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Dominican University was founded by pioneers who weren't afraid to blaze their own trail. The university's Go First campaign acknowledges the visionary spirit of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. It speaks to our support of social mobility and to the tenacity of our first-generation students. And it celebrates our alumnae/i breaking barriers in their fields. Watch our brand anthem at dom.edu/go-first.



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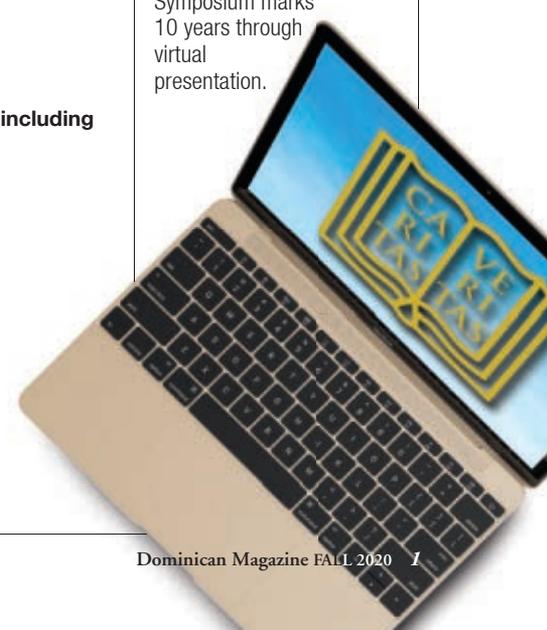
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Change—Driven by Mission

I confess—I was an English major in college, and I am a counseling psychologist by discipline—so when I am searching for personal or institutional understanding, I often turn to poetry—like this verse from Emily Dickinson on solitude. After months of “polar privacy,” we are all a bit self-reflective and “soul” weary.

This magazine carries that tone, in part. Our discernment has been deep in preparation for the reopening of campus this fall. The process caused us to double down on mission, to ensure that all students have the support and resources they need to continue their studies. Mission also challenges us to pursue more rigorously our commitment to racial healing and transformation. Sadly, COVID-19 and a violent summer laid bare the many injustices in our communities, but we can use the moment to drive change—as modeled by the equity-minded faculty and alums featured in this magazine.

Of course, Dominican is not new to challenge or change—quite the contrary. Our history is punctuated by bold decisions and a willingness to lean into new opportunities. One dramatic example is the decision to admit men in 1970. As we recognize this 50th anniversary, we also document other significant decisions that have shaped the scope and character of Dominican today. This romp through Dominican history is aptly titled “Forward Fearlessly.”

Dickinson is writing of an equally fearless, but totally different romp, of course, when she refers to “profounder site.” That capacity to discern is the enduring gift of a liberal arts education—interior heft, so to speak. Dominican faculty members seek to inspire this self-reflection in their students, through experiences like the new freshman Critical Reading, Writing, and Speaking seminars, also highlighted in this magazine. I associate Dickinson’s description of “a soul admitted to itself” with our Dominican search for truth, which is the foundation of all that we teach.

As I write this letter, early in the fall semester, the truth is that I am not exactly sure what the future will bring. We are prepared to pivot more significantly online, if health or circumstance require it; but we hope that good strategy and vigilant oversight allow us to continue to provide students with a modified campus experience. No matter, our posture is fearlessly forward—anchored by mission, guided by our still new strategic plan, and reaching toward the centennial of our River Forest campus in 2022-2023.

Is it a coincidence that Emily Dickinson was writing her always-stirring poetry at about the same time that Emily Power, OP, was putting in place the intellectual footings that eventually supported Rosary College? We stand on the shoulders of pioneering women educators.

Stay healthy. Enjoy.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Carroll, *President*

There Is a Solitude of Space

There is a solitude of space

A solitude of sea

A solitude of death, but these

Society shall be

Compared with that profounder site

That polar privacy

A soul admitted to itself—

Finite infinity.

EMILY DICKINSON (1855)



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DOMINICAN RANKED **#10** IN THE MIDWEST

#1
“TOP PERFORMER IN SOCIAL MOBILITY”

#1
“BEST VALUE SCHOOL”
IN THE CHICAGO AREA

#11
“BEST UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING-MIDWEST”

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MASTER’S LEVEL UNIVERSITIES IN ILLINOIS

WASHINGTON MONTHLY

THIS IS A BANNER YEAR for Dominican! For the first time in its history, the university is ranked in the top 10 of Midwest regional universities by the prestigious 2021 *U.S. News & World Report* college survey. The university was named as the #1 “Top Performer in Social Mobility” in Illinois, as well as the #1 “Best Value School” in the Chicago area. Dominican also ranked #11 in the Midwest in the “Best Undergraduate Teaching” category.

The “Top Performers on Social Mobility” category measures how well schools graduate

students who receive federal Pell Grants compared to the graduation rate of students who do not receive Pell grants. Dominican prioritizes closing the equity gap in its student body.

Dominican is one of only two universities in the country ranked in the top 10 in their respective regions that also is ranked in the top 10 for social mobility. *U.S. News & World Report* divides more than 600 universities into four geographic regions.

“This is a stunning moment of recognition for Dominican University. To be ranked among the top 10 in the Midwest is a game

changer, academically. To rank as a top performer on social mobility is a tribute to our core social justice mission and commitment to inclusive excellence,” said President Donna Carroll.

In addition to its recognition by *U.S. News & World Report*, Dominican is ranked as #3 among Illinois master’s level universities by *Washington Monthly*, as well as #20 of 372 total schools in the magazine’s “Best Bang for the Buck: Midwest” category. Dominican also is included in *Princeton Review’s* 2021 Best Colleges: Midwest, and *Money Magazine’s* Best Colleges.



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lauded in new national
book**

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Symposium celebrates
10th anniversary—
virtually**

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program pivots due
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Dominican Caritas in Action

In mid-March, as the COVID-19 pandemic was impacting our surrounding communities, Dominican put out a call to several campus departments in an attempt to gather personal protective equipment (PPE) for local medical facilities. In a matter of days, the university collected more than 50,000 gloves and 3,000 masks from programs in the Borra College of Health Sciences and the chemistry, biology, art and theater departments and donated them to Mount Sinai Hospital, Alivio Medical Center, Loyola University Medical Center and the River Forest Police Department.

In addition, several faculty and alumni rallied to help those working on the frontlines of the pandemic. **Don Hamerly**, associate professor, School of Information Studies, joined a network of local residents, tagged the “Noble Army,” using 3-D printers to create thousands of face shields for medical workers, first responders, police and fire departments, and nursing homes.



Don Hamerly

Derrick Hilton, lecturer in biological sciences, donated produce from the university’s greenhouse to a food distribution center at a northwest suburban school.

Through a contact in Singapore, **Yiping Chen MBA '08**, arranged to have 1,000 surgical masks delivered to his *alma mater* Dominican. **Kalid Loul MBA '15**, distributed more than 275,000 masks to essential workers on the East Coast through GlobalGeek, the company he founded, and donated 2,000 masks to Dominican. Loul credited **Elizabeth Collier**, professor of ethics, Brennan School of Business, and her corporate responsibility class, as an inspiration for his generosity.

Other alumnae/i also helped residents in their own communities. **Ahriel La'Shawn Fuller '17** organized a pop-up resource pantry on Chicago’s far south side and **Berto Aguayo '16**, founder of the Increase the Peace organization, coordinated a free food pantry in his Back of the Yards neighborhood.

DIVERSITY LEADER BYRDSONG-WRIGHT RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS

Robbi Byrdsong-Wright retired this summer after 30 years leading and promoting the university’s diversity initiatives. As director of multicultural affairs, she designed the Transitions program and laid the foundation for the annual Sister Mary Clemente Davlin Diversity Award. She also served as assistant dean for academic success services, where she designed a template to address academic alerts. Byrdsong-Wright mentored organizations for Latin American and Saudi students and organized the Hispanic and African American heritage receptions. She also launched “The Village,” a program offering students a broad range of assistance aimed at helping them persist and graduate on time. She leaves an indelible legacy at Dominican and we wish her well in her next chapter.





2020 DOROTHY REINER MULROY AWARD WINNER

DU STAR FOCUSES ON SERVING A GREATER PURPOSE

Though **Timiya Ray**'s official Commencement address to classmates, families and friends was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Dorothy Reiner Mulroy Award winner has an important message to share with the Dominican community and beyond. "I want to share with everyone to 'find your purpose in life.'

I knew as an adolescent that I had a purpose beyond myself, and these past four years at Dominican, I have found that my purpose is to help others." she says.

Recruited to play for the women's basketball team, the Hammond, Indiana, star chose Dominican because it was where she felt most welcomed and comfortable. As a student-athlete, Ray excelled on the court throughout her career, earning recognition as the 2020 Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference Woman of the Year, and named team captain and three-time team MVP. Off the court, she is celebrated campuswide for her engagement and leadership activities. Ray was a resident assistant for two years, served on the university's Diversity Council and Black Student Union, was a mentor coach for "The Village," Dominican's leadership development program and active in planning mental health wellness events with the campus Wellness Center.

These accomplishments and her cumulative 3.77 GPA solidified her selection as the recipient of the Mulroy Award, the university's highest student honor.

Yet, it was amidst the awards, accolades and accomplishments that Ray's passion for activism and her purpose of helping others was ignited. As a project for a video production course, and with the support and guidance of Chief Diversity Officer Sheila Radford-Hill, Ray produced a documentary entitled "I Am A Survivor" addressing the experiences, challenges and lingering effects of sexual assault and molestation. Compelled by experiences in her own family and from many brave students who came forward to share their stories, she embarked on what she now sees as a lifelong commitment.

"I was a witness to horrible experiences and I decided this is how I can make a difference and propel action in a new directions,"

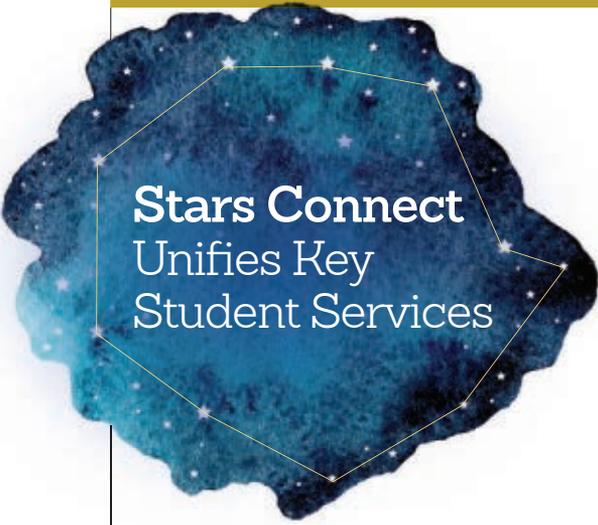
she says. Her plan is to create an online resource to promote healing and justice for survivors, and to advocate, educate and promote justice system reform related to sexual assault prosecution.

Fulfilling her desire to "live in the present," Ray just launched her first music EP entitled "Eventually" featuring her own original songs. It is the culmination of a project she started last year when she received a Dominican Excellence in Experiential Learning (ExcEL) Scholar Award. Plus, the newly minted graduate is continuing her athletic training with the hope of playing basketball internationally when the pandemic subsides. In addition, she is putting her degree in graphic design to work on a range of creative projects for a number of clients.

Though her student days are just barely behind her, Ray treasures the many relationships with staff, faculty, and friends she built at Dominican. "I am so grateful for Paul Simpson (director of civic learning), Sara Furette-Koski (athletic trainer) and my coaches who saw me as an individual and were mentors to me. These relationships are so important and meaningful."



"...THESE PAST FOUR YEARS AT DOMINICAN, I HAVE FOUND THAT MY PURPOSE IS TO HELP OTHERS."



Stars Connect Unifies Key Student Services

Dominican students now have a one-stop shop for all of their front-line business services, due to a new initiative from the university.

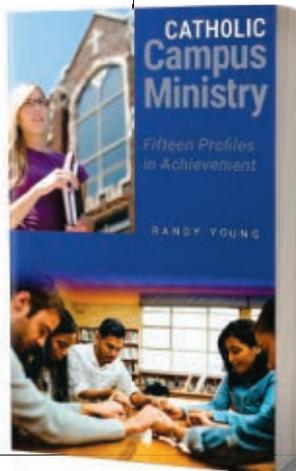
Stars Connect, a new student enrollment services structure, centralizes and consolidates essential functions for financial aid, students accounts and registration and records. The holistic initiative simplifies and streamlines the experience of addressing needs for students, families and staff.

Victoria Spivak, assistant vice president for student enrollment services, said that centralizing these services removes barriers students and families may have previously faced, while simultaneously providing a more seamless experience for all involved.

“Students only have to know one place to go now,” Spivak said. “They can bring their questions here, get them resolved and move on with their day and focus on their classes. That’s the logic behind Stars Connect.”

Students can visit the Stars Connect office in Lewis 115 or address their needs remotely via email, phone or a live-chat function available at dom.edu/stars-connect. With an increased focus on health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stars Connect team is also working to phase out paper processes that previously required in-person office visits.

Additional information about Stars Connect, and the services it provides, can be found at dom.edu/stars-connect/services.



Grant Addresses Social Inequities

The coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated systemic inequities in society that have disproportionately impacted economically vulnerable individuals and communities of color. Through a significant grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Dominican is making an effort to target inequities in mental healthcare in Illinois. The \$649,990 Horizons Project grant will enhance the School of Social Work’s efforts to recruit, retain and train MSW students interested in working with medically underserved communities in Chicago’s west side as well as in Lake, Will and McHenry counties. Scholarships up to \$40,000 per academic year will be provided to 25 economically disadvantaged and underrepresented MSW students committed to working for a minimum of two years in primary care settings in these communities.

The grant can be renewed for up to five years, representing a total of almost \$3,250,000 in funding for MSW students. This is the School of Social Work’s second HRSA grant. The school also received a four-year grant in 2016, which provided a total of \$2.7 million in scholarship funds for MSW students.

“The Horizon grant offers our students an excellent opportunity to invest in their future as social workers in marginalized communities and contributes to the overall representation of culturally sensitive professionals of color in primary care settings,” said Suhad Tabahi, project manager and assistant professor in the School of Social Work.

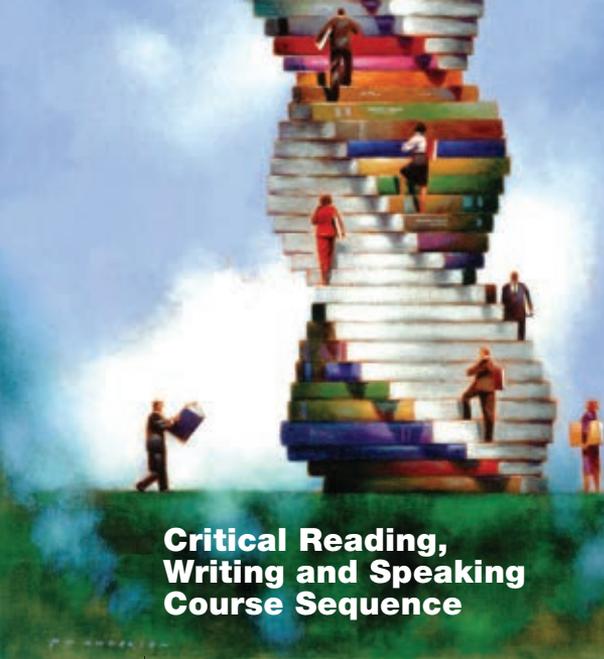
Campus Ministry Serves as Role Model

Dominican University is featured as one of several exemplary collegiate and university ministries in a new book, “Catholic Campus Ministry: Fifteen Profiles in Achievement.” The book celebrates the success of programs at universities including Johns Hopkins University, Xavier University of Loyola and Boston College, as well as Dominican.

As a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), Dominican has developed a national reputation for fostering the spiritual growth and leadership formation of Latinx students in culturally responsive ways. The book highlights Dominican’s *Ministry en lo Cotidiano* (ministry in the everyday), a program that combines theological reflection and paid service opportunities with immigration support services, labor-organizing nonprofits, legal aid groups, and youth ministries. Similarly, the Beloved Community program offers immersive service opportunities for students in African American communities.

Also highlighted is Vocation Across the Academy, a program which embeds university ministers in liberal arts seminars where they work with faculty to incorporate restorative justice circles into students’ learning experiences.

“All of these practices point to the reality that Church is not confined to a building, but is everywhere, which is why partnerships are such an integral part of our ministry. We are grateful that the Catholic Campus Ministry Association and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recognized Dominican for building momentum, engagement and enthusiasm for faith and justice in the lives of our students,” said John DeCostanza, director of University Ministry.



Critical Reading, Writing and Speaking Course Sequence

After extensive research, Dominican launched this fall a new, two-semester Critical Reading, Writing and Speaking (CRWS) course sequence for first-year students, replacing the former English 100, English 101 and 102 sequence. The CRWS concept is based on national research indicating that theme-based, multi disciplinary courses serve as a better foundation for students' grasp of the skills they need to succeed as critical thinkers in their majors and fields of expertise. While new, the courses reflect the university's traditional emphasis on the importance of the liberal arts in shaping well-rounded graduates, regardless of their chosen major.

CRWS 101 and CRWS 102 merge the development of students' skills around a theme chosen by instructors across diverse academic fields and colleges, while introducing and advancing undergraduate learning goals and outcomes for reading, written and oral communication, critical thinking, collaboration, information literacy and intercultural competence. Students are encouraged to stay with the same cohort from the fall to the spring semester.

Each section of CRWS has two, embedded writing fellows assigned to support students through in-class activities and one-on-one tutoring, if needed.

"Working collaboratively with colleagues across different fields to innovate, while maintaining Dominican's mission to serve our students, is at the core of the CRWS program. Our path to a transformative pedagogy values the gifts we have, to become better educators and members of an interconnected community," said Gema Ortega, director of the CRWS program.

School of Education Celebrates 35th Anniversary

"When principals throughout the Chicago area meet one of our School of Education graduates, they recognize that this is a really well-prepared teacher," said Ben Freville, associate dean of the College of Applied Social Sciences. "They have been prepared to develop and implement critical assessments, plan stimulating lessons, and use data to inform their instruction."

This year marks the School of Education's 35th anniversary. Much of its early success can be attributed to the work of former dean Sr. Colleen McNicholas, OP, who passed away this August. Between 1989 and 2012, McNicholas served the school in a number of capacities and guided it toward national accreditation.

"As was true of all the Dominican sisters at the university, she worked relentlessly to make sure that things of high quality were happening in our programs," said Colleen Reardon, former dean of the school.

The school consistently evaluates its programs and develops innovative ways to prepare educators. Recently, the elementary education program was redesigned to offer a model of training teachers that combines theory and

practice at area elementary schools, where they have the opportunity to interact with and observe students and teachers.

An undergraduate special education major was added in 2017. The program honors the late Therese Hogan, director of the long-standing special education program for graduate students.

The school has added a Learning Behavior Specialist endorsement for educators who want to teach special education students within their inclusive classrooms, as well as a Technology Specialist endorsement. The master of arts in education program has been reworked and now offers four specialized degrees focusing on diverse learners, inclusive learning, integrated instruction, and instructional technology.

A two-year alternative licensure program introduces graduate students immediately into area classrooms after an intensive summer program on campus. The teacher candidates are coached and mentored throughout their experience, while completing coursework at Dominican.

"The School of Education will continue to adapt to changes in society by introducing programs that prepare our graduates to be culturally responsive educators who empower their students to be change agents in their communities," Freville said.





Presenters of a session titled “Travel with Purpose” discussed and shared photos of their trip to Nepal.

Virtual *Caritas Veritas* Symposium Wrap-Up

Like most large gatherings in the era of COVID-19, Dominican hosted the annual *Caritas Veritas* Symposium in a virtual format—but that didn’t stop hundreds of faculty, staff, students, alumnae/i, and board members from participating via Zoom.

The 10th anniversary of this distinctly Dominican event was held on September 22, with more than two dozen programs featuring presenters reflecting on how they get at truth and how they affect change.

Before the presentations, **Sheila Radford-Hill**, Dominican’s chief diversity officer, was presented with the Sister Mary Clemente Davlin Diversity Leadership Award. Since Radford-Hill’s appointment in 2015, Dominican has reached a new level of critical consciousness about race and equity and has implemented numerous programs supporting inclusive excellence.

The Big Shoulders Fund was presented with the Bradford-O’Neill Medallion for Social Justice. The largest privately funded K-12 scholarship program in Illinois, the Big Shoulders Fund provides support to 75 inner-city Catholic schools educating almost 20,000 students, 80 percent of whom represent minorities and 66 percent of whom live in low-income neighborhoods.

In the midst of a global pandemic, a nationwide reckoning for racial justice, and a controversial presidential election, the symposium provided an opportunity for Dominican to come together to celebrate the enduring strength of its mission and purpose.

Featured Speakers



JOSHUA HALE
President and CEO, Big Shoulders Fund



SHEILA RADFORD-HILL
Chief Diversity Officer,
Dominican University



SHAINA WARFIELD '20
Read an original poem during
the plenary session.





Highlights from the
2020 *Caritas Veritas*
Symposium



Kathryn Brien '20 presented a session on improving mental health for students.



**So We Cannot Sit
Side by Side**

Are we not stars,
For whom space is an assignment?
Space as group project?
A wide and deep
We draw close
And into open potentials?
All manner of matter,
Fixed transfigurine,
Held and holding,
A hoard of fire bearing
Giants?
Myth-making.
Map-mending.
Faith-faring.
Life-giving.
Every one a sanctuary.

—
Shaina Warfield '20

**Father Samuel Mazzuchelli's vision:
Educating women in science.**




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Steven Plane gave a presentation on Fandom as Creative Community.



Carlos Benitez, Class of 2021, introduced Sheila Radford-Hill, recipient of the Davlin Diversity Award



Lizbeth Leon, Class of 2023, presented in a session about Peer Led Team Learning

Lucas Eggers finds purpose in helping others—on and off the court

Men's volleyball player is a model Division III student-athlete

Lucas Eggers has always loved the game of volleyball. But during his junior year of high school, he experienced something that merged his love for the sport with his altruistic passion.

Eggers, a native of Kenosha, Wisconsin, resuscitated one of his teammates during volleyball practice. It was the first of several times he has served as a first responder, and it was an experience that solidified his desire to pursue a career in emergency medicine.

Now a junior majoring in biology-chemistry with minors in mathematics and theology, Eggers exemplifies what it means to be a Division III athlete by balancing excellence in both academics and athletics.

"I can't speak highly enough about Lucas," said Cameron Andrew, Dominican's head volleyball coach. "Time after time, I am blown away with Lucas' dedication to academics, volleyball, and teammates.

"He is always one to help his fellow classmates as a tutor or by taking underclassmen under his wing and showing them the ropes in the fitness center. Lucas has such a positive impact on those around him and I feel lucky to have the opportunity to coach him."

"Since high school, I've known that medical school is the route that I want to pursue and since coming to Dominican, I've started taking some of the classes that will help me get there," Eggers said.

He is involved in the university's chapter of MEDLIFE, a global nonprofit organization that delivers medical, educational and developmental aid to low-income families. The club organizes annual international service trips to set up mobile clinics in rural areas.

Last year, Eggers went on the club's service trip to Peru. He also gained valuable clinical experience last December during a service trip to Costa Rica, where

he learned wilderness medicine and received certifications in global health medicine and wilderness first-response. Unfortunately, the club was unable to travel to Ecuador this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Locally, the club holds donation drives, runs Dominican's blood drive and volunteers at Feed My Starving Children.

With some of his summer plans canceled due to the pandemic,

Eggers spent the past few months working in a nursing home in Kenosha as part of a certified nursing assistant course.

"That was a really insightful experience," Eggers said. "I have done shadowing in the past, scrubbing in on surgeries, walking around hospitals, etc. — but this was my first hands-on patient care. It really taught me a lot about what it means to be a caregiver and the focus on the individual patient that comes with it."

Earlier in 2019, Eggers joined the university's 11-day study abroad trip in Rome. He described the trip as an "unbelievable experience," adding that he hopes to focus part of his career on international medicine.

An active member of Dominican's campus community, Eggers worked at the Student Involvement Resource Center his freshman year and serves as a peer leader in the Student Success and Engagement office.

"It's a really neat job, as it kind of touches on all aspects of campus," Eggers said. "I really like the interpersonal work that is involved and working with students one-on-one to help them get to where they want to go."

A member of the university's honors program with an impressive cumulative 4.0 GPA, Eggers dedicates time to tutoring other students. After classes moved online last semester, he offered virtual STEM tutoring and, this year, he is helping freshmen better understand their introductory science courses by leading virtual tutoring groups that review class sessions and run chemistry activities. He also supports his teammates by regularly offering late-night tutoring and advising hours.

"He's an unbelievable support to his teammates in the classroom," Andrew said, adding Eggers' investment in his teammates' success on and off the court is admirable.

Eggers said he plans to take the MCAT later this year and then evaluate his options for medical school.

Eggers resuscitated one of his teammates during practice, an experience that solidified his desire to pursue medicine.



DU ATHLETES EARN MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Two of the most accomplished athletes in Dominican history ended their collegiate careers in award-winning fashion. Men's volleyball player, **Ethan Klosak**, and women's basketball player, **Timiya Ray**, earned Northern

Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC)

Man and Woman of the Year awards, marking the first time in Dominican's history that both a men's and women's athlete were selected for the award.

Klosak, a four-year starter, finished his Stars career with a resume full of accolades. The outside hitter earned three, first-team, All-NACC selections, and was a two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association NCAA Division III All-American. His 84 career service aces are the most in program history, while his 849 career kills rank second.

"Ethan was really one of the focal points of our team," said Cameron Andrew, head volleyball coach. "He was one of our most consistent passers, so he helped hold down our defense and we always knew we could rely on him offensively. He was truly a complete player all around."

Ray's stellar play and strong leadership helped lead the program to its best season in recent history. The three-time, All-NACC selection finished her Stars career as the program's all-time leading scorer, rebounder, and shot-blocker.

"On the court, she was a heck of a player to watch," said Antonio Rivas, head women's basketball coach. "I always joked with her that I never coached her, I watched her."



Stars Athletes, Coaches Adjust to New Normal

NACC shifts fall sports to spring semester in response to pandemic

Dominican University coaches and student-athletes are thrilled to simply have a chance.

After the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) announced in late July that it was suspending fall semester conference competitions and championship events until at least the start of 2021, several Dominican teams feared their seasons would fall by the wayside.

The NACC did reinstate hope in athletes and coaches alike, however, when it released updated competition plans that adjusted scheduling and tournament formats by shifting competitions for more than a dozen sports to the spring 2021 semester. This impacts all 14 sports at Dominican.

"It's going to be a lot," said Erick Baumann, Dominican's director of athletics and head men's soccer coach. "Obviously our resources will be extremely stretched but we're going to do whatever we have to do in order to give our student-athletes the best experience we can, and that is really what my focus is on."

Despite the challenging circumstances, Baumann is proud of the conference's efforts to deliver an opportunity for student-athletes to have some semblance of a season.

"The conference leadership has done a fantastic job throughout all of this," Baumann said. "It's never an easy decision to make, to move everything from the fall into the spring, but it was the right decision. I've been very pleased and very proud of what the conference has done."

In late August, all of the university's teams started a four-to-eight week practice schedule,

Baumann said. The practice schedules are intended to align with the university's plan to move to online learning after Thanksgiving break. Athletic teams will then restart their practice schedules and prepare for competition in early 2021, when students are slated to return to campus.

Now in the midst of their current practice schedules, Dominican athletes and staff are adhering to thorough safety plans and procedures designed to mitigate risk.

Cameron Andrew, head coach of both the men's and women's volleyball teams, said he and his coaching staff are devoting extra time to practice preparation to make sure everything is as safe as possible. He also believes communication is of extra importance.

"An important component of our coaching is demonstrating openness and honesty, so when our players have questions, we answer them honestly," he said. "And when they have concerns or fears or anxiety about any of it, we

have conversations about it.

"I think creating those spaces to communicate with one another openly and honestly to express our frustrations and concerns helps our team unity."

Baumann said students and staff are "doing a fantastic job" of adjusting. He believes players and coaches feel fortunate to be participating in the sports they love during these unprecedented times.

"I think everybody is extremely happy with the fact that we're together, we're practicing, and we're doing it responsibly. We are very fortunate that we are able to do what we are doing."

"IT'S NOT AN EASY DECISION TO MAKE, TO MOVE EVERYTHING FROM THE FALL INTO THE SPRING, BUT IT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION."

WORKING TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD

Faculty and alumni are addressing social inequities in a time of crisis

Dominican University is one of only 26 higher education institutions across the country to be selected by the Association of American Colleges and Universities to participate in the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) project, a comprehensive, community-based process committed to addressing historic and contemporary effects of systemic racism, and to advancing transformational and sustainable change.



*"RACE IS NOT THE
DETERMINANT OF HEALTHCARE
INEQUALITIES—
RACISM IS THE CAUSE."*

TAMARA BLAND



*"IT WAS ABOUT AS BAD AS
YOU THINK IT IS.
IT WENT FROM ZERO TO 100
IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT
OF TIME."*

NEIL EHMIG



*"A HUGE PART OF HELPING
THE COMMUNITY HEAL
IS LETTING PEOPLE KNOW
THAT YOU'RE LISTENING
TO THEM."*

NANCY RIVERA

Led by **Sheila Radford-Hill**, chief diversity officer, Dominican's TRHT Campus Center serves as a hub for programs and initiatives promoting racial justice on campus and in our surrounding communities. The TRHT team is hosting programs focused on breaking down racial hierarchies and erasing structural barriers to equality and opportunity on campus. Recently, Radford-Hill, using the TRHT framework, moderated a series of conversations with several faculty and alumni, inviting them to share their experiences with, and perspectives on, social inequities made more transparent this spring and summer by the current global pandemic, economic recession, and racial unrest.

COVID-19 and Health Care Inequities

Tamara Bland, acting executive director of the MacNeil School of Nursing and a Faculty Fellow in the ENACT (Education Network for Active Civic Transformation) program, was joined by **Neil Ehmig '16, BSN**, a trauma nurse at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, and **Nancy Rivera '13**, who earned her degree in nutrition and dietetics and is program manager of WIC's (Women, Infants and Children) supplemental food program on Chicago's south side.

Bland, a former home health care nurse on Chicago's west side who has done extensive research on health care disparities, provided some insight as to why communities of color are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, explaining that "race is not the determinant of health care inequities—racism is the cause." Adding COVID-19 to Black and Brown communities, already vulnerable due to high rates of heart disease, stroke and diabetes, as well as the negative effects of gun violence and police brutality, has caused mortality rates to skyrocket. "We have to get to the root of racism in order to have a positive effect in our Black and Brown communities. We have to improve the health of the community itself. When you look at zip codes from downtown to the west side, it shaves 10 to 15 years off a person's life. That is heartbreaking. Now is the time to work harder to level the playing field."



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CLINTON NICHOLS



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BERTO AGUAYO

Rivera noted that the south Chicago area where she works is considered a food desert and residents don't have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. She works with a high-risk population already and this summer's looting left people with even fewer resources. "I had moms who were devastated and couldn't make it on regular distribution dates." The WIC program responded by providing extra resources, including back-to-school materials. "A huge part of helping the community heal is letting people know that you're listening to them."

Ehmig discussed his experiences on the frontlines of the pandemic. "Moving into April, we didn't really know what we were getting into." Recounting how the hospital rapidly progressed from asking a few nurses to volunteer with COVID cases, to converting his entire department to a COVID unit, he said, "It was about as bad as you think it is. It went from zero to 100 in a very short amount of time." Ehmig credits Dominican for instilling in him the mission of giving compassionate service. "I went into nursing because I wanted to help people get better. That's what helps me head into work every day."

Creating Peace in Chicago's Neighborhoods

Clinton Nichols, assistant professor of criminology, has done research on racially biased policing and is a volunteer instructor for the Prison and Neighborhood Arts Project at Stateville Correctional Center. He was joined by **Binyamin Jones '07**, a field training officer with the Chicago Police Department who has been involved in the Becoming a Man program, which brings together at-risk youth and police for basketball games and roundtable discussions. **Berto Aguayo '16** is the founder of Increase the Peace and a community organizer who has been recognized by the Obama Foundation. This summer, he was involved in voter registration and efforts to build solidarity between Chicago's Black and Brown communities.

Jones spoke about the very difficult work of policing in 2020. "It's been difficult to deal with the pure anger against the few who have done something not morally or legally right," he said. "The initial protests in July went somewhat as expected, but the mass looting in

all areas was not anticipated. The looting and destruction of property was largely opportunistic, done by those seeking to get away with crimes. My weekends off were canceled for several weeks in a row.”

Aguayo reflected on the work of the community organization he founded in 2016. “Our main mission at Increase the Peace is to prevent violence. Since March, we’ve had to pivot to meet the community where it’s at: offering a food pantry, a street vendor relief program, and protecting small businesses in our community to prevent them from being looted,” he said. Aguayo added that Dominican prepared him to be receptive to using non-violence. “Non-violence is courageous, not passive. During one downtown protest, I was beat up with batons and pepper sprayed by the police and it was really hard not to react to violence with violence. We’re fighting injustice, not those who are committing injustice. Dominican taught me to look at things holistically. It’s not that I don’t like police officers, I hate the system that creates tension between communities of color and police officers.”

Nichols offered insight on the current nature of policing. “Police departments are bureaucracies. We can see that a bureaucracy allows police to engage in bad behavior. Do we see ‘bad apples,’ or are aspects of the entire structure problematic? High levels of gun violence and opioid deaths speak to an issue of suffering that we are not willing to acknowledge in this country. How are we allocating resources? How can we reimagine policing? The community are the police and the police are the community. Hopefully we can find a way to bring that spirit back,” he said.

Standing Against Immigration Discrimination

Suhad Tabahi is an assistant professor in the School of Social Work. A Palestinian American Muslim, she has conducted significant research on migration issues. She was joined by **Roberto Sepulveda MBA ’10**, and **Arianna Salgado ’15**. Sepulveda has led diversity and inclusion initiatives at a number of corporations including United Stationers and Sara Lee and is now involved in local politics. Salgado is a social justice activist who garnered legislative



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ARIANNA SALGADO

support for the Dream Act during her undergraduate years at Dominican.

Sepulveda reflected on how the pandemic’s enforced shutdown has impacted immigrants’ struggles. “This time for reflection has allowed individuals to start mobilizing. The immigration system has been revealed to benefit certain people and groups, while leaving others out. It’s brought together people and groups from different generations—unity in the community. There’s a real opportunity to dismantle institutions that have not favored people who look like me,” he said.

Salgado brings legislative history to her analysis of current U.S. policy. “The notion that all immigrants are welcome to start anew and have a prosperous life gets complicated once you look very deeply into the history of citizenship laws. You start to realize that the United States has always had an idea of what a ‘good immigrant’ should be and that it has never been anyone who’s Black, Brown or any minority.” She added, “The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, passed under President Clinton, marries the criminal system and the immigration system. We can see who is hyper-policed and who is not. Black immigrants are stuck longer in detention centers and disproportionately deported.”

In response to Radford-Hill’s query on how best to support immigrants on a path to citizenship, Tabahi said it begins by educating ourselves. “Many immigrants have already been here for 20 to 30 years. Oftentimes, as are many people of color, they have an added burden to prove their worth. We neglect to address them based on the assets that they bring and the resilience that they have.”

Sepulveda closed the conversation with a passionate statement about recognizing the role of the immigrants in times of national struggle. “We should also remember the immigrant community who cleaned up after the destruction of 9/11 and those who worked in the Twin Towers. They have been erased from the narrative. We need to remember that during this pandemic the many essential workers who kept our families safe and fed and made sure the economy did not completely collapse are immigrants. I want to make sure that when we look back at 2020, we remember our community and the role we played.”



Anticipating and embracing change through the decades

Forward Fearlessly

Anticipating and adapting to change have been the essence of Dominican University since its founding as St. Clara's Academy, a girls' college teaching science to young women before it was considered "acceptable." When the school moved to River Forest in 1922, Rosary College's inaugural classes were held in a not-quite-completed Power Hall, with some sisters tenaciously teaching in classrooms still open to the sky. This agility is part of Dominican's DNA. The university has faced, undaunted, some of the greatest challenges of successive decades, including the crisis of the Great Depression, the tumult of the 1960s and the transition to a co-ed campus 50 years ago. The current pandemic is proving only the latest catalyst for change—and it found Dominican well-prepared for the challenge.

IN MARCH, the response to COVID-19 propelled Dominican forward five years in a manner of weeks, shifting the delivery of a quality education to a new normal. Thanks to a forward-thinking IT department, technology was in place and already tested; infrastructure was sound and ready as hundreds of classes quickly moved to an online format.

The Fall 2020 semester opened with impressive enrollments, historically high retention rates and a combination of face-to-face, hybrid and online classes. Our relatively small class sizes were an advantage as they were more easily adapted for hybrid teaching and learning. Campus spaces were prioritized for classrooms and nearly all faculty and staff meetings were shifted online.

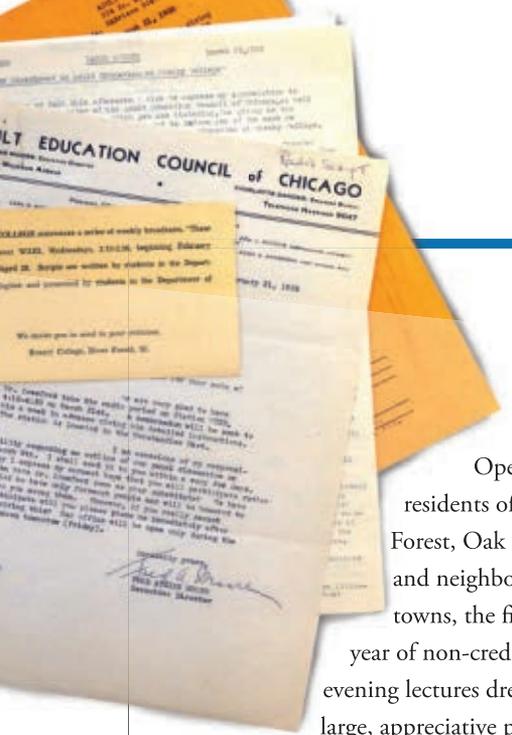
To encourage physical distancing, all resident students now are living in single rooms, with several rooms reserved at the Priory campus for quarantining. Physical distancing metrics also changed the use and configuration of dining and communal spaces, as well as the library, the tech center and the fitness center. Plexiglass barriers were installed in key service areas, temperature scanners are located at main entrances, and signage reminds everyone to wear masks and wash hands often.

Working with the administration throughout the summer, an academic task force focused on accelerating Dominican's online teaching capacity with new "best practices." This preparation will meet demand for more hybrid and fully online teaching—especially in the event that a viral spike triggers another state stay-at-home order.

Rising to new challenges is a Dominican tradition, and has always occurred in an intentional way, with significant planning and in conversation with university constituents as well as its surrounding community. What follows are some highlights of major moments of transition in Dominican's history.

Expanding minds in the depths of a depression

In response to a devastating, seismic economic shock—the **Great Depression**—the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters understood just how deep the privations were. Their response to a community in need involved **creating a free-of-charge early adult education program**—a forerunner of graduate education. "Education for Leisure" was launched in 1934, with a number of stimulating lectures taught by sisters who donated their time and expertise.



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—Donna Carroll

Open to residents of River Forest, Oak Park and neighboring towns, the first year of non-credit evening lectures drew a large, appreciative public,

with an overwhelming 400 participants. By 1937, Rosary offered multiple, 10-week terms, on more than a dozen subjects, including climatology, sociology, conversational German and French and a timely class on the “Economics of the New Deal.”

The program drew national praise for its outreach. “[The plan] is fast growing out of the stage of experimentation into full-fledged, practicable success,” noted *Commerce & Industry*, a major publication of the era. “It has surely started a ball rolling, setting a new standard in college service and genuine desire to help its fellow citizens.”

Going co-ed after a “Time Out”

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the board of trustees’ decision to admit males as undergraduate students. In the fall of 1970, the college’s long tradition of women-only Catholic education changed when 22 men were admitted along with 169 women to the **first co-educational freshman class**.

In many respects, recruiting men was a capstone to years of profound change provoked by social and campus unrest as well as the reforms of Vatican II. In 1966, Rosary was overwhelmingly female, drawing from Catholic high schools around the Chicago area, and largely taught by sisters in full habit. While men had been an on-campus presence since the late 1940s, they were few in number and mostly



pursuing graduate studies in the library school during the evening after traditional undergraduate classes had ended.

Molly Burke, dean *emerita* of the Brennan School of Business, who began her career as the director of housing in 1971, recalls that to draw more men, Rosary established a **men’s sports program**, with basketball as the first men’s varsity sport. “It made campus more like real life,” she said of the transition.

In that tumultuous time, when campuses were demonstrating against the **Vietnam War** and for **civil rights**, Rosary actively engaged in the struggle. Some marched in opposition to what happened during the Chicago Democratic Convention in 1968; one faculty member was

injured after being thrown through a plate glass window in the heat of demonstrations in downtown Chicago.

There were stirrings on campus as well. **“Time Out”** marked the moment when students respectfully protested, wanting a say in how and what they were learning.

Eighty percent of the student body signed a petition urging faculty to take time out from classes and meet with students. The college responded by suspending classes for three days of faculty, administration and student dialogue that resulted in the elimination of a number of requirements, the establishment of a strong advisory program for students, and the creation of the first freshmen seminars.

A college transitions into a university

Preparing for a new century, Rosary College competed in a crowded educational marketplace by launching *A Vision for the New Century*, a new five-year strategic plan led by Dominican’s first lay president, Donna Carroll. The plan provided the foundation for **embracing a new identity as a university**.

Much of the work to transform an undergraduate college into a university with multiple graduate schools occurred during the 1980s. Rosary had already established its first graduate program of library science in the years following World War II. This was followed by a graduate school of education, focused largely on the need for special education; then a graduate school of business. These additions brought significant growth in the numbers of graduate students on Dominican’s campus.

Rosary College found its new name in a familiar place. Endorsed by market studies and focus groups, the emerging university



embraced its identity as part of the Dominican Order. After long discussions and hard work, the board of trustees approved the plan of **transforming Rosary College to Dominican University, effective May 4, 1997**. Looking back, Donna Carroll remembered: “Building relationships and instilling a level of trust enables you to push through the sometimes difficult changes.”

The strategy underlying the name change was explained in the alumni magazine. “The identity of an institution, like the identity of an individual, evolves over time. We must continually make changes to preserve and enhance our traditions ... ‘University’ is a more accurate, inclusive and credible description of the academic programs, particularly in the eyes of graduate and international students.”

Marking a new era of first-generation-to-college students

The U.S. Department of Education formally recognized Dominican as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) in 2011, after the Latinx student population reached more than 25 percent of overall enrollment. The HSI designation acknowledged **Dominican’s commitment to the changing culture and demographics of both the United States and the Catholic Church in America**. Of course, Dominican’s history of seeking out

and serving waves of first-generation-to-college students from immigrant families reaches back to its very origins as St. Clara Academy in Wisconsin, when it educated the daughters of Irish lead miners, and continuing with the move to River Forest, where it served the daughters of Polish and Italian immigrants.

Nationally, the number of Latinx undergraduates continues to grow. This fall, just over 70 percent of Dominican’s incoming class was Latinx. The university anticipated this demographic shift and has developed **a national reputation for serving Latinx students in culturally responsive ways**.

Dominican continues to enhance efforts to meet the needs of Latinx students. Three federal Title V grants now fund important work to strengthen Dominican’s capacity for advising students and developing its own HSI identity. All support an overall objective of increasing Latinx student retention, persistence and timely graduation.

“Dominican is able to invest in more resources that enable great equity in outcomes—for all students,” said Lisa Petrov, Title V coordinator and assistant professor of Spanish.

Early results are already outperforming five-year goals: in only two years, retention among Hispanic students jumped from 70 to 80 percent, while satisfaction with advising reached 84 percent. Petrov credits new Student Success and Engagement programs,

including more holistic and culturally informed advising; the creation of El Centro, a central resource space for peer advising and training, mentorship and leadership activities; and Promising Pathways, a freshman seminar component that helps students envision and develop four-year plans for graduation.

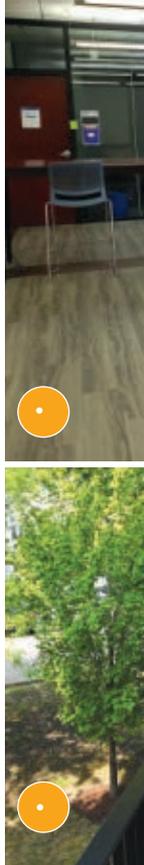


AS Dominican approaches the **100th anniversary of its relocation to River Forest**, we continue to be agile in responding to changes and challenges in society. As Donna Carroll said during a recent Staff Assembly, “We will come out of the current COVID-19 crisis well positioned for our next chapter.”

Former Dominican President Sr. Candida Lund, OP, once commented on Dominican’s transition to co-education, “Neither trauma nor trumpet marked this change. It took place, as have always important developments in Rosary’s long history, quietly, thoughtfully, steadily, naturally—and with appreciable success. It was an idea whose time had come.”

Sr. Candida’s perspective is just as relevant today as it was 50 years ago. Dominican continues to strategically adapt—with insight and planning, aligned with mission.





HELPING STUDENTS DISCOVER THEIR ACADEMIC SELVES

THE NEW LEARNING COMMONS



This fall, Dominican opened its newest, and perhaps most innovative and collaborative space, inside an iconic, well-known space. While returning students and visiting alumnae/i will certainly recognize the familiar 70s-era Indiana limestone and Graylite glass exterior of the Rebecca Crown Library, the interior bears no resemblance to the familiar quiet research and study space of old. The completely reconstructed first and second floors of the library are now home to the Learning Commons, a space for integrative, reflective and collaborative student support and learning.

The Learning Commons is a true partnership and collaboration between the Rebecca Crown Library and the division of Student Success and Engagement. Vision and planning for the new space began in 2019, centered on the concept of “academic self” and helping students understand and capitalize on their individual learning styles.

“Everyone has their own unique way of engaging in the learning environment, and the services, resources and support of the Learning Commons will help deepen students’ understanding of their own approach to learning,” explains Barrington Price, vice president of student success and

engagement. “It is a center for students to gather, to support and facilitate learning, and promote help-seeking behavior.”

The new student-centered space brings together departments and resources to enhance how students learn—socially over coffee or lunch in the Cyber Café; in a structured space on the first floor with tutors, coaches and librarians; or independent study on the second floor. Offices and services once housed in different buildings around the campus are now centrally located to better serve students.

“We held numerous meetings and focus groups, and conducted substantial research to understand how students learn best, and found that students want and need a collaborative space that promotes peer-to-peer learning, along with active and engaged library support and instruction,” explains Felice Maciejewski, university librarian. “It is a seamless space for students to get the service and support they need in one location.”

“Our vision is for students to see the library as a robust, bustling space where peers are working together, where risk-taking is good, and seeking help is essential for learning,” says Jennifer Stockdale, director of the Academic



Enrichment Center, now located on the first floor. More than 60 tutors and academic coaches are available to work with students in a wide range of areas including writing, math, finance, computer science, accounting, languages, and STEM.

Also located in the Learning Commons is the university's Disability Support Services program that serves more than 200 students each year; services for graduate students; and the many programs supporting Dominican's Latinx, African-American, undocumented and under-represented students. An especially exciting addition is the WeatherTech Innovation Lab, where students can learn and experiment with new software and emerging technologies including 3-D printing and green screens. Tutoring, test proctoring and collaborative spaces are plentiful, and for students seeking a more contemplative space for study or reflection, the outdoor patio is now an enclosed glass atrium with a small outdoor perimeter. The next phase of construction will include an expanded media center on the lower level with a recording studio.

While the Learning Commons represents best practices at the university level, what

A Tour of the Renovated Spaces

- 1 The Library Terrace Lounge
- 2 New study rooms and tutoring space
- 3 The outdoor perimeter of the terrace enclosure
- 4 The WeatherTech Innovation Lab
- 5 DU alumna and current grad student Shaina Warfield cuts the ribbon at the virtual dedication ceremony.

makes Dominican's environment special is the focus on helping students understand their academic self.

"We are hyper-focused on individual attention and supporting students one at a time," Price says. "We create authentic faculty-to-student and student-to-student relationships, and understand that good ideas come from working together. This is great professional development practice, as well."

Dominican has a number of programs in place, including an academic alert system to identify students who could benefit from academic and well-being support services. Faculty, academic counselors, advisers, tutors and coaches work as a sort of "rapid response team" to connect students to the services that can help them be successful.

"Our students are truly multi-taskers and they have a lot of responsibilities outside of school," Maciejewski says, "It is our responsibility to support them and help them navigate the academic environment so they can succeed."

"We want students to feel comfortable building learning communities among themselves and see tutoring as an extension of a study group, not as a result of struggle or a sign of insufficiency," Stockdale adds.

"With an inviting, welcoming space for students to gather, we hope to de-stigmatize help-seeking behavior and empower students to ask questions," Price says. "This generation of students are savvy, well-versed learners and it is important to be responsive to their needs."

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.

Rosary College of Arts and Sciences

Timothy Milinovich, associate professor of theology, chaired the international meeting of the task force on the topic of "God in Paul's Letters" for the Catholic Biblical Association in August. Milinovich is the editor-in-chief of the task force's upcoming collection of papers and will continue as chair as the group transitions to a continuing seminar next year.

Nkuzi Nnam, professor of philosophy and director of Black World Studies, wrote the book, *Igbo Jurisprudence, An African Philosophy of Law*, Goldline & Jacobs Publishing, April 2020.



Chavella T. Pittman, professor of sociology, gave a presentation titled "How Institutions Derail Women Faculty of Color's Tenure via Teaching" at the virtual 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

The presentation was part of the special conference thematic panel "Negotiating Power and Status in the Academy: Everyday Experiences of Women of Color Faculty." Pittman also co-authored the paper "Workplace Stress and Discrimination Effects on the Physical and Depressive Symptoms of Underrepresented Minority Faculty (URM)" in the journal *Stress and Health*.

Gema Ortega, assistant professor of English, published "Where is home? Diaspora and hybridity in contemporary dialogue," in *Moderna språk's* Special Issue, Culture on the move: Towards a minorization of cultural difference. Ortega also served as academic advisor and co-writer of "I,

Tituba, Black Witch of Salem, Maryse Condé" in the new *Contemporary Literary Criticism* (CLC) volume published by Gale, Cengage. Her article, "The Art of Hybridity: Maryse Condé's Tituba," originally published in the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*, is reprinted in this CLC volume, as well.

Brennan School of Business

David Aron, professor of marketing, discussed "Do or Die Marketing," on the international business podcast, *Bridging*. He also was featured in the FastCompany.com article "How convenience stores such as Circle K and 7-Eleven are morphing in the COVID-19 era."



Anjali Chaudhry, professor of management, published a paper titled "Two to Tango? Implications of Alignment and Misalignment in Leader and Follower Perceptions of LMX" in the *Journal of Business and Psychol-*

ogy. She also is serving as a visiting professor at the EM Strasbourg Business School for the 2020-2021 academic year, teaching courses on the introduction to organizational behavior and leadership, and as a visiting professor at the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi, India, where she taught a graduate-level leadership and organizational behavior course seminar.

Al Rosenbloom, professor *emeritus* of marketing and international business, co-wrote the chapter "Poverty and Responsible Management," in the Sage Handbook of Responsible Management Learning and Education.

College of Applied Social Sciences



Adrian Kok, associate professor, School of Social Work, and **Charlotte Shuber '07, MSW '18**, co-wrote the article "Hospice Photograph's Effects on Patients, Families and Social Work Practice" in the *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, March 2020.

Stacy T. Kowalczyk, professor, School of Information Studies, and **Allison Schein Holmes MLIS '18**, co-wrote the paper "The Studs Terkel Radio Archive: A Journey to Enhanced Usability for Audio" in the *Journal of Archival Organization*.

Hassan Zamir, assistant professor, School of Information Studies, wrote a book chapter titled "Cybersecurity and Social Media" in *Cybersecurity for Information Professionals: Concepts and Applications*, CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group.

Borra College of Health Sciences

Michelle Allen, assistant professor in nursing; **Maureen Emlund**, director of the simulation education center; **Denise King**, lecturer in nursing; and **Julia Sonnichsen**, clinical assistant professor in Physician Assistant Studies, co-wrote the article "Healthcare Students' Psychological Well-being in a Diabetic Ketoacidosis Simulation" in the journal *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*.



Tamara Bland, assistant professor in nursing and acting executive director of the Elizabeth T. MacNeil School of Nursing, presented a virtual poster titled "Factors that Impact Black Nurses' Leadership Opportunities in Higher

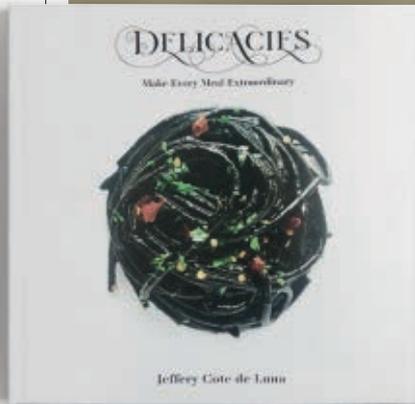
Education" at the Nursing Education Research Conference, in addition to hosting a webinar for the American Nurses Association. Bland also has been appointed to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion steering committee of the American Nurses Association.

Emily Radlowski, assistant professor in nutrition sciences, co-wrote the article "Hydrolyzed Fat Formula Increases Brain White Matter in Small for Gestational Age and Appropriate for Gestational Age Neonatal Piglets" in *Frontiers In Pediatrics: Neonatology*.

Other Accomplishments

Jeff Carlson, provost and vice president for academic affairs, facilitated the virtual 2020 Institute on Teaching and Learning for Campus-wide Interfaith Excellence, hosted by the AAC&U and the Interfaith Youth Core. Carlson also delivered two presentations, "Integrating Interfaith Work into Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives" and "Embedding Interfaith Learning into General Education."

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Cote de Luna Celebrates Italian Cuisine

Jeffrey Cote de Luna, professor of painting, has combined his passions for art, travel and cooking to create a beautiful book, *Delicacies: Make Every Meal Extraordinary*, filled with recipes for more than 90 of his favorite Italian dishes as well as photos from his many trips to Italy with students. Recipes are accompanied by mouth-watering photos and suggested wine pairings. The book is a truly communal Dominican endeavor—instigated by Greg Zychowicz, graphic design instructor; proofread by Sister Marcella Hermesdorf, assistant professor of English, and

Giacomo Polinelli, director of the Language Learning Center; with photography preparation by Nick Lombardo '20. Cote de Luna received a grant from the Faculty Development Committee to help cover the costs of printing the book.

Much more than just a cookbook, the book stands as a testament to Cote de Luna's love of food and Italy, both of which he has shared with students who have accompanied him on study abroad programs to Rome and Florence for the past 25 years. These students have had the rare opportunity to experience, with an expert, some of the most spectacular works of art and architecture in the world—and to enjoy authentic Italian meals.

Cote de Luna dedicated *Delicacies* to all of the students with whom he has had the pleasure of sharing the art and culture of Italy. "They have helped me see Italy with fresh eyes on every visit," he said.

For more information about the book, contact Cote de Luna at jcotedeluna@dom.edu.

Endowed Chairs Reflect Prominence and Distinction

Supported by generous donors, Endowed Chairs provide a vital resource for attracting and recognizing distinguished faculty for their scholarship, research and artistic talents. Working with Dominican faculty, Endowed Chairs help strengthen our curriculum and elevate our profile and reputation.

This year's Endowed Chairs include:

Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, Follett Chair, School of Information Studies, is an associate professor in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. Thomas' work focuses on how people of color are portrayed—or not portrayed—in children's and young adult literature and how those portrayals shape our culture. She regularly reviews children's books



featuring diverse heroes and heroines, teens and tweens caught between cultures, and children from the margins of society. Thomas

will participate in virtual visits in classes this fall and lead a course in the spring semester on diversity of representation in young adult literature. Her public lecture will also be held in the spring.

Luis Argueta, Lund-Gill Chair, Rosary College of Arts and Sciences, is an award-winning, Guatemalan-American film director and producer. Argueta has been telling transnational immigrant stories for more than 40 years. His documentary series on immigration focuses on the human face of immigrants, their resilience and contributions to American society. Argueta will lead a course Fall 2021 on the study of immi-



gration policies and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. He will deliver a public lecture in the spring.

In addition to this year's Endowed Chairs, **Lisa Amoroso**, professor of management, has been named the John and Jeanne Rowe Distinguished Professor in the Brennan School of Business. Amoroso's research focuses on status and diversity, teaching and learning, and research methods. She currently teaches courses in leadership, cross-cultural negotiation and conflict resolution, as well as the MBA Gateway Practicum. Amoroso is involved in the 2020 Title V Faculty Research and Curriculum Development Community, which is focused on researching practices and resources for culturally responsive teaching.

You Always Belong to Dominican

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Thank you for sharing your news!

Undergraduate Alumnae/i Class News

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Ellen Bendry
Class Agent

I had a conversation with **Mary Dailey Knott**. Before the pandemic, she had been the organist and pianist at Holy Spirit Catholic Church for 20 years. Mary visited Oak Park for the wedding of her grandnephew and then Iowa where she has two sisters. Her husband Howard passed away in 2018. They were married for 59 1/2 years; seven children and 19 grandchildren. First great-grandchild born in 2019.

Cathy Klein and I celebrated birthdays with zooming family and friends, and special foods -all homemade.

Jean Horrigan-Delhey writes "Every summer, I come to Chicago and meet some classmates for a luncheon; this is the first time in 10 years we cannot do this."

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

Corrine Carnivele Hanley: "We've launched my husband Robert's website Robert-Hanley.com. We've received the third printing of his book, *Do You See What I See? Discovering the Obvious*. We are using Zoom for Robert's Fireside Fellowship ministry. My efforts to improve the treatment of racehorses has been paying off with dozens of racing industry members being indicted. Our prayers go out to those with COVID and hope all our classmates are staying well."

Carolyn Sweeney Judd: "It is good I traveled in 2019: Mexico, Canada, Seattle, Austin, for 2020 is for staying home. It is time for mask-wearing, not visiting, not even driveway moments with friends. Zoom has become my go-to: my grandchildren on Tuesday evening, my son who organizes bingo and scavenger hunts; bridge on Monday; book club on Tuesday

afternoon; a group of the ladies in our building. I am blessed with good diversion."

1963

Susan Flynn
Class Agent

Susan Flynn: "We ladies, now classified as vulnerable, are doing fine. It is odd to be in lockdown, but we are managing. We follow the rules, wear masks, wash our hands, stay home. No trips, nothing new. The email group has shared some past trips, old photos, local stories. And we have maintained our sense of humor! We are glad Dominican is managing, too, and wish the students well. Our education helps us maintain a hopeful attitude."

1964

Mary McGough Schultze
Class Agent

The pandemic made this year one for the books. **Joanne Colgan Gill** had an easy time social distancing from her cornfields—her nearest neighbor is a mile away. Daughter Carrie raises chickens. Son Brian is in New Jersey and son Peter farms with his Dad. Moira is with P&G and John is in S.C.

Ginny Gaul Cullen had health issues that delayed her trek to Naples last winter only to discover the virus left the restaurants closed and—bummer—even the bridge clubs.

Barb Kuenn Hudson has joined the multigenerational living group. She and Mike are building an in-law addition to daughter Jenny's home. Barb is dealing with back issues but is working and helping with kids 11, 10, and 6.

Bob and I planned a trip to Chicago in March to check out senior living options, the kids want us closer. Then they went into lockdown and we went back to Michigan.

1965

Mary Poelking Sclawy
Class Agent

Mary Fransioli Gilliland: "Retirement from East Carolina University started March 14—"Pi Day". My math professor and grant administrator friend solicited an Endowed Preceptorship that will allow a medical student to participate in forensic investigations, research, and submit a poster to a national meeting. The Lord opened a ministry for me with RCIA put on in my parish by Evangelization and Discipleship Office. My class celebrated our 50th reunion at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. I presented the Gantner Lecture in recognition of contributions to the medicolegal death investigation at the National Association of Medical Examiners on suspected child abuse."

Thanks to **Gerry Young**, aka Harvee Lau, we found out a bit about **Mary Sero Owuor**. In came an email from Yvonne Owuor, Mary's eldest. Yvonne offered the following until Mary writes: "She did her postgraduate in education and taught biology and mathematics. Became a headmistress, the first non-nun head of Loreto Convent Msongari, a girls' school, before retiring. She is mother of eight children, doting, indulgent grandmother of seven. Ruler of a portion of the universe where she is the Queen bee. Her plants bloom even in the dry season. She looks barely past 30. She's called mother to a million humans, animals, plants. She is a widow; our father Tom Owuor died on October 24, 2012. She took care of him tenderly as he battled cancer and misses him deeply. Mum lives fully, and lovingly. She is firm in her faith, but tends to lecture God about the state of things. She is shy, but when she overcomes that, she is vocal, gloriously opinionated, and funny."

"I sang for the mayor of Florence, met Queen Helen of Romania and learned to ride side-saddle on a motor scooter. It was a wonderful time."

Elizabeth Fischer Monastero '57

13 of us Zoomed thanks to **Kim Regan**, who set up the call. Once we'd gotten through the "can't hear you, where is your picture, what do I press" routine, we settled in.

Barb Tucker Philipps: "I've been 'Art Mom' for my daughters who are home-schooling their children. I was Art Mom when they were in school. I had a wonderful time developing classes for the 'littles.' It gives me a chance to talk to them once a week and we have a great time. I've been doing deep dives into genealogy. I found out one of my relatives, a revolutionary war ancestor, was a privateer, a legal pirate!"

Kim Regan: "When this is published, we may be in a second wave of virus, but I am hoping for a respite this summer when we can do some out-of-home things without being leery of getting within coughing distance of others. The good news is that we have connected with friends and family via Zoom, so we are feeling even closer than before. Screen time includes lots of TV. We have watched *Death in Paradise*, *Inspector Lewis*, *Midsomer Murders*, and *Jane the Virgin*. Our kids were just the right age to watch Mr. Rogers, so I enjoyed the documentary and movie about him. Having read *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, I watched the movie but was disappointed. I continue to quilt and have made numerous masks. I am resisting the urge to bake every dessert recipe I see. How long can I hold out?"

Ellen Rooney Kelly: "I am ready to reunite. I hope we can get everyone who came to NY after our 35th to Zoom. So glad I had such wonderful travels last year: Freiburg, Basel, cross-country road trip. I maintain connection with affordable housing initiatives, something I worked on before retiring. And there's always reading with granddaughter Clementine."

Marifred Broucek Cilella continues her work at Howard School, but she had to bow out early on the Zoom call.

Chon Schwope Wilson: "I am recovering from my third knee replacement. Rog had a hip replaced in March. We celebrated our 55th anniversary quietly. Avoiding COVID-19 has not been too difficult in Sheridan. Lots of outdoor space, few restrictions, and little lockdown. We go to Sunday Mass on TV. We have Zoomed with our California kids and the family in West Yellowstone. Rog turned 80 but a celebration is postponed. We are stepping back as election judges to avoid all the people. Rog keeps busy with his model railroad and yard work. I have been sewing baby and toddler blankets but not sure how I will be selling them. We both read and put together puzzles."

Mary Lidia Klodnycky-Procyk was feeling under the weather during the call, but continues to practice, relying on telemedicine calls. She has Zoomed all over the world to keep in touch with her far-flung relatives.

Dianne Hanau-Strain says her son Aaron's book, *Death and Life of Aida Hernandez*, continues to sell. She's still hoping to complete a murder mystery while dealing with bone and joint issues. She created a six-foot distancing pole for a solstice celebration. Their dinner party consisted of tables, spread apart, with everyone bringing their own setups.

Terry Condon has her granddaughter living with her while she's attending Howard University on a music scholarship. Terry had an eye procedure.

Monica Vogel Getzendanner was involved with the six-year-old grand twins till the virus hit. Now she's working on jigsaw puzzles.

Marj Gorzkiewicz Ford prefers crossword puzzles and dance



Photo courtesy Lincolnwood Public Library

A Life in Song

Elizabeth Fischer Monastero '57 grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, and attended the University of Michigan with the goal of becoming a music teacher. Then she won a scholarship for a graduate program in voice at Dominican's school of the fine arts in Florence, Italy, and everything changed.

"When I got to Florence, it was as if I had been there before—like I was already an Italian as soon as I got there," she said. "I sang for the mayor of Florence, met Queen Helen of Romania and learned to ride side-saddle on a motor scooter. It was a wonderful time."

Elizabeth's experience in Italy jump-started a singing career that took her all over the world, from the White House to the stage of the Metropolitan Opera in New York. A mezzo-soprano, she sang with Lyric Opera of Chicago, appeared on WTTW Chicago, and made operatic debuts in Milan and Florence. A professor of voice at Northwestern University for 36 years, she's currently working on a memoir.

parties with neighbors, each on their own decks. She returned to teaching. Her volunteer efforts were curtailed by health problems even before COVID. Her kids, one in town and one in California, call every day to check in. She thinks that's a bit excessive.

Maureen McMahon Hibbott gardened with fruit cages to keep critters at bay. She keeps fit with Zoom classes, but can't return to volunteer activities. The grandkids in Asia seem to have escaped from quarantine and plan to attend school in the west. Their mom and dad are in Tokyo, where he transferred when COVID hit Shanghai.

Her work covers most of Asia, but she can't leave Japan without a quarantine upon return.

Nancy Kuhn Malling confirmed that they've moved across the border from New Hampshire to a condo in Vermont. She's weeding memories from the big house as well as weeds from their garden.

Monique Schenone Edwards: "We had to cancel our trip to Mississippi with **Nancie Edwards Stewart** and her husband. The trip was scheduled for late September, but I had a feeling that things were not going to get much better. The good news is that we are well."

"I like to be respectful of people, and that's what you need to be as an arbitrator. You have to show patience, and you have to be firm. It's fulfilling work, and I truly enjoy it."

Dennis O'Brien '75

Mary Brennan Sheahan chimed in to say she appreciated getting news, but she didn't share any.

Diane Farr Knittle: "We started with cleaning. Then puzzles. Then painting the kitchen. Reading. Long walks and drives to Finger Lakes and Lake Ontario. Masks, gloves. Distance visiting local kids. Family Zoom. Daily Mass with Bishop Barron and Wordonfire.org. Rosary every day with the local priest online. Sunday Mass livestream with our parish. That's our life and grateful for it!"

Beverly Frazier Jung Zook: "Have cancelled a lot of events, but the worst is the grey roots showing through my red hair. We acquired a new 38' motorhome. Last summer we traveled 6,000 miles. We have acquired a multipoo puppy that is the cutest, smartest animal ever. Thank God my husband takes him on his five walks a day! My daughter Kendra is living in Chicago and has taken a job with Lurie Hospital as Deputy Administrative Attorney."

Frances Murphy Fleckenstein: "We are sheltering in place in California. We usually go home but the number of Covid cases is higher there than here. It was not hard to stay except we had a run of triple-digit temps. We play golf or take a walk early and then stay inside. Doing a lot of reading which we both love."

Kash Creadon Sullivan maintained: "No News during this pandemic. Doing some reading."

Catherine Elkins: "I am sheltering at home. My activities are cancelled. I do post office, composting, and grocery runs. I have been keeping in touch by phone. My church activities are through Zoom. So I am doing what most of us have been doing because of COVID."

Carole Coppoletti Carbone: "Nick and I have spent the winter months in Tampa in past years.

This year we hustled back to Illinois, arriving the day before Shelter-In-Place orders. And here we have been. Plans for a family reunion at Disney with the Colorado crew, Jon and Randy from Florida, and cousins from North Carolina were canceled. Nick is retired and enjoys online conversations with friends and programming and I have re-retired, from college tutoring and have gone back on the board of the Spectrum School. Chris is with the Public Defender's office in Colorado, and Jamie is a professor of nursing there. Grandsons Anthony (middle school) and Evan (third grade) are delights and our joys. Jon is an online psychol-

ogy professor and admissions counselor in Florida."

Maria Tsinonis Stavrakos wrote to thank Kim for finding a way for her to catch up on the Zoom call. She reported that the husband of **Bernadette Melone McCarthy** had died.

We Sclawys are sitting where we're planted, having canceled a cruise around Ireland. Also canceled: Girls weekend in New York with Tom and another weekend in NYC with pals celebrating one's 70th birthday. Class of 65 is planning more Zoom calls. Let me know if you want in. After a soggy spring, the gardens saw not a drop

of rain. Tomatoes growing in pots soldier on. So do we all.

1966

Judy Purvin Scully
Class Agent

Mary Ellen Filipek Scandale retired after teaching French at Regina Dominican High School for over 40 years, noting, "I was just a child when I started. I miss the kids and teaching, but sub and tutor. The timing of my retirement was good. My mom was in extended health care at Holy Cross Village. One of my brothers broke his hip and resides at Holy Cross Village. So, I was really glad to have time for frequent trips there. Unfortunately, my mom passed away on 2/7/20 – one day short of her 99th birthday. No matter how much there is to celebrate, it is not an easy time." Mary Ellen had planned to attend the Remembrance Mass at Dominican to remember one of her group from Fribourg who passed away. Mary Ann Tobon was from New York and went to Ladycliff, but remained in contact. Unfortunately, Mass was cancelled because of Covid-19. Mary Ann, along with our classmates, **Dorothy "Pat" Wagner**, will be remembered at the Fall Memorial Mass.

Willa Bickham had a gallery exhibition at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Baltimore. Willa wrote: "Art has always been an important part of the Catholic Worker. Dorothy Day told us to look for beauty even in the squalor of the streets. The beauty and tragedy of sharing a lifetime with our Baltimore neighbors inspires all of the artwork I do. The mercy and resistance are the themes of my work."

Donna Freehill Land wrote: "Ed and I vacated the property we loved for 20 years—Landhaven Bed & Breakfast. We will close next year, but retired to Easton



The View from the Other Side

Dennis O'Brien '75 was appointed by Governor J.B. Pritzker to serve as an arbitrator on the Workers' Compensation Commission of the State of Illinois. In his new role, Dennis conducts hearings and makes decisions about work-related injury disputes between employees and employers.

Before joining the commission, Dennis practiced workers' compensation law for more than 35 years, most recently as vice president and secretary of Springfield law firm Livingston, Mueller, O'Brien and Davlin. Serving on the commission seemed like a natural next step.

"Over the years I've tried over a thousand cases before the commission, so I knew how the trials went and how to do them," Dennis said. "The question was, do I have the demeanor to sit on the other side of the table? And the answer is that I do. I like to be respectful of people, and that's what you need to be as an arbitrator. You have to show patience, and you have to be firm. It's fulfilling work, and I truly enjoy it."

PA, to a condo we have owned for years. Downsizing from 7,000 square feet to 1,500 was no small task, especially with the pandemic. We are grateful for the blessings that surround us—the friends who helped move, the auction patrons, the peaceful transition. We are now in a walkabout city with access to Newark Airport—which we plan to frequent. New email is: Donna.land2020@gmail.com and we still use landhaven@att.net. After giving myself a month to unpack, we now have a place for everything and love not having deadlines. We are organizing family photos and paperwork. I am cooking all our meals and love that challenge. Ed is continuing to blacksmith great new projects—a railing for a local Vet, a decorative piece for our Dr., more flower sculptures. We moved his blacksmith shop from our barn to his new space. Sadly, my sister Angela passed away March 16 after bravely fighting lung cancer—Ed and I were able to drive out to see her in hospice. I really miss her. There are 3 of my 8 siblings gone now.”

John and I were in Hawaii, returning for the CASA conference in D.C. where John was given emeritus status after serving as the Civilian Aide for the Secretary of the Army for Illinois for 14 years. Although the spouses participated in the first day, we had our own special day that included a tour of the National Cathedral and Mount Vernon, both of which are so rich in history. We had a conference scheduled in Seattle and a trip to Israel and Jordan, both of which were cancelled. Our granddaughter, Grace Tucek, a junior at Clemson, studied abroad in Spain. She was able to travel to Dublin and Amsterdam before arriving home in March. Although Clemson called all of their study abroad students back, she initially stayed because her study-abroad program was with an independent group. Once that program went online, she flew

home. She was disappointed, but we were grateful to have her safe.

All events at Dominican, along with in-person classes, were cancelled, including the Trustee Benefit, Scholarship Luncheon, and Diane Kennedy lecture, which were on our calendar. Sr. Diane is still recovering from a bad fall at St. Dominic Villa in Wisconsin, near the Mound. John and I visited her and had hoped she would attend the lecture named in her honor, but it was not meant to be. We were pleased the COVID-19 Relief Fund for students surpassed the goal of \$500,000 to provide support for students who might not have returned to Dominican because of the financial hardship the pandemic created. Thanks to all who contributed!

Lucille DiSalvo Hartman reported: “Larry & I moved to Bonita Springs, FL in 2017. We had been wintering here & decided to stay. We got rid of almost everything and moved into our small condo & decided that we wanted a bigger condo. Just before COVID we purchased a condo steps away from our current one...and then everything shut down. Doing all we had hoped before we moved took longer than normal. Workmen wore masks & we wore masks and that continues. These are small issues compared with what some people are suffering. A group of friends get together for Happy Hour. We used to meet outside, but it got hot, so we met at our clubhouse pool, masks when shopping, and adapting to the new normal. My family & my 2 grandchildren are my joy & I miss them.”

Judy Schleitwiler Wolicki reported: “I gave up my job as the Field Secretary of the Illinois Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. I’m continuing in my jobs as a chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital and Lutheran General Hospital in Illinois. I am isolating from my children and

grandchildren, though I see them occasionally (with distance). I miss eating breakfast out with family! My 71-year-old cousin Susan and my 96-year-old aunt Alice died of COVID-19. My youngest sister, Dianne, died in January. It’s a year of grief. There are silver linings of this pandemic. I’ve had zoom visits with friends I haven’t seen for years. And while I’m in zoom meetings, birds and squirrels have been coming to the birdbath outside in front of my computer. They seem to be offering a performance just for me.”

Janice Ciastko Lane reported: “The kids, grandkids, and friends are visiting from afar. The days are full nevertheless. Emailing friends, planning facetime visits with Zoe (granddaughter, age 6) or questions to ask Cy (age 8) about the natural world. My daughter stopped to deliver a beautiful orange pansy for the urn at the front of the house. Today I took a virtual tour of the Louvre, Egyptian wing.”

According to **Christine Heidtke Clark**, “I look forward to hearing from everyone, via FaceTime or Zoom or in print. What Cam and I miss most is seeing our kids and grandchildren. We have four adult children and nine grandchildren who range from 5 years old to 23. The only time we are all together is on Christmas Day. So we haven’t seen the two families since Christmas! Our oldest grandchild, Colleen, graduated from college; but like all graduations, it was canceled. The good news is she has a teaching job. Colleen said it was unusual interviewing via Zoom! One of our grandsons was supposed to make his First Communion. It was rescheduled in June. Only Nathan and his parents were allowed to attend. Cam and I watched the Mass online. I have figured out Sudoku! I do crossword puzzles. Cam and I get in games of Cribbage. Since our grandson celebrated his second

birthday, Pete has only wanted to go to a White Sox game with us! Pete turned 20 and it will be the first time Grandpa and he will miss a game!”

The 54-day cruise for **Alice Kuehne Finn** and her husband John, did not go as planned. Alice reported, “We were leaving in February for South Africa & boarded our ship for our port at Athens, Greece. In March, we could not disembark when we stopped in Colombo. Then India closed. We spent 4 days at sea on our way to Muscat, Oman and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The next day, the United Arab Emirates had closed all of its ports. We would dock in Oman on Friday the 13th when this cruise would end. That was just the beginning. Our 54-day cruise had been cut short at 22 days. We hoped that we would be healthy when we arrived home. Our new itinerary was from Oman to Amsterdam to Chicago. Despite ticketing, visas, panicking passengers, and the president imposing a ban on flights from Europe, we were bused to the airport. Our ONLY problem was that Azamara had authorized our flight but had not processed our tickets! After a hold with our travel agent in Schaumburg, all was resolved. In the terminal, we joined a long line of passengers not touching, but very close. You probably saw the news from O’Hare—wall to wall people! We were directed to another line. We had no idea the purpose, but followed through a maze of aisles like those at Disneyworld. After another 2 hours, a customs and border patrol officer swiped our passports and directed us to another line. This was for the actual health screening. Another patrol officer strongly suggested self-quarantining. He did not say because of the mess we had just gone through, but we felt that was reason enough. We proceeded to luggage, but we had arrived so long ago that our bags had

been removed from the conveyor. The next hurdle was to survive Coronavirus. We felt up to it—logged our temperatures and were doing the voluntary quarantine. However, I developed body aches, sore throat, cough, and chills. After a week of telemed visits, a chest x-ray, an emergency room visit and a COVID-19 test, I was admitted because my blood oxygen level was very low & the x-ray showed pneumonia. The Covid results were positive. I was in the hospital for 6 days. I was very blessed to recover & now it's just possibly 6 months of up & down symptoms until complete recovery. The only residue problem is scarring in my lungs which limits normal breathing!"

Terry Wilkinson Pawlik wrote: "We had hoped to make our yearly trip up to Arizona for the 4th of July. We rent cabins and tent sites so we can enjoy the much cooler, mountain air up there. I connected with **Suzy Wills Kessler** and **Kerry Hubata** and both are doing well. Our grandson, Aidan, made it home from Scotland. After a quarantine, he was out of "house arrest" and able to be with his family. Everyone worked and studied from home. Kate is homeschooling her two sweeties, and Maya planned a 'virtual 10th birthday party' to which we were invited. Knowing our son-in-law, Dan, it will be creative. Our cleaning lady is not able to come, but we decided to "pay her forward" until we get the all clear. The money is in the budget, so we'll figure it out when the dust settles—quite literally! We are working on household projects. I rarely watch television so Ray keeps me up to date. I am trying to complete Christmas needlepoint table runners so my children will have two for their homes. I never knew my grandparents so I thought to make something special that my 6 grandchildren can say came from Nana. I read the *Maggie Hope*

Mysteries. It is about an American young woman in London during the Blitz, 1938–45. We have put our stationary bike to good use." Terry added additional news: "I finished several needlepoint projects including the Christmas table runners. I remember enjoying my Grandmother Wilkinson's crochet so I decided to make sure each of my children have something from me. I do needlepoint ornaments for each of the grandchildren. I have been doing them since 2013. I have become addicted to reading historical fiction. I finished the *Huguenot Chronicles* by Paul Monk and also Jean Grainger's *Star and the Shamrock* series. My 13-year-old granddaughter, Hanna, and I discussed a book she is enjoying called *When My Name was Keoto*. It's about a girl in Korea during the Japanese occupation in the 1940s. We call it our 'Virtual Book Club.'"

Mitzi Battista Witchger reported: "We've been sharing photos of what we have for dinner this past month or so. We do get ideas from each other about something else we could have. Surprisingly it's been a fun way to stay connected, especially with our grandkids... comments, some new recipes, & all!"

According to **Kathleen Pudik Rey**, the Rosary connection is alive and well in Sarasota, Florida. **Sandy Kern Cyr** came to the rescue, driving Kathy to the outpatient surgical center for her arthroscopic shoulder surgery. Sandy made certain that their respective friends would be providing meals for Kathy as she was recovering. Kathy has been doing Zoom calls with family across 4 time zones which provided a bit of a challenge. According to Kathy, they'll continue the calls to stay connected.

Lina Fruzzetti shared the following, entitled *Living with Covid-19 fears, anxiety, and the*

self! "In Italy, our apartment is on the sixth floor, with a spectacular view. Since our arrival, we were stunned and could not stop admiring the city. Months of bliss, and then, Covid-19. The Brown University in Bologna students flew back home and the University of Bologna went into a lockdown. Funny how the beauty of the city was replaced by anxieties, how to establish new ways of life, and setting parameters to distance oneself. As anthropologists, our discipline is talking with people and gathering information, ethnographic data, and socializing in the process. I realized the need to talk with others; my husband and I made unlikely friends. Who are these people?? The local grocers, buying cheese or bread became an excitement, we looked forward to chatting about anything. In general, people walked almost in silence fearing to talk with strangers, and, we were outsiders. Wine shops were always open and since the recycle bins were outside we could DAILY hear the smashing of the consumed bottles, at odd hours. What were our thoughts, how did we cope, and did we look forward to the next day. (or did we)? During the quarantine, the weekend meant nothing, and Monday was as good as what we made of Friday. We broke the monotony of our habitual activities because we could. Why not have pasta for breakfast, or cornflakes for lunch? What was clear was the ease with the ability to shift gears. Indeed Covid-19 forced us to welcome the transformation. The easiest was to change what we did with the day; Sunday is not the only day of rest; night and day are reversed. How could a virus change us? The positive is, I kept up with my family, friends of family, our neighbors, students, got to know who did what, when, and who passed away unfortunately. Another positive for me was not to have opened the

TV; the news terrified me, and it doubled anxieties. I could not accomplish much regarding my new digital monographic book, but I read a lot of novels. Still in Italy, trying to make it home in time to celebrate Xmas with family, a normal I do not want to change!"

Bev Doherty shared: "Tom and I returned to Milwaukee before the Covid-19 count spiked in Florida. We found that social distancing and use of masks varied considerably through Alabama, Kentucky, Illinois. It feels better to be quarantined in Milwaukee. I love city life with fresh air, sounds of sparrows, babies crying, chatter of neighbors, workers pulling off old roofing talking with the radio going. Even the creaking in this house is like our old home in Detroit. Now we have no movies, theater, art museums. But we have bike trails, parks, the lake, books, zoom, book club, lecture series. On July 4th we were treated to sweet violin as a woman practiced on her balcony while neighbors coaxed encores. People are active in community life. They have butterfly gardens and little free libraries. Everywhere are home-made Black Lives Matter signs and peaceful demonstrations. It is hard to express how different this is from Vero Beach where life is comfortable, but very protected and apart. Now I'm going to the park to finish Toni Morrison's *Sula* before book club meets. I read Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*. Do you remember we read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* for discussion during freshmen orientation at Rosary? I wonder what freshmen are reading now."

With a stay-at-home directive, hours were spent completing projects and satisfaction seeing what had been accomplished—something I had control over—in a world with so much uncertainty. It was therapeutic for me. For John

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Concetta Cipriano Gacka '07

and me, it was a 'geriatric hon-ey-moon' as we enjoyed precious time together with home-cooked candlelight dinners which included new recipes I never seemed to find the time to try out. We stayed connected with our parish and felt a sense of community as we participated in live-streamed Masses.

We hosted Zooms with **Linda Miller Drennan** and her husband John, **Mitzi Battista Witchger** and her husband Tom, **Donna Freehill Land** and her husband Ed, and **Maureen O'Rourke Cannon** and her husband Jim. It was great to touch base. We get together monthly to catch up. John and I are doing the same with my siblings. With one of my brothers living in North Carolina, my parents and siblings were only able to get together once a year. We would talk frequently, but not all together at the same time. We were fortunate that members of our family were able to work from home while their kids were schooling online. We saw our daughters and their families who live in Riverside, socially distancing as we talked to them through glass doors or outside on our daily walks, minus the hugs. We visited our son in Wilmette, sitting outside at a special table so we could enjoy spending time together without being in close proximity.

Two of our kids and their families joined us for Fourth of July weekend in Minocqua. It was the first time we'd been together since March and the weather allowed us to be outside for meals, boating, swimming and skiing. Bedrooms and bathrooms were assigned by family and only 2 at a time in the kitchen. While we were on Fence Lake, a flotilla of decorated boats circled. There were 50+ boats socially distancing on the lake in the evening to watch fireworks. We watched *Hamilton* outside on the big screen our son brought until



Designing a Brighter Future

Concetta Cipriano Gacka '07 is a designer who runs her own fashion studio specializing in bridal wear. So when she was invited to design a garment for this year's RefuSHE Fashion Challenge, she didn't hesitate.

RefuSHE, a Kenya-based nonprofit, supports refugee girls from throughout sub-Saharan Africa through a holistic array of services including education, mentoring and skills training. The annual Fashion Challenge raises funds through a fashion show that invites emerging designers to create garments using fabrics hand-dyed by girls and women served by the organization.

"Being involved with this was amazing because it's about women empowering other women," Concetta said. "I've been fortunate enough to have a really strong circle of people supporting me my whole life. Raising money to help other girls who haven't had those same opportunities was really meaningful."

Concetta's design—a white pantsuit with a dramatic blue-and-white train—won the challenge, with 310 votes. The event raised nearly \$125,000 to support RefuSHE.

A self-taught dressmaker, Concetta opened her own design business shortly after graduating from Dominican with majors in fashion design and merchandising and minors in studio art and business administration. "That combination gave me both the skills and the knowledge to pursue my goals," she said.

the mosquitos won the battle. It was a very different Fourth of July, but one we'll remember because we treasured time together which we had been missing.

Our lives have all been put on hold and there doesn't appear to be an end in sight, but we have learned what is truly important – faith, family, friends, health. Our 55th reunion will be in 2021. It remains

to be seen how it will be celebrated. Stay tuned!

1968

Mary Duncan Gemkow, Suzanne Engle
Class Agents

Hi, 68ers! Our Zoom Reunion was fantastic! 35 classmates from 16 states participated, with

people coming and going over three hours. **Donna Renn** greeted everyone and set the stage. Sister Freeecopious (aka **Marilyn Freehill Jancewicz**) presided, complete with nun's habit, keeping a lively conversation going. Classmates marveled at how we haven't changed! Fun stories were exchanged as well as very poignant memories. It reminded **Mary Duncan Gemkow** of family gatherings where kids tell stories of what they kept from their parents. We reminisced about our Rosary—favorite and not-so-favorite classes, professors, mentors, commuter life, dorm life, friendships, trips together. Many shared memories of the Sisters and lay professors who were excellent teachers and very influential in our lives.

Remember the Blizzard of 1967? Remember a certain statue that mysteriously appeared in dorms, presenting a quandary for the lucky recipient—how to return it without being seen? Remember playing bridge in The Grill? Remember the turbulent national events? Of special interest now were memories of the social justice work that classmates did—like tutoring kids in west-side neighborhoods, participating in civil rights demonstrations, volunteering for summer social justice programs. Many of us were activists then and now. We shared how we're coping with all the amazing events of 2020.

Kathy Wessels Cook offered the Irish blessing: "May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

It was so much fun that we are going to have more Zoom Reunions. We look forward to seeing you!

The '68 Posse continues to brainstorm ways we can stay in touch with all of you. Our next Zoom



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Library Science

Joslyn Bowling Dixon MLIS '09 wasn't planning a career as a librarian when she landed her first professional job at a public library in Hazel Crest. But she enjoyed the work, and one job led to another, and she realized she'd found her calling. Over the years, she's held a series of progressively more responsible positions at libraries around the country, mostly in urban settings.

In August, Joslyn took on a new role as director of the Newark Public Library, an eight-location library system serving a diverse urban population.

"What drew me to this position is that the Newark Public Library was already doing a phenomenal job of serving the community, and the community really values what we have to offer," she said. "We have the potential here to be a thought leader in the library field, and I'm looking forward to the challenge of continuing to lift us up."

is a series featuring classmates sharing interesting stories from their personal and professional lives. Posse members are **Carol Anderson Kunze, Tomi Campbell Hubert, Suzanne Engle, Marilyn Freehill Jancewicz, Mary Duncan Gemkow, Marita Hoy Fenley, Donna Renn, and Kathy Wessels Cook.**

Mary Eileen O'Keefe Bateman gave an update on her technology consortium: "My work is very slow, because of Covid19, but also because there are governmental hoops to jump through. I have one water project that has been stalled since last December. Our test samples passed the Army Corps of Engineers guidelines, but the Department of Agriculture wants an environmental impact study.

We know that frac production water contaminates streams, and disposal is to inject water 14,000 feet into an old well site. This intense pressure causes extreme heat and earthquakes are a direct result. This delay is very disappointing to me as a saleswoman and as a citizen. We have been awarded a contract from Sudan to install their entire new grid system. We are using 4 technologies to create this network. For this system the loss of energy during transmission is less than 1%. In the US our transmission lines lose 8-9% of capacity. All 4 of these technologies were created here in the US and manufactured in Chicago."

News from **Ann Sauer**: "My view from a small town during the pandemic and Black Lives Matter protests: it's conservative country here in northwestern Illinois. Many don't wear masks. People rioted downtown after the death of George Floyd, breaking courthouse windows and looting stores. Most struggling small businesses boarded up. Afterward people of all races and ages came together for a peaceful Black Lives Matter demonstration. The demonstration was held at the century-old Carnegie Library that has been beautifully repurposed as Freeport City Hall. A citizens committee has been formed to discuss the protests and the way forward. I reconnected with Rosary grad, Mary Frances Vicars Cutter-Sullivan '69 who now lives in Minneapolis. I'm enjoying beautiful Krape Park for walking and Jane Addams Trail for biking. I get together with high school classmates for monthly breakfasts. Hopefully I will remember how to put on makeup!"

While sheltered in Chicago, **Donna Renn** has been zooming with the Posse, critiquing movies for her film club, reading classics for her discussion group, and discovered a newfound passion: constructing crossword puzzles. Her very first puzzle was for the '68 Zoom Reunion. She adds a puzzle a day to her portfolio. She will construct one for you if you suggest a theme!

Suzanne Cosimano Awalt writes: "Sheltering has afforded the opportunity to renew friendships and reminisce about Rosary. Thanks to our Posse for keeping us connected. I had a lovely visit from Jessica Anderson from University Advancement. Jessica and I shared stories and updates on campus. So uplifting to hear of the educational and career programs, particularly for first-generation college students. Many of us were in that group back in the day. My sister Carole Cosimano, long-time

Chicagoan, has relocated to my town of Benicia, CA. No small task to move across country during a pandemic. Our travel wings are clipped for the time being. I remain active with my church, Heifer International, and with Carquinez Village, assisting older persons remain independent. Choral singing is on pause, as are visits with my daughters. I have no small amount of gratitude for good health."

Suzanne Engle's daughter Ellie Nelson organized Solidarity Boards after the demonstrations in Chicago protesting racism and promoting police reform. The initiative intended to show solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, support local small businesses, and communicate messages of unity in diversity. Teams of students and community members created art on buildings boarded up during the protests. The team worked in south-side neighborhoods, drawing an enthusiastic and grateful response from business owners and often drawing community members to participate.

Don't forget to keep up to date with your classmates on our private Facebook page "Rosary College Class of 1968". If you would like us to post news for you, contact **Mary Duncan Gemkow** at mdgemkow@aol.com, or **Suzanne Engle** at nelsonengle@sbcglobal.net.

We love this message from the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in a letter from the Mound: "We hope you are experiencing good health, are connected with those you love, and have what you need."

1969

Susan Kreuz McCoyd
Class Agent

Not much is going on other than wearing masks, washing hands,

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Joslyn Bowling Dixon MLIS '09

FaceTime and Zoom meetings. Some have been social distance visiting with family, outdoor dining, walking, hiking and picnicking. **Mary Malone Janicki** writes: "We are so thankful to have celebrated our reunion and not been postponed, like this year's. We know that when they do gather, it will be extra special with 2020 stories! We are enjoying our connections on our Class of 1969 page. It really has been nice to reacquaint with classmates. We've had news to share and even **Nancy Fong's** contact information!" **Judy Dodane O'Dwyer** was able to connect with Nancy and they got together in Cancun "catching up and remembering fun days at Rosary." Several connected with Nancy following Judy's Facebook posting about their get-together. Nancy hopes to make it to our 55th Reunion!

Annette Marrandino Carmany hosted a Dominican gathering at her home for alumnae/i in the surrounding area. President Donna Carroll gave a Dominican update. Members of our class in attendance were Annette, **Judy Dodane O'Dwyer**, and **Gail Kniewel Johnson**.

Mary Iannucilli posts that she is "recently retired and now retiring." Mary served as Principal of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School in Orland Hills, IL for eleven years. CJB was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School twice while under Mary's leadership.

The pandemic necessitated some to cancel vacations, and others to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in ala Corona mode. Congratulations are extended to **Kim Smyth Roufs** and her husband Tim, **Carolyn Carey Aiossa** and her husband Tony, **Christine Godsil Cooper** and her husband Ricky, **Gail Kniewel Johnson** and her husband Chris.

Ruth Oswood continues working as a mental health counselor in

Espanola, NM. Individual and group counseling during the pandemic are by telemedicine. Challenging to say the least! Ruth reports that she is shocked by the recent events in our country. Her full commentary is posted on our Facebook page.

We mourn the deaths of **Christine Kehoe** (Feb. 9, 2020) and **JoAn Lauer Ackers** (Feb. 14, 2020).

Joan had been battling cancer and had hoped to attend our reunion but was unable to do so. Joan led a life of compassion and service to the communities where she resided. Christine was able to be on campus Reunion Sunday enjoying breakfast with **Anne Wilson**, **Nancy Nobbe Pond**, **Eileen Willenborg**, and **Vicky Czepiel Nunamaker**. Christine had worked for NBC News in Chicago for 24 years where she won two Television Emmys. Rest in peace with the angels Christine and Joan.

Wrapping up, thank you to all who participated in the DU Trivia Quiz; it was great fun, but alas no one from our class won. Thank you to all who post news on our FB page and a very grateful thank you to those who contributed to Dominican's Covid-19 Student Relief Fund

1970

Karen Ripley Stein
Class Agent

Marijane Placek is an award-winning criminal Lawyer. She has written extensively on the law and has taught both nationally and internationally. She has been featured in two books, *Defending the Damned* and *Courtroom 302*.

Barbara Kolarik Sedivec is retired from teaching but she is busy teaching ESL in the TEACH Program, Teaching English to Achieve Change. She is a grandmother to two grandsons, Ayden & Ashtyn. Her daughter and son-in-law are

in the military and stationed in Washington State.

Barbara Kotula Kraus and husband, William celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2020.

Mimi Gorak Murray: "My husband, Mike, and I visited Lima, Peru. With Jimmy, our guide, we visited shanty towns, met many, and got a sense of their extreme poverty. I got an email from Jimmy, who is a coordinator for Reciprocity NGO, which supports the shanty towns. He described the impact COVID-19 was having. He asked if we could help with their greatest need: building soup kitchens, and providing an industrial propane stove, kettles, and utensils, so they could cook indoors, rather than over an open fire. The Spanish name for soup kitchen is 'Olla Comun', which means 'Common Pot'. Besides reaching out to friends, Mike and I funded four soup kitchens, and also provided funding so Reciprocity NGO could buy food for several weeks. We were honored that they wanted to dedicate the first soup kitchen to us. They dedicated the second to our son, and the third to my mother, who passed away in 2014. It is called 'Olla Comun Madre Lillian'. They put her photo on the wall, and they hand lettered her favorite saying: 'Nothing happens for the worst that doesn't turn out for the best.' If it weren't for the COVID-19 pandemic bringing even greater poverty and illness, then Jimmy would not have reached out to us to help in their greatest need: helping families feed themselves through a 'Common Pot.'"

1971

Kathy Klem Large
Class Agent

Some of you may have noted the passing of **Judie Charvat Bradford** under the Alumnae/i deaths in the last issue. I was able to make contact with **Mary**

Anne Saal Chevalier who had heard from Judie's stepson. Judie passed away peacefully after a valiant fight against esophageal cancer and complications from a post-surgical infection. She is survived by her sister Melitta Charvat Doetsch '74. Many of us knew her well from our freshman year on Coughlin 1 and she will be deeply missed by us.

We received news that **Marty Kahler Van Ness'** sister Janey Kahler Kelly '73, passed away. Marty has an older sister, Kathy Kahler Matthews '66, and all three graduated from Rosary. Janey was a theater major but rather than acting, she was a "behind the scenes girl" i.e. lighting, costuming, and scenery, etc. and eventually had a career as an IT person. Our condolences go out to both Marty and her sister Kathy.

Mary Anne Saal Chevalier is at home with her husband Dan. She has been the errand runner and is hopeful that her grandchildren will return to school in September.

Ellen Havlik Turney wrote that she had great memories of Dr. Goodman's math classes. "There were only a handful of math majors and he made class fun. We had classes cancelled on the Jewish holidays each year. I don't use all of the math knowledge I learned but it helps with clearer thinking."

"We are all safe and well," wrote **Mary Engle**. Her twins are continuing their education and daughter Lily completed her master's degree in Biomimicry while son Reed is off to medical school.

Jane Heinen Schlotman had all kinds to share. "We were freshmen when Dr. MLK Jr. was killed. We all had to leave campus and I saw tanks on North Avenue near the Sears when my father and brother picked me up. The first week back with Mrs. Hayes, she walked in, sat at her desk and

removed her glasses. She looked at us for a long time then she said one thing: 'Will you pass this hate to your children?' Then she left. We sat there for a few minutes and silently left too.' Jane lived on 1st floor Coughlin when the hallway flooded and the girls got up to mop the floors. "We were in robes, curlers and pj's and I have pictures to prove it." Another memory revolved around the Vietnam War. She read the names of the boys killed at a draft office. Jane and others were there with Fr. Steve Shimeck, Rosary's chaplain, and she felt that because the students were with a priest they wouldn't be arrested. But here came the Chicago police. "Wait...I want to teach...then I will have a criminal record...so I left quickly. My father was a WWII vet and faithful viewer of the nightly news and I was sure he would not want to see his daughter protesting a war!"

Molly Schafer DeDominicis and her husband, Ken, whom she met in Fribourg, had hoped to visit their daughter, Claire, and their 3 grandchildren in Portugal and then winter in Cancun. "Well, Covid 19 decided to demonstrate how plans don't always work out." Claire's husband is retiring from the Air Force, and the family decided to stay in the EU. If all goes well, they will gain dual citizenship in Portugal. Molly's husband is pursuing Italian citizenship. Molly said, "I'm worried you may all be watching us one day on HGTV restoring a rundown Roman ruin which we bought for \$100.00 and promised to fix up. Our 50 years together have never been dull."

From New Hampshire, **Marilyn Otte Mahoney** wrote that she is going nowhere except to the grocery store and hardware. She is spending as much time outside as possible and has her best garden ever!

Nancy Sidote Salyers looked at life as though she was preparing

to dorm. She said "I can't help but think about how different that packing list would be today: Cell phone vs. phone booth, Polaroid vs. camera phone, typewriter vs. laptop, stamps and stationery vs. email. We were lucky to be able to use a popcorn popper and gather in the kitchen for homemade birthday cakes. We signed out the college station wagon and shared a TV. The sights and sounds were of group discussions, card games and typewriter bells. Our disagreements could be lively but always respectful. I remember an overwhelming sense of community. I think often about those times in contrast to what is happening today, especially during this long isolation." She has spent isolation checking on neighbors, cooking, and being grateful for life, family, friends, and freedom.

Anne Vonderhaar had a visit with her son Robert, and two grandsons (8 & 12!!!) and had forgotten how rambunctious boys can be!

Jacqueline LaSalle Bolger Buffo: "After being a widow for 32 years, I got married to a wonderful man Maurice (Morrie) Buffo! What day did we choose? Black Friday 2019! No quiet, intimate family affair for us...NOPE! We did it right - Mass, Dinner with open bar, and dancing—lots and lots of dancing!"

Linda Fosnacht Siebolds has been unable to take her "graduation" trip to Tuscany. Hopefully, she can. She is missing her colleagues, but doesn't mind not having to put on makeup, fix her hair, and loves her comfy yoga pants!

Mary Rita Luecke and her husband, Michael Gelder, became grandparents to Aylan C. Gelder Dabah, the first son for her daughter Hannah Gelder and husband Charles Dabah. Congratulations!

Linda Grzesiakowski Hanrath had an outdoor lunch with our

classmate **Susan Mackiewicz Sowa**. Her memories include Sister Albertus Magnus who was her advisor. Sister always wore a pin that said, "Never underestimate the power of a woman." She also encouraged Linda to take classes outside of her history major so she would be well-rounded. She remembers Sister Joan O'Shea '52 as the person who introduced her to Frango mints. Mrs. Tilleaux was her art history professor, and Linda recalled writing her a note to say how glad she was she took that class because it gave her an appreciation for the great works she saw on a first trip to Europe in the '70's.

Susan Mackiewicz Sowa said she too enjoyed the long lunch with Linda "Greze." They're staying in touch and Sue is still playing WWF with Grez. **Jacqueline LaSalle Bolger Buffo** and **Ruthmarie Hamburge Mitsch**. Her daughter Lauren's wedding has been rescheduled twice due to Covid. Lauren is in her dissertation year of her 5-year Fellowship at USC Annenberg. She is teaching Public Speaking—definitely a ZOOM challenge! Sue continued: "Lauren is co-starring in a new film, DIVOS!, now out. She plays over-achiever Cindy. And, I am making MY cameo debut, too. I can't describe the excitement of walking the Red Carpet with the cameras flashing at the Hollywood Premiere in the famous TCL Grauman's Chinese Theater."

One of **Mary Ann Campbell Swalling's** fondest memories revolved around her French professor asking her to stay after class. "She seemed nervous and uneasy and I knew I wasn't doing well. I was afraid that I might lose credits...or something worse. Imagine my surprise when she simply asked if I was planning to go to Fribourg. When I answered 'No,' her shoulders relaxed. She smiled and told me that she was

so relieved because she was afraid that my French skills would not prepare me for a year abroad. I'm not sure which of us was more relieved, me because my credits weren't in jeopardy or her because she wouldn't need to start me on a crash course to enhance my vocabulary!"

Vicki Woodward was able to have a family visit before things shut down. Son Woody came in with his family and they were joined by Vicki and John's daughter Megan. Megan ended up flying back to DC and has been there helping with her brother's family! Vicki is staying active with book clubs and a film group. She is proud of her activism with "Invest to Elect IL," a collective of 200 educated motivated women of all ages. They are dedicated to "preserving democracy by supporting mainly female candidates." Vicki and John directed their charitable gift annuity with Rosary to support the education and purchase of PPE for front-line health providers in training. In Vicki's words "a small investment in the greater good..."

Much like **Marilyn Otte Mahoney, Peggy Goldsmith Schultz** has been using her Master Gardener skills to make her garden look better than ever. Her gym closed so she has taken "to walking the streets." She ran into a Chicago News Show personality who lives on the next street! "I have read a thousand books and have learned from webinars and ZOOM is my new best friend. My daughters and daughter-in-law have discovered many hidden talents as mothers and teachers. God willing we'll be together next spring for the big 50!"

Judy Gaglione Zitlow wrote that she hated to miss our last reunion but her mother passed away that summer at age 99. Judy, our belated sympathy to you. She has

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Tiffany Hightower MSOL '11

reflected on the foundational experience at Rosary. "As students, we decorated our rooms, went to dances, celebrated birthdays and ran to classes via the tunnel. More importantly we demonstrated for peace, racial justice, women's rights, and educational change. Those days of idealism and activism deeply influenced my ideas and actions, as our society grapples with social and racial injustices." She continued saying many teachers had a lasting impact. Everything she turned in for English with Mrs. Hirsh was "unacceptable and a do-over" but she had mastered the research process and the development of a paper. Mr. Bill Filstead sparked her lifelong love of Sociology and Mr. George Anastaplo's Socratic method of instruction was on

full display as he led students to Montreal to study the French-Canadian Separatist Movement. Both men required their students to think critically which Judy adapted when she taught various sociology and government courses. "We sorely need more critical thinkers today with the values of *Caritas and Veritas*."

One of my favorite memories is of the huge box that my art major roommate, **Mary Ann Campbell Swalling**, received in our sophomore year. Her father, George, had a plumbing business and the box was filled with white, glass pipes. The plumbing in Power Hall was quite old and I think we truly had enough to do a major update! I helped her carry this array over to the art gallery in Lewis where she assembled it into a sculpture. She

recently told me that it had sold after the show, and we both hope it is still gracing someone's living room! I loved each note from you. Keep those letters comin'

1974

Susan Schwarting
Class Agent

Susan Schwarting and her daughter Sarah Schwarting '04 MSW '09 have been offering virtual staff support to various non-profits such as NAMI and ChildServ during the shelter in place order through their business, The Center for Serenity. Topics included Finding Calm and Feeling Safe as well as Self Compassion and Self Care. Their programs are based on positive psychology and mindfulness.

her first novel, *The Reluctant Fortune-Teller*. Both the novel and its author were a hit. She reported that her agent is sending out her third novel. Good luck! She added, "Pandemic-wise, I've been enjoying a more compact life and it allows for productivity: studying German, making watercolors, etc. I get to see my psychotherapy clients through telehealth so am very lucky my work continues undisturbed. My French book club meets, so if any RoCo French-speakers want to join, contact me!" (I can connect you, if you email hwschnadt@gmail.com.)

Nearly 3 years since their 40th-anniversary-of-Rosary-in-London trip, **Ann Van Hoomissen Bixby** and **Helen Hollerich** were scheduled in June 2020 for another trip concentrating on Scotland's Highlands and Islands. Helen learned to play Scottish tunes on the tin whistle while Ann redesigned their "Best Road Trip Ever" Facebook so they could share their travel hijinks. They have their fingers crossed to reset the trip to June 2021. If you want to follow along, let me know and I will pass your email address along so they can admit you to their group. Ann had no problem filling the freed-up time, since she had recently moved. "We survived the move and downsizing; we are in Brown Box Utopia. I'm taking a 'staycation' and enjoying our new home!" Congratulations are due to Ann for more than just the new house. She and her colleagues at the *Idaho Catholic Register* were honored by the Catholic Press Association with seven national awards: two First Place, one Second Place, two Third Place, and two Honorable Mentions.

The pandemic has meant a new routine for **Bridget and Joe Cortina**. "Joe and I use the pool each day for exercise. We have a golf cart to tool around in—so private



Leading Statewide Change

Tiffany D. Hightower MSOL '11 recently joined the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation as executive director. In her new role, she will lead fundraising and other civic activities to support the nation's oldest Black legislative caucus.

"The caucus has an impact throughout the whole state, and it's exciting to be working on the philanthropic piece of that," Tiffany said. "This is a critical moment in the history of Black America, and this is a pivotal role in finding thoughtful ways of helping African American communities throughout the state."

Tiffany began her career in the mental health field, working with victims of domestic violence, but soon pivoted to policy roles.

"I never left work without trying to figure out at what point in their lives something could have changed to make their lives better," she said. "I realized that I wanted to start looking at how to eradicate some of the structural racisms that lead to some of these problems."

1975

Mary Alice Griesinger
Class Agent

Mary Alice Griesinger: "I hope you are doing well during this time. I am so disappointed that we could not get together to reminisce. Hopefully, we can get together next year and exchange news of weddings, graduations, new babies, retirements, new homes. We all had events for 2020 and hopefully 2021 will see us enjoying life and doing what we planned. My family and I were planning a trip to Tuscany, so hopefully in 2021 I can get back to see the things I missed on my previous trips. I am still working at Northeastern Illinois University as the benefits manager but getting closer to retirement every day."

1979

Hilary Ward Schnadt
Class Agent

Karen Allegra (as Keziah Frost) joined my book club for an author talk in May when we read

and cool. We have a small garden we tinker with. And signed up for Netflix and others! Finished a lot of books. Doing a fair amount of cooking since dining out is risky. No complaints for trying new recipes and experimenting. Probably drinking more, as 4-5:00 pm is happy hour and a glass of wine sits well before dinner. We are in Florida, so it is hot, hot, hot." Because Joe's 87-year-old mother lives 45 minutes away, they are busy with her care. "We take her for her groceries, church, medical appointments and just general support. We pick her up, bring her to our house, use the pool, the jacuzzi for her scoliosis, then sit down to a home-cooked meal before taking her home." Bridget's knee surgeries were successful, and Joe's knees are fine, too. She concludes, "I pray for all who have been sick, are sick, or will be. Life is good, GOD is great!"

Sybil Leak Davis has been keeping busy. "Gardening is my spring, summer, and fall passion!"

Readers will remember from our last issue that **Nancy Greco** lost her mother. She is in the process of selling her mother's condo and hopes to make renovations to her own. Time is available since the pandemic has canceled her scheduled performances. She wrote, "I would like to thank the class for all the love everyone showed me with my Mom's death. I was stunned by the number of classmates who showed up for the wake and funeral and the many cards I received. This was a wonderful thing and I want to express my thanks to everyone."

I am sorry to report that two classmates lost their mothers. Let us offer condolences to **Helen Walsh** on her loss of Jeanne Cusack Walsh '53 and to **Marybeth Cvengros** on her loss of Marye "Bettye" Cvengros. In addition, **Jeanne Sullivan Goss**



A Career Twist

Marcy Traxler MBA '13 recently started a new role as senior vice president of network advancement at the Chicago-based national office of Easterseals, a not-for-profit organization that provides resources for individuals with disabilities, veterans, seniors and their families.

The new role represents a change of direction for Marcy. Before joining Easterseals, she spent more than 20 years working in hospital administration, most recently as vice president of business development and service line strategy at AMITA Health System.

"I've always had a passion for children's health and health care for women," Marcy said. "But in my hospital roles, I didn't always get to fulfill that mission-driven side of myself. For this part of my career, I wanted to do something where I could really make a difference."

In her new role, Marcy works with the organization's 68 nationwide affiliates on strategies to grow Easterseals and enhance its capacity.

"At Easterseals, I get to sit at the leadership table, which is exciting," she said. "I'm looking forward to having a real impact on the organization's transformation."

lost her brother-in-law, Kevin O'Donnell. May perpetual light shine upon them.

Skip Robinson had joyous news. "Valerie Machalski and I married on 6/20/2020, at our home overlooking the Fox River in McHenry, IL. We have been together for 4 years and friends for 12+." Congratulations, Skip and Valerie Machalski-Robinson! Skip is also enjoying beekeeping. "Our bees seem to be doing much better. It's looking great and I have yet to be stung!"

Sr. Peggy Ryan, OP was pictured in the Sinsinawa Dominican

Vision newsletter in May as one of the Dominican Sisters serving on the Antiracism Transformation Team (ARTT).

Teresa Anderson Shultz wrote, "I was teaching my Preschool class for the Archdiocese of Chicago from home due to the pandemic. It was hard to keep 3- and 4-year-old students engaged remotely. I did my best and learned Zoom and Loom! I'm hoping to be back in the classroom with my kiddos in the fall. I took a quick road trip to Georgia to see the granddaughters (Lorelei age 4 and Eleanor

16 months). I brought my masks, gloves, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer! I made cloth masks with ladybug fabric, flowers, hearts, etc. which Lorelei thought were cute. A very strange time on the road with little traffic and few people at the hotel. But it was worth the trip!"

Rick Wilk did some traveling. "I was fortunate to get a holiday in with a trip to Singapore, Thailand and Cambodia. The Vietnam and Hong Kong legs of the journey were cancelled as the outbreak spread. Watching from a public health perspective has been interesting. When people ask me what I do for a living, I encounter glazed eyes as I talk. Now, American's interest in public health has awakened which has led to many conversations. I had a trip to Portugal and Italy scheduled, though this is uncertain. The mission trips to the Pine Ridge Reservation and Mississippi have been cancelled. I joined my church for a Black Lives Matter protest in Arlington Heights. After three years injured, I'm back playing tennis and joined a group in my age cohort in addition to competing with the younger guys. The commitment to keep up with the youngsters won't end well."

I've been enjoying retirement. For eight weeks this spring, I offered "Duckwatch 2020" on Facebook of a merganser duck who used a nesting box in our yard to hatch ducklings. I contributed to the Mundelein Arts Commission's "Sofa Shakespeare" project. They put together a virtual production of *The Taming of the Shrew* by parceling out the play to community members in one-minute increments to video themselves. I also contributed a "bonus feature" tour of my framed rubbing of Shakespeare's gravestone.

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Marcy Traxler MBA '13

1980

Linda Rohde
Class Agent

Grace Dumelle and her husband Walter Podrazik celebrated their 30th anniversary in 2019. She'd always wanted to go to Nashville and they enjoyed the Country Music Hall of Fame, especially the exhibit on Felice and Boudleaux Bryant. They wrote "Rocky Top Tennessee", "Love Hurts", and for the Everly Brothers. They attended a taping of the Grand Ole Opry. They took a driving trip to New York state. They had VIP tours at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the National Comedy Center. Learned so much in Seneca Falls about the women who fought for equal rights. Blown away by hearing the Harriet Tubman story in Auburn. She went back over 30 times to rescue people, all the while suffering from epilepsy. They enjoyed the lovely wines of the Finger Lakes and took a moonlit cruise on Skaneateles Lake.

Mary Eileen Ward Russell

reports: "My wonderful husband, Michael and I celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary on September 20th, 2020!! Mickey and I are high school sweethearts and have been together 47 years and counting!! Mickey and I are blessed with three children and 6 beautiful grandchildren. They range in age from 11-year-old lovely Natalie to 1-year-old sweet Preston. They are ALL so precious! We've had the good fortune of travelling to Europe & Asia. Also travelled with our kids—we lived in the 4 Time Zones! We built our dream home in Colorado. We make regular trips to Florida to see my mom who turned 86 years old. My mother lives in her own home, drives, and loves to go out with friends. We are so thankful

she is in good health! We call her Florida GiGi—Great Grandma! Sending warm regards. I love our trips back to Chicago, one of my hometowns! I have such fond memories of our college days! As we celebrate our 40th, I am proud of our Rosary heritage."

Leonard Lloyd is celebrating becoming a great-uncle to baby boy Carson.

And **Maureen Arens Marks** is happy to announce that her Bed and Breakfast in Lake Geneva, WI, TC Smith Historic Inn is opening a 3-bedroom cottage on the property.

Mike Hattie enjoyed the brunch that the Class of 1980 Reunion Planning Committee had in the spring, even though the committee went into hiatus. He's grateful to be well and employed and connected to family and friends and has tried to call as much as possible. He's joined his parish reopening team to resume masses and train others to comply with Archdiocese, state, and IDPH guidelines.

1990

Nicola Germann, Juan Rodriguez
Class Agents

Nicola Germann: "I completed my Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction with Advanced Specializations in ELL and Special Education from National Louis University. I currently teach elementary school in Berwyn."

1992

Melissa Mascari Santo Pietro
Class Agent

Renee Olinski Shearer and her husband purchased a new home

in Downers Grove. Her son, Jack Kwiatkowski, graduated from Downers Grove South High School—he will be attending College of DuPage before going on to study engineering.

Debbie Brown Dibbern started working at Dominican last fall, and is loving being back on campus! Her daughter, Emma, graduated from high school, and is headed to Butler University. Her son, Matthew, graduated from Western Michigan University.

1993

Bridget Loar Harvey
Class Agent

Toya K. Woods-Stewart, was appointed to Vice President & Chief Human Resource Officer at Roosevelt University on June 1, 2019.

2003

Mary Sobczak Minster, Yvette Vazquez Pratt
Class Agents

Sandra Shimon has received two advanced degrees since matriculating from DU and was recently chosen as principal of Prosser Career Academy High School in Chicago Public Schools.

2004

Joe Bruno, Brandy Foster
Class Agents

Hedi Belkaoui: "I recently received my Ed.D from National Louis University in Educational Leadership. My dissertation focuses on the efficacy of school improvement plans on instructional capacity in schools."

Sarah Schwarting MSW '09 completed 40 hours of RBT training

and is now a Registered Behavior Technician working with children on the Autism spectrum. Sarah has also completed training to become a Reiki Master Teacher.

2007

Stephanie Adams Taylor, Mark Carbonara, Stephanie Lieberman
Class Agents

Veronica Belback Holtman and Zachary Holtman '09 welcomed their son, Harold Reamonn Holtman on January 7, 2020. He was 7lbs 12oz, and 19.5in, and has blue eyes and ginger hair. His whole family (including Grandma Rosemary Hoffman '71 and Godmother Candice Storino Bull '08) are head-over-heels!

Mark Carbonara has assumed a new role at Dominican as the Director of Academic Advising & First-Year Experience. Mark is working to complete his Doctorate in Education from Northern Illinois University in Higher Education Administration with a research focus on Men and Masculinities in College.

2008

Megan Hoppe recently joined the Corporate Communications team at LinkedIn where she leads, among other things, the executive communications program. She is still based in the Bay Area, and works out of the company's San Francisco headquarters.

2009

Lindsay Buoniconti, Shannon Sromek Hickey
Class Agents

Adam Gross graduated from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology with a PhD in Business Psychology.

"To all whose path merged with mine, whether it was just for a few steps or for most of the way, may God bless you for the spirit, flavor, and vitality you've brought into my life. I love you now, and I will love you always. Love one another!"

Anna Marie Garippo Sciaraffa '49

2013

Karla Bayas, Molly Brauer, Marco Rodriguez
Class Agents

Karen McCormick Çiftçi: "I published my first book, *Loving Across Borders*. It is a user's guide for intercultural relationships, infused with experiences from myself, people I've worked with, and interviewed. I founded *Borderless Stories* to provide support to people in intercultural relationships, and since then I've been podcasting, coaching, and writing."

2015

Katie Schmidt, Tanner Strong
Class Agents

Izabela Tancula Krawiec: "I am a proud alumna! I opened my own law practice concentrating in trusts, estates, and family law."

2016

Olivia Szuszkiewicz, Erin Winkler, Cutberto Aguayo, Andrea Hinojosa
Class Agents

Patricia Chavez: "I began a new job as a Library Research Information Specialist at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago."

Cody James Schuster received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Roseman University in Las Vegas, NV. He is currently working in retail pharmacy.

Andrea Hinojosa partnered with Near North Health Service Corporation's (NNHSC) WIC clinics and BUILD, Inc. (Broader Urban Involvement & Leadership Development) to increase the exposure of locally farmed produce in Chicago. She created a strong community garden relationship between NNHSC's WIC clinic and Chicago Lights by initiating

garden events and activities for WIC participants. She started a hydroponics community garden at Near North's Moody clinic to educate about nutrition and wellness. With BUILD's partnership with Chicago Public Schools, Andrea has started teaching programs on nutrition, culinary, and hydroponics with a sustainability focus. With BUILD, she has become a mentor and modeled healthy behaviors for the community while being involved in programs that relate to sports, art, culinary, and getting chickens for 2021!

Graduate Alumnae/i Class News

School of Information Studies

Daniel Schwartz MLIS '97 graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in 2019 with his Master's Degree in Public Administration. Currently, he works as a Managing Librarian for the City of Corpus Christi Public Library System. He is active in the Texas Library Association and serves as the Chair of the Jeanette and Jim Larson Mystery Grant Committee.

Mary Catherine Coleman MLIS '07 wrote a book, *Collaborate*, which examines effective implementation of the Shared Foundation from the National School Library Standards. Published by the American Association of School Librarians and ALA Editions, the book discusses strategies for establishing connections to curriculum and mission, facilitating learning networks, modeling respect in diverse groups, and moving beyond support and resources to instructional partners.

Savannah Kitchens MLIS '11 is the director of the Parnell Memorial Library in Montevallo, Alabama. "My library and I were



In Memoriam: Anna Marie Garippo Sciaraffa '49

Anna Marie Garippo Sciaraffa '49 passed away peacefully on October 11 surrounded by her loving family. After graduating from Rosary College with a degree in music, Anna Marie became a Chicago Public Schools teacher and married Anthony (Tony) Sciaraffa in 1952. She later became Rosary's first lay Director of Alumnae Relations, overseeing what would ultimately become the Annual Trustee Benefit Concert and Gala and the Children's Christmas Party. Anna Marie subsequently served as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Anna Marie and Tony had seven children. Several of their children and grandchildren attended Rosary/Dominican, including her son Robert '78; granddaughters Christina Montana Marcantelli '01 and Dianna Sciaraffa '13; and grandsons Anthony Sciaraffa '16 and Stephen Sciaraffa '18. Her legacy at Dominican will live on through the Anthony and Anna Marie Garippo Sciaraffa Scholarship and the Robert L. Sciaraffa Memorial Scholarship.

recently featured on the local news for creating a free mask program for our small town. I'm proud to be a DU alum!"

School of Social Work

Tanya Burgess MSW '19 is now a Field Education Specialist for the School of Social Work at Arizona State University (ASU). After three years with AmeriCorps VISTA, two years working in mental health and homeless advocacy in Illinois, Tanya moved to Arizona to pursue her dream of mento-

ring future social workers. She works with MSW students, their placement agencies, and ASU's organizational partners to support vulnerable populations. She works with online MSW students, located throughout the U.S. serving in the field during the COVID-19 crisis. Tanya contributes her success to her experience at Dominican, the amazing faculty, life-long professional connections, friends, and emphasis on field education. She hopes to give back to the University and takes pride in being a DU alum.

in sympathy

Alumnae/i

Mary Torney Dailey '41 (MHS)
 June Chiaramonte Edwards '43
 Joan Harrington French '43
 Loretta O'Dowd '44 (MHS)
 Joan Isemann Ludwig '45
 Suzanne Watson Babb '46 (MHS)
 Nicolette Sikokis Krekas '46
 Barbara McQuaid Whitmore '46
 Anna Marie Garippo Sciaraffa '49+
 Georgiana Meyers Bintingier '50
 Kathleen Flood Lane '50
 Mary Elizabeth Herx Miller '50
 Therese Dunne Pawlowski '51
 Patricia Sweeney Trausch '51
 Marcia Holland Molnar '53
 Jeanne Cusack Walsh '53, MALS '76
 Angela Bertellotti Mietus '54
 Mary Landrigan Brault '55
 Corinne O'Brien James '55
 Marjorie Licar Novak '56
 Barbara Alexander Mullarkey '57
 Joy Ann Barth '58, MBA '82
 Sr. Rita Claire Dornier, OP '58
 Barbara Krage Nicknish '58 +
 Donna Hutten '61
 Lynn Anderson Kassel '62
 Barbara Pekny Laken '62
 Pamela Balow '63
 Judith Anderson Brindley '64
 Mary Kay Murray Crocker '65
 Elinor Dahmer MALS '65
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 Dorothy Erjavec Kramer MALS '67
 Suzanne Peter Sullivan '68
 JoAn Lauer Acker '69
 Christine Kehoe '69
 Colleen Riordan Walsh MALS '69
 Kathleen Frank Dwyer '70
 Sarah Duque MFA/Schifanoia '71
 Donna Steffan MALS '71
 Mary Jane Kahler Kelly '73 (MHS)
 Colette Zyrkowski '76
 Sr. Marianne Mader, SP, MALS '78
 Mary Mitchell Van Dyke MALS '78
 Miriam Kramer Morgan MALS '79
 Philomena Flando '80
 Robert Saunders MFA/Schifanoia '80
 Mary Lee McCarthy Janis '84
 Anne Rice '84

Charles Jones II '85, MALIS '92
 Margaret Pirman MSA '85
 Jessica Roza Ciecziel '89, MLIS '05
 Barbara Ryan Lordan MBA '91
 Kathy Baumet Rzanya MAEA '92
 Douglas Fazzi '93, MBA '97
 Thomas Dworzak MBA '95
 Richard O'Boyle MLIS '08
 Lynika Strozier '11
 Patricia Lee Daniel MLIS '13

Non-Graduate Alumna

Vivian Miollis Hardister

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 Thomas Chou MSCIS '01
 Cynthia Foy Clark '80
 Kathleen Kelly Combs '73
 Joan Crowley Cusack '49
 Diane Donahoe Cusack '53
 Diane DiGregorio '61
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 Jeanne Sullivan Goss '79
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 Robert Mather MLIS '08
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 Lilly Delikanakis Mercado '86
 Kathleen Ziobro Mercado '86,
 MBA '87
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 Carolyn Harry Muchow MALIS '87
 Amy Krzysiek Nicknish '96
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 Gary Wojciechowski MBA '05
 Celina Tannura Zalas '66, MBA '89
 Nancy Reindl Zyrkowski '76,
 MALS '77

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 Kristen Hansen Rodenbostel '03

Parent of

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 Anne Deeter *
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 Cleve Fenley ^
 David Flando '82
 Jack Flight MSW '03 *
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 Jerome Lockett *
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 MSOL '07
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 Chelly Oquendo *
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 MAEd '14 *
 Suzanne Bares Rundberg '99
 Mary Filipek Scandale '66
 Helen Walsh '79
 Mary Walsh '76
 Suzanne Walsh '89
 Keli Wojciechowski '93, MBA '99

Sibling of

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 Claire Cusack Cronin '49
 Gertrude Pinion Greey '50
 Sherry Balow Kelley '64

Joan Daley Lee '53
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 Mary Prischman ^
 Joan Restko ^
 Mary Alice Krage Swanson '72
 Martha Kahler Van Ness '71
 Mitzi Battista Witchger '66

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Inez Tannura Accettura '57
 Wanda Johnston Bahde MALIS '89
 Patricia Collins Bares '92
 Louise Ruppert Grobl '55
 Mary Dailey Knott '57
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 MBA '81
 Mary Sundquist Lofton '59
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 Kathleen Prendergast ^
 Ann Kinskey Rae '60
 Nancy Vuscko Sladek '65

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 Sr. Ann O'Hara, OP
 Katy Pepper
 Sr. Genevieve Pinion, OP (FS)
 Elsie Prendergast Radtke
 Peggy Sullivan
 Mary Jane Termond

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

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1. Corrine Carnivele Hanley '62 continues her efforts to improve the treatment of racehorses, pictured here with Friendly the racehorse. And the thoroughbred sure does look friendly indeed!



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2. Daniel Schwartz MLIS '97 graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in 2019 with his Master's Degree in Public Administration. He works as a Managing Librarian for the City of Corpus Christi Public Library System.



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3. The Class of 1968 held their first of many Zoom reunions with 35 classmates from 16 states participating.



4. Veronica Belback Holtman '07 and Zachary Holtman '09 welcomed their son, Harold Reamonn Holtman on January 7, 2020. His whole family, including Grandma Rosemary Hoffman '71 and Godmother Candice Storino Bull '08, are head-over-heels!

5. Karen McCormick Çiftçi '13 published her first book, *Loving Across Borders*, a guide for navigating intercultural relationships and founded Borderless Stories to provide support to those in intercultural relationships.

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6. Andrea Hinojosa '16 partnered with Near North Health Service Corporation's WIC clinics and BUILD, Inc. to increase the exposure of locally farmed produce in Chicago. She started a hydroponics garden at Near North's Moody clinic to educate the community about nutrition and wellness.

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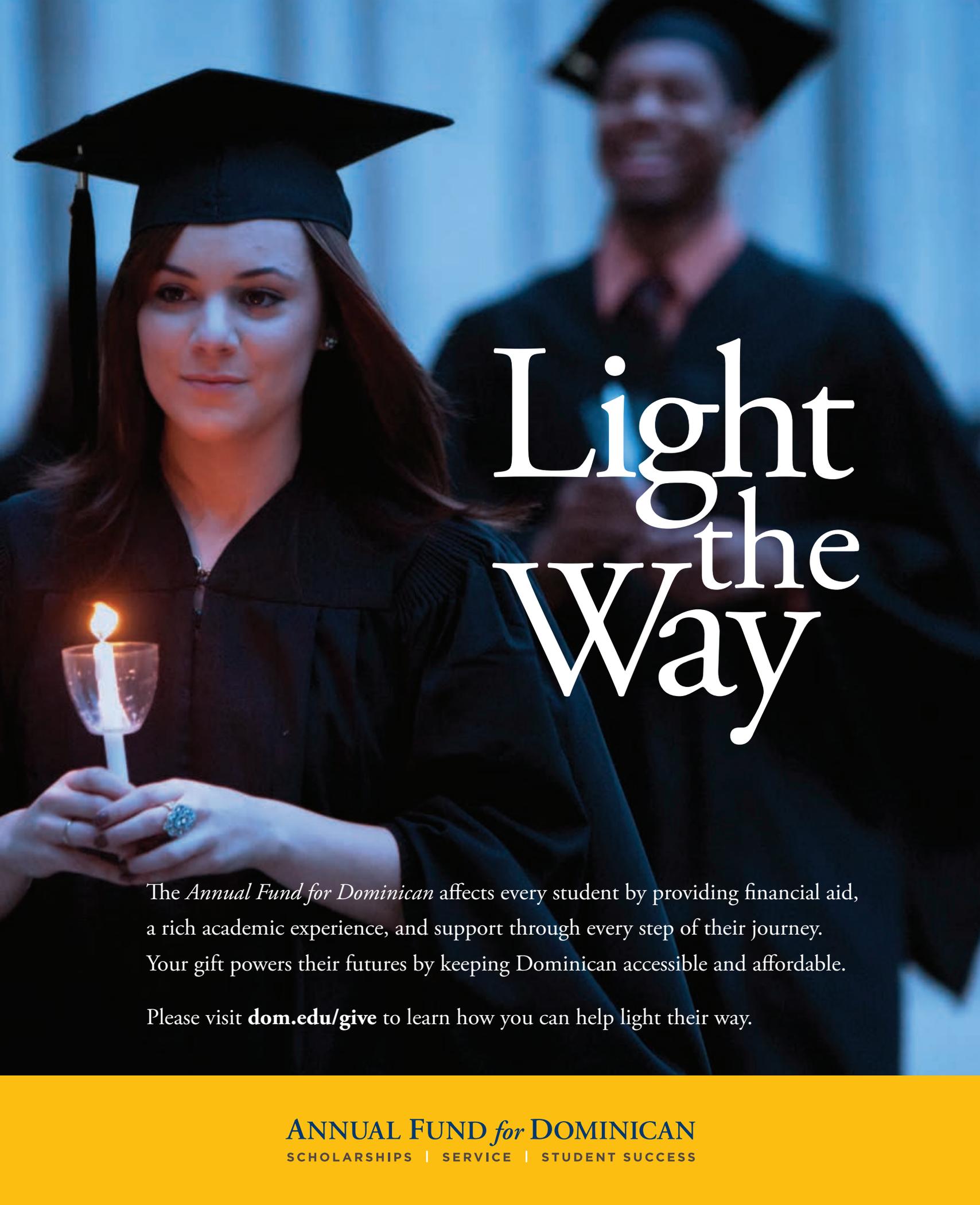
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7. Trudi Goggin MCR '14 (right) has joined the Restorative Justice Community Court as a Circle Keeper. Their work focuses on supporting emerging young offenders and facilitating victim-offender community impact circles to craft acceptable repair of harm agreements.



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