Playing to Read was named a Globally Engaged Program 2017.

"This award recognizes much heart and effort invested over the last two years," says Dr. Lucia Osa-Melero, assistant professor of modern languages and literatures, who runs the program with Adjunct Professor Carmen Alicia Martínez from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

Reading to Play and Playing to Read is a collaborative agreement with Pittsburgh after-school programs. The project was developed to bridge the language barrier with students from Mexico and Central America, and to help Duquesne students improve their Spanish speaking and writing skills.



GUMBERG LIBRARY EVENTS FOCUS ON REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PEOPLES

Gumberg Library has received a National Endowment for the Arts grant to hold a Big Read event, a community-wide program that sponsors the shared reading of a book. Duquesne's Big Read, held this spring, will focus on *When the Emperor was Divine*, a book by Julie Otsuka about a Japanese-American family forced out of their home in California and sent to live in a Japanese internment camp during World War II.

The library will sponsor educational and cultural events relevant to the novel, including an author talk from 4:30-6:30 p.m. March 30 in the Student Union Ballroom, and a kick-off event, book talks and panel discussions across campus to discuss the book's relevance to current refugee and immigrant experiences.

Free copies of *When the Emperor was Divine* will be distributed to members of the Pittsburgh-area community participating in Gumberg's program. For more information, visit www.duq.edu/DUQreads.

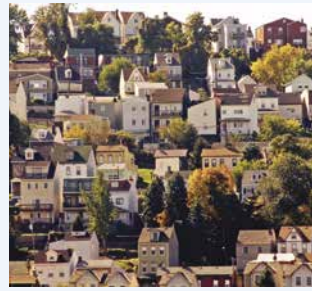


CRIDER NAMED PRESIDENT OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

Dr. Mark C. Crider has been named president of the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, which represents more than 217,000 registered nurses in Pennsylvania.

Crider, assistant dean for administration and special projects and director of the Veterans to BSN program for Duquesne's School of Nursing, has a diverse nursing background as a staff nurse, nurse manager, nursing director, lobbyist, management and organizational development specialist, and nurse educator. His research interest is focused on policy, specifically health policy impacting people with chronic mental illness and integrative health practices, professional practice policies and nursing education policies.

Crider has extensive experience in professional organizational leadership, holding membership positions in several nursing specialty organizations, including the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and the National League for Nursing.



HISTORY DEPARTMENT BREATHES NEW LIFE INTO ANNUAL FORUM

Members of the Department of History recently collaborated to revitalize and improve its annual forum, an event that has been held for nearly 50 years.

Preserving the City: Seen and Unseen was held in November in the historic Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

"We wanted this year's history forum to be not only about academic history, but about the history that impacts people's everyday lives, shapes where they live and how they think about their neighborhoods," says Dr. Alima Bucciantini, assistant professor of history and director of graduate research in history and public history.

Helen Mahan and David Goldstein, both urban fellows for the National Park Service, presented *Mapping Untold Stories of the Urban Landscape in Philadelphia and Detroit: 100 Years of National Park Service*. A roundtable discussion addressed issues of urban history and preservation in Pittsburgh and beyond.



FACULTY MEMBER INDUCTED AS AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING FELLOW

School of Nursing Professor Dr. Patricia Watts Kelley was among 165 nurse leaders inducted as a fellow to the prestigious American Academy of Nursing in October.

Nominees for the fellowship—which recognizes individuals for their leadership in education, management and policy, and their work to improve the health of the nation—are selected based in part on the extent to which their careers have influenced health policies and the health and well-being of all.

"Duquesne is among the elite nursing schools to have a faculty member—Dr. Patricia Kelley—inducted this year, which speaks to the caliber of our faculty," says Nursing Dean Dr. Mary Ellen Glasgow. "We are also pleased to honor Duquesne alumna Cindy Miller Murphy and doctoral student Michael Neft, who were also inducted into the academy for their contributions to the nursing discipline."



NEW PROGRAM ALLOWS BUSINESS STUDENTS TO EARN TWO DEGREES IN FIVE YEARS

The School of Business has launched a new BSBA-to-MACC Co-op Program.

This program allows Duquesne students to earn two degrees in five years: a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) and a Master of Science in Accountancy (MAcc). As part of the program, students have a paid co-op experience at a top public accounting firm or other financial institution and only pay tuition for 4 ½ years.

The program fulfills the state 150-credit hour education requirement to sit for the Certified Public Accountants exam. Eligibility is limited to current freshman or sophomore students.

For more information, visit www.duq.edu/bsba2macc.



THREE NEW ONLINE PROGRAMS INTRODUCED

Two new online master's degree programs offered through the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business and one new certificate program in the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts are now available.

The **Master of Science in Management**, offered through the John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business, is for individuals who aspire to supervisory and leadership roles or who wish to acquire the managerial skills necessary to make a strong impact on their organization. For more information, visit www.duq.edu/business/grad.

The **Master of Science in Sports Business**, also offered through the Donahue Graduate School of Business, is designed for those who want to work in a variety of professional roles within the sports business industry. Students will study strategy, marketing, sales, ethics and leadership through an experiential curriculum. For more information, visit www.duq.edu/business/grad.

The **Certificate in Web Design & Development** is offered through the Department of Journalism and Multimedia Arts in the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts. This one-year, 12-credit certificate is for students who want to enhance their knowledge of media-rich content delivered via engaging, effective websites. For more information, visit www.duq.edu/webcertificate.



HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The annual University Human Rights Film Series marked its 10th anniversary in January and February by examining many of the issues that divided Americans during the 2016 presidential election. The series centered on the theme "For the Sake of Humanity."

"From Sept. 11 through the recent election, our nation, our society and the world have experienced profound changes and a lot appears to be at stake during the next few years," explains Dr. Edith Krause, chair of modern languages and literatures, and a member of the film series committee who believes it's important to observe the series' anniversary by addressing the many concerns at the forefront of national discussion.

Presented by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, the Human Rights Film Series serves as a reminder of the values of democracy, the importance of social justice and the need to respect the dignity of all human beings.



PROFESSOR NAMED COUNSELOR EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Jered B. Kolbert has been named the 2016-2017 Counselor Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association. The award honors individuals devoted to instructing, training and mentoring students who are preparing to become school counselors.

Kolbert, a professor in the School of Education's Department of Counseling, School Psychology and Special Education, is a certified school counselor, a licensed professional counselor in Pennsylvania and a national certified counselor.

Gamma Phi Celebrates Centennial Milestone

Duquesne's only local fraternity and the oldest recognized campus student organization, Gamma Phi celebrated its centennial during Homecoming weekend.

More than 250 brothers, little sisters, spouses and guests returned to campus to reminisce and reconnect while presenting a \$100,000 check for an endowed scholarship fund to President Ken Gormley, who was inducted as an honorary member of the fraternity.

"As our University changed and grew, Gamma Phi alumni were always close by, guiding and mentoring the brothers who followed them, and passing along their traditions from generation to generation," says Gormley.

Tom Herward, A'67, who joined Gamma Phi in 1963, was co-emcee of the reunion dinner.

"It was the highest attended of any of our reunions, and it was a real effort by everyone, including the University," says Herward. "We had a couple of guys in their 90s, grads from the early '50s who went into the service before starting college. It was a memorable weekend."

Guests returned to Duquesne from Hawaii, California,

Florida, Michigan and New Jersey, and even Bogotá, Colombia, among many other locations.

The reunion also became a wonderful time for an engagement when—at the dinner celebration—co-emcee Josh Taylor, A'08, asked Gamma Phi little sister Priscilla Guzman, B'07, to marry him.

"It was awesome to be a part of the event," says Taylor. "When they asked me to be involved, I was floored. There were people there from so many different eras. From the most recent decades to the 1970s, the 1960s."

Peter Giglione, Esq., practicing attorney with Massa, Butler and Giglione and adjunct professor in Duquesne's School of Law, also helped plan the event.

"Being able to reconnect with friends who I haven't seen in years, and to meet other Gammas who wore our letters way before and way after me, was incredible," he says. "One thing that sticks out in my mind is how much alike all Gammas are. The guys who are 25 can relate to the guys who are 85. It's remarkable how the personalities in this fraternity transcend all age groups and graduation years." ♦



(From top right) Duquesne President Ken Gormley proudly accepts a check from Gamma Phi at the fraternity's centennial celebration dinner. Co-emcee Josh Taylor, A'08, proposes to Gamma Phi Little Sister Priscilla Guzman, B'07, at the fraternity's centennial dinner celebration. Gamma Phi members gather for a group photo.



DUQUESNE

ATHLETICS



A.J. Hines accepts the STATS FCS Jerry Rice Award last January.

Hines Earns the Football Championship Subdivision's Highest Freshman Honor

Running back A.J. Hines made Duquesne University and Northeast Conference history when he was named recipient of the STATS FCS Jerry Rice Award following the Dukes' co-championship season.

The award, which is presented annually to the top freshman in the Football Championship Subdivision, was voted on by a national panel of over 150 sports information and media relations directors, broadcasters, writers and other dignitaries.

Hines, the first NEC player and Duke to win the award, was on a ballot that included 23 finalists from 12 FCS conferences. The Wilson, N.C., native received the award at the annual STATS FCS Awards Banquet in Frisco, Texas, on Jan. 6—from none other than Rice himself.

"In just meeting him, I could tell he has exceptional heart," says Rice of Hines. "He's all about hard work and dedication. What I like about this guy is his commitment to his family, his commitment to the classroom and his commitment on the football field."

"This was really a great experience," says Hines of the opportunity to meet Rice, who set numerous records at FCS Mississippi Valley State. "I enjoyed spending time with Mr. Rice. He's a Hall of Famer and a legend. It was an honor to just be around him."

Hines earned NEC Rookie of the Week a record 10 times on his way to being named the conference's Offensive Rookie of the Year. The First Team All-NEC pick led the league in rushing—and ranked ninth nationally—at 117.4 yards per game. His rushing average led all FCS freshmen.

Hines is the third running back to win in six years of the Jerry Rice Award's existence, joining Towson's Terrance West (2011) and Fordham's Chase Edmonds (2014). Northern Arizona quarterback Case Cookus was the 2015 recipient.

Rice Award voting reflected the regular season and was conducted before the start of the FCS playoffs. ♦

Dukes Among Nation's Elite

Duquesne was one of just four FCS programs that had finalists for the three major FCS awards. In addition to A.J. Hines (Jerry Rice Award winner), senior linebacker Christian Kuntz was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award (top defensive player) and senior quarterback Dillon Buechel was a finalist for the Walter Payton Award (top offensive player). Gardner-Webb, Jacksonville State and Sam Houston State were the only other FCS schools with finalists for all three awards. Kuntz, who finished 12th in Buchanan Award balloting, was named second team All-America by The Associated Press. Kuntz and nine-year NFL veteran Leigh Bodden are the only two-time FCS AP All-Americans in school history. ♦



The executive committee of the College Swimming Coaches Association of America has recognized Duquesne as a Scholar All-America Team for achieving exemplary academic performance during the fall 2016 semester. "For our program to continuously be recognized as a Scholar All-America Team is a testament to the hard work our ladies put in every day in the classroom," says head coach David Sheets. "They each exemplify the term student-athlete."



City Game Champions Times Two

Both the men's and women's basketball programs celebrated wins over Pitt in their annual City Games in December. On Dec. 2, the men's team ended a 15-year drought with a 64-55 win over the Panthers at PPG Paints Arena. Four weeks later, the women's program defeated Pitt, for the seventh time in the past eight seasons, by a 63-54 score at A.J. Palumbo Center. It was the first time since December of 2000 that the DU men's and women's teams defeated Pitt in the same season. ♦



Alumni Updates

1950s

Dr. Salvatore J. LaGumina, E'55, and **Juliana Heath LaGumina, E'56,** recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. They are the parents of four children, including **Christine LaGumina Cutrone, A'90.** Salvatore J. LaGumina is the author of *The Office of Strategic Services and Italian Americans: The Untold Story* (Palgrave/Macmillan), which describes Italian-Americans' contributions to the behind-the-lines operations of the U.S. intelligence in Italy during World War II.

1960s

Dr. Rosemarie Rizzo Parse, N'60, is serving as the first visiting scholar for the Kresge Center for Nursing Research at Binghamton University's Decker School of Nursing. She will be in residence for the 2016-17 academic year.

J.C. Todd, A'65, received the 2016 International Literary Award's Rita Dove Poetry Prize from the Center for Women Writers, and her work has been commended in the Hippocrates International Open Poetry and Medicine Contest. She has received fellowships to both the UCross Foundation and Ragdale, where she was a poet-in-residence. She collaborated with artist MaryAnn L. Miller for a recent exhibit at Duquesne's Gumberg Library.

1970s

Jerry Hutton, A'72, L'76, partner at the law firm of Edgar Snyder & Associates, has been named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Barry Kukovich, A'74, is the author of *The Church of Wolves*, set during World War I (Neverland Publishing). He is the director of communications and community affairs at Peoples Natural Gas.

Michael Mack, A'74, retired from Janssen Research and Development, where he had been an associate director of biostatistics for the past 11 years. He worked for more than 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry and was a co-author of more than 30 articles in medical and statistical journals.

David S. Pollock, L'74, founding partner of the family law firm Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC, was included in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of family law. He also received the Eric Turner Memorial Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section. The award honors a lawyer who is "dedicated to the practice of family law and who serves as a mentor and teacher to fellow lawyers."

Deno DeCiantis, E'75, GE'77, Ed.D.'09, recently retired after a 40-year career dedicated to community-based education. He was most recently director of The Penn State Center Pittsburgh, working with the Penn State Extension Program, which delivers the university's "land grant" obligation of teaching, research and service. By launching The Penn State Center Pittsburgh, he established the national model for the delivery of the "land grant" mission to a metropolitan area, and he was recently recognized for his accomplishments as the first recipient of the National Urban Extension Leader Award.

Dennis Liotta, A'78, L'83, partner at the law firm of Edgar Snyder & Associates, has been named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Mary K. McDonald, L'79, of counsel with McCarthy McDonald Schulberg & Joy, was selected to be included in *Best Lawyers in America 2017* in the field of family law.

1980s

Samuel W. Spanos, CRPC, ARPC, B'80, is the co-author (along with **Gennaro A. Marsico, CFP, L'02**) of *Replacing Your Paycheck*. He is a senior vice president with the Spanos Group of Raymond James. He has more than 35 years of experience in the wealth management industry and has been recognized by *Barron's Magazine* as a top financial advisor.

Todd Berkey, B'82, partner at the law firm of Edgar Snyder & Associates, has been named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Lawrence Casey, L'83, Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C. shareholder, has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2017* and named as a super lawyer by the 2016 Massachusetts *Super Lawyers and Rising Stars*.

David Brown, A'84, received the 2016 David Ferguson Award for Outstanding Contributions to Public Relations Education from the Public Relations

Society of America. Brown is a visiting assistant professor of instruction in the School of Media and Communication at Temple University.

Michael Victor, L'86, was inaugurated as the 12th president of Mercyhurst University. Previously, he was president of Lake Erie College and dean of Mercyhurst's Walker School of Business.

Louis Cestello, MBA'87, became regional president for Pittsburgh and southwestern Pennsylvania for PNC Financial Services Group Inc. on Jan. 1. He succeeds **Sy Holzer, A'70,** who held the post since 1997.

Rev. Michael J. Higgins, TOR, GA'87, has been appointed the eighth president of the Franciscan School of Theology in Oceanside, Calif. He received a Doctor of Sacred Theology with a specialization in Franciscan spirituality from the Antonianum in Rome and a Ph.D. in higher educational administration through Capella University.

1990s

William F. Caye II, A'90, L'93, was a finalist for Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf's merit selection



Congratulations to Duquesne University Board Chair **Marie Milie Jones, A'85, L'87,** who was presented with the Allegheny County Bar Association's (ACBA) 2016 Professionalism Award. Jones—pictured with Dean Passodelis (left), her partner from their law firm JonesPassodelis, and Duquesne University President Ken Gormley—received the award at the ACBA's Civil Litigation Lunch with the Judges. ♦

committee's nominations for filling interim judicial vacancies in the commonwealth by appointment.

Richelle Payne, GA'91, joined The Initiative for Family Business & Entrepreneurship at Saint Joseph's University as the assistant director for business development.

Daniel Pepper, L'94, has joined Comcast as vice president and deputy general counsel for data security and privacy.

William Ryan, A'96, graduated from A.T. Still University with a Doctor of Health Sciences degree with a concentration in global health.

Jeremy G. Hartzell, B'97, MBA'00, L'00, has been promoted to principal at Hill, Barth & King LLC. He has also been appointed as the principal in charge of the Wexford (Pa.) office by the executive committee.

Kevin Coates, HS'98, GHS'99, received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Tennessee and is now assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Dana Ann (Thompson) Slizik, A'98, accepted the position of vice president, director of marketing and social media communications for Avanti Consulting.

2000s

Kevin Popovic, GA'00, has been selected to serve as the director of the Idea Lab at San Diego State University.

IN MEMORIAM

Gladys Husted, Ph.D., passed away Oct. 13, 2016 in Murrysville, Pa., at the age of 74. Husted joined the Duquesne University School of Nursing faculty in 1968, and was granted the title of professor emeritus in 2007. She continued to teach part-time in Duquesne's master's, DNP and Ph.D. programs until 2015. A pioneering scholar in bioethics, Husted chaired more than 20 student dissertation committees and co-authored *Bioethical Decision Making in Nursing*, a landmark textbook introducing the theory of symphonology, the study of agreements.

Eric Starkowicz, A'00, was hired as director of industry relations at the Master Builders' Association of Western Pennsylvania.

Lindsey Goodman, M'01, released her debut CD, *Reach Through the Sky*, on New Dynamic Records. The recording, which includes works written for her by six living American composers, features Goodman as soloist, flutist, vocalist and chamber musician, and is available through iTunes, Google Play and CD Baby.

Gennaro A. "Jerry" Marsico, CFP, L'02, has co-authored *Replacing Your Paycheck* (along with **Samuel W. Spanos, CRPC, ARPC, B'80**). He is vice president (Investments) with the Spanos Group of Raymond James, specializing in helping clients with retirement and estate planning.

Brianne King, B'03, was promoted from senior financial planning analyst to manager of financial planning at Fragasso Financial Advisors. She is a "key driver of the portfolio management department, overseeing the construction of financial plans and annual reviews, training new team members and providing guidance on advanced planning issues."

Virginia Berlando, L'04, is participating in an art show with three other artists at the U.S. Courthouse (Pittsburgh) that runs until March 2017.

Lisa Miracle, A'04, GE'07, GE'12, accepted a new job as acting assistant principal at Francis McClure Primary/Intermediate

IN MEMORIAM

Frank P. Palopoli, S'43, GS'50, passed away on Aug. 6, 2016 in Montgomery, Ohio, at the age of 94. Palopoli joined the William S. Merrell Company in 1950 as a research assistant. He retired from the pharmaceutical firm 40 years later as global director of chemical development. Palopoli led the research team that developed Clomiphene, the world's most widely prescribed fertility drug for women. He also conducted research into the use of Tamoxifen in treating breast cancer and other tumors, and helped to develop one of the first cholesterol-lowering drugs.

School in the McKeesport Area School District.

Larry Colby, GLPA'06, will be publishing his second adventure novel in the Ford Stevens military-aviation thriller series, *The Black Scorpion Pilot*, this summer. His first book, *The Devil Dragon Pilot*, can be found at www.ColbyAviationThrillers.com and Amazon.com.

Whitney Grespin, A'06, was named to the Foreign Policy Initiative's Future Leaders Program. The purpose of the program is "to cultivate the next generation of foreign policy leaders in Washington, D.C." She holds a Ph.D. studentship position at King's College London's Defence Studies Department.

Ralph Gigliotti, A'07, E'07, published *A Guide for Leaders in Higher Education: Core Concepts, Competencies, and Tools* through Stylus Publishing with Brent Ruben and Richard De Lisi.

Michael Keenan, HS'08, received his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and is now working for Excel Physical Therapy.

Thomas G. Donahue, L'09, is president and chief investment officer of Capital Foundry LLC, a "new, regionally focused investment bank that combines its financial technologies with traditional investment banking solutions." Offices are in Pittsburgh and New York "with a mission of serving middle-market companies that are seeking financing

solutions to help operate and grow their businesses."

Shereen Graham Fish, E'09, has been named procurement manager, ATEP, for Arconic Inc., a company that recently split off from Alcoa Inc.

Devon A. Kinnard, MBA'09, L'09, of Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., was named a rising star by the 2016 Massachusetts *Super Lawyers and Rising Stars*.

Richard Lorenz, A'09, has joined the law firm of DeBernardo, Antoniono, McCabe, & Davis, P.C. in Greensburg, Pa.

Jonathan Ogurchak, P'09, vice president for business operations and managing partner at PANTHERx Specialty Pharmacy, was named as one of *Pittsburgh Business Times*' "Fast Trackers," an award given to 40 up-and-comers under 40 years of age in the Pittsburgh area based on their past accomplishments, as well as potential for significant career advancement.

2010s

Brittany Adkins, GE'08, GE'10, recently published *Look What We Can Do!*. She was inspired to write the book after her friends' two-year-old son became ill with transverse myelitis (TM), which left him paralyzed from the neck down. She says, "I initially wrote the book to help him feel empowered to continue on despite new limitations...I decided to publish to raise awareness for TM and all pediatric spinal cord injuries." The book can be found

IN MEMORIAM

Douglas H. Kay, Ph.D., passed away on June 19, 2016 in Biddeford, Maine. After serving for 30 years as professor and dean at his alma mater, the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Kay became dean of Duquesne's School of Pharmacy in 1981. His lengthy tenure was characterized by a move toward a pharmaceutical care model in education and practice and the implementation of the six-year professional doctoral degree program. After retiring from Duquesne in 1998, he was instrumental in the establishment of a pharmacy school at the University of New England.

online through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. All proceeds go towards spinal cord research.

Dave Libby, A'10, was recently promoted to associate vice president of finance at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

Marissa W. Barash, A'11, received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Marywood University. She completed her internship at Carnegie Mellon University's counseling center and is currently working in the eating disorders unit at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic.

Jacqueline Hilton, P'11, graduated from Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine (Ariz.) with her DMD in 2015, and recently graduated from a dental general practice residency from Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. She is currently working as a military contract general dentist at Vandenberg AFB in Lompoc, Calif.

Karen Ferrick-Roman, Ed.D.'14, has been named the inaugural director of communications and education at Village Theater Company in Sewickley, Pa. She continues to serve as director of university and student relations for the Pittsburgh chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators and recently joined the board of the Merrick Art Gallery in New Brighton, Pa.

Samantha Hartman, A'14, has started a new career as a travel consultant, planning "luxury and

unique travel experiences to locations around the world, with a particular focus in off-the-beaten-path destinations." She has her own business and is affiliated with Protravel International, a leading luxury travel agency.

Bronwyn Wyatt Higgins, 2014 Artist Diploma in Percussion Performance, will have two of her songs featured in the upcoming Netflix show *Mindhunter*. Her website is www.bronwynwhiggins.com.

Alyssa R. Sweeney, L'16, is now an associate at the family law firm Pollock Beggs Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC.

Marriages

Eric Starkowicz, A'00, married Charlotte Kenrick.

Michael Keenan, HS'08, married Lindsey McGuire.

Jacqueline Hilton, P'11, married Devin Caster.

Caitlin Ann Thompson, P'12, married Jake Martinez.

New Arrivals

Stella Pasqua, daughter of **Natalie DiPasquale Yates, A'02**, and James William Yates.

Josephine Rose, daughter of **Nicole (Vamos) Healy, B'06**, and **Robert Healy, III, A'05, GA'06**.

Arlo Owen, son of **Kayla (Brickell) Madden, A'06**, and Matt Madden.

Bellamy Christine, daughter of **Sara Albert-Hussey, A'07, GB'11**, and **Patrick Hussey, S'07, P'11**.

August James, son of **Laura (Pfefferle) Dilulio, B'07**, and **Matthew Dilulio, HS'07**.

Leonard Mark, son of **Tim Gentilcore, P'07**, and Julie Gentilcore.

Charleston Marie, daughter of **Mackenzie (Madden) Varga, GB'07**, and **Zachary Varga, A'06, GB'07**.

Dylan Joseph, son of **Lauren (Martinak) Kaskie, P'08**, and **Evan Kaskie, P'08**.

Savannah Grace, daughter of **Sarah (Marshall) Ukrainski, B'11**, and Jeremy Ukrainski.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we list the following alumni and friends who recently passed away.

Sherif Abdelhak

Bonnie Agostino, GE'78

Ronald Anatole, B'51

Paul Artzberger

Raymond Backus, A'64

Edward Bahler, E'51, GE'68

Theresa Balog, N'63

June Bandemer, L'83

Louise Bannon, E'52

Stanley Barsh, B'65

Joseph Basile, GE'62

Elizabeth Beard, GA'11

Marian Bearer, E'60, GE'65

Dolores Beaver

Anne Bednar, M'71

Catherine Bednar

Paul Belcastro, GB'73

Richard Bellisario, B'76

Henry Beyer, S'54

Regis Bobonis, A'53

Albert Borelli, GB'59

John Boretsky, B'57

M. Judith Born, GE'65

James Borsody, A'57, GE'86

June Bowers, L'65

William Boyer, B'50

Isabelle Boyle

Shawn Boyle, L'01

Elizabeth Brennan, GE'71

Ellen Brosnan, E'60, GE'64

Patricia Bross, M'53

Beth Brown, N'81

William Bryan, E'58

Martin Burke, E'50, GE'62

Jeanne Butrym, P'60

Mary Buxton, E'55

Mae Byrom, GE'71

Gretchen Campbell, A'57, GE'65

IN MEMORIAM

Regis D. Bobonis, Sr., A'53, passed away Nov. 25, 2016 in Pittsburgh. He was 91. Bobonis attended Duquesne after serving in the Navy, and began his pioneering career in journalism as a reporter for the *Pittsburgh Courier*. He soon became the first African-American reporter for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and then the first black on-air reporter in Pittsburgh television news. Bobonis later transitioned to public relations work, spending 25 years as spokesman for Mercy Hospital and retiring from Duquesne Light. He was inducted into the Century Club in 1983.

IN MEMORIAM

Alfred S. Pelaez passed away Nov. 27, 2016 in Pittsburgh at the age of 81. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Yale Law School, Pelaez joined the Duquesne Law School faculty in 1966 and served for nearly 50 years, teaching courses in federal law and admiralty, among other specialties. He co-founded and directed Duquesne's summer study program at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing.

E. Ralph Campbell	Stephen Dragon, A'69
Clara Carrick, E'50	Diane Ebbitt, N'87
Charles Casey	Ruth Egler
Thomas Casilli, GA'66	Anna Farley, GM'65
Gerald Celecki	Dennis Figur, A'70
Joseph Cename, A'72, GE'86	Fr. Thomas Farrelly, C.S.Sp.
Frank Chiodo, P'54	Dennis Fitch, B'65
William Churilla	Loren Fleck, B'66
Kathleen Clark, P'52	David Forrester, B'69
Stephen Clark, B'68	Michael Galco, S'68
C. Elizabeth Cline, N'80	Marianne Geier, GE'84
Mary Louise Collins, N'63	Douglas Gerovac, M'72
Joan Connell, GE'61	Gary Giampolo, A'77
Charles Conway, B'51	Frederick Gieg, L'68
Donald Cowan, GA'61	Marianne Gilligan, A'53
Mary Coyne, N'46	James Gillooly, E'50, GE'62
Robert Critchlow, GE'83, GA'95	Paul Glynn, B'57
William Cronin, A'50	Allan Goppman, B'50, GB'67
David Curcio, A'77	Ronald Grance, B'59
Eileen Currie, GE'64	M. Ursula Grimes, E'53, GE'57
August Damian, B'55, L'60	Nancy Haigh, GA'70
Georgian Dankmyer, GE'75	Arthur Hanley, B'51
Regina David, A'53	Aubrey Harper, M'69, GE'71
Arthur DeConciliis, B'51	Gertrude Hartman, GE'70
Thomas Defino, B'53	Eugene Hay, P'58
Ronald D. Del Cotto, L'71	Florence Hebler, GM'62
Henry Dipasquale, M'52, GM'56	Marion Hester
Ronald Dorsch, B'57	William Hilinski, E'57, GE'61
William Douglas	Elmer Hill, B'50

Laurence Hohman, A'48	Jennifer Leech, B'99, GB'05
James Holleran, P'54	David Leitman, B'49
M. Lelia Horkans, GE'62	Samuel Lioon, B'51
Myron Hornyak, A'54	Gerard Lucarelli
Frank Hrach	Mary Lucas, N'81, GE'87
John Hudak, S'66	Gerald Malecki, GE'69
Lawrence Hunkele, B'49	Joan Malloy, B'57
Gladys Husted	Philip Mancini, L'88
Barbara Jakschik, P'63, GP'66	Frank Marfisi, B'89
Bruce Johnson, L'67	Marie Mayberry, N'65
Charles Jones, A'69	Elaine McAleese, B'58
Ronald Karpuszcza, B'63	Bernard McAuley, A'59
Bonnie Karsten, L'78	Arthur McClellan, B'49
M. Annette Kasper, E'58, GE'67	Susan McKinney, M'76
Wayne Kelly, A'59	Terry McNulty, B'92
James Kelvington, GA'64, GA'66	Maurice Meinert, B'53
Kerry Kerby, E'02	Benjamin Mendelle
Marvin Kirshner, L'84	William Miedel, B'69
Richard Kochanski, B'52, GB'54	John Miller, B'53
Anita Kornosky, E'75	Robert Miller, B'73
Virginia Kovalcik, GE'71	Thomas Miller, B'58
Loretta Krall, GE'71	Mary Mitchka, GE'70
Joseph Krauth, B'60	Robert Mitsch, B'80
Richard Kress, B'63	William Morin, B'56
Edward Kuhn, M'57, GM'61	Jeanne Morris, GE'67
Joseph Laboon, A'53	Michael Muchnok
Margaret Lacue, N'50	Raymond Mulvehill, B'52, GB'60
Marie Lang, A'52	Joseph Muscari
Michael Latiano, GA'77	Bruce Newmeyer, A'66
Herbert Laughman, GE'67	Ichiro Nishimura, A'55

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Donnelly Egler passed away Nov. 3, 2016 in Pittsburgh at the age of 88. A former University board member, she was a lifelong supporter of Catholic and educational causes across western Pennsylvania, playing instrumental roles in projects ranging from the founding of Oakland Catholic High School to the renovation of St. Paul Cathedral.



Prospective Students, Families Invited to DuquesneFest 2017

Approximately 2,000 prospective students and their families will visit campus for the annual summer open house, DuquesneFest, held Sunday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visiting students and their families will have the opportunity to explore campus; meet with representatives from student service offices; attend financial aid and select school presentations; and learn about majors and career options offered by Duquesne University.

Visit duq.edu/duquesnefest for information and registration.



Nearly 100 alumni, parents and friends attended a reception on Feb. 23 in Cleveland, Ohio, hosted by Duquesne President Ken Gormley. After the reception, Gormley attended the Cleveland Cavaliers game with Len Komoroski, A'82, chief executive officer of the Cleveland Cavaliers/Quicken Loans Arena, and Mike Levy, A'82, senior vice president/COO of the Canton Charge.

William Noel, A'68	Gretchen Pepper, N'51	Kim Rebar, E'55	Mildred Ryan, GE'56
Kimberly Nyalka, A'90	John Perko, A'37	Kathryn Regan, E'40, GE'66	Dorothy Saladiak, E'65
Justin O'Donnell, B'61	Walter Peszko, B'54	Catherine Ricketts, GE'73	Annette Scheid, E'42
Charles O'Donnell, GE'77	William Petkanics, GB'72	Mallory Ries, GE'88	Francis Scheidel, L'64
Richard Allan Olek, B'59	Debra Pezze, L'79	Agnes Robinson, E'75	Ronald Schirra, B'65
James O'Malley, N'79	Melania Polensky, E'65	Richard Rockot, A'72	Robert Schneider, E'58
Kathleen O'Neill, N'78	John Porter, GB'81	Rose Rogers, GE'64	Oreste Scioscia, E'49, GE'60
William Oxenreiter, B'48, GB'49	Janet Pratkanis, P'70	Alena Rohe, E'73	Dorothy Segall, M'39
Diana Pacini, M'58	Mary Preston, A'48	Diane Roney, GN'96	Paul Sidun
Frank Palopoli, S'43, GS'50	Salvadore Pusateri, E'56	Robert Ross, E'55	Derek Signorini, P'88
David Peduto, A'78	Anthony Ranalli, GB'12	Edward Rowe, L'70	Judie Simpson, P'74
Alfred Pelaez	George Raymonds, B'49	Ronald Rush, GB'66	Albert Slater, L'59


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Anne Snyder, A'49	Vincent Viscomi, B'40, GB'49
Chester Sokol, A'55	Helen Walter, GE'74
Robert Solomon, E'52	J. Robert Wasko, B'68
David Stabile, B'65	Steve Wasko, B'01
James Stack, GA'97	Norma Weigand, E'62
Jean Stefanov, GA'87	Harry Weihrauch, B'57
Thomas Steimer, B'51, GB'62	Elaine Weimer, P'78
Dorothy Strelinski, E'65, GE'73	Charles Weitz, B'55
Robert Stricklett, GB'72	Mary Weitzel, E'42
Robert Sullivan, B'84	Rosita Wellinger, E'62
Beverly Sutkowski, GA'10	Rita West, N'48
William Sutter, L'62	Frances Woytek
Henry Szarnicki	Christie Yachini, E'89
Theodore Thomas	Marjorie Yunkun, P'50
Lou Tracey	Francis Ziaukas, A'58
Donna Unico, GE'82	Michael Zizack, A'76
Carol Unrue, E'91, GE'94	Phyllis Zwickert, GE'91
Janet Valentine, A'60	



Students from the Mary Pappert School of Music's Opera Workshop and Symphony Orchestra hosted "An Evening of Opera Scenes."

Members of the campus community participate in the annual Libermann luncheon blanket-making service project.




@DuqMBB retired the No. 13 jersey of all-time great Mike James.



Entrepreneur's Growth Conference

Considering starting a business or looking to grow an existing business? On June 2, Duquesne University's Small Business Development Center will host the 19th annual Entrepreneur's Growth & Networking Conference on campus, featuring more than 40 speakers, 12 workshops and a business building tradeshow. Duquesne alumni and friends can save \$20 by using the promo code DUQ when registering at www.duq.edu/sbdc. ♦



Duquesne recognized U.S. veterans with a week of special activities in November, including a lecture, documentary screening and military appreciation games for the men's basketball and football teams. The activities culminated with the state's largest morning gathering of veterans at the 18th annual Veterans Day Breakfast. ♦

Event Calendar

Alumni activities are added frequently throughout the year. For more details, a complete schedule of alumni events and to update your e-mail address to receive e-mail invitations, go to www.myduquesne.edu or contact The Office of Alumni Relations.

The Duquesne University Office of Alumni Relations
alumnionline@duq.edu
 | 412.396.6209 | www.myduquesne.edu

March 16, 2017

Young Law Alumni Event
 Annual program and reception for young law alumni.
 5-7 p.m.
 Rivers Club/Pittsburgh
 Contact/RSVP: Jeanine DeBor at lawalumni@duq.edu

March 17, 2017

Pirates Spring Training Game and Boardwalk BBQ
 Join the Duquesne University Alumni Association for a day with the Pirates before they head home for the season.
 Reception: 11:05 a.m.–1:05 p.m.
 Game Time: 1:05 p.m.
 LECOM Park, Bradenton, Fla.
 Contact/RSVP: www.myduquesne.edu or 412.396.6209

March 24, 2017

Digital Forensics in the Courts: A Legal and Technical Update
 For this update on a recurring Forensic Fridays topic, the Wecht Institute is again partnering with InfraGard Pittsburgh, an FBI program dedicated to promoting information-sharing and dialogue between public and private sectors concerning critical infrastructure issues. The afternoon agenda includes a mock direct and cross-examination of a digital forensics expert.
 1 p.m.

Law School Room 204
 Details: www.duq.edu/forensics or Trudi Mariani at 412.396.1330

March 25, 2017

Alumni Lenten Retreat: Listening at the Well
 Spend an afternoon on campus with Spiritan Campus Ministry to reflect on the Lenten season.
 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
 \$25 per person (adults only, includes lunch)
 RSVP by March 20: www.myduquesne.edu or 412.396.6209

April 4, 2017

Law Alumni Pittsburgh Reception & PILA Auction
 Annual reception for Pittsburgh-area law alumni, featuring networking and an auction benefitting Public Interest Law Association fellowships.
 5–8 p.m.
 Pittsburgh Marriott City Center
 Details: www.duq.edu/law/alumni

April 8, 2017

Greek Alumni Reception and Greek Sing
 Annual talent competition.
 5:30 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. show
 A.J. Palumbo Center
 Contact/RSVP: www.myduquesne.edu or 412.396.6209
 Register by April 14.

April 9, 2017

Easter Egg Hunt & Children's Liturgy
 11 a.m. Mass/Children's Liturgy, Duquesne University Chapel
 12–2 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt, Union Ballroom/Union Lawn
 Registration opens Feb. 28 at noon: www.myduquesne.edu or 412.396.6209

April 18, 2017

"Alternative Facts" and Attorney Ethics: When Do "Misstatements" Become a Matter for Legal Discipline?
 In this installment of the Wecht Institute's Ethics and Eats CLE series, professional liability claims defense attorney Amy J. Coco and Vic Walczak, legal director of the ACLU's Pennsylvania chapter, will lead a discussion about possible ethical infractions stemming from attorneys publicly making false statements. This convenient brown bag lunch session is the ideal way to meet annual ethics CLE requirements.
 11 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
 Dougherty Ballroom, Power Center
 Details: www.duq.edu/forensics or Trudi Mariani at 412.396.1330

April 21, 2017

Wine School with Fr. Sawicki Southern Rhone Region
 Duquesne Union, Africa Room
 \$40 per person. Tickets are limited to 6 per purchaser. Registration will open March 14 at noon. Details: www.myduquesne.edu or 412.396.6209

April 27, 2017

Alumni Mentor Program Appreciation Dinner
 Are you currently a mentor with the Alumni Mentor Program? This year, the Alumni Mentor Program Management Team would like to thank you for your time and dedication to this great program. Join us as we celebrate another successful year of the program and show our appreciation for all that you do.
 Please register at www.myduquesne.edu

April 29, 2017

African American Alumni Gala
 Join minority alumni, families and friends for a chance to share and discuss the Duquesne University community's diversity and inclusion efforts. The event will feature a cocktail reception with live music followed by a dinner program with remarks from notable alumni, as well as University administrators and staff.
 Cocktail Reception: 5 p.m.
 Dinner: 6 p.m.
 \$40 Alumni
 \$25 Young Alumni (21-25)
 Student Union Ballroom
 RSVP by April 21: www.duq.edu/gala2017 or 412.396.1117

April 29, 2017

Paralegal Institute Open House

9 a.m.

Libermann Hall

Details: www.duq.edu/paralegal or Pamela Bailey at bailey@duq.edu

May 1, 2017

Duquesne Athletic Fund Spring Golf Invitational

Proceeds benefit the Vinnie Vaccarello Memorial Fund that supports the Duquesne football team.

Pinehurst No. 2 (North Carolina)
Contact/RSVP: Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu

May 5, 2017

Red & Blue Brew

The Young Alumni Council welcomes you to this annual event benefitting the Young Alumni Council Endowed Impact Fund. Dougherty Ballroom, Power Center
Visit www.myduquesne.duq.edu for updates.

May 5, 2017

Charlotte Knights Minor League Baseball Game and Picnic

Join the Charlotte, N.C. Chapter of the Duquesne University Alumni Association for the Charlotte Knights vs. Gwinnett Braves minor league baseball game.

Picnic Time: 6 p.m.

Game Time: 7:05 p.m.

Contact/RSVP: www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209

June 1-2, 2017

Pioneers of Forensic Science: Honoring Dr. Henry Lee

To honor the career of internationally renowned criminalist, DNA expert and forensic science educator Dr. Henry Lee, this inaugural conference will combine scholarly presentations and panel discussions by such fellow pioneers as forensic pathologist Michael Baden and legendary trial attorney F. Lee Bailey with a celebratory reception and dinner program.

Dougherty Ballroom, Power Center and Union Ballroom
Details: www.duq.edu/pioneers or Trudi Mariani at wechtinstitute@duq.edu or 412.396.1330

June 2, 2017

Washington Wild Things

Join Washington, Pa.-area alumni, families and friends for Duquesne Night at the Washington Wild Things game.

More details available soon at www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209

June 4, 2017

School of Law Commencement

11 a.m.

A.J. Palumbo Center

Contact/RSVP: www.duq.edu/law or 412.396.6300

Aug. 6, 2017

Alumni Day at the Zoo

Join the Young Alumni Council for this annual outing.

More details available soon: www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209

Aug. 14, 2017

Duquesne Athletic Fund Summer Golf Invitational

Proceeds benefit the Vinnie Vaccarello Memorial Fund in support of the Duquesne football team.

12 p.m.

Valley Brook Country Club

Contact/RSVP: Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu

Sept. 20, 2017

Duquesne Night at the Pirates

Join alumni, families and friends for Duquesne University Night at the Pittsburgh Pirates game.

More details available soon: www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209

Sept. 25, 2017

Duquesne Athletic Fund Fall Golf Invitational

Proceeds benefit the Duquesne Athletic Fund in support of over 400 student athletes.

Laurel Valley Golf Club

Contact/RSVP: Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu

Oct. 6-8, 2017

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend will feature celebrations for class years ending in 2s and 7s, the Class of 1967, Golden Dukes, *The Duquesne Duke*, resident assistants and the Residence Hall Association, Alpha Sigma Tau, Phi Kappa Theta and Sigma Nu. Visit www.duq.edu/homecoming for more details.

Oct. 20, 2017

65th Law Alumni Reunion Dinner

Presented by The School of Law and the Duquesne Law Alumni Association.

Dougherty Ballroom, Power Center
Details: www.duq.edu/law/alumni or Jeanine DeBor at lawalumni@duq.edu





Transfer Your Prescription to Duquesne's Pharmacy



Free Delivery!

Duquesne University Pharmacy—formerly known as the Center for Pharmacy Services—is on the leading edge of helping patients manage their medications and live healthy lifestyles. In addition to filling prescriptions and delivering them locally for free, the pharmacy provides a number of complimentary health and wellness services, including screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose and bone density.

Staffed by licensed pharmacists, the pharmacy is operated by Duquesne's School of Pharmacy and serves both the public and the University community.

- Free local delivery
- \$4 generic drug program
- Online refills and automatic monthly refills
- Free wellness screenings