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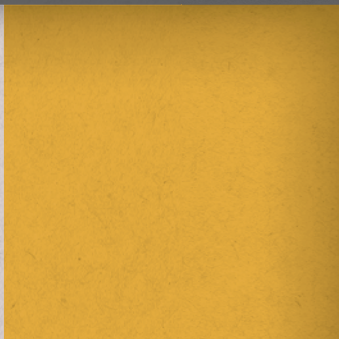
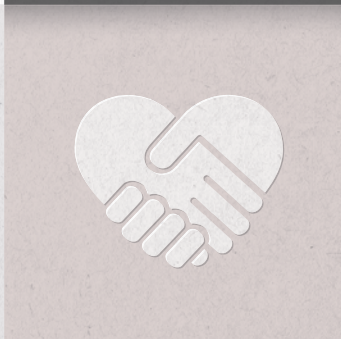
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## RELATIONSHIP & INFLUENCE

*The astonishing impact of giving back.*



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Faculty transform students' lives—in the classroom and beyond

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Alumni return to campus to teach a new generation of students

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The Elizabeth T. MacNeil School of Nursing honors alumnus' mother



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*Meet the Class of 2023, Dominican's newest relationship-builders and influencers. This year's freshman class is one of the most academically prepared of the last decade. More than 50% graduated in the top 25% of their high school class, while 15% were accepted into the highly selective Mazzuchelli Scholars Honors Program. Of the 419 new freshman, half are first generation college students.*



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“What distinguishes a Dominican alumna or alumnus is not only what she or he has achieved, but also how it was achieved—with integrity and generosity.”

—President Donna M. Carroll

*The watercolor at right was a gift to President Carroll from artist alumna Luan Fauteck '69. A beautiful rendering of the rose she received at her Candle and Rose ceremony, the piece perfectly captures the spirit of this issue on the powerful influence of a relationship created at Dominican.*

# Rooted in Relationship and Influence

This is the magazine that I have been wanting to produce—about alumnae/i, relationships, influence and giving back. Over the years, it has been my privilege to get to know so many talented graduates, to hear their stories and to witness the life-shaping impact of a Dominican education. Their accomplishments make this *alma mater* proud and help raise the reputation of the university.

What distinguishes a Dominican alumna or alumnus is not only what she or he has achieved, but also how it was achieved—with integrity and generosity. Our almost 70 *Caritas Veritas* Award winners epitomize that Dominican difference, like human rights advocate Eileen Willenborg (2019), or investigative journalist Gera-Lind Kolarik (2015) or Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu (1984). Each has her own *truth*, as you will read. But, all three share the same disposition toward civic engagement and giving back.

Dominican alums are as humble as they are accomplished, which, of course, makes me want to recognize them all the more. A perfect example is our May 2019 honorary degree recipient, Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Michelle Agins '75. As one of the first African American female photojournalists hired by the *New York Times*, Michelle is a true trailblazer in her profession. She is also a warm, humorous, self-deprecating woman, who captivated students with her stories—and her determination. Check out Dominican's interview with Michelle on page 18.

You also should enjoy reading about the many alumnae/i who share their practical wisdom with students in the classroom. Dominican faculty members regularly invite successful graduates back to campus to speak in their classes. It is a great showcase for talent and the role modeling is significant. More recently, we have begun hiring local alums as adjunct faculty—enriching students' learning not only with their expertise but also with their lived experience of mission.

Strong alumnae/i participation in the recently completed *Powerful Promise Campaign* is another example of how mission begets relationships, which beget generosity. Over 6,000 alums invested in this philanthropic effort, endowing over 60 new scholarships and helping the university raise over \$75 million. When I talk with them about their giving, the explanation is always very personal—to honor an unforgettable teacher, in gratitude for enduring friendships, or, in the case of alumnus David MacNeil, to name the school of nursing in memory of his mother.

You may have noticed that the Alumnae/i Notes section in this magazine now highlights alumnae/i honors and professional accomplishments. We seek to balance their humility with our pride in their success—and to acknowledge the time, talent and treasure that they continue to share with Dominican University.

Thank you for keeping Dominican in your heart and among your priorities.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Carroll, President

## The Elizabeth T. MacNeil School of Nursing

In recognition of a generous gift by David MacNeil, CEO of MacNeil Automotive, the Department of Nursing has been renamed the Elizabeth T. MacNeil School of Nursing. The School honors MacNeil's late mother, a highly regarded pediatric nurse and teacher. MacNeil's investment will help boost Dominican's growing reputation in the health sciences and enhance our capacity for providing highly trained nursing professionals for local and underserved communities in metropolitan Chicago and throughout the state.

A Dominican alumnus, MacNeil was a 2016 commencement speaker and holds an honorary degree from the university. In 1989, he founded WeatherTech, well known for its signature line of car and truck mats as well as its dedication to using only American-made parts. Today, the company is a multimillion-dollar business producing a wide range of high-end automotive accessories.



Elizabeth T. MacNeil

“Nursing was more than a job to my mother,” MacNeil said. “It was how she approached life and people—with care. She would be honored to know that her legacy is encouraging this compassion in future generations of nurses.”

Elizabeth MacNeil taught pediatric nursing most of her life, at Chicago area institutions including the University of Illinois at Chicago, St. Anne's Hospital and St. Mary of Nazareth. She received her bachelor's degree from St. Xavier's University and a master's degree from Roosevelt University.

Prior to her careers in nursing and teaching, she served as an officer for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The MacNeil School of Nursing is part of the Borra College of Health Sciences, named in honor of Pier and Renee Durand Borra, an alumna of the university.



David MacNeil shared his experience with WeatherTech during a Brennan School of Business C-Suite speaker series program in 2014.



Former board chair Kevin Killips and new board chair Thomas Abrahamson with Donna Carroll at the 2019 commencement ceremony.

## Transition in Board Leadership

Thomas D. Abrahamson has been elected as Chair of Dominican's board of trustees. Abrahamson succeeds Kevin Killips '79, Dominican's longest serving board chair and a recent recipient of the university's Golden Rose of Charity for his service.

Abrahamson, who has been a member of the board since 2013, first became affiliated with the university when Lipman Hearne, the marketing firm for which he served as chairman, was contracted to help promote the institution's name change from Rosary College to Dominican University. His 20-year involvement with Dominican has focused on creating initiatives to enhance the university's branding, student recruitment and fundraising.

“Tom brings a marketing savvy to the role of chair that will direct board priorities and shape institutional strategy in a very complex and competitive context,” said President Donna Carroll.

Abrahamson has worked with more than 100 colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad, as well as with some of the largest nonprofit organizations in the world. He believes that Dominican is unique among its peers.

“Dominican is what college ought to be: academically rigorous, in a caring and supportive environment, with unlimited access to the career opportunities (and fun) of a world-class city,” Abrahamson said.

A long-term Oak Park resident, Abrahamson recently retired and is increasing his involvement in the community. He currently serves as a commissioner on Oak Park's Historic Preservation Commission. He also is chair of the Friends of the Children-Chicago and chair-elect of the Acorn Theater in Three Oaks, Michigan.



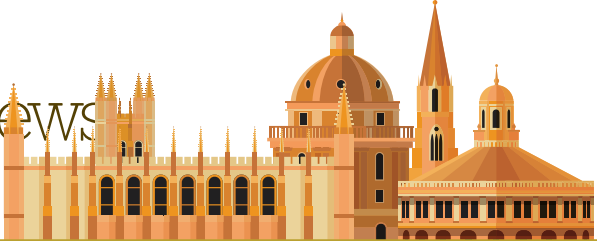


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# The OXFORD Experience

**Noah Groll, Class of 2021**, and **Georgia Jackson, Class of 2021**, are joining a highly selective group of Dominican honors students who have had the opportunity to study at the University of Oxford. Noah, a philosophy major, and Georgia, an English major, will be living and studying in Blackfriars Hall, one of 45 colleges and private halls that make up the University of Oxford. Founded in 1221 by the Friars of the English Province of the Order of Preachers, Blackfriars Hall has served for centuries as a place where students can engage with contemporary thought while living in a communal environment.

Dominican has sent seven students to Oxford and many of them have gone on to enjoy impressive careers. Tania Mann Geist (2006–2007) worked as associate editor for *L'Osservatore Romano* after graduating and served as managing editor of *Church Life Journal* at the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. Mary Petrosko Becker (spring 2007) received her PhD in clinical psychology and was a behavioral health postdoctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota, and Laura Rovi (2012-2013) taught math, English, history and geography at the West African College of the Atlantic in Dakar, Senegal.

Noah Groll considers studying at Blackfriars to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend one of the world's greatest universities. He is familiar with the Dominican tradition, having attended Fenwick High School in Oak Park and Blackfriars Priory School in Adelaide, Australia the summer before his senior year in high school.

"Blackfriars presents me with the opportunity to learn from some of the world's leading scholars in my field of study. I'm looking forward to tackling coursework that will deepen my understanding of philosophy and help me improve the critical analysis and writing skills

that are needed for me to achieve my career goals. This is the next step in my journey of personal and academic growth through the Dominican tradition," he said.

Georgia Jackson is excited about being exposed to different perspectives and a wider range of worldviews than she experienced growing up in a small town near St. Louis, Missouri, where she graduated high school with honors.

**Emma Bond, Class of 2020**, studied at Blackfriars last year. A theology major, she claims that the Oxford program was the most spiritually, emotionally and intellectually challenging experience of her life.

"Every day was an opportunity to rise to the occasion and become the self-motivated, independent, intelligent individual the program was designed to produce. Students walk away with the skills they need to succeed in any profession anywhere in the world," she said.



**Emma Bond studied in Oxford last year and claims it was the most challenging experience in her life.**

## Tackling the Google Online Marketing Challenge

Students in Brooke Reavey's digital marketing class had the exciting opportunity last spring to compete in the global Google Online Marketing Challenge (GOMC). The students were given a \$10,000 budget of in-kind Google advertising credits to create and execute an online marketing campaign for a nonprofit selected by Google.

Prior to tackling the Google Challenge, students had to pass a certification titled "Google Ad Fundamentals." Reavey also had the students complete four additional digital marketing certification programs and play a simulation game to prepare them for the Challenge.

"Experiential learning is at the core of the Brennan School of Business's mission and I try to incorporate some aspect of experiential education in every class. I knew that my students would find the GOMC particularly challenging but believed that this learning exercise would help them gain marketable skills for internships and entry-level jobs. Thankfully, it seems to have paid off!"

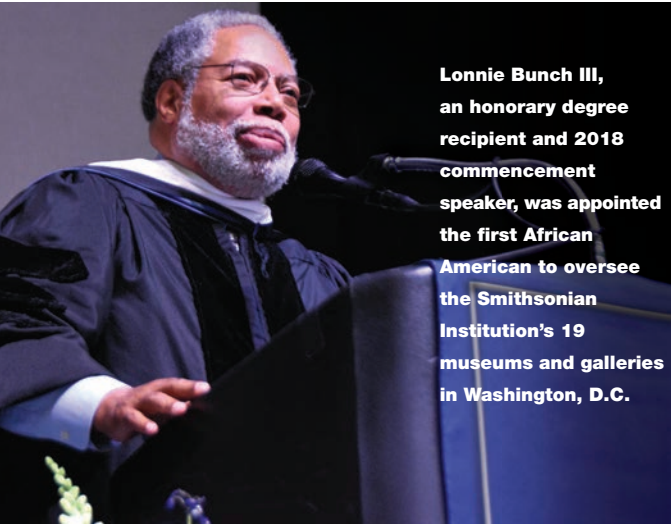
The team of **Martha Diaz, Agata Krol** and **Jennifer Carinato** (left to right, below) partnered with Florida Disability Access and Awareness Foundation, a national nonprofit dedicated to promoting disability awareness through a video game designed to give players



the simulated experience of living with a range of disabilities. The team created three online campaigns to increase the organization's donations, awareness and number of volunteers. Their efforts were rewarded when they were named one of the Challenge's "Top Marketer" teams.

All three team members used the skills they learned in class and through the Challenge while serving summer internships focused on digital marketing.

"I have never learned so much in a semester than I did with this class," said Carinato. "The class expanded my horizons in so many ways and will benefit my future tremendously."



**Lonnie Bunch III, an honorary degree recipient and 2018 commencement speaker, was appointed the first African American to oversee the Smithsonian Institution's 19 museums and galleries in Washington, D.C.**

## SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

Join us for the **40th Annual Trustee Benefit Concert & Gala featuring Audra McDonald**, the most decorated performer in American theater, with six Tony Awards, two Grammy Awards, an Emmy Award, and a 2015 National Medal of Arts bestowed on her by President Barack Obama.

The Annual Trustee Benefit Concert & Gala raises much-needed support for scholarships.

For information and tickets, visit [events.dom.edu](https://events.dom.edu)



The Queen of Tape

**Anna Dominguez '09** is garnering growing acclaim for her unique works of art, all of which are created using conventional adhesive tape in a kaleidoscope of colors. Known as "The Queen of Tape," she recently unveiled the first commissioned permanent piece of art for Chicago's trendy new St. Jane Hotel. The piece, a tribute to the hotel's namesake Jane Addams, revered social activist and founder of Hull House, incorporates 36 rolls of tape.

Dominguez was featured this spring in the *Chicago Tribune*, and in June executed her first live art piece during the U.S. women's soccer match against Chile at Gallagher Way, adjacent to Wrigley Field.

Dominguez, who graduated with a degree in studio art and played on the women's soccer team, has created a number of pieces melding her love of sports, art and pop culture. She has done artwork for nonprofit charities, celebrities and professional athletes, including a piece she presented to U.S. soccer player Abby Wambach during her 2015 retirement ceremony at the Superdome in New Orleans. The event, which was seen by more than 26,000 people, was nerve-wracking but particularly special because of Dominguez's love of soccer.

She also has created portraits of Kaley Cuoco of the popular television series, *The Big Bang Theory*, Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears, boxers Floyd Mayweather and Conor McGregor,



U.S. beach volleyball player Misty May-Treanor and television and film celebrities Rashida Jones and Tracee Ellis Ross.

Each of Dominguez's pictures can take more than 150 hours to create, depending on its detail and the extent of the layering process. Her favorite piece (so far) is the elaborate, regal portrait of tennis phenomenon Serena Williams, which incorporates empowering words in nine languages.

"I think that it's important to empower women all over the world, not just the U.S.," Dominguez explained. "I'm looking forward to doing more pieces that make a statement and reflect female empowerment."

Anna Dominguez creates intriguing works of art entirely from multiple layers of colorful adhesive tape. Her work has been commissioned by several celebrities.

Eve Ewing Releases Third Book, 1919



the play *No Blue Memories: The Life of Gwendolyn Brooks* and hosts the podcast, "Bughouse Square with Eve Ewing."

Ewing is an assistant professor at the School of Social Services Administration at the University of Chicago and serves as an instructor with the Prison + Neighborhood Arts Project at Stateville Correctional Center. *The Long Term*, a collection of works by participants in the Prison + Neighborhood Arts Project is currently displayed at the O'Connor Art Gallery located on the 4th Floor of Lewis Hall, through December 20.



Celebrating 10th Annual Caritas Veritas Symposium



Dominican celebrated on September 24 the 10th annual *Caritas Veritas* Symposium, a treasured tradition during which all members of the University community come together to explore the institution's foundational values of compassion and truth. Founded by Sister Diane Kennedy, former vice president for mission and ministry, the symposium has grown from attracting about 150 people ten years ago to more than 1,400 last year.

The symposium revolved around the theme of "Dreaming, Doing and Discovering," with members of the community offering presentations and panel discussions on what they have discovered in their pursuit of truth, what love has led them to do in the world, and how their dreams and experiences have shaped their discoveries.

"The symposium affords an annual moment for members of the community to articulate what the university's values mean for their work now," said Claire Noonan, vice president for mission and ministry. "It has grown to become what Latino theologian Orlando Espin refers to as an exercise in 'traditioning'."

During the symposium, the university presents two prestigious awards in honor of sisters whose legacies continue to impact the community. The Sister Mary Clemente Davlin Diversity Leadership Award, named in



Donald Graham received the Bradford O'Neill Medallion for Social Justice during this year's Symposium.

honor of the revered professor of English, is presented to a member of the faculty or staff who demonstrates his or her commitment to diversity, service and justice.

The 2019 Davlin Diversity Leadership Award was presented to **Tina Taylor-Ritzler**, professor of psychology and a member of the Dominican community since 2009. Taylor-Ritzler has worked tirelessly and leveraged her training in community psychology to foster a diverse and inclusive campus environment. She helped design Promising Pathways, a program focused on improving the campus experience and retention of African-American and first-generation students, and is involved in the team that applied for, and continues to sustain, the university's Title V-funded grant focusing on strengthening student advising and teacher education and enhancing our Hispanic-Serving Institution identity.

Taylor-Ritzler has served as chair of the Academic Diversity Committee, helped facilitate the Faculty-Staff Diversity Dialogue Series and serves on the Civic Learning Subcommittee. She also serves as director of the Social Justice and Civic Engagement minor and received the 2015 Mother Evelyn Murphy Excellence in Teaching Award.

The Bradford O'Neill Medallion for Social Justice honors Sister Vincent Ferrer Bradford and Sister Thomas Aquinas O'Neill, two pioneering Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters who

worked for social justice throughout their lives, through their scholarship and their actions.

The 2019 Bradford O'Neill Medallion was presented to **Donald E. Graham**, a passionate advocate for providing access to college for all students, regardless of their economic situation. Chairman of The Graham Holdings Company (formerly *The Washington Post*), Graham is the co-founder of TheDream.US, the nation's largest national scholarship fund for undocumented students wishing to attend college. Since its inception in 2013, the program has raised more than \$141 million in scholarship funds for students continuing their educations at 75 partner colleges across the country, including Dominican University.

Graham also co-founded and served as chairman of the District of Columbia College Access Program, an initiative that has increased significantly the number of D.C. public high school graduates enrolling in, and graduating from, college. He also served as a director of the College Success Foundation, a program designed to help underserved and low-income students in Washington State and the District of Columbia finish high school and graduate from college.

Graham also served as a director for KIPP-DC, a community of District of Columbia schools providing access to excellent educational opportunities and support for students who historically have been underserved.



Tina Taylor-Ritzler received the 2019 Sister Mary Clemente Davlin Diversity Leadership Award.





## Building Bridges Instead of Walls

Dominican University hosted on April 25 a delegation of 23 Mexican university presidents and senior leaders, as well as 31 U.S. college presidents, as part of the U.S./Mexico Higher Education Summit. The summit, which was organized by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), focused on the importance of international educational exchanges, particularly given the current nationalist political climate in the U.S. Dominican shared with participants ideas and opportunities for faculty and student exchange programs, including internships and shared research projects.

The summit follows the inaugural gathering in 2017 of U.S. university presidents in Guadalajara, Mexico, during which President Donna Carroll served as a speaker.

During the visit, Rodrigo Guerra Botello, secretary general of the Mexican Federation of Private Institutions of Higher Education, presented Carroll with a commissioned etching by Mexican artist Luis Moor. He thanked



Donna for her efforts to build bridges, instead of walls, between the U.S. and Mexico and for her support of immigration reform and the rights of undocumented students.

During a luncheon in the Noonan Reading Room, Margaret Hug, regional education

initiatives director of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, spoke about the 100,000 Strong in the Americas program, a public/private sector partnership that supports student exchanges and training programs between the Americas.

## Dominican Alumni Help Children Heal From Loss

Dominican University hosted on August 9-11 Camp Kangaroo, a free weekend camp for children 5 to 16 years old who have been impacted by the loss of loved ones through gun violence, drugs or terminal illness. Sponsored by the Seasons Hospice Foundation, the annual camp provides children a safe space, with others who have had the same experiences, and activities including art projects and games. Children also are offered yoga, pet therapy and music therapy by professionals trained in grief education and emotional support. More than 40 children attended the camp this summer.

Several Dominican alumni participated as counselors for the camp, which was co-directed by Charlotte Shuber, MSW '07. Also involved were Maria Parducci, MSW '15; Katherine Wyman, MSW '18; Elizabeth Hoffman, MSW '18; Stefanie Piatkiewicz, '07, a camp counselor trained in social emotional learning; Gaby Moreno '14, a music therapy intern for Seasons Hospice; and Jim Kozyra '06, who captured the weekend in video.



Camp Kangaroo volunteers, left to right, Charlotte Shuber, Jim Kozyra, Maria Parducci, Gaby Moreno.

## The Well-Rounded Athlete

Mike Cross, Class of 2021, embraces Division III emphasis on academics as well as athletics.

**Michael Cross** had all intentions of attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. A 2017 graduate of Nazareth Academy in Westchester, he had picked out his courses and lined up housing—but then he started to question his decision. With just weeks before formal enrollment, in mid-July, he decided that he wanted to stay closer to home and save some money. It was then that Mark White, Dominican University's former head golf coach, reached out to Cross about the opportunity to play golf in college.

Serendipitously, Cross had just played in a tournament in Indianapolis, and he discovered that he had the itch to play golf competitively.

"The nature of the sport itself is that you rarely play at your best," said Cross, "but when you do, the feeling makes you want to keep playing."

So Cross decided to give Dominican University a shot and embraced the NCAA Division III philosophy of developing well-rounded individuals. In addition to his participation in men's golf, Cross, who is double majoring in computer science and math, is an active member of Math Club, the Math Honor Society (Kappa Mu Epsilon), and Mazzuchelli Scholars. He also is the vice president and one of the founding members of Dominican University's Brennan Investment Club, a group he helped get off the ground last year with several fellow students and with the help of Ramiro Atristain, an adjunct instructor and the group's advisor.

Over the last two summers, Cross interned at Coyote Logistics, working with a team of other interns to develop a full stack web-app designed to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. As a member of the intern team, Cross helped build a database using SQL Server, added API infrastructure in C# and designed a front-end in Javascript with React/Redux.

"There is a big initiative at Coyote Logistics to give back," said Cross. "I think this is what makes it such a great company. It lines up with Dominican University's mission of providing compassionate service." Cross believes in sharing his talents with his peers and serves as a calculus teaching assistant and tutor. "Sometimes I think I get just as much out of a tutoring session as the individual or group I work with," he said. "It reinforces my understanding of various topics and problems."

Cross expects to graduate in May 2021. He has plans to continue his education, eventually working towards a master's degree in either applied math or applied statistics.

"While I'm not sure if I will immediately begin to pursue a master's degree or head into the working world, I know a master's degree is in my future," he said.

"Having Mike a part of the men's golf program has been great," said Antonio Rivas, head men's golf coach. "As much work as he puts into his academics, he puts into his golf game. Over the last year, we have seen his game become more consistent and his leadership on the team is immeasurable. I'm positive once his golf career at Dominican is over, Mike will be great at whatever comes his way."



"Having Mike a part of the men's golf program has been great," said Antonio Rivas, head men's golf coach. "As much work as he puts into his academics, he puts into his golf game."

—ANTONIO RIVAS  
HEAD MEN'S GOLF COACH





## PACK THE BUS WINS RECOGNITION

The Dominican University department of athletics was honored with an award from Maywood School District 89 in recognition of the annual *Pack the Bus* drive, which provides school supplies for Dominican's local learning partners, including Maywood's Emerson Elementary and Lincoln Elementary. This past year, Dominican's student-athletes donated more than \$1,300 in school supplies, delivering them in time for the start of the school year.

## WOMEN'S BOWLING ROLLS STRAIGHT 'INTO THE FIRE'

Dominican launched this fall a women's bowling program, the university's 14th varsity sport, in response to student surveys indicating that the sport was a top interest with incoming freshmen. After less than a month of practice, the squad of eight athletes headed to a tournament in southern Illinois hosted by McKendree University, ranked second in the nation.

"We're definitely throwing ourselves into the fire," says Candace Kipp, the team's only veteran collegiate bowler. Kipp is a transfer from Rock Valley College, where last year she helped lead the men's team (they didn't yet have a women's program) to second place at the junior college national tournament. Individually, she placed 14th in the men's division.

Coach Allison Mulligan, like most of her players, is new to collegiate bowling, though she's played recreationally since childhood. As assistant softball coach, she sees some crossover skills, especially in the way pitching resembles the precision mechanics of launching a bowling ball. "This season's focus is on building a team and establishing a winning culture and reputation for the program," Mulligan says.

Eventually, the team plans to join the Central



The newest DU Stars (back row, left to right) Anahi Ayala, Candace Kipp, Claire Tarvan, (front row, left to right) Makayla Barnes, Gabby Vitale.

Intercollegiate Bowling Conference, which was founded this September and includes six NCAA Division III member institutions from Illinois and Wisconsin. The team will be practicing at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois. With 84 lanes, it is the largest bowling center in the state and one of the largest in the country.

Kipp hopes, just maybe, she'll soon stop being asked if bowling is a "real sport." "It's one of the only sports where you have to use every muscle," she says. "You have to focus on everything your body is doing, and have great mental focus. So, it's a very real sport."

## Hall of Fame Honors New Class

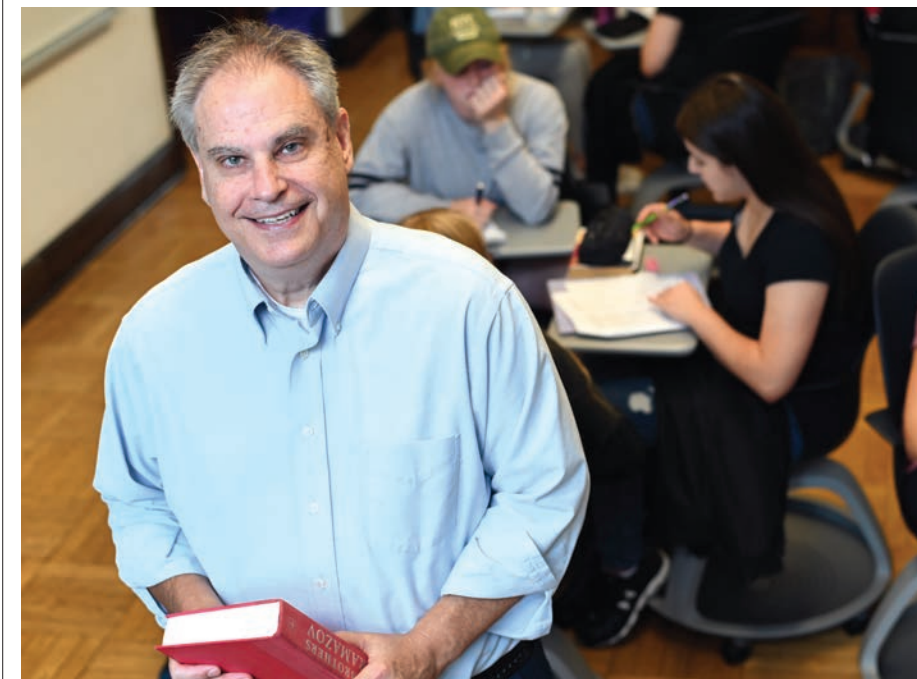
The Dominican University Department of Athletics welcomed five new inductees to the Athletics Hall of Fame in June. This is Dominican's fifth class to be inducted. From left to right: **Emily Mahoney '13** (Softball), **Kelly McEnery Donlevy '94** (Women's Volleyball), **Megan Vaccaro '10** (Cross Country), **Michael Kapusta '11** (Men's Soccer), and **Lamont McGee '92** (Men's Basketball.)



## Adjunct instructors give back to their *alma mater*

**Alumni continue relationship with Dominican by connecting with a new generation of students.**

Dominican, like most universities, engages adjunct instructors with specific expertise and knowledge to complement the work of full-time faculty. Most adjunct instructors teach one or two classes per semester while maintaining full-time careers in the public or private sector. For those adjunct instructors who are Dominican alumni, returning to their *alma mater* is a way of continuing their relationship with the institution and carrying forward the traditions and values they themselves were taught by the Dominican Sisters and faculty.



John STRAUSS '82

Inspired to pursue his vocation by another current adjunct instructor and alumnus.

**John Strauss '82** is an example of the transformation that can occur when a student's learning is sparked by an emotional connection with a great teacher. He is determined to replicate that experience with his own students.

Strauss is a retired high school English teacher who this fall is teaching two senior honors seminars. He was inspired to pursue his vocation by another current Dominican adjunct instructor and alumnus, Tom Secco '74, when Strauss was a student in several of Secco's English classes at Triton College.

Strauss, who had never been a particularly committed student, was turned on by Secco's brilliance, passion for ideas and love of teaching. Noting Strauss' enthusiasm, Secco encouraged him to pursue a bachelor's degree in English.

"Tom literally drove me in his car to Rosary," Strauss recalls, "and brought me right to the head of the English department, Sister Caroline McGinty." He graduated three years later as a triple major in literature, philosophy and education.

As an adjunct instructor for the past seven years, Strauss has tried to impart to his students the joy and confidence in learning that Secco instilled in him. "Tom had the ability to sear through an author's ideas to the essence of his or her work," he explains. Strauss is particularly excited that the honors seminar he is teaching this fall explores Dostoyevsky's masterpiece *The Brothers Karamazov*—one of the works he studied under his longtime mentor's guidance.



Since recently retiring after 29 years as an advanced placement English teacher at West Leyden High School, Strauss also has become an academic advisor to incoming freshmen for Dominican's growing Honors Program. It is a role for which Strauss seems especially well-suited. He and Secco count Sisters Jean Crapo, Clemente Davlin and Melissa Waters—in addition to Greek philosophy professor Basil Papadakis—among their most influential colleagues.

Strauss's connection to Dominican runs deep. He met his wife, Terri Houdek '83, here and proposed to her in Dominican's parking lot just before her Candle and Rose ceremony. (And yes, they served as each other's Candles and Roses—in their respective graduating years.)

**Ramiro J. Atristaín-Carrión '89** was born in Bolivia, but felt at home at Dominican from the moment he entered as



**Matt TOLES '97**

**"Together, we find how best to navigate through the work, while I strive to show them how they can learn and grow."**



a freshman. "I was raised by my grandparents," he explains. "They lived their lives by the principles of *caritas* and *veritas*."

After graduating from Dominican with an economics degree, and receiving an MBA from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Atristaín-Carrión built a successful career in

banking and investment banking. A member of the Brennan School of Business' advisory council for many years, he returned to his *alma mater* to teach at the invitation of his mentor, Molly Burke, professor and dean *emerita*.

"Dominican has always been welcoming," Atristaín-Carrión says. While an undergraduate, he took note of the many first-generation Italian-American students. Today, the university serves increasing numbers of Latinx students and their families.

What has changed, according to Atristaín-Carrión, are the economics of an undergraduate education. "Students like me used to be able to 'pay as you go' for their educations. That's not the case any longer." One of the foundation courses he now teaches focuses on the fundamentals of personal financial planning.

Atristaín-Carrión's relationship with Dominican is comprehensive. Beyond teaching, he serves as an Executive-in-Residence, matching undergraduate business students to executive mentors in their fields of study. This year, he also took on the role of director of the university's Center for Global Peace through Commerce.



**Ramiro J. ATRISTAÍN-CARRIÓN '89**

**"I was raised by my grandparents. They lived their lives by the principles of *caritas* and *veritas*."**



**Matt Toles '97** has juggled a number of roles over the past decade at Dominican, while working full-time as a vice president at several Chicago area banks. With a degree from John Marshall Law School, he has taught a wide range of upper-level courses, including constitutional law and international law, as well as Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) seminars. He also has worked closely with David Dolenz, assistant professor of political science, to build and strengthen Dominican's pre-law program and curriculum.

Toles helps students prepare for their LSAT exams, advises undergraduates interested in pre-law as a major, organizes visits to Illinois' Appellate Court, and coordinates panel discussions with retired judges.

He can be a tough taskmaster. "Dominican's culture of caring has remained remarkably consistent," he says in reference to his three decades of experience with the university. But he also insists on preparing his students for the rigor required of prospective legal careers.

"The first few weeks of class are often tough, when they are learning to read the cases and write more effectively," he said. But by week five, Toles enjoys seeing his students formulating thoughts and articulating persuasive arguments.

"Together, we find how best to navigate through the work, while I strive to show them how they can learn and grow," Toles says. "I challenge and help them through some hard choices."



**Susan Dehn Matthews '75, MAEA '97** breaks new ground this fall in her role as a seasoned adjunct professor. She is teaching her first online course, Introduction to Roman Catholicism. Matthews is

uniquely qualified for the course—in addition to being one of the first Dominican students to graduate with a major in religious studies, she has served as a parish minister and certified pastoral associate and is the author of *No Longer Silent: The Empowerment of Women in the Gospels* (2011).

She also earned a master's degree from the School of Education, walking across the stage at Commencement with her daughters

I wanted to teach here. Thirty-seven years later, I finally did it.

"I love the challenge of teaching, and making the course work expansive and inclusive. I tell my students to keep asking me questions—to keep challenging me," Matthews explains. "That energy always keeps me going."

Matthews acknowledges that Dominican students today have a very different experi-



**Susan DEHN MATTHEWS '75, MAEA '97**

**"I realized that what I believed in and what I wanted to do in my life had to be one and the same."**



in attendance. Her long association with Dominican also includes taking her wedding photos on campus and cheering her mother, Bernardine Dehn '77, who received her bachelor's degree in religious studies from Dominican two years after Susan.

Matthews recalls "a moment of clarity" during her sophomore year. "I realized that what I believed in and what I wanted to do in my life had to be one and the same," she said. "I remember thinking that one day

ence than she had. "So many are working full-time jobs," she says, "but the commonality is a hunger to learn and to make a difference in the world."

Like so many adjunct professors, Matthews continues to feed that same hunger she had as a student, while honoring, through her own teaching, the mentors she had decades ago.



# RELATIONSHIP INFLUENCE

HELPING STUDENTS FIND THEIR PATHS



Shayla Thurston '19, left, and McKenzie Wind, Class of '20, right, are recipients of scholarships created by Eileen Willenborg to honor her parents, William and Marie, and her sister, Anne. Both students graduated from St. Labre School in Montana.

At the heart of Dominican University, and Rosary College before it, is relationship—between students, faculty, staff and sisters; and between students themselves. These relationships have the potential to influence students far beyond their years at the university. As evidenced by the alumnae profiled in the following article, the Dominican difference has the power to ignite lifetimes of activism and the desire to share with others the values instilled in them as students.

## Eileen Willenborg

### Advocating for the Disenfranchised

Eileen Willenborg '69 came to Rosary College with a limited world view, self-conscious about her small-town roots and worried that she wouldn't be able to compete with classmates from larger schools with better resources. That anxiety was erased quickly—and she left Rosary as a feminist and social activist excited about launching a career advocating for the disenfranchised. Willenborg was honored with Dominican University's prestigious *Caritas Veritas* Award during Alumni Weekend.

Born in Greenup, a tiny town in central Illinois, Willenborg knew at a young age that she wanted to explore the larger world. She set her sights on Rosary after seeing a brochure about the college's study abroad program in Fribourg, Switzerland.

The impact of the Sisters was immediate. Her advisor, Sister Martinice, boosted her confidence by confiding that she, too, came from a small town—and that the size of one's high school wasn't a predictor of one's success in life. Sister Albertus Magnus, professor of history, Willenborg's major, encouraged her students not to be defined, or confined, by their gender, often telling them to "get off the pedestal and avoid the bake sales." Willenborg remembers a fateful gathering during which Sister Jeremy, an English professor, exhorted students to be leaders—a challenge that had a lasting impact on Willenborg.

Frank Kronke, who taught moral theology, helped spark a radical change in Willenborg's worldview by introducing her to Catholic liberation theology, with its call for social and economic justice for the poor. He had served time in jail for protesting the Vietnam War and his activism has reverber-



Willenborg, center, helped organize Chicago's participation in a national strike by SAG-AFTRA members against the advertising industry.

ated throughout Willenborg's life.

Willenborg's fierce devotion to civil rights was ignited by images of violent racial unrest in the South, as well as racist reactions to Dr. Martin Luther King's efforts to confront segregation in Chicago. She was devastated by King's assassination in 1968 and remembers gathering on campus with classmates the night riots broke out on the west side, watching the eerie orange glow cast by fires ravaging entire blocks of the city.

Following graduation, Willenborg did graduate work in history at Illinois State University but dropped out after realizing she wanted to be an activist instead of an academic. She worked for several years in labor relations, became a leader in the Chicago Women's Liberation Union and co-founded a gay and lesbian political action

group. She eventually earned her law degree from Rutgers University and spent the next 30 years as a union attorney fighting for workers' rights.

As an attorney for the Association of Flight Attendants, Willenborg fought to end the airline industry's practice of firing female attendants once they married and had children. She also helped eliminate the misogynistic weight restriction for female attendants.

In 1995, Willenborg was appointed executive director of the Chicago Local of the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA). During her tenure, she helped coordinate Chicago's participation in a nationwide strike against the advertising industry's attempt to pay actors a flat rate rather than



<p>the more lucrative residuals that had been part of union contracts for decades. With help from the Teamsters, SAG-AFTRA organized picket lines to shut down the buildings of large advertisers and advertising agencies in Chicago. The strike ended shortly after union workers refused to cross the picket line outside a Ford plant on Chicago’s south side.</p> <p>Willenborg also served as a driving force in the creation of the Illinois Production Alliance, an organization that pushed for tax incentives that would attract motion picture and television production to Chicago. The legislation passed in 2008, benefitting the City of Chicago and local SAG-AFTRA members.</p>	<p>In 2009, SAG-AFTRA awarded Willenborg the George Heller Memorial Award for her contributions to performers and broadcasters in Chicago and beyond.</p> <p>Throughout her life, Willenborg has remained an avid supporter of her <i>alma mater</i> and has funded two scholarships that are near and dear to her heart. The William and Marie Ettelbrick Willenborg Endowed Scholarship honors her parents and provides scholarships for downstate students. Another endowed scholarship honors her sister, Anne Therese, who was killed in a car accident at the age of 25. Anne was a graduate of the University of Montana and a vocal advocate for Native Americans. The scholarship gives qualified students at St. Labre School,</p>	<p>a Catholic school for Native Americans in Montana, the opportunity to attend Dominican University.</p> <p>Willenborg also has funded the Willenborg Civic Learning Academy, a program that provides Dominican faculty and staff with the resources to design learning experiences for students interested in working for social and economic justice.</p> <p>“I’ve had a unique and wonderful life, due in no small part to the conversations I had many years ago with my Rosary professors and classmates. Dominican helped me become the person that I am today and I hope that I can play some part in helping other students become the people they are meant to be,” Willenborg said.</p>
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Mary Yu '79 visited campus this summer to talk with Class of 1979 classmates and members of the Class of 1969 during Alumni Weekend. She received the *Caritas Veritas* Award in 1984.

## Mary Yu

### Serving as a Role Model for Young People of Color

Mary Yu ’79 spent her childhood trying to be invisible. Today, as a Supreme Court Justice for the State of Washington, she is the furthest thing from invisible. She credits Rosary College with helping her discover her identity and find her voice. “All that I am, and all that I will ever be is because of my experience at Dominican,” she told classmates in a talk delivered during Alumni Weekend.

Mary grew up in Bridgeport on Chicago’s south side. Her parents came to this country without legal documentation and hoped that Mary would someday find a job as a secretary so she could avoid having to work as hard as they did, with dirty and calloused hands. Her mother had been a farmworker and her father had worked all his life in a factory.

Throughout school, she sat at the back of the classroom because, she explained, in those days children sat alphabetically or by size—and she was always one of the smallest students. She wasn’t a stellar student at St. Mary of Perpetual Help. Like many high school kids, she was testing the rules and questioning the ability of others to enforce them.

But she had a teacher who saw something in her. Joan Finnegan, a Rosary College alumna, encouraged her to consider college. She brought Mary to campus and convinced her parents that it was okay for a girl to seek higher education. According to Mary, Ms. Finnegan saved her life, when so many of her peers were lost to bad choices.

Initially, she struggled at Rosary, which seemed like 500 miles from Bridgeport. But she joined a Latin American student group, which provided a safe place for exploring her identity. And the Dominican Sisters created a culture that helped bridge the divides

between race and economics.

Mary became a religious studies major because of a desire to do good, which she associated with religion. The Sisters were role models and fostered her commitment to social justice.

“The Sisters were revolutionary women way before their time in educating and empowering women. Sisters Candida Lund and Kay Ashe and so many others sacrificed so much to advance the role of women,” she said.

After graduation, she applied for a job with the Archdiocese of Chicago—at a time when the Catholic Church was at its peak in the work for social justice, with Catholic

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liberation theology exploding throughout Latin America. The Archdiocese launched an Office of Peace and Justice, and Father Francis Kane hired her as his secretary—a position that, at the time, was the pinnacle of her career aspirations.

Representing the archdiocese, she visited workers’ houses, food lines and religious communities at the edge of radical change. She raised money from parishes for the Campaign for Human Development. She was encouraged by Father Kane to get up, go to the podium and talk publicly about what it meant to be a person of faith. This wasn’t easy for someone who once wanted

to be invisible but she excelled enough that Cardinal Bernardin appointed her director of the office.

After 10 years of community organizing, Mary decided to attend law school. “I wanted additional tools for advancing the work of social justice—to force people to do the right thing, even if their hearts weren’t really in it,” she said.

After law school, she decided to become a prosecutor and fell in love with trial practice and the courtroom. “There is no better trial lawyer than a preacher. I wanted the opportunity to get up, address a jury and persuade them of my position.”

Mary was appointed as a trial judge by Washington Governor Gary Locke, the first Chinese American governor in the country, because he wanted to diversify the bench to reflect the communities served by the court. After 14 years as a trial judge, she was encouraged to seek appointment to the Washington Supreme Court by a colleague who reminded her that she could serve as a role model.

“I wondered if people would vote for someone like me—an Asian, Latina, openly gay woman. But I realized that if I didn’t say yes, how was I going to encourage young people of color to step forward every time an opportunity presents itself? I knew that if I turned down the opportunity, I would be my worst enemy,” she said.

As a member of the State Supreme Court, she now has a unique platform for inspiring young people. She has volunteered as a judge for the Seattle Girls’ School Mock Trials for 15 years and is part of the State Law Library’s Read Campaign, an effort focused on enhancing child literacy. She even has a bookmark with her photo.

“Who would have ever thought that a kid like me would someday be a Supreme Court Justice, let alone have a bookmark with her image!” she laughs.



## Michelle Agins

### Refusing to be Defeated

*The camera became her bridge, transporting Michelle Agins '77 from her childhood home in Bronzeville to the pinnacles of journalism—and role model status for a new generation of trailblazers. She has photographed presidents, hitched rides on Air Force One, witnessed the destruction of war, and changed lives by recording, in intimate detail, the struggles of the less fortunate. She's worked at The New York Times for 30 years, covering the Oklahoma City bombing, the devastation of 9/11, a coup in Haiti and racial strife in America. To attain her level of success, which includes*

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*a Pulitzer Prize, she not only had to be really good, she had to overcome the barriers and hostility that persist for black women in the media industry. "The deal is, I refuse to be defeated," she told Dominican undergraduates in an extraordinary commencement address this spring. Now, she is helping young reporters and photojournalists of color blaze their own trails. The following interview has been edited into a first-person narrative.*

My grandmother gave me a Brownie camera and told me to go out and take beautiful pictures for her—which I did.

This is a little corny, but I used to watch “Superman” on TV and thought Jimmy Olsen, the *Daily Planet* photojournalist, was so cool. So, with my camera and one of my grandfather's hats, I used to run around my neighborhood shouting, “Press!”

In high school, I worked as a copy girl and photo intern at the *Chicago Daily News*. With the first money I made, I bought a police radio and went out to fires and police calls to take pictures for the paper. But after college, when I went back to the paper seeking a job, with my degree from Rosary and my portfolio, the photo editor told me, “We

know your work, but let's be real honest: Not today, not tomorrow, never. We haven't even hired our first white woman as a staff photographer.”

What he and others didn't realize is that I would find mentors—angels—almost as if they had been assigned to guide me on my journey. People like Bob Black and John H. White, both award-winning photographers at Chicago dailies, and my Rosary professors, who nurtured my innate but very raw potential and gave me the confidence that would carry me to places around the world.

In 1983, while working for the city of Chicago, I was appointed personal photographer to Mayor Harold Washington, who didn't think he needed me. But I told him, “I am documenting the life of the first black mayor of Chicago, for the children of the city of Chicago. This is history. You are history.”

After his first term, I returned to journalism and took a job with *The Charlotte Observer*, where my first assignments included covering the new NBA franchise, the Charlotte Hornets, and NASCAR racing. But what really changed my life was when they sent me to cover the 1988 Democratic National Convention, where I met a *New York Times* photographer. A few months later, I got a call from *The Times* offering me a job. I thought it was a joke. I've been there for 30 years now.

We won the Pulitzer for a series in 2000 on “How Race is Lived in America.” I was teamed up with reporter Don Terry to explore the challenges he faced growing up biracial. There is so much hate out there. I mean, I knew it was out there, but I had never been that intimate with it. But what made me hopeful was Don Terry's courage in putting his personal story out there in *The New York Times* as a way of helping other people going through what he did.

I've been on my path now for over 40 years. I've seen and done amazing things. Of course there were many obstacles and setbacks. But I always managed to find a way around them, because when I needed them the most, my angels, my mentors, my friends and colleagues appeared to help and show me the way forward.

My goal now is to help students avoid the obstacles I faced. I'd like to advocate for more journalists of color. The world is diverse. When we cover the news it should be a mirror. We have to understand what different communities are going through by using the voices of representatives of those communities.

I now tell young photographers to be on the lookout for their own angels and let them guide you—and fight to be taken seriously.

## Gera-Lind Kolarik

### Honoring the Legacy of Georgie Anne Geyer

**Gera-Lind Kolarik '75**, recipient of the 2015 *Caritas Veritas Award*, first learned about the extraordinary career of foreign correspondent **Georgie Anne Geyer** while doing research for a journalism class assignment. She was immediately intrigued by the trailblazing journalist who for decades had reported from hot spots around the world and interviewed international leaders such as Fidel Castro, Yasser Arafat, Saddam Hussein and Muammar Gaddafi.

Following graduation, Kolarik worked as a television producer for Chicago's WBBM and WLS and had the opportunity to meet Geyer when she spoke for the Chicago Press Club. The two struck up an acquaintance that deepened into friendship



Esteemed journalist **Marvin Kalb** delivered the first Geyer Lecture in 2016. He was a long-time colleague and friend of the late **Georgie Anne Geyer**, right. **Gera-Lind Kolarik**, left.

when Gera-Lind created a video documenting Geyer's struggles following surgery to remove her tongue due to cancer.

“I was so upset that such an amazing person, who was so talented at interviewing others, was denied the ability to tell her own stories and to inspire others like me,” Kolarik said.

In an effort to share Geyer's legacy, Kolarik launched the Georgie Anne Geyer Initiative in 2016, which brings to campus renowned reporters and provides experiential learning scholarships for Dominican students aspiring to be foreign correspondents.

Geyer passed away earlier this year in her Washington, D.C., home. Her legacy continued this fall, when Dominican welcomed Clarissa Ward, chief international correspondent for CNN, as the 2019 Geyer Initiative speaker, on October 2.

Through the Geyer Initiative, Kolarik's admiration for Georgie Anne Geyer will benefit budding young foreign correspondents for many years to come.



**Michelle Agins '77** delivered the 2019 commencement speech and received an honorary degree from the university.



Dominican faculty help build awareness and boost the reputation of the university. We're pleased to highlight some of their recent accomplishments. For more information about faculty and their achievements, visit [dom.edu/faculty-focus](http://dom.edu/faculty-focus).

Rosary College of Arts and Sciences



**Brent Friesen**, professor of chemistry, co-authored an article in the *Journal of Ethnopharmacology* entitled "Dynamics of the iso-flavone metabolome of traditional preparations of *Trifolium pratense* L." He also co-authored an article in the *Journal of Chromatography A* entitled "Preparation of flavone di-C-glycoside isomers from Jian-Gu injection (*Premna fulva* Craib.) using recycling counter-current chromatography." Friesen also presented two talks: "Five Sinsinawa Dominican sisters: Pioneers and role models for the education of women chemists" and "Depletion and enrichment of select ingredients to generate normalized extract resources (DESIGNER) for turmeric (*Curcuma longa* L.) extracts" at the 2019 American Chemical Society Great Lakes Regional Meeting in Lisle, IL.

**Bill Kerr**, professor of art, art history and design, and his wife, Weeks Ringle, were guests of honor this summer at the QuiltTime Festival, a major exhibition of quilts in Yokohama, Japan. They designed two new fabric collections, "Warp+Weft" and "Dreamy." Kerr and Ringle published *Modern Quilts Illustrated Magazine* vols. 13 & 14, and a publication entitled *Warp+Weft*. They also released the "Art of the Quilt 2020" calendar exclusively featuring their work.

**CarrieLynn D. Reinhard**, associate professor of communication, was elected president of the Professional Wrestling Studies Association and was named editor of the *Popular Culture Studies Journal*. She also presented an award-winning poster at the International Communication Association conference in Washington, D.C. Her book, *Convergent Wrestling: Participatory*

*Culture, Transmedia Storytelling and Intertextuality in the Squared Circle* (Routledge), was published in March.

**José Blanco**, associate professor, fashion department, published the textbook *Guide to Producing a Fashion Show* (2019, New York: Fairchild); edited a chapter, "Part I: History of Fashion and Product Development," in *The Fashion Business Reader* (2019, London: Bloomsbury); and published a book chapter, "Dressing the Jibaros: Puerto Rican Peasants' Clothing through Time and Space," in *The Meanings of Dress* (2019, New York: Fairchild). Blanco is the vice president of education and programs for the Costume Society of America.

Brennan School of Business



**Elizabeth Collier**, professor of business ethics and Christopher Chair in Business Ethics, has been appointed chair of the North America Chapter of the United Nations' Principles of Responsible Management Education, an initiative that brings the U.N. and business schools around the world together to achieve sustainable development goals through responsible management education.

**Anjali Chaudhry**, professor of management, marketing, and international business, received a \$4,000 leadership development research grant from the Team-Based Learning Collaborative, chaired a panel on "Team-based Learning for Diversity, Inclusivity, and Leadership: Theory, Practice, and Application" at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, and presented a paper on "A Profile Approach to LMX—An Exploratory Study" at the annual meeting of the European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology in Turin, Italy.

**Jeff Bell**, clinical professor of operations, presented the "Myths and Benefits of Forecasting and Inventory Optimization for your Supply Chain" at OMTEC (Orthopaedic Manufacturing and Technology Exposition and Conference) in Rosemont, IL.

College of Applied Social Sciences



**Hassan Zamir**, assistant professor, School of Information Studies, presented "Undergraduate Data Science Education in iSchools: Current Practices and Future Directions" at the iConference 2019 in Washington, D.C. He has published a chapter, "Cybersecurity and Social Media" in *Cybersecurity for Information Professionals* (ABC-CLIO, May 2019).

**Melissa M. Thompson**, clinical assistant professor, School of Social Work, presented "Teacher as Student: Empathy in an Online Pedagogical Course" and "Keeping Mission Focused: Relationship Considerations in Distance Education" at the Social Work Distance Education Conference in San Antonio, TX. She presented with **Adrian Kok**, associate professor, School of Social Work, and **Suhad Tabahi**, assistant professor, School of Social Work. She was recently named as a partner with Social Work Virtual Pal, a global virtual community for the social work profession.

**Cecilia L. Salvatore**, professor, School of Information Studies, presented "From Documentation to Access and Exhibit: Common Issues Related to Local History Collections" at the 2019 International Conference on Local Chronicles held in Changsha, China. The presentation was at the invitation of the Office of Chinese Local Chronicles Guidance Group in Beijing. She also attended the International Federation of Library Associations Congress in Athens, Greece, where she coordinated and moderated a session titled, "Local History Collections, Genealogy, and Oral History as Critical Information Services in Libraries." In addition, she was elected chair of the Local History and Genealogy Collections section of IFLA.

Borra College of Health Sciences



**Lauren D. Trillo**, co-director of clinical education for the Physicians Assistant Studies program, presented the poster "Trigger Cases: Challenging Physician Assistant Students on Unconscious Bias" at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) School of Medicine and Public Health's 27th annual Medical Education Day.

class news

You Always Belong to Dominican

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Thank you for sharing your news!

Undergraduate Alumnae/i Class News

1941

On June 1, the dear **Beatrice Morand Hill** turned 100 years old. She celebrated this accomplishment surrounded by her loved ones.

1957

**Ellen Bendry**  
Class Agent

I heard from **Audre Coia-Kurowski** about her "Bach and Beyond" concert. Audre is a member of the American Guild of Organists and will be participating in the choir as a second alto.

I am hoping to travel to Peoria in September to witness the Beatification of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. We will be waiting for news from **Cathy Klein** as she takes a river cruise through Germany and France!

**Jean Horrigan-Delhey** was here for her annual visit. **Mary Whalen** is hosting a luncheon for our class at her home.

Please pray for our classmates. I look forward to hearing or talking with you at any time.

1960

**Jo Scaccia Maday**  
Class Agent

Dear Classmates:

This is a reminder that June 2020, will mark 60 years since our graduation. With this in mind, I am hoping that most of us will be able to attend the reunion to celebrate.

1962

**Kay Pielsticker Coleman, Elizabeth Freidheim, Corrine Carnivele Hanley, Carolyn Sweeney Judd, Gloria Adams Mills, Mary Beth Vander Vennet Tallon**  
Class Agents

**Corrine Carnivele Hanley**: "I have been working with animal activists to close down horse racing in the U.S., starting with Santa Anita, where 30 horses have died since December. There is no answer to the animal cruelty other than to shut down racing. Please add racehorses to your prayer list."

**Carolyn Sweeney Judd**: "Christmas 2018 was a large family affair with the extended family. I went to San Pancho, Mexico, in February.

April found me in Colorado with my brother. I also went to Dallas with my book club. May was Banff, Canada, with my granddaughter. In Houston, my grandchildren and I went to the museum for the Van Gogh exhibit. I love being a grandmother! My life is lovely and filled with love. I wish love for all of you."

The following news about **Karen Arntson McDonnell** was submitted by her husband, Bill, and their daughter, Jean. "We made the very difficult decision of moving our precious Mom to a memory care facility in EauClaire. Taking her there was certainly a heart-wrenching experience for all of us. We all knew this was a necessary move. She is willing to do this because after years of suffering, she knows it's necessary for her health and Dad's health, too—and after nearly 57 years of marriage, they know one another pretty well. Mom is in Azura Memory Care. We feel blessed to have found such a warm and welcoming place. Please keep Mom and Dad in your prayers. If you'd like to send Mom a card, please send it to their home."

**Donna Allendorf Wahlert**: "Bob and I just returned from a cruise in France. At Christmas, 22 family members visited us in Florida. Bob and I leave soon for Oxford, England, where we will take a class. In 2020, one grandchild will receive a PA degree and get married. The other 12 grandchildren are busy getting on with their happy lives."

**Suzanne Meyer Hubbard**: "The days of large families are gone, but I am grateful all seven of the Meyer children are all alive and enjoying our visits. We had the privilege of babysitting our grandchildren in IL. and CO. It is so fun to watch their minds developing. What a joy they are."

1963

**Susan M. Flynn**  
Class Agent

**Judy Jedlicka Koubek** and I met for lunch at the Art Institute and then did an overview walk through the Modern Art wing. Judy and her husband now live near Lake Shore Drive.

**Debbie Hegberg Heer** received an award from AFS Intercultural exchange programs as "Outstanding Volunteer" for her more than 25 years of service. Debbie wrote: "Finally attended the New Orleans Annual Jazz and Heritage Music Festival. Took a whirlwind tour of Guatemala and went on a week-long cruise to Alaska. I enjoy water aerobics every morning at the local YMCA."

**Kathy Markley Scruggs** is hoping to get to Turkey to look up some former students from her Peace Corp work 56 years ago. She and husband Max, plan to take a trip to Zurich, Venice, and Nice, while their knees and hips keep working. Kathy is an active reader and belongs to an AAUW Book Club. Now that Pam Balow has relocated to Northern Virginia, Kathy visits with her.

**Helen McCauslin** reports from Southwest Michigan: "For the first time in a couple years I was out gardening. Only interruption in planting came when I had carpal tunnel surgery. Healing went very well." Besides gardening and her wonderful photography skills, Helen is active with The Three Rivers Promise, a charity in Michigan that is working to establish a program to help the Three Rivers High School graduates go to college or into trade programs.

Big news from **Karen Christensen McGirr**: "I decided to take my son's advice and move to Austin, TX, to be near his family. Between March and June, I chose a place, sold my condo, found movers and MOVED! My four children helped me pack. The move went



<p>smoothly but I am still searching for things I KNOW I packed but haven't uncovered. I'm living at an active retirement community five minutes from my son, James, his wife, Lauren, and their two children Henry, 2, and Elizabeth, 3 ½. My other three kids live out of the country. Michael and Charlie live in Mexico, where they play in orchestras, one in the Yucatan and one near Mexico City. My daughter and her family live in Bristol, UK where she is a professor."</p> <p>As you can see, the '63ers continue to be active and generous. We made donations to Dominican for a DACA student who needed some financial help. We made donations to a number of churches and to Catholic Charities to help them care for the Central American refugees. And of course, we pray! Caritas et veritas.</p> <p><b>1964</b> <b>Mary McGough Schultze</b> Class Agent</p> <p>It was a beautiful and enlightening Reunion weekend for the 1964 classmates who received good news about our school. Attending were <b>Judy Anderson Brindley, Joan Canale Szuberla, Pat Connery Koko, Carol Kaiser Dwyer, Patty Keeffe Smith, Joann Casciato Hillebrand, Maureen Cox O'Doherty, Joanne Knotek, Ann Elliott-Holmes</b> and <b>Ginny Gaul Cullen</b>.</p> <p>We heard from Donna Carroll who has molded Dominican into the "Best Value in Illinois" according to <i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i>. Campus looks great and teens with energy. We were all taken with alumna Mary Yu '79 as she spoke of her journey from Chicago's South Side to Washington State Supreme Court Justice. She credits Dominican for her success.</p> <p>As we age, many of us are facing health concerns. Please include your classmates in your prayers.</p>		 <p><b>Illinois' New Superintendent of Education</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Carmen I. Ayala MBA '87</b> was appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education as the 30th State Superintendent of Education, effective March 1. Carmen is the first woman and first person of color to serve in the position.</p> <p>"I'm honored to serve as our state's Superintendent of Education and grateful to the board members for placing their trust in me," said Carmen. "Governor Pritzker has made it clear that education will be a top priority for the new administration, and I look forward to our work ahead. Together, I know we can break down barriers to opportunity and ensure that students of all races, backgrounds, income levels and zip codes receive a strong education in Illinois."</p> <p>Carmen has 36 years of education experience, most recently serving as the Superintendent of the Berwyn North School District. She began her career at Chicago Public Schools, serving as a teacher there for five years.</p>		<p>quitting and bummed that bursitis in my hip limits my walking. Fortunately, my Pilates instructor is adept at adjusting to my issues so it can remain on the agenda. Looking forward to our trip to Russia and then to Lake Como to mark Kiera's 50th year."</p> <p><b>Diane Farr Knittle:</b> "Bill and I continue to enjoy family and travel since retiring. We went to Lisbon, Fatima and smaller Portuguese towns in December. We enjoyed going to the fishing village, Cacaís. We spent Christmas in Tampa with our youngest son Paul and his family – Eleanor, 4 ½, and James, 18 months. Paul, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, was deployed to the Middle East. We became cheerleaders at local grandchildren's sports and school events: Alex, 13; Kiley, 10; Shea, 7; and Ailla, 5. The Margaret Home, a home for pregnant, homeless women, has become a focus of our volunteer efforts."</p> <p><b>Kim Regan and Barb Tucker Philipps</b> both wrote that Harry Stavrakos, husband of <b>Maria Tsinonis Stavrakos</b> died just before Orthodox Christmas.</p> <p><b>Gerry Young:</b> "Our first-ever cruise comes at the end of the year to Mexico, Honduras, and the Caribbean. Then, we hope to cruise to the Caribbean islands again, and Cuba"</p> <p><b>Paulette Serritella Davies</b> wrote: "What keeps me busy is working out four times a week at the local gym. I love Zumba!"</p> <p><b>Marian Matulis Rohde:</b> "Our children planned a special celebration with relatives and friends for John's and my 50th wedding anniversary on August 2."</p> <p><b>Chon Schwope Wilson:</b> "We remodeled our family room. Our golden doodle, Willow, is 2 and training well. Two grandchildren graduated high school. Three grandchildren, 16, have their own cars. Rog works on his model railroad when he takes time away from his other interests. After I</p>		<p>gave up making baby blankets, I discovered I like doing it too much and am back at it. My sister and I traveled to Salt Lake City to attend an aunt's funeral. Our grandson, Jeffrey, was confirmed in May. We hosted a 17-year-old French boy in July, son of a woman we hosted in 1987. We showed Antoine as much of small town America as he could stand. I talked to <b>Marjorie Malafrente Mills</b> on her birthday. She still lives in the high desert of Arizona, where her sister visited after not seeing each other for 20 years."</p> <p><b>Chris Camacho Santoyo,:</b> "I feel pretty good considering I have scoliosis which causes me to lose balance. A wheeled walker has been the best thing for me—I can almost run holding on to it. I have worked as the Mexico representative for the University of Notre Dame in Mexico City. I put ND on the map here and coordinated two big conferences. I will retire in September and become a freelance translator and write about my life with my existentially adventurous husband, who died in 2013. My writing may wind up as a memoir of the deeply felt experiences of my 47-year marriage. I am also translating a biography of a well-regarded anthropologist and archeologist of the 20th century, Manuel Gamio, my husband's grandfather. I want to re-learn French as my daughter-in-law is French and I'd like to visit with her family in the Southern Alps. I also want to become certified in grief counseling."</p> <p><b>Dianne Hanau-Strain:</b> "I have a boring recital of coping with bone and joint issues. Can I brag about my family? Husband, Charles, both sons Aaron and Dan, and I are a support group for the books each of us is writing. Aaron Bobrow-Strain just published (and was reviewed in the <i>New York Times</i>) <i>The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez: A Border Story</i>."</p> <p><b>Rathleen Stark Burt:</b> "I've been somewhat out-of-commission</p>		<p>having cataract surgery, so the editing process on my memoir has been delayed. Otherwise, Michael and I are doing well."</p> <p><b>Dot Macina Grimm:</b> "One day can change your life and I've experienced it. One day, I was doing volunteer things, housework, and going to the gym. The next day I passed out at the emergency room. That was March 11. The next thing I remember, it was May at a specialty hospital. I had caught some rare pneumonia. Three months in bed cost me a considerable amount of muscle, so I went to a rehab hospital. Now, I'm at a sub-acute facility trying to develop muscle enough to stand and eventually walk. Currently, I'm in a wheelchair and on oxygen. I feel blessed to have the rock solid support and prayers from my family and friends. I am confident of a full recovery."</p> <p>As for the <b>Sclawys</b>, I thought I was looking and feeling pretty good till the sleep doc said I should lose weight or get a C-Pap machine. Not a hard choice. Steve and I resemble a couple aging elephants in our nightly apparatus. Unlike esteemed classmates, I have written nothing except a journal. Nieces and nephews are doing well and are enjoying their lives. My sister, Ann, left her husband (just short of their 48th anniversary) and is still trying to be divorced. She came here to celebrate her 70th birthday. We get along much better now than when we were young. Stay as young and upbeat as you can.</p>		<p>child, Bridget, in Washington, D.C., and we recently bought a condo across the street from her house on Capitol Hill which I will be using as a "grammie nest".</p> <p><b>Terry Wilkinson Pawlik</b> reported: "Ray and I are still staying active visiting friends and family all over the country. After our 50th anniversary celebration, we spent Christmas with our son in South Georgia and we also visited longtime friends and family there. We went to D.C. to spend Easter with our daughter, Layne. We headed back to Arizona for three weeks of celebrations in May. Our daughter, Kate, received her EdD in educational leadership, and we celebrated her daughter, Maya's, First Communion. Finally, our oldest daughter, Tressy's son, Aidan, graduated from high school. He is attending St Andrew's University in Scotland. Our son, Ray, has been nominated for Lieutenant Colonel in his Air National Guard unit. He has a full-time position with the Savannah Air National Guard. Terry also shared the following: "<b>Sister Teresa Margaret (Suzy Brinkman)</b> is very ill with advanced stage Alzheimer's. <b>Kerry Hubata</b> and I were planning a visit but the latest news was worrisome so Kerry made a quick trip. Although there was concern she might not recognize Kerry, Sister did know her and chatted for a few minutes before she fell asleep. I last visited her for her Golden Jubilee in 2015. I am content that I have seen Suzy many times throughout the years. It's a long story but a beautiful journey for her."</p> <p>In March, <b>Beverly Doherty's</b> family trip to New Orleans included stopovers at Wakulla Springs State Park and Montgomery, Alabama. They were in Asheville, North Carolina, for a Road Scholar week, touring before traveling the rest of the way to Milwaukee from their winter home in Florida. In July, she hosted dear friends <b>Ann Canale, Jeanne Heinen</b> and</p>		<p><b>Lina Fruzzetti</b> in Milwaukee for a weekend reunion.</p> <p><b>Lina Fruzzetti's</b> documentary, "In My Mother's House," continues to have a far-reaching impact. She reports: "I received a grant from the Social Science Research Institute to go to Eritrea to collect more interviews about the film, trying to write a book about the documentary and its impact. I will be away in Bologna, Italy, for my sabbatical leave in January 2020, which will give me the opportunity to start writing. I will be away six months to a year. No other news to report except the best, which is my granddaughter, Suraya, got early decision admission to Brown!"</p> <p><b>Celina Tannura Zalas</b> retired in June after 14 years as the business manager at St. Mary Parish in Riverside. The pastor, Fr. Tom May, wrote: "Celina balanced the books, managed the payroll, paid all the bills, coordinated the rectory staff, and made sure parish buildings were maintained and operational."</p> <p><b>Alice Kuehne Finn</b> and her husband reported, "John/Pat &amp; I were really fortunate to be on our annual escape from winter. We left January 1st for Perth, Australia. We arrived 23 hours later &amp; then to Fremantle from where our 81-day, Southeast Asia trip departed. It is called an 'In-Depth' travel program, which presents lectures, activities, tours, Insight Evenings, etc. with specialists in History &amp; Perspectives, Exploration, Science &amp; Nature, Food, Photography, &amp; Arts &amp; Culture. It was really amazing! If anyone is interested in discovering more about the 51 different ports we explored, Pat wrote a daily blog at: apfinn.blogspot.com. Although we have had many long cruises, this one was the most special!"</p> <p>John and I attended the Memorial Mass for Sr. Jean Murray, OP, who taught French and was President of DU after Sr. Candida and prior to Donna Carroll. If any classmates would like to receive</p>	
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<p>a prayer card, let me know. On a happier note, we attended the Trustee Benefit and were delighted to see our Class of 1966 scholarship recipient, Era Doce, featured in the benefit program. The event raised \$500,000 for scholarships.</p> <p><b>Kerry Hubata</b> represented our class at the Scholarship Luncheon. "It was a joy and an inspiration to meet Era Doce and learn first-hand about her life and background, her struggles, accomplishments and aspirations. It was also a joy to see my dear friend and classmate, <b>Kathy Pudik Rey</b> and to follow up on Elizabeth Enciso '18. While it is always a happy event to revisit Rosary/Dominican, it proved especially so at the luncheon."</p> <p><b>Kathy Pudik Rey</b> shared her reflections on the scholarship luncheon as well, noting, "The Scholarship lunch gave this long distance Rosarian a wonderful opportunity to enjoy not only our campus with all its past memories, but to personally connect with today's students. To linger over lunch and listen to a student's responsibilities and challenges opens a small window into her/ his life in the 21st century, so very accelerated compared to our time as undergrads."</p> <p><b>Sandy Kern Cyr</b> and her husband, Doug, were gracious enough to provide a place to stay when John and I flew to Tampa for the NCAA Final Four women's basketball games. We were able to spend some time with Kathy Pudik Rey before she headed to Chicago for the Scholarship Luncheon. Sandy wrote in an email that she and Doug were in Virginia for the graduation of her sister Mary's son, Stephen. He plans to get a master's degree in nursing. They went into Washington, D.C., and visited all the war memorials and The Martin Luther King Memorial. By the time they took the train back to Charlottesville, Sandy figured they had walked at least 10 miles.</p>	<p>The days surrounding Easter were busy for <b>Maureen O'Rourke Cannon</b> and her husband. In addition to celebrating the birth of their 16th grandchild, Riley James Lannon, and singing three days during Easter week, they had Easter dinner for 30 at their home. Her son-in-law, Keegan, is still an adjunct professor at Dominican in the English department and enjoys engaging with the bright, motivated students he teaches.</p> <p><b>Marcia Diaz Schultz</b> was a Spanish major at the University of Madrid in 1964-65 with <b>Pat O'Connor Frisino</b>. According to Marcia, Rosary set her on a path of volunteering. She remembers taking her portable typewriter to teach typing during her sophomore year and said <b>Mary Redmond</b> went, too. Marcia wrote: "I spend my retirement, teaching English at the University of Albany, visiting my daughter and grandsons in Rhode Island and my son in San Francisco. Since 1978, I have tutored and taught ELL with Literacy Volunteers of America. I spent two weeks with Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas, processing refugees. Speaking Spanish to the neediest of the poor and helping them reach their contacts in the United States, I felt my Rosary heritage very deeply: Caritas and Veritas. Thank you Sister Sheila, Sister Philip Mary, and Sister John Berchmans. I will return."</p> <p><b>Maureen Connolly's</b> story <i>At the Edges</i>, published in The New Guard Vol VII, was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. She left medicine in 2017 and is available for teaching writing, and copy writing/copy editing.</p> <p><b>Mitzi Battista Witchger</b> reported: "In May, I was trekking on the Appalachian trail for three days. We started in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and made it to nearby Maryland and Virginia. Our total trail coverage was just over 26 miles. May not sound like much, but at 75 years old, it was just enough!"</p>	<p><b>Donna Kungis O'Donnell</b> sent the following: "Bob and I took our annual vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. We were blessed to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in April with family and friends. The highlight of May was our grandson Anthony's First Communion. We toured NYC- the 9-11 Memorial, Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, and enjoyed a fabulous production of Lion King. June took us to Bob's 55th reunion at St. John's University in Minnesota and a visit with his sister. We celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of our friends John and Marian Matulis Rohde '65 in August. We cruised from Montreal to Boston in September."</p> <p><b>Barbara Barry</b> had a reunion with <b>Mary Wingfield Grace</b> and her husband in Door County, Wisconsin. They enjoyed the typical 4th of July festivities, reminisced about Rosary and Mary's 40 plus years with the Girl Scouts. Barbara, a retired psychologist and special administrator, will spend three weeks in Andalusia in September, a southern province of Spain.</p> <p><b>Suzy Wills Kessler</b> wrote: "During the Rosary/Dominican Alumnae/i Weekend 2019, <b>Judy Purvin Scully</b>, <b>Kathy Kahler Matthews</b>, <b>Sr. Rosemary Hickmann, OP</b> and I attended the Presidential Briefing followed by the Rosarian Luncheon. Donna Carroll shared Dominican University updates, which continue to show the unwavering Powerful Promise of this university. The diversity of its student body, the continued strength and success of its academic offerings, and the stability and growth of its finances are points of pride, which we can share and treasure. The beautiful weather, the birds' songs, the lush views of the Quad, and the ease of conversation filled with memories and stories made the afternoon so enjoyable. Do you remember Saturday, June 4, 1966? Our Commencement Day had</p>	<p>weather and settings as beautiful. Consider attending 2020's Rosarian luncheon to be part of this memory as well. Our 55th reunion weekend is in June 2021. Then, 2022 will be the 100th anniversary of Rosary College. These are wonderful opportunities for us to come together to celebrate!"</p> <p><b>Linda Miller Drennan</b> and her husband, John, spent time traveling. They were on a Caribbean cruise in January. While visiting friends in Arizona in February, it snowed! The weather improved during their stay in Florida in April and May. They were in Colorado visiting with their three children and grandchildren in June. According to Linda, they need to stay home for a while, so she can work on her golf and pickleball, and volunteer at the nursing home and church.</p> <p>This year's travels for us have included Hawaii, Florida, Washington, D.C., a Rhine River cruise and a trip to Ft. Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. After my brother and sister-in-law's renewal of their wedding vows for their 10th anniversary and our grandson, John's 12th birthday, we headed up to Minocqua for the summer. Although we still love travelling, it really is nice to have a home base that's comfortable and familiar. We've lived in our "starter home" in Riverside for more than 50 years. We're planning on staying put for the duration!</p> <p>It's hard to believe it's only two years until our 55th reunion! Our 50th was so special. I'm hoping many of you are planning to join us again, now that we're officially "Rosarians," alums who graduated more than 50 years ago.</p>	<p>sons. I divorced in 1990 and moved from Iowa to Arizona, and worked for the Federal Judiciary, managing a national training center, and then for city government as an administrator in the Scottsdale City Attorney's office. I am retired and fill my time with books, exercise, making jewelry, lunching with friends, etc."</p> <p><b>Karen Tyrrell Rafter</b>: "Tom and I finally retired and moved from Oak Park to our summer place in Indiana. We have plenty of bedrooms and have access to Lake Michigan, so anyone coming our way can stop by. We also have a three-bedroom, modern cottage right on Sheridan Beach, if you want a family beach place. Until the volunteer season begins in the fall, it is pretty quiet around here if you are not one of the tourists."</p> <p><b>Jane E. Duggan</b>: "Retirement means great travel opportunities. Last year, I went to Australia, where I met 20 cousins, and then to New Zealand. On a list for an Arctic Art Tour next summer led by wonderful friend and neighbor Marian 'Mame' Jackson."</p> <p><b>Terry Beeson Sheahan</b>: "My health, though challenged, hasn't slowed me down. I still live in my cabin on the Missouri River in South Dakota, read history, collect antique paperweights, travel, and thoroughly enjoy my children and grandchildren."</p> <p><b>Susan Steffaniak Farina</b>: "We lived in Washington, D.C. since 1974. When I neared retirement and our two married children were already living in Virginia, we decided to move closer to them and our grandchildren. We sold our home of 40 years and moved to a townhouse in Centreville, Virginia. Our son, his wife and two little girls live down the block and our daughter, her husband and four children live 30 minutes away. Moving here was the best decision ever! Babysitting grandchildren might not appeal to everybody, but Dick and I love it!! We try to</p>	<p>get back to Indiana monthly to visit Dick's mom, who is in assisted living and just celebrated her 105th birthday.</p> <p><b>Linda Becker Madura</b>: "We moved to Iowa to share this last part of our lives with our youngest daughter, Anne, and her family. Anne is on the faculty of Augustana College. If my classmates are in the area, please ring my bell! I suffer from macular degeneration and glaucoma and my ability to do all basic computer tasks is fast disappearing. Love to all who read this!"</p> <p><b>Roxanne Calibraro</b>: "I just arrived home with my third dog from Guide Dogs for the Blind. Sadly, we had to spend two weeks in San Rafael, California, training together, but someone has to do it. He is a beautiful and handsome boy named Nifty."</p> <p><b>Mary Lou Jantz</b>: "I volunteer at Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. My great niece, Alexandra, is a Fulbright scholar in Thailand. She previously spent two years in the Peace Corps in Ukraine. My niece, Kaitee, just graduated from Georgia Southwestern State University School of Nursing and is an ER nurse. Although I only attended Rosary for two years, I have fond memories of classmates and teachers."</p> <p><b>Barbara Schaefer</b>: "Last December, I went to the Judy Collins concert at Dominican with <b>Ellen O'Connor Nick</b> and her husband, Jerry. Was delighted to run into <b>Nadia Berezecky Horb</b> and her sister at the concert. In August, a friend and I went to Croatia, Bosnia, and Slovenia. In October, some family members and I are going to France and Normandy and then to visit one of my niece's in-laws in Belgium."</p> <p><b>Louise Gorgosz Gerl</b>: "I retired from teaching in Cincinnati Public Schools in 2001. Have been very fortunate to have wonderful experiences traveling in China, Japan, Europe and Israel. My two sons are married to lovely women and I will</p>	<p>be an Ama (means grandmother to my two-year-old granddaughter) to a grandson in September. Married a wonderful man, James Haverland, in November 2015 (my first husband passed away in 2007). Spent our honeymoon on Marco Island and will be doing a family reunion on a cruise to Alaska. Picked up an extra granddaughter and a 98-year-old mother-in-law. Been very blessed and am grateful for my years at Rosary."</p> <p><b>Mary Win Hesseling Ogg</b>: "Max and I spent late spring &amp; summer of 2017 selling our beloved home in Sheridan, Wyoming, and moved to Bethel Springs, Tennessee, while we were spry enough to do it on our own. We're enjoying living nearer to our young grandsons Charlie, George, &amp; Henry and being able to participate in their activities. Max is more than content on our 10 wooded acres. I have not yet found a good volunteer activity, but can read to my heart's</p>
<div></div> <div><p><b>Spreading "Positively Melanin"</b></p><p><b>Chanelle Bell MSEd '16</b> founded an online community called "Positively Melanin" to highlight professionals of color with the purpose of connecting them with young people looking to enter similar fields who need guidance and support. The group's message: Mentors are all around you.</p><p>With the help of the Obama Foundation Community Leadership Corps, Chanelle launched "Positively Melanin." The framework for the group came to her three years ago while struggling in the search for a fellowship to enhance her professional skills. "How can someone aspire to something that they have never seen. We all know that representation matters, and that's why Positively Melanin exists. Black excellence deserves to be showcased," Chanelle explains.</p><p>The name "Positively Melanin" was given to emphasize that the group wants to highlight positive images of Chicago's South Side communities and "color the narrative," Chanelle said.</p><p>She described further, "I'm here on the South Side, and all the images I'm consuming from media about people who look like me, who live on the South Side, are all negative images. I wanted to combat that negativity with positivity because all the black people I know are beautiful and are doing excellent things and are impacting the world."</p></div>						



<p>content and have many projects that may be completed...someday. We are happy &amp; healthy &amp; will begin our 50th year together!"</p> <p><b>Jean Ulm Krbec:</b> "My husband, Jim and I returned from Belgium. Our son, Jeff, was celebrating his 50th birthday and our granddaughter made her First Communion. Jeff and his wife, Melissa, adopted Chaya from Thailand three years ago. She attends a Catholic British school so she is fluent in English, French, and Thai. Our foreign exchange student, Luise, joined us from her home in Essen, Germany."</p> <p><b>Nadia Horb:</b> "I am still running my own business in sales of health and life insurance, with a special emphasis on Medicare products. I spent three weeks in France that started with a fabulous culinary/</p>	<p>wine tasting tour of the Dordogne region, and was followed by a stay in Lourdes and Paris. When not working, I enjoy hosting my grandkids in Chicago. The oldest graduated from college, four more are currently in college, two working, one a senior in high school, and two in elementary school. I am a theatre usher with the "Saints", an organization offering volunteer usher opportunities. I love living in Chicago and taking advantage of many free programs offered to seniors."</p> <p><b>Margaret Stapleton:</b> "I retired from lawyering in 2018 and am enjoying doing not much at all. I'm getting reacquainted with friends. I spend a good amount of time with my two granddaughters, and I take walks along Lake</p>	<p>Michigan, without regard to the weather. Around the summer solstice, I took Amtrak to Montana and spent a week camping (Yes, in a tent) at Glacier Park, where I hiked, saw stars in the dark sky, swam in a chilly alpine lake, and failed to see any grizzly bears. I'm somewhat involved in working for justice for immigrants and refugees, mostly through my parish."</p> <p><b>Jane Grimes Hensen:</b> "Gary and I are enjoying retirement on the Oregon coast after living in Illinois for sixty years. We keep busy with volunteer work. He is a trustee at the Elks Lodge and I have worked at the library, a thrift shop, and at the local hospital. We have two daughters in the area with two grandchildren so we visit them often. Our youngest is married to a career Army man. They live in upstate New York and have four children. We used them as an excuse to do road trips all over. I still cherish my time at Rosary. It was a great learning experience for me in many ways."</p>	<p>T-shirt. We enjoyed great company in lovely settings. Join us next time!"</p> <p><b>Tomi Campbell Hubert, Suzanne Engle and Carol Anderson Kunze</b> represented our class at the inspiring Scholarship Luncheon at Dominican University. It was a pleasure to meet the two students who were awarded scholarships for 2018/2019: 1) Audra Laird (Class of 2020) was awarded the Class of 1968 Study Abroad Scholarship. She majors in Fashion Design, and minors in Business Administration &amp; French. Audra studied Haute Couture in Paris at the Paris American Academy. 2) Jennifer Lewanczyk (Class of 2020) was awarded the Anna M. and Bernard G. Anderson Scholarship (Carol Anderson Kunze's family). She's studying Psychology and is in the five-year Master of Social Work program.</p> <p>For the 2019/2020 year, our scholarships are the Class of 1968 Golden Jubilee Scholarship and the Class of 1968 Study Abroad Award. The Golden Jubilee Scholarship will be awarded to two students: Christina Bennett, a sophomore majoring in Corporate Communications, and Sabrina Hufana, a junior majoring in Nutrition. The Study Abroad Award recipient is Julia Dunfrund, a senior majoring in Fashion Merchandising and she will be studying in Milan, Italy, in fall of 2019.</p> <p>If you would like to contribute to our class scholarships, contact the Office of University Advancement. Tomi Campbell Hubert is our representative for scholarships. Anyone who might be interested in representing our class at a future scholarship luncheon please let Tomi know.</p> <p><b>Mary Corsiglia Joyce</b> has been travelling. She went to London in May. The highlight of the trip was Stratford-on-Avon and the Cotswolds. Over the summer, she visited family in Watersmeet, Michigan (the family's</p>	<p>22nd reunion there), and went to Universal Studios accompanying her granddaughter to Harry Potter World. Also to Omaha and Boston to celebrate birthdays and other special events. She continues gardening, participating in Garden Club projects, volunteering at the hospital, playing mahjong, going to Thai Chi, and various activities at church. She says, "tell all in the class that my house (in Chatham, New Jersey) is in a premium location—three blocks from a train and 15 minutes from the airport—with plenty of room for guests."</p> <p><b>Sheila Matthews Gummerson</b> hosted lunch in her home in Schaumburg, Illinois, in June. <b>Donna Renn, Mary White Mabus, Marita Hoy Fenley, Sherry O'Connell Melin and Mary Duncan Gemkow</b> attended. Donna reports, "I swear '68 alums are all super heroes. No matter what life throws at us, we prevail. <b>Chris Savage Corbett, Nicky Santi Thorson and Marilyn Freehill Jancewicz</b> could not attend due to illness. If any of you get together outside of reunion, take a selfie and send it to Suzanne and Mary, our class agents."</p> <p><b>Nicky Santi Thorson</b> let us know the sad news that our classmate <b>Maria Maciulis Lovera</b> passed away on January 11. This is a very personal loss for Nicky. She and Maria were friends since second grade, and Maria was godmother to one of Nicky's sons. Our condolences to Maria's family and to Nicky, who has lost her good friend.</p> <p><b>Marilyn Freehill Jancewicz</b> continues her volunteer work at Dominican's McGreal Center. For leisure, she travelled with the entire Posse to <b>Carol Anderson Kunze's</b> home on Lake Michigan. She cautions fellow '68ers that when the posse gathers, ideas are hatched so stay tuned.</p> <p><b>Tomi Campbell Hubert</b> moved to Barrington, Illinois. She says she is the slowest person on earth unpacking boxes.</p>	<p><b>Suzanne Engle</b> and her husband welcomed home their daughter, Ellie Nelson, in May. Ellie completed her two-year service in the Peace Corps in Jamaica. She served as a Literacy Specialist at Newstead Primary School. They are so proud of the work she did. Suzanne and her husband had a wonderful visit in Jamaica with their daughter, celebrating their 30-year wedding anniversary as well as Ellie's close of service.</p> <p><b>Donna Renn</b> made her annual voyage en France, renting an apartment in Paris followed by a float on the Dordogne and Garonne Rivers to visit wine country. This year, Donna explored Montmartre in depth, and savored a St. Emilion or two while in Bordeaux. She wonders, "Why does wine taste so good in France? Is it the absence of sulfides? No! It is because one is in France sipping vin rouge al fresco!"</p> <p><b>Susan Bakel Cohn</b> hosted <b>Pam Boggs Menard</b> and <b>Suzanne Engle</b> at her home in Wichita in April. They had a great visit, enjoying good food, lots of sightseeing, and seeing Susan's family.</p> <p><b>Peggy May Schrage</b> made a trip to California in July to visit her son, Paul, who is the Musical Director/Conductor for the Midsummer Mozart Festival in the San Francisco Bay Area. Peggy met up with <b>Suzanne Cosimano Awalt</b> for the concert in Sonoma at the Buena Vista Winery.</p> <p><b>Ann Sauer</b> enjoyed kayaking this summer on the river in her hometown of Freeport. She also takes regular bike trips on the lovely trails near her home. She travelled to St. Paul, Minnesota, to visit a friend from high school. Whenever she can, she makes a trip to downtown Chicago.</p> <p><b>Carol Anderson Kunze</b> and her husband, Jack, made a Door County trip, starting from CenterPoint Marina in Sturgeon</p>	<p>Bay—their first trip by boat, and their vacation. They spent two weeks in ports on Green Bay and then crossed back to Michigan to their home port of Macatawa Bay. They enjoyed the mix of exploring some new spots before heading to some familiar favorites. In May, Carol joined <b>Marilyn Freehill Jancewicz, Kathy Wessels Cook, Joanne Moore Kiewicz, Carol Niccolai, Jeanne Rogge Steele, Pat Stephens Mitchell</b> and Eleanor Seitter '69 for a trip to Paxton, Illinois where Marilyn grew up. They all enjoyed seeing all the Freehill landmarks and driving through Amish country.</p> <p><b>Kathy Gaspers Szeszol</b> is in her third year volunteering at the DuPage Art League, doing the art class schedules. She also taught a children's four day art camp. The children were focused and the parents loved the artwork produced. She tended to her garden and harvested zucchini, cucumbers, and tomatoes. She enjoys giving extras to her daughters and neighbors.</p>	<p><b>Ann Mueninghoff</b> as homilist, cocktails in the Rebecca Crown Library followed by dinner in the Social Hall, and then a Sunday farewell brunch—it was all grand and great!</p> <p>Along with many Illinois classmates, out-of-state classmates from California, New Mexico, Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Hawaii attended Reunion 2019—all in all sixty-one '69ers had fun enjoying the week-end events.</p> <p>AND... drum roll...Our <i>Golden Jubilee Class of '69 Endowed Scholarship</i> gift to Dominican: \$108,625!! Thank you to everyone who attended our 50th Reunion! Special thanks to the University Advancement Office, especially Melanie Dykstra; Margaret Ryzewski; Sararose LaGreca '17; and Brad Taylor for their guidance, expertise, patience and good humor in making sure our Jubilee Reunion was wonderful!</p> <p>On to some news. We have a few authors from our class. <b>Gail Donohue Storey</b> has penned two novels, <i>The Lord's Motel</i>, and <i>God's Country Club</i>, and a memoir titled <i>I Promise Not to Suffer</i>, about her Pacific Crest Trail trek with husband, Porter Storey, MD. <b>Peggy Garrity</b> authored <i>In the Game: The Highs and Lows of a Trailblazing Trial Lawyer</i>. <b>Kim Smyth Roufs</b> and her husband, Timothy G. Roufs, PhD, co-authored <i>Sweet Treats Around the World: An Encyclopedia of Food &amp; Culture</i>. Tim recently completed a project he has been working on for 53 years, a three-volume collection of Native American, Paul Buffalo's, teachings titled "<i>When Everybody Called Me Gah-bay-bi-nayss, 'Forever-Flying Bird'</i>". An <i>Ethnographic Biography of Paul Peter Buffalo</i>". Both the Smithsonian and the Library of Congress have requested copies of the collection.</p>
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Jeopardy! All-Star

**Colby Burnett MAEd '16** is one of Jeopardy's most recognizable faces, becoming the first contestant to win both the Teachers Tournament (2012) and the Tournament of Champions (2013). In March 2019, he captained a team in the show's first-ever All-Star Game. Colby's team finished in third, splitting \$100,000.

"I was surprised upon being chosen to captain a team and I relished the challenge of guiding a team to victory," Colby said. "I achieved the proper amount of fame that I wanted in life - I get recognized from time to time, but can still walk in and out of a grocery store or public transportation without much fuss."

Colby grew up in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago and credits his mother with keeping him out of trouble, as well as enhancing his intellect by buying him an encyclopedia, which he has read from cover to cover. After winning Jeopardy!, Colby bought his mom a new home in Chicago. He currently works as a College Counselor at ITW David Speer Academy in Chicago.

"I was liberated and realized that my voice has power."

Fanny Y. Lopez-Benitez '11



<p>A July lunch was enjoyed by <b>Carolyn Foskett Mahoney, Carolyn Carey Aiossa, Mary Lou Long Crawford</b> (with her 6-month-old granddaughter, Grace), <b>Eleanor Seitter</b> and me at the Rogers Park home of Carolyn Aiossa's daughter, Carey. Carolyn's daughter is a lawyer, and her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren live in Brussels. All present, save me and Grace, were teachers, all retired except Carolyn A. who still teaches part-time. Carolyn A. and <b>Michelin Paterno Lentino</b> enjoyed lunch the next day.</p> <p><b>Mary Iannucilli</b> retired on June 30 after 11 years as Principal of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin (CJB) Catholic School. CJB was nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon School twice while under her leadership (2008, 2018). After attending Rosary College, Mary joined the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters.</p> <p>Looking for updates and news of classmates? Our PRIVATE Facebook page continues—so far there are 50 or so members. You do need to have a Facebook account to see our page. We also still have the BLOG <a href="https://1969rosary.blogspot.com/">https://1969rosary.blogspot.com/</a>, but very few seem to access it. Other avenues: email the Alumnae/i Office, alumni@dom.edu or email <a href="mailto:sfmccoyd@aol.com">sfmccoyd@aol.com</a>. Fifty years and counting Class Agent open to anyone wishing help or take over.</p> <p>1971</p> <p><b>Kathy Klem Large</b> Class Agent</p> <p><b>Ellen Havlik Turney</b> wrote that “she is everything HR” at her medical association job. She and her husband have managed to travel, sailing on the Queen Mary from Hamburg to NY and will take a river trip in France Fall '19. Both of her children are in the Chicago area. Daughter Jennifer is a trauma surgeon studying causes of gun violence, and her son,</p>	<p>Andrew, is working in finance at Career Education Corp. She stays in touch with <b>Judy Gaglione Zitlow</b> and celebrated <b>Valerie Burren Danek's</b> 70th birthday. She hoped to see <b>Jean Zenk Tucker-Geisler</b> this past summer too.</p> <p><b>Vicki Woodward</b> celebrated her 70th birthday in D.C. Her son, Woody, and his family moved there while his sister, Morgan, is still with Google in San Francisco. Vicki and John took a cruise to Alaska with a side trip to Denali National Park. They attended the Providence College mini-reunion in Fribourg and took a river cruise from Basel to Amsterdam. Vicki is reveling in retirement, and hopes that John will “ratchet down soon and unplug.”</p> <p><b>Moir a Donahue Murray</b> retired from her job in bank compliance. She and her husband, also a “double Rosary graduate,” keep an eye on their two grandsons and manage to fit in lots of travel. She is beginning her tenure as Director of Finance on the local AAUW board.</p> <p>Congratulations to <b>Nancy Sidote Salyers</b> and her husband on their 40th wedding anniversary. She keeps busy knitting, reading, and is learning needlepoint. The five grandchildren keep her active as she makes the babysitting trek to Woodstock!</p> <p>Welcome to <b>Peg Rohr Duran's</b> new grandson, Adam Jose, born to her son and his wife. Both she and Jose are retired and keep busy trying new activities.</p> <p><b>Linda Fosnacht Siebolds</b>, is officially a member of the Class of '71 (2019). She left Rosary to get married and went back to get her BA in Legal Studies from Dominican. She wrote that “it was easier at 18 than at 70” and is a very proud college grad! She continues to work at Chronicle Media newspapers, and she and John travel to Mexico each year.</p> <p><b>Martha Yancey Hellar</b> wrote that she is trying to catch up on her</p>	<p>“project list.” Between the farm, family, and subbing, the calendar fills up. She and Don drove to Yellowstone with her sister, Susan, visiting three national parks. She and Sue took a trip to Paris and Normandy. On the agenda is a canal trip through France with the Yancey siblings and spouses. She hopes that Don will retire soon and enjoy more of the Wichita museums, theater and other activities.</p> <p><b>Mary Ann Campbell Swalling</b> had a Campbell reunion in the Katmai National Park. Lots of fishing and hiking. It was the most members of her family to be with her at the same time since she arrived in Alaska 47 years ago.</p> <p><b>Ruthmarie Hamburge Mitsch</b> had a nice get together with classmates <b>Mary Beth Kenny Murray, Judith Greene</b> and <b>Nanette Wright Maltz</b> in Kansas City. Nanette and Ruthmarie met again in Naples, FL and Nanette and Bill travelled to London to receive a tour from Judith and her husband, who live there. I have included a homage to Sr. Jean Murray '49 that Ruthmarie wrote. “Sister Jean played a large role for us during our Rosary years and long after, when she became president of the college. She was a mentor, especially to those who took classes in French literature and those who were part of the BA/MA program. The Fribourg attendees knew her well. We met her as Sr. Meredith in full habit. She encouraged me to get my graduate degree in medieval French literature. I am grateful to have communicated with her until her death. She and Sr. Philip Mary were guests in our home in Bonita Springs and I was deeply honored that she made time for a former student in her busy schedule. I have been blessed by mentors, and she holds a special place in my life, as she does for many of our classmates.” So poignant, Ruthmarie.</p> <p><b>Marilyn Otte Mahoney</b> retired at the end of 2018 after 38 years in family law/domestic violence. She continues to serve on the Board of Trustees in a social service non-profit called Waypoint and works with their advocacy group, Children's Lobby. She also gives her time to the Manchester YWCA by meeting with domestic violence survivors. She says, “Overall, life is good and I am in a much more relaxed frame of mind.”</p> <p><b>Linda Grzesiakowski Hanrath</b> has been cruising the rivers. She and her husband celebrated her birthday with a Danube river trip, sailing from Budapest to Prague, with stops in Bratislava and Vienna. Back in Chicago, they visited the Hamilton Exhibit. She is hoping to catch up with <b>Sue Mackiewicz Sowa</b> for lunch soon.</p> <p>Our recently retired teacher of 31 years, <b>Anne Vonderhaar</b>, is recuperating from carpal tunnel surgery on both hands. Once recuperated, she will be looking for part-time work, excluding Walmart greeter!</p> <p><b>Mary Anne Saal Chevalier</b> is retired. She regularly visits her 95-year-old mother in Peoria. She and her husband were in Raleigh, NC for a national woodturners conference, his major hobby. She volunteers with Minds in Motion, an activity/support group for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers. They are still involved with Dominican Associates with the Springfield Dominican sisters.</p> <p><b>Martha Kahler Van Ness, Jane Heinen Schlotman, Kathy Riley Ketterhagen, Cathy McGinn Kinsella, Martha Larkin</b> and <b>Colleen Colgan</b> vacationed in Santa Fe, NM. They toured the Georgia O'Keefe Museum, St. Francis Cathedral, Loretta Chapel, and San Miguel Mission. The most memorable tour was of La Fonda Hotel, and learning about the historic Harvey Girls. Their docent, Pat, taught health at Rosary in 1948. They had a wonderful time</p>	<p>reminiscing and making plans for our 50th reunion, but the impetus for the “mini-reunion” was to celebrate their 70th birthdays!</p> <p>Many, many thanks to all who responded to my pleas for news! On a personal note, I lost my Dad, Bill Klem, in mid-May to bone marrow cancer. He had a wonderful run of 94 ½ years! Keep those cards, letters and email changes coming!</p> <p>1973</p> <p><b>Lydia Colon Perera wrote:</b> “Greetings from Cusco, Peru, where I have been living for the past 20 years. Last year, I had a group from the Class of 1973 and we did a trip to Machu Picchu together. Here is a short video of our reunion: <a href="https://bit.ly/2XZd8f0">https://bit.ly/2XZd8f0</a>. I am part owner of Prisma Hotel near the main square and have a beautiful hacienda in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. It's an amazing place to visit.”</p> <p>1974</p> <p><b>Susan Schwarting</b> Class Agent</p> <p><b>Susan Schwarting's</b> proposal to pilot a meditation and mindfulness program for ChildServ's teen homes has been accepted. The program will be based on the Building Blocks program developed by Susan and her daughter, Sarah Schwarting '04, for their business The Center for Serenity.</p> <p>1975</p> <p><b>Mary Alice Griesinger</b> Class Agent</p> <p><b>Mary Greey Hickman</b> visited Chicago from her home in Shippensburg, PA. We met at <b>Marianne Daniels Hansel's</b> home. <b>Debbie Basile Fitzsimons, Sherri Burke, Kate Coulihan Ficke, Betty Dugan, Judy Hansel Keeley, Gera-Lind Kolarik</b> and I were in attendance. Mary has a new</p>	 <p><b>Award-Winning Educator</b></p> <p><b>Melissa Connelly MAT '08, MAEA '13</b> was promoted to CEO at Chicago-based OneGoal, a nationwide coalition of teachers, students, school leaders and education advocates working to close the college degree divide. Melissa took over May 24 for Dominican alumnus Jeff Nelson MAT '07, a co-founder of the organization and its only CEO to date. Jeff is serving as chairman of the board of directors.</p> <p>Melissa, an award-winning educator, joined OneGoal five years ago and for the past 2½ years has been chief program officer. During the 2018-2019 school year, OneGoal reached more than 13,000 students in over 200 high schools across six states.</p> <p>“I am a first-generation graduate who, in spite of starting high school in a truancy program, obtained three college degrees with a 4.0 GPA,” Melissa said. “I’m leveraging my experiences, empathy, and drive to make certain my accomplishments are not an anomaly, but the norm for underserved youth across the country. ”</p> <p>“Melissa is both a visionary with a gift for seeing what is possible for students and also a pragmatic operator with a track record of achieving results wherever she goes,” Jeff said. “Leading OneGoal over the past 12 years has been the greatest honor of my professional life, so I am deeply grateful to be able to pass the baton to her.”</p>	<p>granddaughter and still enjoys painting. She gave Marianne Daniels Hansel a painting for her living room of all types of birds since Marianne loves birds.</p> <p><b>Judy Hansel Keeley</b> and husband, John, daughter, Shannon '18, and son, Andrew, took a cruise along the coast of Norway. They traveled into the Arctic Circle and enjoyed fresh seafood. After the cruise, they flew to Stockholm where Judy's grandfather lived before he came to America.</p> <p><b>Marianne Daniels Hansel</b> and her husband went on Chicago Botanical Gardens' tour of private homes and gardens in Ireland. In the fall, they will cruise the Greek Islands.</p> <p><b>Debbie Basile Fitzsimmons</b> and her husband, Richard, celebrated their wedding anniversary and her retirement in Hawaii, where they honeymooned.</p> <p><b>Debbie Wielgot Schmalholz</b> has a granddaughter and most of her time is spent with “Princess Penny”.</p>	<p><b>Clari Lucchesi Claus</b> and her husband, Jonathan, have retired to Gettysburg, Virginia.</p> <p><b>Jillann Gabrielle</b> is living in Crystal Lake, Illinois, and performs one woman shows as famous actresses. In August, she performed as Hedda Hopper.</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Dugan</b> is still working on her genealogy—she is working her way through Ireland to find her Dugan relatives.</p>
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Historic Trustee Election

**Fanny Y. Lopez-Benitez '11**, Title V project manager and adjunct professor at Dominican University, was elected a trustee for the Village of Hanover Park. Fanny is the first formerly undocumented Mexican immigrant woman to serve as a trustee for the village and, at age 29, the youngest woman to be elected.

Fanny was part of the “Together for Hanover Park” slate with fellow Dominican graduate Roberto Sepulveda MBA '10. In its endorsement, the Daily Herald praised Fanny as a “public policy expert and community organizer who would bring a fresh perspective to the board.”

Fanny has always expressed pride in her immigrant experience and has been civically engaged since her childhood. “I crossed the border with my mother and sister to reunite with my father in Illinois at age 13,” Fanny said. “I started doing community organizing in 2008 as an undocumented youth in both Chicago and the Northwest suburbs because I was liberated and realized that my voice has power.”

**Alicia McNamara-Grott** went to Provence, France, to sample the food and smell the lavender.

I went to Spain in March—saw Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba and Seville. It was a small, tour group, which luckily, were all my age and walking ability (not much) since the streets in Spain are mostly cobblestones. The highlight of the trip was a three-hour tour of the Prado in Madrid. Also got addicted to sangria. I want to go back and see Barcelona on the next trip.

I look forward to seeing all of you at reunion in June 2020. If you have any news please email me at Mary-Griesinger@yahoo.com

**1977**

**Dominic Calabrese** won the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Publicity Club of Chicago for his professional accomplishments, which include rising to Senior Vice President in Public Relations at The Chicago Lighthouse and establishing a scholarship for students at his high school alma mater.

**1978**

**JP Mililli**, father of Ashley Mililli DiGiorgio '06, wrote: “I carry on with my second career and continue with my doctoral studies

along with being faculty at the Columbia International University School of Business. I will also teach a business course at Columbia College, a women’s liberal arts college. This is a bit of ironic déjà vu in that when I arrived at Rosary, it was still transitioning to co-ed. In some classes, I was the only man. Having been raised with brothers and having attended an all-male high school, I was quite awkward. Thankfully, the Dominican Sisters and the ladies at Rosary were very kind and some of my best memories are of my time there. One would think that after being married for forty years, having raised a daughter and having been the source of countless embarrassments to her, and now granddaughters, I would have a deeper insight into women. Truth be told, I feel as awkward as ever in a class of women once again. I can only hope that the faculty and ladies of Columbia College will be as kind as the Sisters and ladies of Rosary.”

**1979**

**Hilary Ward Schnadt** Class Agent

I am still basking in the memories of our 40th Class Reunion. **Helen Hollerich** summed up my feelings as well as her own when she wrote: “Now that I’m home from Reunion Weekend I’ve had time to reflect. Reunion Weekend was truly remarkable—the best one yet! A time of hugs and greetings, laughter and joy, apologies and forgiveness, revelation and acceptance, hope and renewal. So many stories and memories shared. A truly remarkable weekend! Thanks to those who were hesitant to come but took the risk, those who haven’t come in a long time but returned, and those who return every five years without fail. You all make this a special time! Whether I knew you well or not, you all enrich my life. I’m so proud to be a part of the Class of ‘79!”

I’m also glad that so many were willing to share of their treasure as well as themselves. Our class gift came in at \$62,125. This represents a participation rate of 14% and reflects a very generous gift of \$40,000 by **Revin Killips**, who gave the full amount of his proposed match, even though the rest of us were able to reach only a little more than half of that target. Don’t forget that this \$62,125 will get doubled by a donor to the Learning Commons. By the time of our next reunion, we’ll be seeing students served in a renovated space with our class commemorated via a plaque citing our contribution.

More news from reunion and beyond:

**Bridget & Joe Cortina** missed the reunion and sent regrets, “We moved from the two homes we owned into a brand new one near Naples, Florida. Then I was called early for a total right knee replacement and had a total left knee replacement on August 1st. We moved Joe’s 86-year-old mom from Illinois to our new home in Florida. Suffice to say we are swamped with things to do.” We’ll hope to see them at our next reunion and I’ll hope to stage a group photo of all the ‘79ers with new knees forming a kick line. From the conversations I heard, we could field quite a group of “RoCoettes”.

**Kathy Petrie Heskin** helped to coordinate the “Women & Water Coming Together Symposium” in August at Lac Courte Oreilles, WI. Classmates may remember the October 2018 talk that she gave at Dominican with a Native American Water Walker, with whom she is continuing to collaborate on issues of sustainability and Native American spirituality.

**Petra Horst** is updating the exterior of her Victorian home in Stoughton, WI. She intends to keep the same painted lady

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Melissa Connelly MAT '08, MAEA '13

“pumpkin” theme of orange and green. She also told me that her mother graduated with a library science degree at the same commencement ceremony in 1979 in which we graduated.

**Karen Allegra** (under the pseudonym Keziah Frost) published her second novel, *Getting Rid of Mabel*. Good going!

**Teresa Anderson Shultz** wrote: “I really enjoyed reconnecting with classmates at the reunion. It felt like everyone was sharing life experiences on a deeper level. The friends I made at Rosary are truly special! I’m still living in Chicago near Wrigley Field (Yes, I was raised a Cub fan) and teaching the State of Illinois Preschool for All program in an Archdiocesan school. Not ready to retire yet. My big news is a new granddaughter, Eleanor, who was born on Valentine’s Day and joins her big sister Lorelei, who is 3 years old. I love being a grandma, although I am the ‘far away’ grandma who travels to Georgia every chance I get. My son still lives in Chicago. I met up with my big sister, Carol Anderson Kunze ‘68, at the reunion. Thanks again to all the reunion committee members who worked so hard to make the reunion a success. To our classmates who could not make it this year, please keep in touch and come to the next reunion—we would love to see you!”

It was fun to see **Rev. Anne Campbell Williamson** at the reunion after not seeing her since our alumni trip to London in 1997. While she is currently ministering in New Hampshire, she recently returned to England to celebrate her son’s new graduate degree and his thirtieth birthday. She wrote, “I so enjoyed the reunion, reconnecting with old friends, sharing stories of RoCo and the last 40 years. I am grateful to **Mary Raleigh** for her hospitality on Friday evening, and for all the events on Saturday. One of the highlights was hearing **Mary Yu** tell her story, from growing up on the South Side of Chicago to serving on the Supreme Court of Washington State – awesome! I am grateful to have been able to join those who gathered, and I am still thinking of those who were absent. A great weekend—thank you.”

Let me echo her thanks to all who helped plan our reunion, including **Sue Junkroski, Robin Nystrom, Jim Twist, Hugh Toner, Helen Hollerich, Nancy Greco, Nan Silva, Mary Raleigh, Rick Wilk, Gus Simpson Archer, and Kathleen Williams**. **Mary Yu** shared an inspiring story. Robin built our own blog. Helen created some fabulous videos and Mary Raleigh again opened her home to us.

**Nan Silva** was very much missed at the reunion when an ill-timed flu bug kept her away. Nan is Program Director at Community

Memorial Foundation, where she has served for nearly 20 years. Before that, she was Program Director at Chicago Foundation for Women. Her son Gareth, a recent grad of Loyola University School of Business, is an aspiring hip-hop artist, producer, and radio host. Now that tuition payments are a thing of the past, Nan looks forward to adventurous travels.

**Hugh F. Toner III** is now a “triple alumnus” of Dominican University. He completed his MA in Conflict Resolution in spring of 2019 and had earned his MBA from DU in 1987. Still working as a criminal defense lawyer in Peoria, he hopes to put those sharpened skills to regular use. He is also pleased that his son will start law school this summer, 40 years after Hugh did.

Plans for our 40th reunion are starting. If you’re interested in helping or have suggestions, please get in touch with me. Your planning committee is open to just about anything!

**Nancy Greco** is having a busy summer & fall: “I began my role as understudy in Over the Tavern at Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN in July. I also began rehearsals as Mrs. Harcourt for Anything Goes, which runs September

through November at Metropolis in Arlington Heights. I will present a Reader’s Theatre version of a new play by fellow Rosary grad, Catherine Sweitzer ‘73, The Wedding Box. I directed this fashion show within a play for the Italian American Theatre of Chicago, which took place on September 8th. ”

Finally, I am sorry to report that research conducted by **Laura Graf Holden** and **Helen Hollerich** and subsequently confirmed by the Alumni Office, has uncovered that we lost another classmate last fall. **Vickie L. Reeves** passed away in Greenfield, IN on November 16, 2018. May she rest in peace.

Reach me at hwschnadt@ucenter.org or also now at hwschnadt@gmail.com.

**1980**

**Linda Rohde** Class Agent

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**1983**

**Judy Maurino Abraham** said “I am a 2 Term Trustee for the Village of Broadview. My daughter, Tea Rose, is a 2018 graduate of Fenwick HS, and is attending Illinois College and on the Women’s Basketball Team.”

**1985**

**Lori Fisk-Conners** Class Agent

**Lori Fisk-Conners** submitted, “Had an amazing time at the wedding for **Lori Sagan Christensen’s** son, David, and his lovely bride, Christina. Wonderful visiting with my fellow Rosary

Alumni, **Patty Rubino Williams, Lori Davies, and Lori Sagan Christensen.**”

**1989**

**Garett Auriemma** Class Agent

Hi, all! I’m so happy to be serving as our new Class Agent, and I look forward to sharing all of your news.

**Brenda Groeper MAT '01** and I were joined by **Laura Brown Schmuck MAT '07, Michelle Burns, Jeff Deyoung, Korin Heinz and John Quatto** as we celebrated our 30th Rosary College reunion. It’s hard to believe it’s been 30 years since we walked across the Cloister Walk for Candle and Rose. Brenda and I are celebrating our 25th anniversary. Brenda is now in her 21st year teaching Social Sciences in Berwyn, IL, while I am in my sixth year as Director of Communications and Development for the National Anti-Vivisection Society. Our son, Evan, is a junior at Fenwick High School, and our daughter, Rowan, is in eighth grade. I traveled with Evan and the other members of the Fenwick Band and Choir for a performance tour across Hungary, the Czech Republic and Austria. I had the honor of seeing these amazing instrumentalists and vocalists perform at the Danube Palace in Budapest, at the Hlahol Music Hall in Prague and, most impressively, at the Minoritenkirche, a nearly 700-year-old Gothic church in Vienna.

**Laura Brown Schmuck** is now in her 14th year of teaching high school French in Orland Park, IL. She notes that her husband, Ron, “will be retiring from the Chicago Police Department, so I need to figure out my next steps because I don’t want to work while he is retired.” Her son, Christian, is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and has begun training



on helicopters. Her daughter, Hannah, received her BA in Film from the University of Missouri. In her spare time, Laura takes part in competitive dance and fitness activities.

**Korin Heinz** teaches French at Fenwick High School. She lives in Elmhurst, has taken student groups to France and is active in ballet. She has two awesome stepdaughters, Zoe and Phoebe, in high school. Korin had the opportunity to go on a Dominican pilgrimage to southwestern France.

**Betsy Birmingham**, her husband, Kevin Brooks, and the youngest three of their five children relocated to Thunder Bay, Canada. Betsy is Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities at Lakehead University.

**Kimberly Long-Cullen** shares that she too has wonderful memories from her time at Rosary and that her daughter is now looking at it after she completes her senior year of high school. Kimberly recently joined the, multinational organization CultureIQ, Inc. as their General Counsel and Data Privacy Officer.

If you'd like to keep in touch, please be sure to join our "Rosary College Class of 1989" Facebook group. It's a closed group, but you can find the page and request to join!

**1992**  
**Melissa Mascari Santo Pietro**  
Class Agent

**Tammy Wronski** joined the 1000 book club this year!

**James Loftis** submitted, "Daughter Karly graduated from Desoto High School, and received her Associates degree from Cedar Valley Community College. Karly is now at Texas Southern University and wants to be a Veterinarian. My other daughter, Kelly, also

graduated from Desoto, and obtained her Beauticians license. She will be attending Prairie View A&M University and majoring in Business Marketing."

**JoAnn Mizgajska Cassell** wrote: "Just finished a goal of running a marathon in every state. 50 marathons in 50 states before I turn 50. Otherwise living the life as an entrepreneur, wife and mom to two wonderful ladies!"

**Jennifer Sutton Granvold** wrote: "A lot of milestones this year. 20th wedding anniversary. The twins graduated HS—and both head to Texas Tech in the fall. Can I just say, super proud parents? We enjoyed a Tour of Italia in June to celebrate. 26 years with Insight and I am still loving the IT world; especially the eCommerce work I currently do. And I am officially Over-The-Hill this year and looking forward to that AARP card!"

**Willis Lamont McGee MBA '94** was inducted into the Dominican University Athletics Hall of Fame. Willis ranks seventh on the men's basketball all-time scoring list (1,452 points). Throughout his career, McGee was a three-time all-conference selection and two-time NAIA All-Chicagoland honoree.

**1994**  
**Kelly McEnergy Donlevy** was inducted into the Dominican University Athletics Hall of Fame. Kelly was a member of the Rosary women's volleyball program from 1990-1993, earning All-America honorable mention honors and All-Region First Team honors as a senior in 1993.

**1996**  
**Jennifer Utterback Davis**  
Class Agent  
**Laura Machaba Abiodun's** father, Peter Kgabo Selepe, was honored

as an Other Heroine and Hero by the IWF South Africa as they celebrated the Silver Anniversary of Freedom from Apartheid. The organization stated, "We thank Laura for her continued contribution to this global legacy and linking us to our sister Forum. Laura, Ernst & Young former Shareholder/Owner & Senior Partner, Chairman & Owner of Bioss North America is a former leader in IWF South Africa and a current member of our Carolinas Forum and Board of Directors."

**James T. Struck** wrote: "I discovered two Islands in Lake Victoria, Africa. On some maps, north of an island Ukerewe Island there is an unnamed island. Also northeast of Bumbire Island on the west side of Lake Victoria there is an unnamed island too. These two new African islands might have names, but are not on the maps."

**1999**  
**Kara Green Hanak and Christy Miklautsch Gumbach**  
Class Agents

**Sr. Kimberly Prohaska** was appointed acting Administrator of St. Scholastica Monastery. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee of monastic profession in 2018 and currently serves as sub prioress and vocation director.

**2001**  
**Ali Hecimovich**  
Class Agent

Artist **Dan Zamudio**, his wife, Julie Sulzen, and their children have renovated the Wold Airbrush Factory in Logan Square to combine their home and work: the Sulzen Fine Art Studio and gallery. Their home has become both their living space and gallery displaying both their own work and the work of other artists.

**Ardella Anderson Wosneski** wrote, "I moved from San Antonio, Texas, to Phoenix, Arizona where there are Portillo's and Lou Malnati's! I completed an Executive Education Certificate in Managerial Leadership at the University of Texas. On April 27, 2019, I married my husband, Adam Wosneski. I was fortunate to have so many Dominican alumnae present including Bernadette "Deco" Stepnowski Freeman '79 (and my cousin!), **Chrissie Lukuch Antonoplos, Susanne Hufnagel, Bronwyn Clark McDaniel**, and **Heidi Beucher Shimko."**

**2002**  
**Maria Salerno Conforti and Debbie Stewart Carollo**  
Class Agents

**Christopher Albrecht** married Mary Kate Mulkerrin at St. Michael in the Old Town neighborhood of Chicago. Chris works as an IT Project Manager for UBS. Mary Kate is a Marketing Analyst for Annalect.

**2003**  
**Mary Sobczak Minster and Yvette Vazquez Pratt**  
Class Agents

**Amanda Bohne** successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "Managing Death: Women's Networks of Private and Civic Responsibility in Medieval England," in the English Department at the University of Notre Dame.

**2005**  
**Tory Kathrein Theodossopoulos and Katrina Prorok Arthur**  
Class Agents

**Tory Theodossopoulos** had her third baby boy on June 30, 2019.

**Katrina Prorok Arthur** is carrying on her family's legacy as Operations Manager for their Tavern

which recently celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2018. She currently resides in Palatine with her husband, Jon.

Please contact Katrina at katrina.arthur77@gmail.com to be included in future class updates.

**2006**  
**Annie Hughes Halsema and Diane Schultz Meske**  
Class Agents

**Christine Gloriosa Nogal** and her husband welcomed their third baby, Brooke Patricia. Big brother and sister are very excited about the new addition! Christine is the Director of Marketing at the Arthroscopy Association of North America and the Chair of the CAE Committee at the Association Forum.

**2007**  
**Stephanie Lieberman, Mark Carbonara, and Stephanie Adams Taylor**  
Class Agents

Librarian **Michael Jay Dubensky** performed four piano recitals at the Blackstone and Sulzer regional branches of Chicago Public Library during the 2018/19 year.

**Cristina Crispino Bertolli** appeared on the TLC reality television show "sMothered." The show focuses on close mother and daughter relationships. Cristina is a stay-at-home mom and teaches dance lessons at the Turning Point in Elmwood Park.

**2008**  
**Catherine Calixto and Eileen Terrien**  
Class Agents

**Emily Marxer** and Joe Piatkiewicz '10 welcomed Eloise Rose Piatkiewicz on January 3, 2019! Their hearts are hers.



**Big Ambitions from GOLD Award Winner**

**Jeanette Chavarria-Torres '15** started her construction-hauling company five years ago at the age of 22—when she was still a senior at Dominican. She was inspired by her father, a Mexican immigrant who lost his trucking business during the Great Recession. With her father's experience in mind, Jeanette was determined to build a business of her own. "That's when my dream started," she says. "When my dad's business was taken away, it became my dream." Jeanette is the President and CEO of DCH Construction & Hauling, which has grown from \$50,000 in revenue to over \$1.3 million. She was recently presented with the GOLD Award from Dominican University and was on campus to accept the honor. The GOLD Award recognizes an outstanding Graduate of the Last Decade who has shown leadership in a career or occupation. Jeanette has big ambitions for the future. "In five years, I want DCH to be one of the major women-owned trucking businesses in the Chicago area."

**Angela Frys Murphey** and Brian Murphey were married on May 25, 2019, in Rosemont, IL.

Brandon Robinson and **Crystal Williams Robinson** tied the knot in St. Louis, MO. Friends **Laura Munoz, Lissa Ortega, Angela Solis-Sullivan**, and **Rich Sullivan** attended the nuptials. Brandon and Crystal happily call Chicago their home.

College sweethearts **Angela Solis-Sullivan** and **Rich Sullivan** became parents to a beautiful baby

boy, Francisco Richard Sullivan aka "Frankie." Frankie was born on January 19, and weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz., 20 inches.

**Mary Hansen Pakosta** is the head coach for the girls' varsity volleyball team at Riverside-Brookfield High School. After playing Division III college volleyball at Dominican, Mary embarked on her professional career as a teacher and coach. She teaches social studies at Freedom Middle School in Berwyn.

**2009**  
**Lindsay Buoniconti and Shannon Sromek Hickey**  
Class Agents

**Michelle Behnke Chambers** stated, "In 2018, I set up my own business called The Best You. I mentor children and adults to get rid of negative thoughts and self-limiting beliefs, and put positive affirmations and self-love mantras in their place. I helped co-author a book sharing my story, and it is a #1 best seller on Amazon. Dominican has given me so much and I'm glad I can give back to others!"

**2010**  
**Ann Hussey Bala and Michelle Schultz**  
Class Agents

**Megan Vaccaro** was inducted into the Dominican University Athletics Hall of Fame. Megan is only individual cross-country champion in school history (2008). Following her graduation in 2010, Vaccaro returned to the program as an assistant coach before becoming head coach in 2015.

**2011**  
**Jaron Salazar and Fanny Y. Lopez-Benitez**  
Class Agents

**Michael Kapusta** was inducted into the Dominican University Athletics Hall of Fame. Michael was a member of the men's soccer program from 2007-2010, helping Dominican make a run to the national semifinal match in 2009. Michael was named NACC Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year.



2012

**Ali Messina**  
Class Agent

**Matthew McCabe** was chosen a Neubauer Civic Scholar for the University of Chicago’s Booth MBA program. Six leaders from the nonprofit sector are selected each year for a full-tuition scholarship to the weekend MBA program. “I’ll continue in my role as Chief of Staff for Noble Schools in Chicago where I lead strategy and policy work for our 18 public high schools serving 12,000 students. I was a teacher at Noble and in Chicago Public Schools while I earned my MAT degree.”



Celebrating a ‘Distinguished Teacher’

In early July, **Jeremy Robinson MAT ’09** was recognized as a Distinguished Teacher—a newly-created program by The Noble Network of Charter Schools in Chicago. A Rhodes Scholar, Jeremy is an English teacher at Noble’s Rauner College Prep. After graduating from Dominican, Jeremy spent two years with Teach For America before eventually beginning his career at Rauner College Prep. The Distinguished Teacher program provides an industry-changing approach to celebrating and rewarding teachers who are achieving an exceptional impact with students. “Being named a Distinguished Teacher has immediately become one of the highlights of my 13-year career in education,” Jeremy said. “In a world that frequently forgets to value the educators that strive, often selflessly, to raise and nurture its children, my status as a Distinguished Teacher unambiguously convinces me that I matter. It shows me, in a very concrete way, that the exceptional work I strive to accomplish with my students is not merely noticed but honored.”

2013

**Karla Bayas, Marco Rodriguez, and Molly Brauer**  
Class Agents

**Molly Brauer** is the Assistant Director for Administration in the University Memorial Center at CU Boulder. **Emily Mahoney** was inducted into the Dominican University Athletics Hall of Fame. Emily put together one of the most dominant single seasons in Dominican’s history, posting a 21-8 mark as a pitcher on the softball diamond in 2013. Over the course of four seasons, Emily amassed 533 career strikeouts, 60 more than any other pitcher in program history.

2017

**Matthias Witteman, Charlie Spry, Anna Derkacz, and Alyssa Domico**  
Class Agents

**Lisa Badger** states, “I ran a successful political campaign recently, and was elected to the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees. This is concurrent with my professional position on the staff of Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, amongst other civic duties I hold. I’m a proud DU alum.”

2018

**Kaitlyn Ashner**  
Class Agent

**Annika Strolle** competed at the Miss Illinois 2019 Scholarship Competition. She was a finalist for the Quality of Life Scholarship, given to the candidate who exemplifies volunteerism. Annika was honored to be the third runner-up to Miss Illinois. Through the Miss America Organization, Annika promotes her personal platform “Take the L.E.A.P. Making Moves towards Making Music,” shares her love of Scottish dancing, and travels the state promoting creativity and positivity.

2019

**Crystal Medrano and Gianna Rosa**  
Class Agents

**Armani Brockman** participated in the Borderlands Alternative Break Immersion in 2019. She traveled to Tijuana, Mexico to build homes and learn about communities near the border.

**Graduate Alumnae/i**  
**Class News**

School of  
Information Studies

After 22 years in the position, **Susan Swords Steffen MALS ’76** retired as the Director of the

A.C. Buehler Library at Elmhurst College. She began her career at Saint Xavier University and Northwestern University before arriving at Elmhurst in 1997.

**Colleen Waltman MLIS ’95** is the new Executive Director of the Homewood Public Library. Previously she was the director of Blue Island Public Library.

**Claire Dougherty Stewart MLIS ’99** is the Dean of libraries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She was previously the Associate University Librarian for Research and Learning at the University of Minnesota.

**Susan Frankino Reynders MLIS ’03** is the Executive Director at the Mount Prospect Public Library. Previously, she served as Executive Director at the Lincolnwood Public Library for seven years.

**Lauren Moser Rosenthal MLIS ’08** was named Director of the Fox River Valley Public Library District. She joined the Fox River Valley Public Library District staff in 2014.

**Brie Montoya Martin MLIS ’16** and her husband Dylan purchased the Southern Oregon Spartans, a junior ice hockey team that plays in the Western States Hockey League (WSHL). She serves as the team’s President and game day Events Manager.

School of  
Education

**Karen Rubel MAEA ’95** was named President and CEO of Nathan Adelson Hospice, the largest and only non-profit hospice in Southern Nevada. She has been with the organization for over 12 years, and previously served as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Development.

- 1. Angela Solis-Sullivan '08 and Rich Sullivan '08 became parents to Francisco Richard Sullivan “Frankie” on January 19, 2019.
- 2. Ardella Anderson Wosneski '01 married Adam Wosneski on April 29, 2019. Several Dominican alumnae attended.
- 3. Crystal Williams Robinson '08 married Brandon Robinson in St. Louis, MO.
- 4. Dominic Calabrese '77 won the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Publicity Club of Chicago.
- 5. JoAnn Mizgajska Cassell '92 achieved her goal of running 50 marathons in 50 states before turning 50.
- 6. Marilynn Macku Halasz '59 checked an item off her bucket list by going to the top of the Willis Tower and standing on the ledge!
- 7. Dominican hosted the inaugural GOLD Reunion on August 16, 2019. Many alumnae/i from the classes of 2009-2019 reconnected for cocktails on campus.

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Alumnae/i

Isabelle Naughten O'Hearn '37  
Barbara Humes Cook '43  
Virginia Roman Thomas '43  
Marie Lennertz Ehksam '45  
Virginia Garrahan Kelleher '46  
Edwina McDonald '46  
Elizabeth Wager Foreman '47  
Rosemary Patterson Johansson '48  
Mary Alyce Greenan Ferstel '49  
Sr. Jean C. Murray, OP '49 (FS) +  
Yvonne Loubiere Biagiarelli '50  
Jean Holmberg Brokamp '50  
Donna Sheehan Feeley '50  
Jean Dougherty Quigley '50  
Kathleen Ann Ostrander Jakel  
MALIS '51  
Barbara Kelly '51 (MHS)  
Joan Marie Moynagh MFA '51  
Kathleen Auer Powers '51  
Constance Barbantini '52 (MHS)  
Diana Alfini Gust '52  
Loretta Hosty Morency '52 (MHS)  
Colette Malecki Wheeler '52  
Miriam Gruber Inskeep '53  
Gloria Ruffin Walsh '53  
Alice Carney Joyce '54  
Jeanne O'Connor '55  
Rita Cleary Smith '57 (MHS)  
Dorothy Davis Grant '58  
Kathleen McKeown '58  
Barbara Simon Winfree '58 (MHS)  
Sr. Vanna Rauth, OP '59  
Annette DiGrazia Allison '60  
Mary Ann Kelly McCabe '60  
Rosalind Cigan '61  
Sr. Mary Kay Connell, OP '61  
Sr. Patricia Miller, OP '62  
Jill Ongemach Cass '63, MALIS '64  
(MHS)  
Dorie Farrell Ivey '64  
Veronica Gull Jachim '64  
Eileen Hirschenberger George '65  
Rita Casey Travers '65  
Susan Surette Bergheger '68  
Margaret Kloempken Chandler '69  
Inez Ringland '71, MALIS '72  
Mary Pat Andrea '72

Mary Rathbun '76  
Patricia Farmer Leahy '77  
Elizabeth Michaud Beheshti MFA '78  
Regina Gustafson McCord MALIS '78  
Virginia Serio Lombardi '79  
Vickie Reeves '79  
Patricia Hanlon MALIS '81  
Sr. Mary Leahy, SP MBA '81  
Ronald Stoner MALIS '84  
Gregory Miller MALIS '90  
Sr. Patricia Dolan, OP, MALIS '91  
Irene Konwerski Ruffner '92,  
MBA '94  
Jill Saraceno Franklin MSPED '01  
Judith Ball '02  
Jacqueline Lundquist Henry MLIS '07  
Kim Crook Kelly MSPED '14

Current Student  
Steven Follenweider

Family member of

Margaret Abu-Taleb ^  
Mary Lou Alfini '57  
Peter Alonzi \*  
Anthony Barbato ^  
Pier Borra ^ +  
Renee Durand Borra '64  
Judith Zurek Cisco '76  
Mary Jo Grill '96  
Francine Harvalis MSPED '00  
Helga Wenzel Humes '94  
Elizabeth King Jurkowski '04  
Emma Mims '07 \*  
Paula Morency ^  
David Murray MBA '84  
Sheila Murray ^  
Claire Noonan \*  
Heather Cassin Opolony '05  
Mary Feeley Ostrem '48  
Constance Harvalis Pawlowski '71,  
MSPED '91  
Barbara Tucker Philipps '65  
Kathleen Redmond \*  
Delmor Thurman '80  
Laura Powers Thurman '81  
Margaret Tucker MFA '75

Grandparent of  
Dorothy Mims '18

Parent of

Daniel Anderson \*  
Tracy Caldwell \*  
John Jenks \*  
Bronwyn Jurkowski '08  
Conan Jurkowski '06  
Odin Jurkowski MLIS '94  
Orion Jurkowski MLIS '97  
Kevin Morency ^  
Richard Morency ^  
Adrien Robinson '79  
Judy Purvin Scully '66 +  
Andrew Smith ^  
Debra Stachon '98, MSED '01 \*  
Angela Lombardi Stranges '84  
Crystal Smith Vasquez MBA '93 +  
Geraldyn Walsh '84, MBA '90

Sibling of

Maureen Kelly Bransfield '58 +  
Marion Casey '52  
Anthony Cuccia ^  
Elizabeth Gearen Fischer ^  
Margaret Leahy Frederick '67  
John Gearen Jr. ^  
Paul Gearen +  
Loretta Brodnicki Kalina '48  
Steven Saraceno MBA '90  
Helen Hosty Stout '61  
Fr. Richard Woods, OP \*

Spouse of

Joan Lauerman Alfredson '56  
Dawn Heller MALIS '66  
Myra Jachman Hoecker '62  
Marsha Holden MALIS '93  
Merry Heineck Kipp '73  
Julie-Anne Post Kress '55  
Eileen Loechel '78  
Andrew McKenna ^  
Mary Feeley Ostrem '48  
Joan Zurek Phelan '56  
Sharon Evans Pikul '78  
Karrie Sim MLIS '19 \*  
Helen Hosty Stout '61

University Friends

Marilynn Alsdorf  
Sr. Marise Barry, OP  
Paul Faherty  
Sr. Jeremiah Farrell, OP  
Georgie Anne Geyer (MHS)  
Deborah Masters  
Fr. James Michaletz, CSV  
Colette O'Malley Pollock +  
Harrison Steans  
George Stewart Jr.

- + Former Trustee
- (T) Current Trustee
- \* Staff/Faculty member
- \*\* Student
- ^ Friend
- (FS) Founding Sister
- (MHS) Mazzuchelli Heritage Society
- (NGA) Non-graduating Alumna

Alumnae/i  
2019  
Weekend

June 7-9, 2019 brought back nearly 250 alumnae/i to our beautiful Dominican campus for Alumnae/i Weekend. Highlights included:

An informative university update from President Donna Carroll, where she announced the successful completion of the \$76 million *Powerful Promise* campaign.

An endowment to date of a record-breaking \$108,625 scholarship by the Class of 1969.

A historic \$61,125 40th Reunion gift to the Learning Commons, raised by the Class of 1979, in response to a challenge from classmate and former chairman of the Dominican Board of Trustees, Kevin Killips. Their combined giving will be matched by an anonymous *Powerful Promise* Campaign donor.

An inspiring presentation by the Honorable Mary Yu '79 on her path from first-generation Rosary graduate to Washington State Supreme Court Justice. She was joined by Dr. Barrington Price, Vice President for Student Success and Engagement, who discussed how his division is ensuring that students are prepared for life beyond graduation.

The honoring of two distinguished alumnae with the presentation of the *Caritas Veritas Award* to Eileen Willenborg '69 and the *O'Keefe Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award* to Susan Kreuz McCoyd '69.







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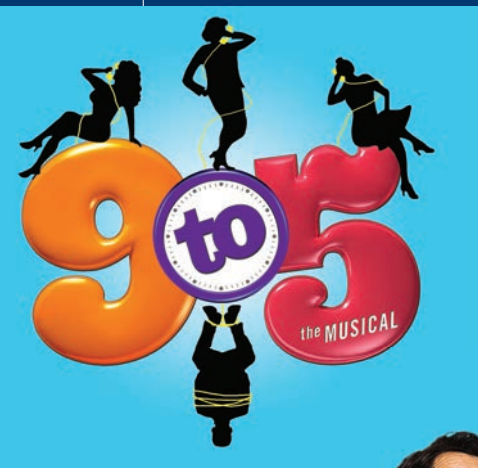
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As a Sinsinawa Dominican-sponsored institution, Dominican University prepares students to pursue truth, to give compassionate service and to participate in the creation of a more just and humane world.

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# events

For a full schedule, visit  
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#### **Sr. Helen Prejean**

**Mazzuchelli Lecture**  
November 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

#### **9 to 5 the Musical**

November 15-17, 2019  
Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

#### **President's Holiday Concert**

**Rockapella**  
December 6, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

#### **Steep Canyon Rangers**

January 11, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

#### **Michael Eric Dyson, PhD**

**What Truth Sounds Like**  
February 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

#### **We Shall Overcome**

**Featuring Damien Sneed**  
February 15, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

*Michael Eric Dyson, PhD*



#### **40th Anniversary Trustee Concert & Gala**

**Audra McDonald**  
March 14, 2020, 5 p.m.

#### **Donald Goergen, OP, PhD**

**Kennedy Lecture and Dinner**  
March 25, 2020, 5:00 p.m.



Rockapella