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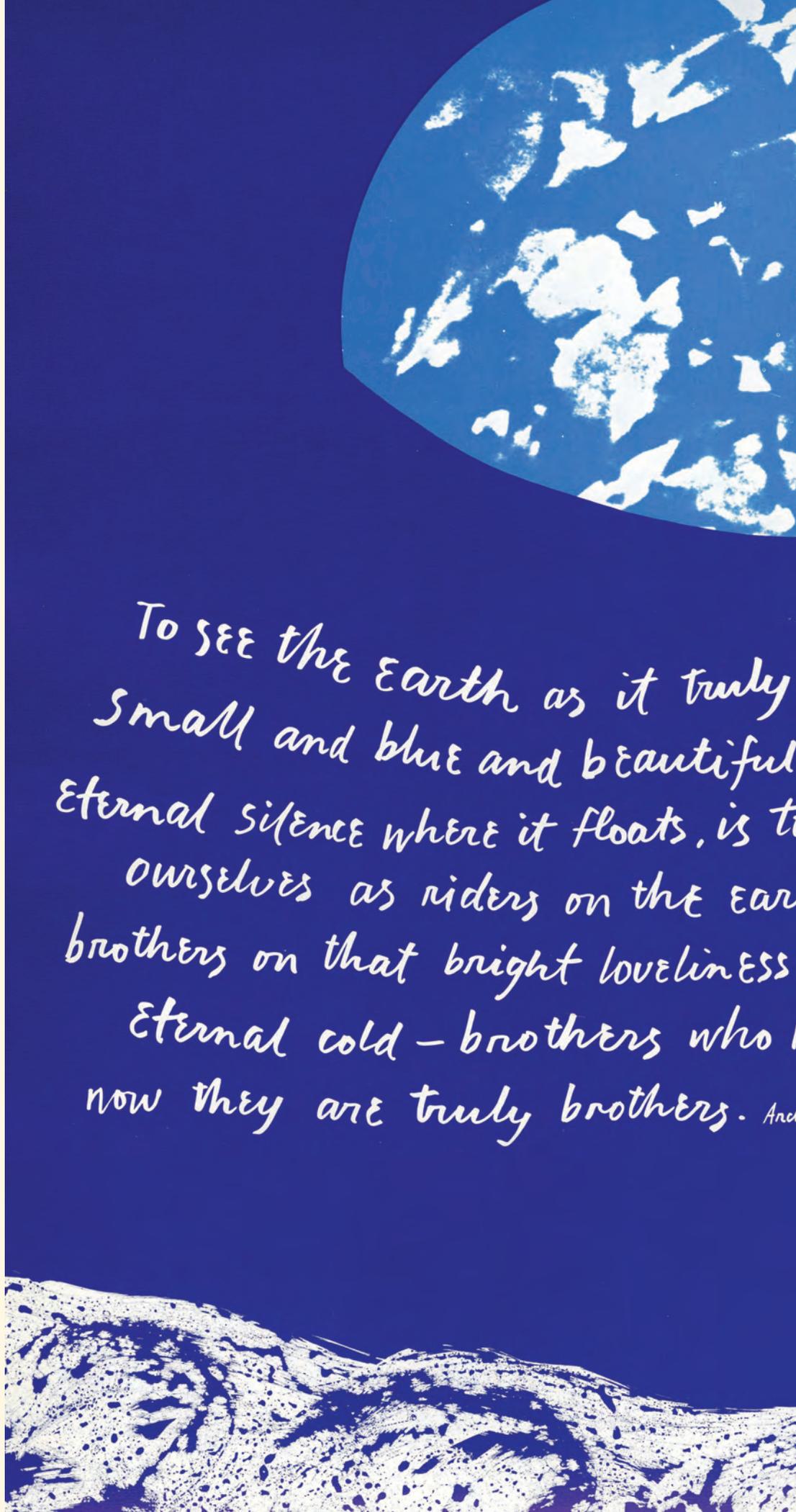
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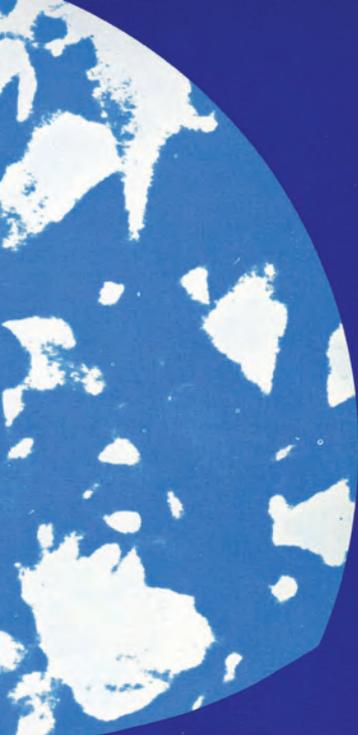
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Front Cover: Jaqueline Romo '19; one of 15 pieces from her *The Passion of the Monarca Migrante* series of woodcut prints.

Patricia Ellen Doyle (née Ricci) '57 was a prolific graphic designer who worked for many Catholic institutions in the Chicago area for several decades. She created dozens of posters for Dominican University and for Argus Communications, a Chicago-based design firm. Doyle passed in 2010.



To see the Earth as it truly
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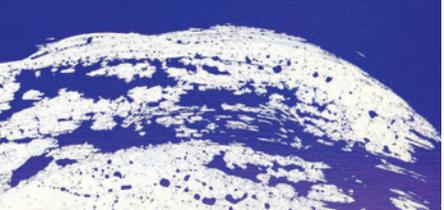


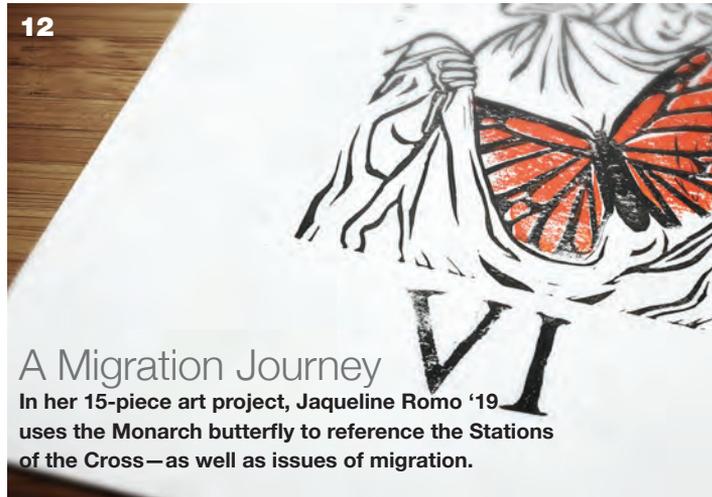
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Hope, Purpose and Opportunity

Every once in a while I come across a student project that is so compelling and powerful that I am overwhelmed with admiration and I have to share it. How delighted I am, therefore, to have this magazine and your attention to present the work of Jaqueline Romo '19, graphic design major and University Ministry intern. Jaqueline currently is completing Dominican's 3+1 BA/MA program in Hispanic Theology and Ministry with Catholic Theological Union. Her truth rises above the politics of our day, and gives us hope for a more just and humane world.

Easter is all about hope—in the transformative message of the resurrection, the generosity of the Easter Bunny, or, simply, in the beauty of a spring day. For some Dominican Dreamers, like Jaqueline, however, this Easter is full of uncertainty about the future. And yet, the struggle and triumph that Jaqueline depicts in her art is filled with hope—that, like the Monarch butterfly, she and so many other talented, aspiring students can find a pathway to citizenship. I ask for your prayers, and your advocacy.

The themes of hope and transformation seem especially appropriate for this magazine, which also highlights Dominican's recognition as the "top performer" among 165 Midwest regional universities for the social mobility of our students. Right now, the graduation rate of Dominican undergraduates is 11% higher than predicted, with only one regional university in the country achieving a greater gain. When you consider this outcome along with the fact that Dominican students report higher academic challenge and greater overall satisfaction than students at peer institutions, we have a terrific story to tell—about the power of a Dominican education to change lives.

Of course, in the best of cases, transformation has a cascading impact. That is, alums choose to use the fruits of their Dominican education to do good work, not only in their communities, but around the world. We recount three such high impact stories in this magazine—about living and teaching in Pakistan, working for Rotary International and serving as a UNICEF community engagement manager. Like Jaqueline, these Dominican graduates and many others, across disciplines and careers, feel called to make a difference in the lives of those who need their help. Such generosity makes me hopeful.

Interestingly enough, it has been proven that hope, purpose and the opportunity to transform are the ingredients that make for resilient service. As I document the aspirations of Dominican students and the accomplishments of our alumnae/i, and as I think about my own 25+ years as your President, I am convinced that these emotional drivers, anchored by mission, are key to the strong performance and positive spirit that defines the Dominican University community.

I wish you a healthy, hopeful Easter.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Carroll, *President*

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RESILIENCE *in the* FACE OF DISRUPTION

In less time than it took to produce this magazine, the coronavirus changed the shape of higher education. We will not let COVID-19 define us, or students' experience, however; and so we choose to publish this spring volume as originally written—inspired by themes of hope and transformation.

At this time, adhering to public health guidelines, all Dominican University coursework has moved online, with faculty teaching remotely. All but a few students with extenuating circumstances have vacated the residence halls. Campus is operating with a skeleton staff, access by key card only.

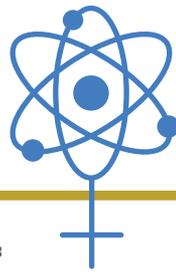
The transition to a virtual platform in two weeks was nothing less than miraculous, a testament to the collaborative efforts of a faculty and staff, committed to mission, and to student success. Our focus now is on sustainability, and planning ahead, as best we can.

In this uncertain time, as a community of faith and hope, we pause and pray:

*May God gift you with
Calm for your heart
Peace for your mind
Strength for each challenge
Courage to hope
Grace for enrichment
Rest for each day
Faith to trust
In God's loving way*

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Brennan and Chamber Partner on Professional Development Series

Brennan School of Business faculty are sharing their expertise with the business community through an exciting new partnership with the Oak Park River Forest Chamber of Commerce. The 2020 Professional Development Program is designed to help Chamber members and area entrepreneurs take their businesses to the next level.

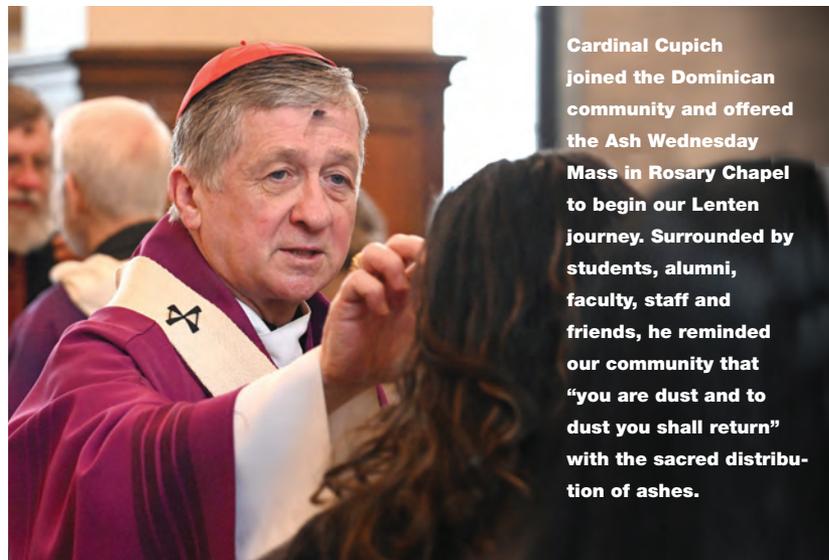
“This partnership, which was curated with Dominican University faculty, represents another opportunity for the Chamber to serve as an essential resource for our local entrepreneurs,” said Liz Holt, executive director of the Oak Park River Forest Chamber of Commerce.

The program was launched in January with a session on cash flow management, presented by Ramiro J. Atristain, executive-in-residence and adjunct professor in the Brennan School of Business. Subsequent sessions focused on talent management, including information on the creation of job descriptions, conducting productive job interviews and hiring college interns, presented by Director of Career Services Jamie Shaw; and constructive conflict, offered by Lisa Amoroso, professor of management. This fall, Dave Aron, professor of marketing, will share tips on attracting customers through marketing, public relations, promotions and social media.

“I appreciate the expertise that Brennan faculty bring to the table. They offer real-world, practical experience for small business owners. We operate in a very competitive market and these sessions strengthen our business practices and will help us continue being a vital part of our community,” said Peter Morava, co-owner, with his wife Karen Morava, of the popular Oak Park boutique, Careful Peach.



Karen and Peter Morava, co-owners of Careful Peach in Oak Park.



Cardinal Cupich joined the Dominican community and offered the Ash Wednesday Mass in Rosary Chapel to begin our Lenten journey. Surrounded by students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends, he reminded our community that “you are dust and to dust you shall return” with the sacred distribution of ashes.

MODEL UN TEAM TACKLES NORTH KOREA

Last fall, Dominican’s Model United Nations Team represented North Korea, a regime shunned by much of the world, so realistically that they earned a General Assembly First Committee team award during the annual conference focusing on diplomacy and international relations.

“Our students had to get out of their comfort zones and commit to their roles,” explains Patrick Homan, associate professor of political science. “North Korea has to have an active voice at the conference and our students had to know its leaders’ perspectives and where they stand.”

MATH SKILLS ENHANCE FASHION STUDENT'S CAREER ASPIRATIONS

A career in fashion wasn't on **Joshua Ocampo's** radar when he enrolled in Dominican. An honors student in high school, taking several Advanced Placement (AP) classes in science and math, he was planning to be a veterinarian. But he struggled in an advanced biology class during his freshman year and, serendipitously, discovered the fashion lab while walking around campus one day.

"I saw all of the sewing machines through the little windows in the basement of the Fine Arts Building and I was intrigued. I wanted to know what was down there. I always had an interest in fashion and I wanted to explore that room," Ocampo said.

He decided to dip his toe into fashion by taking the first class in the fashion sequence, *History of Dress and Fashion*. He loved the class and felt that he had discovered his calling. The next semester, he took a sewing class and during his sophomore year, he switched his major to fashion design and merchandising.

"I realized that I had a knack for the details in making garments. I had the passion and the patience for planning and executing clothing. In high school, I was learning because someone told me I had to. Now, I was learning

because I really wanted to," he said.

Ocampo also realized that his background in math and calculus was instrumental in fashion. He enjoyed the analytical requirements of design and patterning work and found his math skills to be beneficial for precise measuring.

Last summer, Ocampo spent a week in New York, immersing himself in the city's fashion scene. He talked with designers and stylists in the garment district and got a behind-the-scenes look at the fashion industry. The work ethic and drive of the people he met only inspired him to work harder.

Immediately upon returning home, Ocampo started a five-week internship with McKinley Johnson, lecturer in fashion, creating costumes for the Goodman Theater's production of *The Music Man*. The experience taught

him the difference between the designer, who sketches the garments, and the tailor, who executes the garments. He realized that he enjoyed the tactile process of actually making the costumes.

Ocampo had the opportunity to experience the fruit of his labor during the opening night of the Goodman play.

"I sat in the audience and saw the garments on stage that I had spent five weeks bringing to life. I couldn't stop smiling—it was just the best feeling ever!" he said.

His mother saw the play a week later and told Ocampo that the experience brought her to tears.

Through an ExcEL scholarship, Ocampo will spend this summer in the fashion capital of the world, attending the Paris American Academy and working alongside professional drapers and patternmakers from elite fashion houses such as Madame Grés and Balenciaga.

Ocampo's dream is to work abroad in couture fashion. Experience has shown him that nothing is impossible if he works hard enough for it.



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Advancing Women's Studies in the Sciences

Over the past decade, as Dominican has taken deliberate steps to build capacity in the sciences, the university has experienced an 85 percent increase in female enrollment in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) majors. Through a generous grant from the Henry Luce Foundation's Clare Boothe Luce Program, four female students are receiving full-ride scholarships this year to pursue studies in the sciences and to prepare for careers in fields in which women traditionally have been underrepresented.

In addition to tuition and fees, scholars receive one-on-one mentoring from faculty advisors and are eligible for summer research opportunities.

Three of the scholarship recipients are chemistry majors with plans to pursue graduate studies.

Madison Fette's career goal is to work on the research and development of sustainable alternatives to plastics. **Madeline Morrow**, a research intern at Argonne National Laboratory, is interested in pursuing a career involving nuclear energy. **Samantha Hatfield** is a teaching assistant at Dominican and will conduct research this summer in the chemistry labs at Brigham Young University in her hometown of Provo, Utah.

A transfer student from Gateway Community College in Phoenix, Arizona, **Brenna Angwin** is a computer science major interested in pursuing a career in programming.

Clare Boothe Luce, a playwright, pioneering journalist, ambassador to Italy and the first woman elected to Congress, encouraged women to pursue careers in fields where there have been barriers to their advancement. Her legacy lives on in thousands of Clare Boothe Luce Scholars who have been supported for many years in universities across the country.

Madeline Morrow



Big Events Mark Black History Month



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and Black History Month were celebrated with great enthusiasm this year, energizing faculty, staff and students and drawing many community members to campus in January and February.

Renowned public intellectual and bestselling author **Michael Eric Dyson** delivered a challenging, provocative talk on February 11, addressing the dynamics that have informed the narrative of race in our country, from slavery to today. He pointed out the inconsistencies inherent in the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, documents that

were sweeping in their potential but were not intended for people of color or women.

"Those truths that were self-evident—that all men are created equal—weren't so evident to everyone," Dyson said. "America is an ideal that we keep on striving for. The truth is that we have made enormous progress on many fronts—but we still have barriers in place for marginalized people."

The university also welcomed to campus Dr. Simon Balto, assistant professor of history and African American Studies at the University of Iowa, who delivered the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Lecture on January



Michael Eric Dyson

21. Balto, the author of *Occupied Territory: Policing Black Chicago From Red Summer to Black Power*, met with students in the afternoon before presenting a public lecture focusing on Fred Hampton, the charismatic Black Panther Party leader and Rainbow Coalition founder who was assassinated by Chicago police in 1969.

Multi-talented musician Damien Sneed conducted on February 15 a rousing concert, "We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," including selections from the music that electrified generations of civil rights activists, interwoven with spoken word from King's speeches. An appreciative audience was on its feet during Sneed's closing rendition of the classic gospel civil rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome."

Continuing a tradition started a decade ago, faculty presented on January 22 and 23 the annual Teach-a-Thon, offering classes focusing on King's legacy and the Civil Rights Movement from a number of academic disciplines, including sociology and criminology, history, English, statistics and fashion.

The celebration of King's life and legacy will undoubtedly resonate with the Dominican community throughout the year.

Maya Banks' Tenacity Rewarded with Lincoln Laureate Award

Former Women's Basketball Coach Gabby Johnson was persistent in recruiting **Maya Banks**, even though Banks had torn her ACL during her senior season of high school basketball. But Johnson obviously saw her potential. Banks is grateful for her coach's tenacity because it didn't take her long to know that Dominican was where she belonged.

"When I first visited Dominican, I was in awe of how beautiful the campus was and how friendly everyone was. That experience continued into the orientation process and I knew immediately that Dominican was the right fit for me," she said.

While she was sure which university she wanted to attend, she initially wasn't so sure about what degree to pursue. She entered her freshman year interested in civil engineering but changed to accounting and didn't waste any time preparing for her chosen career path. Following her freshman year, she secured a coveted internship at PricewaterhouseCoopers, the prestigious accounting and consulting firm. At the end of her junior year, she participated in the Harvard Business School Summer Venture, an intensive one-week program resulting in a data analytics certificate.

"The Harvard experience pulled me a little out of my comfort zone," Banks admitted. "I chose Dominican for its personal relationships and intimate class settings. However, this program forced me to work in larger groups, as well as to think on the spot and be comfortable relaying ideas and information in a group setting—with people I really had just met."

Stretching beyond her comfort zone has been beneficial—she has stayed connected with her Harvard colleagues through social media and email. And, in a testament to her resilience, PricewaterhouseCoopers has offered her a full-time job, which she will start after graduating this May.



Just as Banks had to shift gears in her academic path, her athletic experience at Dominican followed a similar pattern. She realized the knee injury that sidelined her high school basketball career was holding her back from being the player she wanted to be on the college court so she transitioned to life on the tennis courts. Being a member of the Stars' women's tennis program allowed Banks the opportunity to compete, while she brought some leadership as a junior to a young Dominican tennis roster, a win for both Banks and the program.

Last fall, she was recognized by the state of Illinois as a recipient of the Lincoln Laureate Award, a program that honors one student from each of the state's four-year colleges and universities for his/her excellence in curricular and extra-curricular activities. Banks was an obvious selection thanks to her 3.89 cumulative grade point average and extensive campus involvement. But what made her really distinctive was her community service. Banks has volunteered in a number of different service programs throughout her college years, including Pioneer Village, a summer enrichment program at her alma mater, St Francis de Sales; volunteering at an animal welfare nonprofit; and teaching financial literacy to children through her PricewaterhouseCoopers internships.

"Winning the Lincoln Laureate was a great honor," said Banks. "I am thankful for Ms. Robbie Byrdsong-Wright (director of multicultural student success), who helped me through the application process. It is faculty and staff like her that make Dominican such a special place."



DOMINI CAN

The Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) released the final totals of the league's annual Cans Across the Conference food drive, with Dominican University claiming the top spot in the 2019 standings, contributing

8,894 cans

to the 36,466 conference total.

The Stars edged out Alverno University, winner of the nine previous food drives, and helped make Thanksgiving dinner a reality for 80 Chicago area families as part of the university's annual Thanksgiving Baskets program. Remaining donations went to a local food pantry.

Members of the league's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) annually organize the canned food drive as a community service competition amongst the 12 institutions in the conference. Each campus SAAC collects cans and other non-perishable items at its school during October, November and December to benefit a local charity. In addition to food items, each dollar donated counts toward two cans of food and toiletries.



Gigi's★Playhouse

In early February, prior to Dominican University's doubleheader men's and women's basketball games, the Dominican University athletic department hosted Gigi's Playhouse Chicago, an achievement center for individuals with Down Syndrome.

Members of the nonprofit organization warmed up with Dominican's men's and women's basketball teams and the university's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Participants then divided into two teams coached by members of the Stars' men's and women's basketball teams, and played a basketball game in front of family and friends and Dominican University's 250+ student-athletes.

"This was a truly amazing experience," said Amanda Parker, Dominican University's head women's basketball coach and organizer of this event. "The atmosphere was unbelievable. To

see so much joy in the participants' faces—it filled my heart with so much happiness."

Following the game, the department of athletics sponsored a pizza lunch for guests from Gigi's Playhouse, who were then invited to stay and watch Dominican University's men's and women's basketball teams in action.

Gigi's Playhouse is a network of more than 45 centers throughout the United States and Mexico. Through free programs and the Generation G Campaign for global acceptance, the organization empowers families by maximizing opportunities for daily achievement and lasting acceptance. Gigi's Playhouse is changing the way the world views Down Syndrome by sending a global message of acceptance for all. For more information on Gigi's Playhouse, visit gigisplayhouse.org.

Stars Win in Academics

Dominican University's 240+ student-athletes posted a department record 3.33 combined grade point average for the 2019 Fall semester. This marked the 27th straight semester that Dominican's student-athletes have combined for a 3.0 or better and comes after Dominican's athletic teams combined for a 68-34-3 record on the courts and fields before the start of spring semester.



Bringing a Dominican Worldview to Universal Challenges

Dominican alumni are extending the values they learned as undergraduates to a global stage

Maryann Dreas-Shaikha, John Hannes and Tyeimba Turner

set out on different paths to transform the world. With majors in journalism, theater, and biology, respectively, each has found unique ways to build careers with an international focus while also applying the core values of their liberal arts undergraduate educations and advancing the common good inherent in Dominican's mission. The global aspects of their work have helped them discover and explore their gifts while gaining a deeper understanding of the human condition.

For Maryann Dreas-Shaikha '10,

coming to Dominican from a small farm in southern Illinois ignited her childhood passion for international perspectives. She credits her mother for inspiring her desire to explore the undiscovered world. "She made sure that I had books with characters from all around the world," Dreas-Shaikha said.

While at Dominican, Dreas-Shaikha met her husband, **Shahzeb Shaikha '10**, a student from Pakistan. After graduating with a double major in journalism and political science, Dreas-Shaikha taught English in the Republic of Georgia, while her husband completed his master's degree in international security from the University of Pittsburgh. Together, they moved to Shaikha's hometown of Karachi, Pakistan, where Dreas-Shaikha taught middle school English and literature at the renowned Karachi Grammar School, founded in 1847. She found a number of opportunities to combine her English skills and interest in international relations, including coaching students as they participated in a Model UN program. Last year, she took a ninth-grade team to the UN Headquarters, where they won Best Delegate within their age group.

Dreas-Shaikha also applied her experience as a student worker in Dominican's performing

arts center by directing her students in plays and exploring tough themes through such works as Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

Dreas-Shaikha credits a wide range of Dominican professors and advisors for shaping her writing and love of literature as well as her understanding of the importance of storytelling and global culture and politics. She cherishes the hours working with Bill Jenkins, associate professor of theater, in Dominican's scene shop. And she retains a vivid impression of a 2009 service learning trip led by Associate Professor of Sociology Christina Perez to Ecuador, where her student group monitored elections and immersed themselves in daily life.

"We visited a farm, so unlike the farm where I'd grown up," she recalls. "A smiling woman vigorously demonstrated to us how to



Dreas-Shaikha, a self-proclaimed lifelong learner, is driven by a desire to tackle inequities in education.



roll out tortillas on a stone slab. The hard farm life and the sun had aged her beyond her years. I was stunned to discover that she and I were both 21 years old.”

A self-proclaimed lifelong learner driven by a desire to tackle inequities in education, Dreas-Shaikha is pursuing a master’s degree in international education development at the University of Pennsylvania. She misses her Pakistani students and thinks about them every day. Her husband manages his own business in Karachi but they reunite during breaks in her graduate program. This summer, she looks forward to a teaching internship in Ethiopia with UNESCO’s International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa.

She eventually plans to relocate with her husband to southern Illinois, not far from the farm where she grew up and her parents still live.

“Shazzi and I are appreciative of Dominican’s vision and mission of *caritas* and *veritas*. It has guided me throughout my life.”

John Hannes ’06 has leveraged many aspects of his education as a theater major in his current role as a senior officer at Rotary International, the service organization with more than 1.2 million business and professional

leaders providing humanitarian service to advance goodwill and peace around the world. He is part of a team that provides policy and procedural support to Rotary districts and clubs throughout the United States, Canada and South America.

When he arrived at Dominican in 2002, Hannes found an immediate home in the performing arts center. He credits his theater professors Krista Hansen and Bill Jenkins for instilling in him the willingness and ability to explore all aspects of the human condition. He also fondly recalls the rigorous music theory and history courses taught by Professor *Emerita* Sr. Baptist Stohrer, OP, as well as the emphasis on the importance of good diction and enunciation—and the career recommendations—of his faculty adviser, Germaine Goetz-Sota, professor of theater.

Hannes claims that his theater training has enhanced his career with Rotary International by teaching him how to draw people out in conversations.



Hannes served in the Student Government Association and on the Campus Activities Board, participated in student leadership and development programs, and shepherded new students into their Dominican home as a student ambassador and as one of the first residence assistants in the newly opened Centennial Hall, since renamed in honor of Sister Jean Murray.

Hannes claims that his theater training has enhanced his career with Rotary International by teaching him how to draw people out in conversations. He recalls his many hours rehearsing for the plays and musicals in which he was cast as a student. “It wasn’t about memorizing a part,” he recalls. “It was about taking the time to understand motivations. It was a conversation and an exploration.”

The 2008 recession curtailed Hannes’ work in theater and he welcomed a career transition to his role at Rotary. His duties have expanded significantly through the years. At international conventions in Toronto, Hamburg and Honolulu, he has served as the on-air host for daily TV reports, during which his theater skills kick in as he interviews presenters and officers.

“My theater background consistently spurs me to say ‘yes’ to new situations,” he said. This training comes in handy as Hannes travels



John Hannes '06



Tyehimba Turner '16

throughout North and South America on behalf of Rotary International.

Tyehimba Turner '16 serves as community engagement manager for UNICEF USA, working with the city of Chicago and community organizations to establish child-friendly policies that address systemic gaps in social service. His career, thus far, has focused on righting many of the wrongs he sees in the world—overseas and here at home.

Turner was an honors program student mentored by Margaret Jonah, professor *emerita* of biology. “She’s the smartest scientist I’ve ever met,” he says. “She showed me that science at its core is asking a question and then finding the methods to address it.”

He credits his political science professor, David Dolence, and former Lund-Gill Chair Christopher Kennedy for teaching him how to analyze a range of issues, including education and health care, from a U.S. policy perspective.

Four years ago, Turner was teaching ninth and tenth grade science as a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia. He was part of the first cohort of Peace Corps volunteers allowed into the country to restore education systems in the wake of two civil wars and an Ebola crisis.

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Public health, one of the world’s most challenging policy areas, was an important focus of Turner’s work. He educated community members about the danger of malaria and transported sick individuals to medical services.

“Many Liberians had come to distrust the health system during the Ebola outbreak,” he explains. “They associated government hospitals with death; that’s where their sick relatives went and died.”

Turner encouraged the children he taught—and their parents—to seek treatment for their health concerns and set up an informal pipeline to a hospital where a Peace Corps doctor was posted. When a pregnant neighbor became seriously ill with suspected malaria,

Turner urged her to go to the hospital, but she refused.

“When I checked on her later that night her fever had reached 104 degrees,” Turner says. “I refused to leave unless she came with me to the hospital. When we arrived there, she was diagnosed with complex malaria. She went on to make a full recovery and give birth to a healthy child. I’m proud of that moment. It’s very likely she would have died if she had not been treated that night.”

Prior to his work with the Peace Corps, Turner served with AmeriCorps Vista, where he recruited and trained volunteers for service in shelters across the city of Chicago.

Today, Turner deftly blends all these experiences in his work for UNICEF. He is researching Chicago’s policy banning child labor in its garment supply chain and working with the city to strengthen the policy’s language. He sees this as major step toward reducing child labor and trafficking, an issue he discussed as the kickoff speaker for last year’s Fair Trade Campaign national conference in Chicago.

As each of these remarkable alumni work to transform the world, they embody the legacy of our founder Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, and have “set out to where the work is great and difficult.”

Stations of the Cross: A Migration Journey

Storytelling has deep roots in art history. In traditional painting, drawing, and printmaking, pictorial symbolism is used to help construct a narrative. Objects, animals, and places often serve as symbols for specific people or ideals. For her series *The Passion of the Monarca Migrante*, Jaqueline Romo '19 composed 15 prints referencing the Stations of the Cross in a new and provocative way. Created for her senior art thesis project, Romo's contemporary interpretation uses the Monarch butterfly to represent Jesus and, in an apt visual metaphor, the Monarch also references immigrants, who are frequently marginalized within U.S. society.

Currently pursuing her master's degree in Hispanic theology and ministry at the Catholic Theological Union, Jaqueline was raised in Pilsen, a Chicago community with strong artistic roots. With public art displayed on buildings, alleys, and in gardens, the rich cultural presence was a strong influence on Romo. It also helped give her purpose. Interning at Dominican's Ministry Center, Romo's work is a convergence of design, theology, and cultural identity.

Using contemporary formal design elements while mining traditional artistic techniques, Romo's *The Passion of the Monarca Migrante* successfully bridges the past with the present. According to the artist, "the Monarch butterfly has been used as a symbol of resilience for immigrants in the U.S. In its innate migration patterns, the Monarch butterfly is free to fly from the northern reaches of the US and Canada, feeding on the native milkweed plants, and flying back south to México to escape the cold winters."

Each station of Romo's *Passion* represents

an aspect of the journey undertaken when crossing the U.S.- Mexico border. While every border crossing story is unique, each one weaves together aspects of struggle, faith, community and, ultimately, survival.

"I wanted my work to represent the political side of immigration and the people who

are living with such vulnerability," Romo said. "My intention was to merge so many aspects of what I, as an undocumented person, have lived through—but in a hopeful way. If the Monarch butterfly didn't make its difficult journey every year, successive generations would never exist."



The Monarch butterfly has come to symbolize the resilience and hope of the immigrant community.



Lenten Meditation on Last Seven Words of Christ

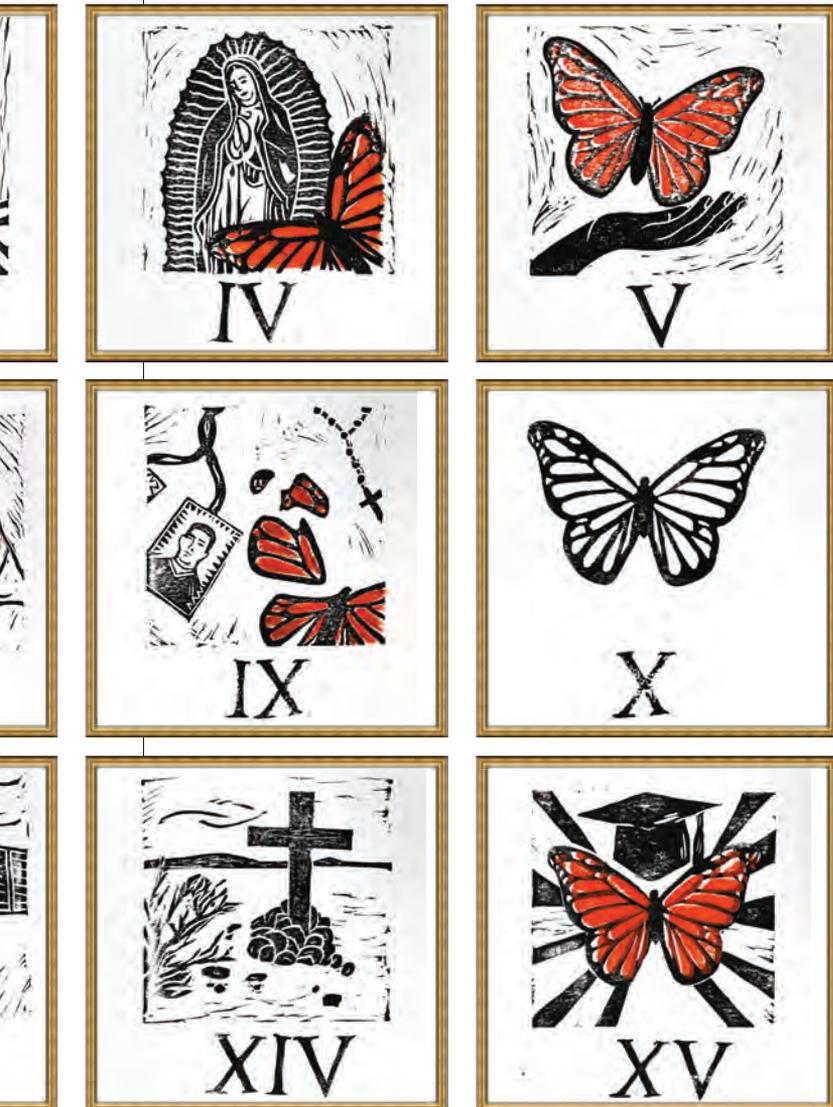
In 2011, Donna Carroll was asked to deliver a Lenten Meditation on Forgiveness for a program on The Last Seven Words of Christ at St. James Cathedral. She chose to focus her recitation on the courage of one of Dominican’s undocumented students. This is an edited excerpt.

Earlier this month, a courageous young man, weeks short of graduating from Dominican University, sat in a Georgia jail, facing the possibility of being deported. His name is David. He is second generation, undocumented—innocent, but for circumstance. He has lived his entire childhood in the shadows, but he dreams of the sunlight of the Resurrection.

And so, he and seven of his peers courageously stepped out of obscurity. They put their experience into words—public words, painful words, truth-telling words. Ironically, that day, as they sat alone on that Georgia street, stopping traffic and hoping to stop their friends’ exclusion from higher education, they no longer felt isolated.

And no longer would the rest of us remain in ignorance. Jesus in his enormous compassion said of his persecutors, “they know not what they do.” But the courage of David and his friends, and of all of those who cry out from the margins of our society, does not permit us such luxury. We who gather at the foot of the cross this Lent carry the burden of knowing what we do—of knowing the multitude of injustices that are committed in our name, with our complicity if not our support.

As it turns out, David was not deported; he is safely back on campus, and I look forward to awarding him his diploma in May. At Dominican University, David found the embrace of a loving community, loneliness was replaced with conviction, he spoke his truth—and his words live beyond the jail. But he is only one of many waiting in the shadows, seeking the light of justice.



50 Years Caring for Our Common Home

April 22, 1970—the first national Earth Day—marked the beginning of the modern environmental movement and, in solidarity, Rosary students and faculty hosted “Give Earth a Chance,” a day-long teach-in dedicated to the environment. Now, 50 years later, care of the Earth and creation is an integral component of the Sinsinawa Dominican mission.

As alarms are ringing ferociously about climate change, Dominican remains vigilant in its commitment to caring for the Earth. From awareness to activism and policy to practice, Dominican students, faculty and staff are engaged in a wide range of activities and collaborative experiences aimed at preserving the world in which we live.

Laudato Si

Subtitled “On Care of Our Common Home,” Pope Francis’ revolutionary 2015 *Laudato Si* encyclical issues an urgent challenge to all people to protect the Earth. In this inspirational letter, the Pope provides a systematic overview of the current environmental crisis from a religious point of view and emphasizes the interconnectedness of social, economic and environmental justice in protecting our Common Home.

With this message in mind, the university’s St. Catherine of Siena Center’s Albertus Magnus Society has presented a number of programs aimed at informing and guiding conversation in the greater community, including its current special series, “Care for Creation – Responses to the Climate Crisis from Science and Religion.”

“With *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis put the imperative to care for the Earth front and center,” says Rachel Hart Winter, director of the Siena Center. “Our series presents guest experts discussing the substantive efforts that are taking place in our community and the world.”

In the fall, the Albertus Magnus Lecture featured Dianne Bergant, CSA, who offered biblical grounding for the Pope’s message.



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—Dawn Morse

Green Campus

Dominican has been committed to maintaining a sustainable campus since its very beginning. One of the oldest “green” initiatives is the almost 100-year-old cistern, or water tank, that our prescient Sisters installed to collect and recycle millions of gallons of rainwater each year from campus buildings. The stored rainwater irrigates campus grounds and is used in the cooling system of Parmer Hall, our newest building. This state-of-art academic building, opened in 2007, was designed in adherence to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) criteria. Energy-efficient sensors in classrooms adjust the heating, cooling and lighting, depending on whether people are in the room. In addition, almost one-third of the material used in the building was recycled, and wood from the trees cut down for the building’s footprint was used to make benches and wall crosses for classrooms.

With our thousands of square feet of permeable pavers, installed throughout our west parking lot and around campus, and the bioswale behind Parmer Hall that provides natural drainage and filters silt from runoff water, Dominican has served as a role model for institutions throughout the Midwest.

“It’s now the norm that any new construction or redesign projects are designed following sustainable criteria and standards,” says Dawn Morse, project manager, Physical Plant. “We must be good stewards of all that we have.”

Student Initiatives

Dominican students have expressed a strong interest in ensuring that the university be as “green” as possible. They have led recycling projects and initiatives to minimize food waste and reduce energy consumption across campus. Interdisciplinary initiatives, including two bee colonies located behind Parmer Hall and the hydroponic garden located in the campus greenhouse serve as learning laboratories while yielding harvests of honey, and vegetables often used in the Recipe Box Café, a program offering the community three-course meals prepared by nutrition students.

Other efforts underway include the conversion of an untended garden area into a Monarch butterfly waystation, developing a system for composting, and collaborating with the Village of River Forest on its Bike Plan.

Strong student interest in sustainability and stewardship of the Earth led the university to offer an interdisciplinary major in environmental science as well as an environmental studies concentration as part of the natural science major.

Caring for the Earth’s resources represents just one of the many ways of fulfilling Dominican’s mission to “participate in the creation of a more just and humane world.”



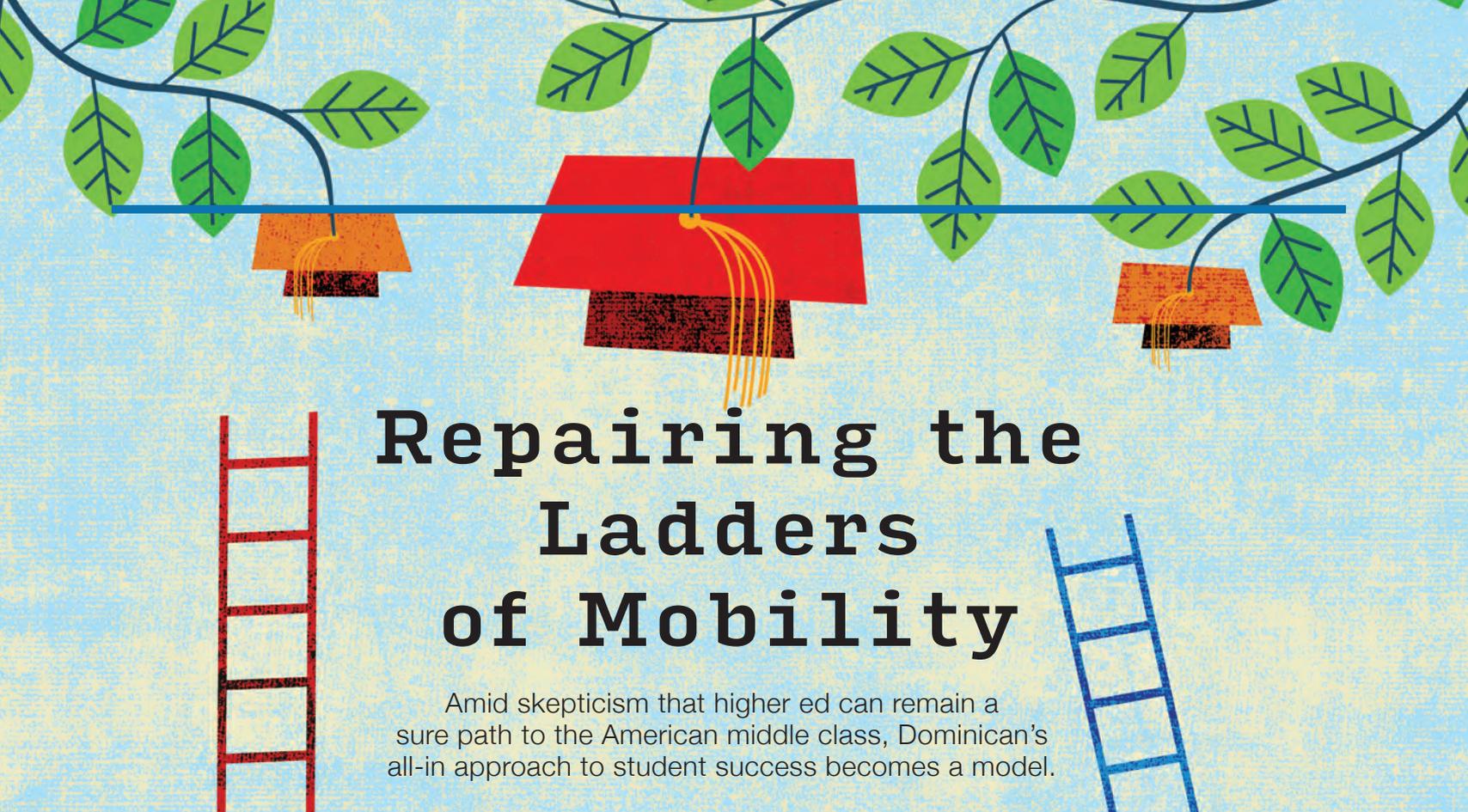
Current student Jesenia Medina harvests tomatoes from the campus greenhouse.



The Priory campus attracts hundreds of Monarch butterflies in migration.



Students created and help maintain a hydroponic system to grow lettuce and other vegetables in the greenhouse.



Repairing the Ladders of Mobility

Amid skepticism that higher ed can remain a sure path to the American middle class, Dominican's all-in approach to student success becomes a model.

After five years in the Army, including a combat tour in Afghanistan, Victor Roman discovered the military service he had considered his only path to paying for college had actually created a new obstacle: a fear of crowds so intense he wasn't sure he could even sit in a classroom.

So when Sara Quinn, associate professor of mathematics, invited her students to privately share anything that might interfere with their learning, Roman took the opportunity to explain that he had just gotten out of the military and was having challenges adjusting. "So, if I leave, please don't be startled," he wrote. "It just means I don't feel comfortable."

While at many institutions Roman would have fallen through the cracks, not so at Dominican. With small class sizes and simple acts of information gathering—a decidedly low-tech but effective intervention—Dominican professors are better able to connect with students on a deeper level and care for their diverse needs. It is a legacy many attribute to the Sinsinawa Dominican sisters. With that foundation, Dominican has been notably

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effective in adding a host of innovative new supports services and digital platforms. This includes more sophisticated student survey methods to aid faculty and advisors in helping students stay on track.

“You need both the technology and the human touch,” Quinn said. “That’s why these new data-driven targeted interventions work so well here. We have boots on the ground, the faculty, who take the time to really get to know our students.”

With a spotlight on higher ed’s struggle to ensure social mobility, Dominican’s strategy is getting attention. In its new social mobility ranking, *U.S. News & World Report* placed Dominican first out of more than 160 regional universities in the Midwest for its success in enrolling and graduating large proportions of economically disadvantaged students.

Going to college and studying hard remains one of the few paths to the middle class. But the students today who stand to benefit most from that upward mobility face the most formidable obstacles — ranging from high financial need and poor academic preparedness to food insecurity and mental health needs. With shifting demographics, they are also a growing share of college-bound students.

“Higher ed is recognizing there is this other population of students that we haven’t served — one that we need to remain viable at this point,” said Barrington Price, Dominican’s vice president of student success and engagement. “Luckily for us, that fits with our mission.”

Because of its history of educating low-income, first-generation college students, Dominican is a step ahead. Its Division of Student Success and Engagement, which launched in 2018, is a model. It brought together new and existing support services in a highly visible hub outside the campus library.

Dominican has put fellow students in charge of many frontline services there. “Some students are more comfortable talking to me about an issue than talking directly with their



Jada Coleman '20 founded Dominican's chapter of the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs, which will soon start tutoring and mentoring at her high school.

professors,” explained Kelly Alvarez, a junior majoring in natural science and one of a few dozen peer advisors who serve as important resources for students. “I’ll share my own stories with them. I want them to know you don’t have to be perfect to go to college.” From a bank of computers, she and her colleagues closely track the progress of a large number of freshmen. They give presentations on time management and study techniques, check in one-on-one with students, and exchange notes with their advisees’ professors, a critically important line of communication.

A range of tripwires triggers rapid intervention. The red flag could be a concerning response to the periodic surveys first-year

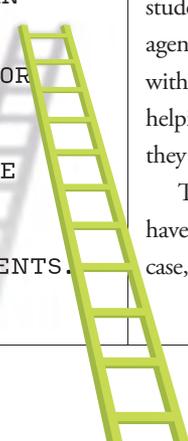
students fill out. It could be a notification that a student has two or more DFWs—shorthand for grades D and F, or a withdrawal from a class—a warning sign closely correlated with a sharp decrease in the likelihood of graduation.

Interventions include referrals to on-campus resources ranging from academic coaching and tutoring to mindfulness workshops and mental health counseling. To address the growing issue of food insecurity, nutrition students run a free pop-up market.

Dominican is also the only university to adopt a digital platform called NowPow that is used by health care systems to refer patients to social service providers, job opportunities and other resources in their neighborhoods. Plug in a student’s zip code and the software generates a personalized care plan that can be texted to a student’s phone. “We are not a social services agency,” Price said, pointing to the tension within higher education over how far to go helping students. “But students can’t learn if they have many other issues.”

Thanks to those tools, students like Roman have access to specialized resources. In his case, he sought professional counseling for

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post-traumatic stress. And because his professors knew of his struggles, they too were able to help reduce the anxiety from his military service, during which he survived a roadside bomb that ripped apart the front of his armored vehicle. “The thought was always in the back of my mind that maybe I wouldn’t be able to make the transition to civilian life,” he said.

Not only did he make the transition, he graduated with honors last spring. His Mexican-born parents—a retired seamstress and a truck driver—cried at the ceremony. He was accepted to a master’s program in electrical and computer engineering, and works on a team designing missile defenses for military aircraft at Northrop Grumman, the aerospace and defense technology company.

In another sign that Dominican’s holistic approach is paying off, fall-to-spring retention increased to 94.5%, the highest in two decades. Exam scores are rising and the rate of DFWs is falling sharply in classes where peer tutors are now embedded. The graduation rate outperformed what *U.S. News* predicted by 11 percentage points. And low-income students



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receiving Pell Grants are graduating at the same rate as non-Pell students.

There is now a push to reach farther back and better prepare high schoolers before college. Jada Coleman ’20, remembers her high school’s college-career center as “basically a room filled with T-shirts and banners from different universities.” She founded Dominican’s chapter of the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs, which will soon start tutoring and mentoring at her high school.

Dominican is also lifting barriers for women and minorities in STEM fields, a

critically important path to upward mobility in the changing economy. Women make up just under half the faculty in chemistry, mathematics and computer science at Dominican, ensuring there are female role models. Female enrollment in those majors has increased 85% over the past decade. Madison Fette is among them. The chemistry major grew up in a working-class town in central Ohio that is grappling with economic inequality and drug use. A full-ride scholarship has allowed her to quit her jobs and focus on school. An honors student, Fette runs cross-country, conducts research on nanoparticles with with professor Amartya Chakrabarti, and tutors other chemistry students. She’s also been able to add minors in math and physics.

Now a junior, she has a clear plan: pursue a PhD and a career developing sustainable alternatives to plastics. “My parents didn’t go to college, so I didn’t know anything about the process,” she said. “I never would have thought I’d pursue a PhD, and now I’m here and realizing, oh, I can do that.”

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Rosary College of Arts and Sciences



Patrick Homan, associate professor of political science, co-wrote the book *The Battle for U.S. Foreign Policy: Congress, Parties, and Factions in the 21st Century* published by Palgrave Macmillan in December 2019. Homan

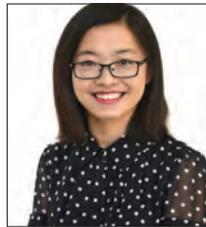
also presented related research titled, "Compromise at the Extremes: Interparty Factional Cooperation and U.S. Foreign Policy" at the International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO, in November 2019.

Sheila Bauer-Gatsos, associate professor of English and director of the Core Curriculum, presented "Frameworks for English and Literary Studies" as part of a panel titled "Cultivating Vocation in Literary Studies" at the 2020 Modern Language Association Annual Convention, held in Seattle, WA, in January 2020.

Michelle VanNatta, associate professor of criminology, published the paper "Race, Criminalization, and Embedded Discrimination in Immigration Court" in the peer-reviewed journal *Safer Communities*. She and **Clinton Nichols**, assistant professor of criminology, presented their research in the poster "Teaching, Torture, and Target Practice: Review of the Literature on Virtual Reality and Policing" at the 2019 American Society of Criminology Conference, held in San Francisco, CA, in November 2019.

Clodagh Weldon, professor of theology, published "Something in the Water?: Using Country Music to Introduce Students to Theological Debates About Baptism (in Muddy Water)" in a Fall 2019 special issue of *Intégrité: Journal of Faith and Learning* focusing on Jesus and country music (Fall 2019).

Brennan School of Business



Yuanqing Li, assistant professor of entrepreneurship, presented two of her coauthored articles, "The Impact of Membership Diversity on Organizational Stability and Innovative Performance of Collaborative Innovative Organization" and "Membership Reconstruction: The Impact of Interruption Events on Collaborative Innovative Organization Performance," at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute, held in New Orleans, LA, in November 2019. She also published an article titled "Pattern versus level: a new look at the personality-entrepreneurship relationship" in the *International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behavior & Research*. (January 14, 2020)

Ramiro J. Atristain-Carrion, executive-in-residence and adjunct professor, conducted a workshop in January 2020 titled "Cash Flow Management" for the Oak Park River Forest Chamber of Commerce's Professional Development series. He presented three workshops on financial management for the Little Village Chamber of Commerce in Chicago in December 2019. He also served as the keynote speaker at Universidad de Guanajuato in Guanajuato (Mexico) School of Engineering, giving a talk in November 2019 titled "The Mindset of an Entrepreneur."

Dan Condon, professor of economics, delivered the keynote address at the National Business and Economics Society's annual conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in March 2020.

College of Applied Social Sciences



Joyce Shim, associate professor in the School of Social Work, completed her Fulbright Specialist Project, "Internationalization in Higher Education," with the Siberian Institute in Novosibirsk, Russia, last year. She was awarded the

Junior Faculty Achievement Award by the Korean American Social Workers Educators Association (KASWEA) at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) annual conference in October.

Leticia Villarreal Sosa, professor in the School of Social Work, received the Service to the Profession Award from the School Social Work Association of Georgia last fall. She published an article titled

"Advocating for Latinx Children's Rights and Supporting their Healing from Trauma: School Social Workers as *Nepantleras*" in the October 2019 issue of *Children & Schools*. She also wrote a chapter titled "The Social Construction of Child Protection in an Anti-Immigration Context" in *Conflict and Forced Migration: Escape From Oppression and Stories of Survival, Resilience and Hope* (Emerald Publishing Limited, 2019). She also submitted a paper to the City of Chicago that offered results and recommendations following a June 2019 public hearing on the Public Mental Health Service Expansion study.

Josephine Sarvis and **Penny Silvers**, professors in the School of Education, presented at the 72nd Annual American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) national conference in Atlanta, GA, in February 2020. They presented "Growing Beyond Ourselves: Becoming More Culturally Responsive, Inclusive Educators." They also published an article in the *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education* (IJTLHE) pertaining to school partnerships and the field-based residency model. Additionally, in October 2019, they published an article in the *Boston University Sage Journal of Education* titled "Appraisal Centers: A Formative Assessment Model for Preservice Teachers to Demonstrate Emerging Theory-Practice Understanding."

Borra College of Health Sciences



Kavita R. Dhanwada, founding dean and professor of biology, received a \$46,900 grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education for her proposal "Effectiveness of Formalized, Required Academic Supports on

First-Year Nursing Students." The grant will support her work focusing on increasing retention of nursing students from their first to their second year of college studies.

Other Accomplishments

Matt Hlinak, assistant provost, was elected president of the Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education and completed his term as president of Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society. He also began his second term as governing board chair of the University Center of Lake County.

Claire Noonan, vice president of mission and ministry, was elected president of the Community of Congregations, an interfaith organization serving the greater Oak Park/River Forest, IL area by supporting a number of fundraising activities and social service agencies.

Collaborative Research Makes Lasting Impact



Although his one-year residency ended in December, **Sergio Salas**, Dominican University's inaugural Norman and Ruth Carroll Endowed Chair in Business and Economics, has made a lasting impression on the Brennan School of Business. The collaborative research that he conducted with Brennan professors continues to impact the university as well as the field of economics. An expert in macroeconomic theory, Salas was recruited for the Carroll Chair from the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso in Chile.

"Dominican is a very welcoming institution and the faculty were very helpful. The nature of my work doesn't lend itself to much interaction, but I quickly developed close relationships. I really appreciated the faculty's expertise, so it was truly a mutually beneficial experience," Salas said. With **Kathleen Odell**, associate dean and associate professor of economics, Salas wrote a paper analyzing the Recession of 2008. Together, they developed a model to assess the effectiveness of an interventive fiscal policy in counteracting the impact of a recession and avoiding a break in the trend of a country's GDP (Gross Domestic Product). Research related to this paper was presented at two conferences in preparation for submission to a professional journal. They are continuing to refine their research.

Salas also worked with **Anne Drougas**, professor of finance, on a paper assessing portfolio management by households, particularly during the 2008 Recession. With **Richard Walstra**, assistant professor of accounting, and **Yuanqing Li**, assistant professor of entrepreneurship, Salas researched the effects of the gig economy on workers, consumers and companies.

"Sergio's expertise and interest in collaborating with our faculty was greatly appreciated. We are pleased that he will continue to serve as an ambassador attracting highly qualified scholars to the university and strengthen the Brennan's relationship with Chile," said **Roberto Curci**, dean of the school and associate provost.

Dominican Professor Takes a Look at F•R•I•E•N•D•S

Like millions of other people, **Jennifer Dunn** is a huge fan of the iconic television show, "Friends," which celebrated its 25th anniversary with great fanfare last fall. But as a professor and chair of the communication arts and sciences department, she has a more insightful take on the show's immense popularity.

In her new book *Friends: A Cultural History*, Dunn examines the cultural landscape that allowed a show not centered on traditional sitcom norms of family and career to become such a critical and commercial success. She explores memorable plotlines, cherished moments and discusses in detail the show's 25 best episodes.

"The idea that a TV show could be on the air continuously for more than 25 years is fascinating from an academic perspective. It has become an enduring part of our collective lexicon, which isn't true of many shows. It's highly unlikely that this kind of cultural phenomenon will happen again," Dunn said.

According to Dunn, "Friends" is a kind of comfort food, depicting a somewhat unrealistic lifestyle, but also showing the inspirational loyalty the principal characters had to each other, even with all of their flaws and foibles.

"The show spoke to a particular cultural moment—when Gen X youth were graduating from college, trying to live on their own and experiencing challenges finding a career. In essence, the show was telling young viewers that they weren't alone."

"Friends" remains popular today and new generations of viewers are watching the show on Netflix.

The show's theme song, which promised "I'll be there for you," still rings true.

Jennifer Dunn enjoys a cup of coffee on the famous Central Perk couch from the popular television show "Friends."



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Undergraduate Alumnae/i Class News

1957

Ellen Bendry
Class Agent

Audre Coia-Kurowski and her daughter, Karen, who is with the FAA, have moved for a year commitment to Manassas, Virginia. Audre thought it would be great to "snowbird" in a warmer climate for the winter months, her daughter found Manassas. After one year, they will decide whether to return to remain in Manassas or not. We miss you but send many blessings!

We had our Fall luncheon hosted by **Mary Whalen** and Roxane Bloomfield. We had such a good time; many memories. Ann O'Toole Hoeksema brought her husband Dennis. We enjoyed having him join us.

Cathy Klein writes, "It was nice to enjoy a cruise on the French Rhone River with my sister, Elizabeth Klein '62. After, we spent 16 days in Germany visiting our cousins, their children and grandchildren. We enjoyed their wonderful home cooking and reminiscing."

I had the opportunity in December to attend the graduation of my great niece. She was given a degree as a Physician's Assistant from Yale University. It was an exciting time for me.

1960

Jo Scaccia Maday
Class Agent

In October 2019, **Jeannette McBride Murray** and I met for lunch. Jeannette has been a widow for many years and has managed very well in her home. She has decided to down size and move to Yorkville, IL to be near her son and his family.

Mary Markley Moriarty has endured many health setbacks, but was happy to report that she celebrated her birthday by going out with her family for a meal at a restaurant.

Judy Cannon Bedore sent a photo Christmas card. Judy, her husband, Ed, and her family posed for a group photo at Judy and Ed's 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

It was with great sadness to learn that **Betty Banas Cella's** husband, Lou, passed away in January

2020. Lou had battled Parkinson's disease for several years. Please keep Betty and her family in your prayers.

1962

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

Corrine Carnivele Hanley: "My husband Robert Hanley did a tour for his book, *Do You See What I See? Discovering the Obvious*. The Archbishop of New York, His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan invited Robert on his television show, *Conversation with Cardinal Dolan*, to discuss Robert's book. The book is in its third printing and has received numerous positive reviews."

Donna Bloemer Cash: "Not a lot has changed with Bob and I, but we are a year older. We were able to attend our oldest granddaughter's graduation from Carroll College. Bob will participate in a trial drug for Parkinson in 2020. We continue to volunteer and are both on Allied Arts Gallery board."

Donna Allendorf Wahlert: "We had 22 family members for Christmas dinner and five more joined us for New Year's Eve! Bob and I took a course at Oxford in England. I think of you all often and send hope for a banner year for this great class."

1963

Susan Flynn
Class Agent

Kathy Markley Scruggs: "We're currently enjoying the French TV series, *Resistance*. I found our AAUW January book choice, *Educated*, disturbing. We discussed *The Color of Law* which documents the 20th century social engineering laws to protect

white homeowners that evolved to single family home zoning laws. No wonder local schools are often segregated economically as well as racially, and ethnically. *My Fair Lady* with Shereen Ahmed as Eliza was a great holiday treat at The Kennedy Center. My sister, Louise, and I took a week in Sicily and Paris. Max and I visited Costa Rica."

1964

Mary McGough Schultz
Class Agent

Pat Connerly Koko gives new meaning to multitasking. Taking time for an Australian cruise and sailing all 5 Great Lakes, she also oversaw the 49th Oak Park Annual Book Fair Sale. Pat traveled to South Carolina for the memorial of Dan Finley, husband of **Judy Alberts Finley**. She learned her mother's family line traces back to 1716 in South Carolina! Further investigation unearthed a great grandfather who was a Civil War veteran. After following his story, she ran across a backcountry grocery with the same name as her great grandmother. She found where the two lines had converged!

In February, Bob and I escaped Michigan winters for a month. Many of the Class of '64 winter in the South. We could probably have a mini reunion in the parking lot of Bealls outlet. Let's look out for each other.

1965

Mary Poelking Sclawy
Class Agent

Good news, bad news and some surprising news came this way in the fall. I'll start with the surprise.

Gerry Young, aka Harvee Lau, reviews books. She came across a Kenyan author, Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor, creator of *The Dragonfly Sea*. She's the daughter of **Mary Sero Owuor**. The family seems

to be doing well, says Harvee. Harvee had a question: Is anyone in contact with Inez Ho from Hong Kong? Many of us attended her wedding after graduation.

Hearing of **Mary Sero Owuor** prompted classmates to chime in. Among them:

Judith Wenzel Andersen: "Would love to see Mary as I was very fond of her and lost touch."

Nancy Kuhn Malling: "I hope she sends Mar a long update on her life."

Catherine Winston Melchert: "How exciting! I often think fondly of Mary and **Teresa Morugi Muraya.**"

Alanna Dore: "Wow! Hope they are enjoying life at this incredible age."

Cyndi Bane: "Oh boy! I remember Mary Sero and think of her and Theresa Morugi often, wondering where they are and what they are up to."

Kathleen Stark Burt: "Enjoyed *Dust*, Owuor's first book, and ordered *The Dragonfly Sea*. Mary and I ate at the same table in the dining hall. It's mind-boggling to Michael and me that we're almost a quarter into the 21st century. I'm grateful for my improved vision--no more cataracts--and back to work on my memoir. The surgery itself provided a surprise. I'd always thought the bedroom ceiling was ivory, but discovered it was a very bright white."

Ginny Daleiden Persha: "My husband Dick and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in April 2019. We had a party for friends and family."

Beverly Frazier Zook: "Jon and I traveled 60 days straight in our motor home and covered 6,000 miles, spending two weeks in Chicago with daughter and grandchildren. Not rough travels in a 38 foot RV with washer/dryer, two baths, and four TVs."

Adding to her last note that the family was supporting each other

in writing books, **Dianne Hanau-Strain** reports that her son Aaron Bobrow-Strain's book, *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez* made it to the semi-final round of the Goodreads Choice Awards in History and Biography.

Diane Farr Knittle and Bill had a wonderful trip to Italy. "We made a pilgrimage to Padre Pio's church in Rotundo and the Pio Abbey in San Marco Cortola. Back in Rome, we ended our trip at the Vatican. Back home, I took a job at my parish as pastoral care associate, a ministry to the dying and their families. We spent Thanksgiving with our daughter and son (10) in Ohio and Christmas at home with the three kids, spouses, and four children."

Dot Macina Grimm followed up on her report as a victim of a rare lung disease. "After being in hospitals and rehab facilities from March, I got home by the end of July, and I continued rehab. I've gone from not being able to hold a pencil to walking short distances. I'll be on oxygen for the remainder of my life. Because of the oxygen, I can't fly anymore. I am grateful for all the traveling I was able to do before 2019."

Upon learning that **Barb Tucker Philipps** had sent out a request for prayers for her before a pending operation, **Kash Creadon Sullivan** wrote to thank all for thoughts and prayers at Christmas: "It has been a difficult since my Trigeminal Neuralgia developed. I was in such pain that I truly was a shadow of myself: unable to pretty much be a part of life. Meds helped somewhat, but I underwent Gamma Knife Surgery. Google it just to see the cage that was screwed (yes, screwed!) onto my head before the radiation bombardment. It takes up to six months to fully work. In my fifth month, I could again do all those things that make me human. Not out of woods yet, but MUCH better. I am so thankful for the presence of my sister, Mary



Alumnus Voted One of the Nation's Best

Michael D. Ruggiero '91, MBA '94 has been recognized as a Five Star Wealth Manager in 2019 by *Forbes* magazine. *Forbes* annually bestows this award to the top 2% of financial advisors in the country. Ruggiero, who works as a financial advisor at Ameriprise Financial Services based in Orland Park and Chicago, has been named a Five Star Wealth Manager four times (2013, 2014, 2017 and 2019). Locally, he is a regular contributor on WFLD-TV Fox 32 "Good Day Chicago," and nationally, on WGN-TV 9 Midday News.

"It is an honor to be recognized by *Forbes*," Ruggiero said. "These awards are client and peer-based. To know they think that highly of me is a testament to the hard work I have put in since 2004. I am proud of the planning, education and continued service I have been able to provide to all my clients."

Ellen Creadon O'Donnell '63 and sister-in-law, Carol, both of whom live in my condo building. My three children live very close. My son Mike (single), and daughter Alanna (married to Ty Laurie, a terrific guy) both live in Chicago. My oldest, Mark, is married to a wonderful woman (Nicole). They have two daughters (Cuora, 15; and Maya, 14), both beautiful women, straight-A students, and outstanding athletes. Maya plays year-round travel softball. Cuora devotes her skills to ice hockey. After debuting *Hesburgh*, my nephew, Patrick Creadon is working on a documentary about Loyola's championship basketball

team. Patrick's wife, Christine O'Malley, produced a documentary on Taylor Swift, which opened Sundance Film Festival in 2019. I see some of the old "day-hop" group for lunch: **Marie Doherty Sloan, Mary Beth Brennan Sheahan, Donna Mathieu Kearns, Mary Magrady O'Brien, Joy Birmingham Donahue, Helen Kamm Faust, and Anne Hennessey Bodach. Mary Ann McGrath Howie** moved to Montana so we don't get to see her anymore. I periodically see with **Bernadette Melone McCarthy** and others. Still singing with the choir at Old St Patrick's in Chicago."

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Though dealing with her own health issues, **Marge Kearney Floyd** said she'd met up with Kash last spring in downtown Chicago at the opening of *Hesburgh*. Kash is always promoting Patrick's work.

Marifred Broucek Cilella: "Christmas began as planned—beach rental on the Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Peter, Kelly and the gang, Sal and Magda and their crew flying in. Unfortunately, the house was uninhabitable. After regrouping in Charleston, we returned to Atlanta on Christmas Eve. Then the real disaster struck. Seven of the eleven of us had everything but the plague. By month's end, and after a major cleanup, ready for the New Year. In June, we spent a few days in one of our favorite getaways—Old Edwards Inn in Highlands, NC, where we watched son Sal run the Peachtree Road Race. I continue on my quest to raise \$14 million to build a new high school, student center, and road at The Howard School. I'm almost there. Sal continues to write, his fourth book in 10 years. I accompanied him to Richmond where he was honored by the American Civil War Museum for excellence in editing primary source material. Thanksgiving 2019 we joined our California family at Peter and Kelly's, who fed 24 Cillellas, Brouceks, and Cormans of three generations. Helena is a sophomore at St. Ignatius High School. Gabriella and Thomas follow their big sister, all excelling in tennis."

Maureen McMahon Hibbott: "We celebrated our 50th anniversary in two bites. We played on the isle of Guernsey with the original wedding party: my sister Sheila (bridesmaid), Richard's sister Kate, Richard's brother-in-law John (best man) and us. We continued celebrating with the family's gathering at Mournie Mountains with a surprise production of "This is Your Life Mo and Richard," presented by family members. Unforgettable for the

marvelous script and the huge belly laughs - both in the cast and the audience of just us two. We have learned to count our blessings and be grateful for our family who have spread their talents throughout the globe. Helen and Meg (17) remain in Shanghai so Meg can complete her International Baccalaureate in 2020 at Dulwich College Shanghai. They will join Gareth in Tokyo for the Olympics. Their eldest son Angus started at Surrey University. Meg will start uni in either Canada, UK, or the USA. Alice, in North London, is skillfully guiding Rob (14) into his countdown to GCSE's next year and Jamie (11), happily looking forward to joining Rob at the same senior school. Jane, and husband Sam live north of Boston with Max (9) and Nancy (6) and look set to stay. Alice and the boys and we "seniors" traveled to Boston for the Christmas holidays."

Maria Tsionis Stavrakos: "Since Harry's death, I have been getting accustomed to this new phase in my life. That he didn't suffer and passed away with family around him has helped me cope. I have traveled a bit, had friends and family visit and all in all, I am adjusting, thanks to great many friends and much beloved family in my life. I volunteer through our church and spend time with friends who are ill. A year after his death, we held the One Year Memorial in our church. The Jewish people say that someone dies twice: once when they pass away, but forever when we stop talking about them. In our tradition, these memorials are just a part of the way we "keep them alive". It's a beautiful way to honor the dead and very close to my heart. Our kids are doing well. Evonne undertook a big four-year project, restoring five large buildings in Chicago. Son John, his adorable wife, Joanna, and their two boys (Harry, 5 and Kosta, 2) came for Christmas. John spent the past three years as medical director of five clinics in South Carolina and has decided to open

his own closer to Charlotte. He'll be concentrating on Regenerative Medicine. After years running Harry's office, I'll be spending some time with them to help with the new office, the boys, etc. We're all looking forward to this new chapter. Fingers crossed it goes well!"

Frances Haut Towle: "Tom and I are counted our blessings! Our daughter Tiffany and her husband Dan live in Boston with grandsons Alex (14) and Felix (11). We're happy that our two sons live in the greater Miami area - Tom, his wife Jocelyn and our grandson Max (3), and Michael and his wife, Lydia. All of us spent the holidays in Montana, skiing and snowboarding and enjoying lots of cheer around the fireplace—a switch, as we generally spend our winters in Miami and summers in Montana. And we travel. Last year was the Formula 1 race in Montreal and a Porsche Driving Experience in the Black Forest, Germany. In 2020 we'll celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with the family in Bermuda."

Kim Regan is madly into quilting, having made a quilt for daughter Sheila replete with Hs, for both her last names. Over the holidays, Kiera's family visited from Hawaii.

Hugs to all of you who wrote, and to those who think they have nothing to offer, I offer up the following:

The Sclawys: Having divorced her husband of 49 years, my sister Ann came to bake pfeffernuss cookies with me. Steve was not excited about any of the cookies, but was pleased with the candy that arrived. I continue to walk the local mall (two miles) with some pals. Walkers gathered before Santa's house for our annual Christmas photo, followed by breakfast. I still work a bit, volunteer at Family Law Assistance Project, walk the dogs, clean—if compelled— and look forward to digging wildflowers for Cranbrook Gardens' spring sale. New year

resolution (same as always): Pay attention.

Hugs all around,

Mar Poelking Sclawy

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Judy Purvin Scully
Class Agent

In September, **Kathy Albright Roth, Kathy Kahler Matthews, Maureen O'Rourke Cannon, Mitzi Battista Witchger, Suzy Wills Kessler**, and myself met for lunch in Oakbrook. We gathered at the Chef's Table to have lively conversation without disturbing anyone else. Please let me know if others are interested in our September luncheon.

The President's Circle dinner at Dominican was lovely as usual. Classmates **Mitzi Battista Witchger** and her husband Tom, **Alice Kuehne Finn** and her husband John, and John and I were in attendance. Donna noted that the final tally for the most recent campaign was \$75,000,000.00+. Thanks to all who contributed.

It was a joy to attend the wedding of Karla Bayas '13, who was a student trustee when I was on the Board of Trustees, and Alex Brown.

Alice Kuehne Finn and her husband, John, continue to be world travelers. They returned from Greece after their yearly cruise vacation from Cape Town, South Africa to Athens via MANY ports sailing for 54 days.

Lina Fruzzetti wrote, "I was awarded two grants, one small to return to Eritrea and do further research on kinship and friendship, and a bigger one from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to write a digital book. It will be a challenge but doable, and will begin the work in Bologna, Italy. I left for my yearlong sabbatical, back to the USA in December 2020. Let me know if anyone is in Italy. Also successfully submit-

ted a volume (and thanks to **Ann Canale's** amazing editorial work)." Congratulations, Lina!

Mitzi Battista Witchger shared the following: "Tom & I spent a week in Paris. We explored places & museums we hadn't visited before. It was sad to see Notre Dame Cathedral in its present state. I so appreciate Judy's efforts to gather us for lunch. It's always fun to catch up. We went to El Salvador with our parish. Before I'm too old, I'm hoping to hike with friends on the Camino de Santiago. We're not planning on the entire length, but the last 100 miles. Anyone from our class already make that pilgrimage? If so, I'd appreciate any insights." (great9mw@gmail.com)

The Recipe Box Café dinner in Parmer Hall was delightful. It's always fun learn about the students who are serving the meal. As part of their class, they select the themed menus. Because the menu is published as the Fall season begins, I check menus as well as our availability before deciding which to attend!

John and I participated in the Dominican Memorial Mass in November. My mother, Mary Purvin, who passed away on July 28th and my dad, Ted Purvin, who joined Mom on September 26th, which would have been her 96th birthday, were both being remembered. Having our family there with us and John and I serving as the gift bears and Communion ministers made it even more special for us. It was a beautiful, moving Mass.

Kerry Hubata attended the Mass as well and shared that she is not only still teaching at her ballet school, but has added a class for 8-year olds, which has been challenging, but very rewarding.

Mary Therese Connolly Kinder wrote: "I have been so blessed with Drew and my 3 girls and their grandchildren keeping me happy and entertained. I am a very lucky lady!"

Linda Miller Drennan and her husband, John, still spend time in Colorado where their 3 children and their families live. She was in Denver babysitting the grandkids while their daughter, Kim, and her husband spent a week in Oahu. Linda and John spent the winter in Florida to escape our winter.

Terry Wilkinson Pawlik wrote: "We are heading to Arizona for a month over Christmas/New Years. We are looking forward to seeing our 4 grandchildren and their parents, in that order. Our oldest grandson, Aidan, will be home from his first semester in college- St Andrew's University in Scotland. We are so excited to hear all about his wonderful experience. Our best to everyone and I am looking forward to our 55th reunion."

Mary Celine Baier Rutsche shared news from Switzerland. She and her husband Paul have swapped their home of 45 years with their daughter's condo. They are still in the small community of Lieli and only a 5 minute walk from where they used to live. She reported that although the move was difficult, it was to everyone's benefit.

Linda Lindsay-Scott is still teaching ESL in New Orleans, but reported that this year she is on a reduced course load of 12 rather than 15 credit hours. She and her husband Bill went to the Dakotas last summer and especially liked Theodore Roosevelt NP near Medora ND, a small tourist town with an amphitheater built into the mountain.

Bev Doherty shared the following: "Rosary friends **Jeanne Heinen**, **Ann Canale**, **Lina Fruzzetti** gathered in July. We enjoyed lunch at the Milwaukee Art Museum where Lina was able to photograph the opening of the wings at this marvelous Calatrava building. Tom and I made trips to Detroit and Ontario to attend a baptism, see a play, and visit family. Late sum-

mer, we went to Tom's high school reunion and visited our family. We stayed in Milwaukee into November so we could enjoy the fall. We still love city life in our neighborhood. On the way to Florida, Tom and I stayed in Birmingham to visit the Civil Rights Institute. The Institute depicts in bronze the scenes we watched on TV in the early 1960s: the dogs and fire hoses trained on children and the children who were hurt and killed at the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. Tom and I have been reeducating ourselves on US history. The long drive afforded plenty of time for books on CD that have included the Taylor Branch trilogy of the civil rights movement and *Bound for Canaan* by FM Bordewich, a history of the Underground Railroad. Ron Chernow's bio of Ulysses S. Grant also sheds light on the demise of reconstruction and rise of Jim Crow. Getting closer to home for me is *The Dawn of Detroit: a Chronicle of Slavery and Freedom in the City of Straits* by Tiya Miles, my home town."

Maureen Magee shared the following: "The summer of 2019 I had lunch with **Meg Cameron Beeler** and two other New Trier retirees. Since Meg was newly retired, we discussed the challenges of retired living. We also discussed books and authors recommended. Meg and I re-connected at New Trier High School when I began working there in 2004. She taught in the Social Studies Department.

Suzu Wills Kessler wrote: "The River of Time has pulled us along with its swift current. However, shared news, which is an important part of who we are, is a treasured gift, isn't it? I've frequently watched a YouTube site which features The King's Singers, a cappella group, with their version of 'The Rose'. In my memory, it's the incense I smell, the acoustics I hear, the flickering beeswax candles, and the stain glass windows

I see in the Rosary Chapel. It's been a strong remembrance of the peace, compassion, and contentment we all seek and wish for each other. The last stanza of the song says: 'Just remember in the winter, Far beneath the bitter snows, Lies the seed that with the sun's love, In the spring becomes the rose.' Wouldn't it be great if as many of us as possible could come back to campus to welcome once again 'the seed that becomes the rose' of this special place?"

I agree with Suzy and hope to see you soon!

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Mary Duncan Gemkow, Suzanne Engle
Class Agents

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2020!

Kristin Tyrrell had an eventful year. She went to the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena, California, on a Road Scholar trip. Part of the fun was helping to decorate the floats. February 2019 brought the sale of her Santa Fe home and relocating back to Kalamazoo. Since her return she has been in 3 shows at the Civic Theatre, either acting, directing, or stage managing. Next were trips to Canada. She was able to do knitting and weaving in Victoria, BC and then a trip around the Great Lakes. At Thanksgiving, she saw two plays at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Peggy May Schrage made her annual service trip to Mexico with her son at the end of 2019: "For 9 years, I have gone to Reynosa to build houses. Reynosa is right across the border from McAllen, TX. The trip is through an organization called Homes for the Homeless. We build in an area called the Colonia where people buy small plots from the government and then must build a dwelling. There is no running water, electricity, or indoor plumbing.

The houses are very basic: 12' by 20' with a loft. I simply paint for 3 days -- studs, walls, windows, roof joists, a door. There is a lot to paint! We also provide necessities for the family: food, clothing, a propane stove, a bed, linens, etc. I make curtains for the house. Our trip is financed by donations from family and friends."

Sharon Weggemann McKinney travelled to Europe with her daughter, arrived in Milan on Christmas Eve and drove up to Bormio, a 13th century town in the Alps— "the best powder skiing this side of the Rockies". Then on to Saint Moritz and Zurich. She went on a Baltic cruise last summer stopping in St Petersburg, Stockholm, and Copenhagen. She was happy to discover a Rosary grad in her town, Sheila Doran Lima '76, President of the Falmouth MA Chorale with whom Sharon volunteers. Sharon is active with the Falmouth Garden Club and co-chaired the Holiday Market raising money for the Scholarship Fund.

Donna Renn enjoyed spending time with **Marilyn Freehill Jancewicz** and **Kathy Wessels Cook** in February in the Coachella Valley in SoCal, exploring the sights from Palm Springs to the Salton Sea— but thankfully not the Eisenhower Medical Center and Betty Ford Clinic.

Patty Diedrich rallied to attend both our 50th and 51st Reunion. She continues to do well, in no small part anticipating our 52nd and adopting a cat!

Mary White Mabus is retired from the financial services industry but still assists clients in Chicago with financial record keeping. She is fully recovered from a stroke and looks absolutely fabulous.

Carol Anderson Kunze has had some fantastic travel adventures. Here's her story about a family heritage trip to Lithuania: "Being half Lithuanian, my sister Maria and I have long shared an interest in visiting the country of our

ancestors. Happily, we enjoyed a small group tour organized by the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture of Chicago. We visited cities, open air museums, art, churches, a palace, and more. The trip was a great overview of the country, history, and culture of our ancestors. Two highlights were a visit to the St. Peter and Paul Church in Panevezys, where our grandmother was baptized, and a private performance by teachers of the music school, Ukmerges Meno Mokekla, followed by a visit. Our tour leader grew up in Lithuania. Her personal stories and perspectives gave an important

depth to the experience. We hope to return and maybe even locate some relatives. We returned home thankful to our ancestors who had the courage to leave everything they knew and are the reason why we are fortunate to have been born in the USA."

Tomi Campbell Hubert sent an update on the scholarships funded by our class recently. Three students have benefited from our generosity. Julia Dunfrund, now a senior, studied in Milan, thanks to our Study Abroad scholarship. Christina Bennett, a Corporate Communications major, and Sabrina Hufana, studying to become

a Dietitian, are recipients of our Golden Jubilee scholarship.

In December 2019, several Rosary 68ers had lunch on campus with the group of Dominican students who went to El Paso, Texas in October 2019, on the Borderlands trip. The students joined a large group of Catholic students & leaders rallying against injustice at the U.S. southern border and supporting our immigrant brothers & sisters. The 68ers made financial contributions to help cover trip expenses. The students told us what they did and what it meant to them. It was a life-changing experience for them, and very inspirational for us! Attending the luncheon were **Donna Renn**, **Marilyn Freehill Jancewicz**, **Marita Hoy Fenley**, **Carol Anderson Kunze**, and **Suzanne Engle**.

Mary Moriarty Lynch made a road trip long in the planning: "In September 2019, my sister Barb and I headed out from my home in Ohio. Our aim was to see some of the natural beauty of the country while renewing ties with family and friends. In Denver, my son David flew in from Raleigh, NC, and joined us for three weeks. One of our stops was Colorado Springs where I caught up with, **Judy Harrison Malechek**. We had not seen each other in 48 years. Judy was my favorite travel companion after graduation. We took a tour of Europe full of adventures. At the end of our visit, we literally almost fell over from hugging. Our road trip continued through Utah national parks and on to California. I met up with my daughters, Anne from GA, and Maureen from Germany, who had flown to San Francisco for a wedding. It was wonderful to have my children with me for a few days. Barb and I continued to drive through the Southwest-Arizona, New Mexico and Texas before stopping to see folks in Mississippi and Georgia on the way back to Cleveland. In all we covered 8,792 miles in eight weeks!"



"The Sassy Dietitian" Releases Cookbook

Laura Ligos MBA '12, aka "The Sassy Dietitian," recently published her first book, *The Complete Clean Eating Cookbook: 200 Fresh Recipes and 3 Easy Meal Plans for a Healthy Diet*. Ligos is a New York-based sports dietitian and online real-food-based blogger, educator, and nutrition expert. She also completed her dietetic internship at Dominican University. As a lifelong athlete, Ligos went on to pursue many ventures as a dietitian but knew her passion was in sports nutrition as well as teaching people how to cook and build a real-food lifestyle. She educates people on her Instagram account (@thesassydietitian). Ligos is also a CrossFit Level 2 trainer at her local CrossFit gym where she loves coaching her athletes and helping them live an active life through movement and nutrition.

"We are all part of the community and we can make a difference."
 Peggy Sarason '85, after being presented with the "Influential Woman in Business" award by the Daily Herald Business Ledger.

The Rosary '68 "Posse" (aka 50th reunion committee members) continue to get together and think about all of you.

We're planning a get-together with more to come via email and on our private Facebook page. If you haven't signed up, please join our Facebook page—"Rosary College Class of 1968". We would love to hear from you!! **Mary Duncan Gemkow** mdgemkow@aol.com and **Suzanne Engle** nelsonengle@sbcglobal.net.

1969

Susan Kreuz McCoyd
 Class Agent

Terry Korbecki Daniello visited Australia and New Zealand in November. There were bush fires at the time but nothing like it had become. Keep the Australian people and all fire personnel in your prayers.

For those who are members of our PRIVATE Facebook page, "Rosary College Class of 1969" much of the following for you is repetitive but for those not members, here's the news:

In response to our "We missed you!" card at our 50th Reunion to Steve Shimek, we received this note from Steve: "Thank you for sending notes to me. What a blast to hear from so many of you. I was planning on showing up, but my eye got in the way. I wondered what 50 years would have done to all of us. I remember you all as college seniors so full of life and promise. But you have to be 70 by this time, if I'm 80. I rejoice in your class. Blessings on all of you. It's wonderful, if challenging to be alive now - church, politics, culture. Keep loving! Peace, Steve." Steve hosts a Sunday 9am weekly radio broadcast, "Breaking Bread." To listen: radioharborcountry.org; Smartphone: download "Tune-in Radio", search for WRHC.

Eileen Willenborg and her partner of 40 years, Jane Melnick, were

married. Congratulations! Eileen's advocacy and devotion to civil rights was profiled in the Fall 2019 Dominican Magazine. **Luan Fauteck Makes Marks** beautiful watercolor painting of the rose she received at our Candle and Rose Ceremony was pictured in the background of President Donna Carroll's letter in the Fall. Copies of Luan's painting were available for purchase at our Reunion. A

In November, **Lana Placek Cappitelli, Maureen Burke Furey, Linda Cowel McGuire, Ruth Kessler Dallas, Sr. Mary Ann Mueninghoff, and Susan Kreuz McCoyd** attended the annual Dominican University Memorial Mass remembering loved ones who have passed on to eternal life. Sr. Jean Murray, OP '49 was among those remembered. In 2019, our classmate, **Margaret Kloempken**



Alumna Wins "Influential Woman in Business Award"

Peggy Sarason '85 received the "Influential Woman in Business" award by the *Daily Herald Business Ledger* at a ceremony in November. The "Influential Women in Business" awards are presented to outstanding women executives and entrepreneurs who excel in the business, civic and personal arenas. Sarason, along with other fellow winners, were nominated by their peers, and ultimately selected by a panel of *Daily Herald Business Ledger* executives. As a member of the Comcast team for 18 years, Sarason serves as the vice president of finance for Comcast's Greater Chicago Region. In addition to her work at Comcast, Sarason also serves on the board of the West Suburban United Way. When accepting her award in November, Sarason shared that the three attributes that help steer her path are kindness, truth, and bravery. "We are all part of the community and we can make a difference," she said.

limited number are still available.

Mary Malone Janicki, her husband Dennis, and **Susan Kreuz McCoyd**, and her husband Kevin, toured the Alps and Dolomites visiting Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. The trip marked the fourth European trip the couples have taken.

Chandler passed away. We send sincere sympathy and condolences to her husband Larry and her family.

Sr. Mary Ann Mueninghoff has recently moved from Kenosha, WI to the Mound in Sinsinawa, WI.

Kathryn Kelley reports that she is focused on enjoying movies.

meals out, and the St. Paul, MN Chamber Orchestra.

Kim Smyth Roufs reports that she had a wonderful time with **Mary Leary Hennigan** in Texas in November. Kim and Mary had not seen each other in 50 years. Mary was unable to attend our Reunion.

Mary Malone Janicki retired from the State of Connecticut after more than 37 years. Mary worked for most of her career as an analyst and director of the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Research in the Connecticut General Assembly; for a short time at the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy. Mary looks forward to more travel (including some with **Susan Kreuz McCoyd!**) and time with children and grandchildren. She and husband Dennis visited Sr. Joan O'Shea, OP '52 at Thanksgiving on their drive home from the Twin Cities. Susan and Kevin McCoyd also joined in for the visit. All agree Sr. Joan is as lively and funny as ever.

A mini reunion in Ocala, FL with **Janet Reno, Judy Dodane O'Dwyer, and Joanne Capito-Corwin** was organized by **Gail Kniewel Johnson**. Judy and Gail are Florida residents, Joanne a seasonal resident, and Janet (CA) was visiting Judy. The four classmates toured the Gypsy Gold Vanner Horse Farm and enjoyed lunch at Ocala's Crafts Cuisine. Gail was unable to attend our 50th as she and her husband Chris were traveling.

There are currently about 53 Class of 1969 Facebook page members—there are around 160 members in our class. Please consider joining our PRIVATE members-only page. Our blog has been on permanent leave of absence.

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Kathy Klem Large
 Class Agent

I hope that the new decade is going well for everyone. I did receive interesting news. So, here goes..

Congratulations are in order for **Jackie LaSalle Bolger Buffo**: "On November 29, 2019 (Yes, Black Friday!!), after 32 years of widowhood, I became the wife of Maurice Buffo, affectionately known as Morrie. Morrie and I had been dating for 8 years! All our kids and grandkids took part in the wedding. Morrie's 4 children processed in with their families (8 adults, 10 grandchildren) before Morrie walked down the aisle. My daughter walked down the aisle with her husband and their 4 children. Finally, my son Chris accompanied me down the aisle. We had a full Mass and my brother, Patrick LaSalle, canted with two dear friends and blood sisters whose voices are angelic! His son served as Best Man; my daughter Courtenay was my Maid of Honor. Grandchildren handed out programs and presented the offertory gifts. Over 200 guests enjoyed dinner. My husband had suggested bringing everyone to the VFW for beer and shots; I'm glad he gave in to my suggestion. We spent a week in Florida. I chaired a Mardi Gras event for Catholic Women's League at the end of February. For the time being we are living in my home. Morrie sold his in 10 days and the garage is bursting with boxes." We are so happy for you!

Sue Koroski Bielawski writes that if anyone is interested in a trip west, they might want to check out the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival. It is near beautiful Keebler Pass. Sue is still a Master Gardener and Ask an Expert project volunteer for Colorado State University, as well as on the Weld County Tree Team and her town's Tree Board. Her Biology degree continues to serve her well.

Our class diving expert, **Peg Rohr Duran**, spent 3 weeks diving in Indonesia's Raja Ampat area, the center of underwater biological diversity. She said they are having success at protecting the water

and the species. She became a grandmother at 70 and is now fully retired. The League of Women Voters, (celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage), the Sierra Club, and the Coastal Alliance to Protect our Environment enjoy her volunteerism. The CAPE was formed in response to Corpus Christi's expansion of petrochemical industries who want the taxpayers to build desalination plants. She hopes that each of us "will involve ourselves in our local communities."

Martha Yancey Heller, writes that it is easier to plan grandchildren activities as Don is 95% retired and still farms enough that they plan around the busy times. 3 of their children are in Kansas; one is in Las Vegas. They spent New Year's in Aruba. They snorkeled and enjoyed delicious food. In September, they embark on a six-day barge cruise in Burgundy, France. All of the Yancey siblings and spouses will make the trek. They hope to spend time in Paris and the French countryside too.

Anne Vonderhaar, writes that to celebrate her birthday, her daughter took her to a Righteous Brothers concert, "my fave from the '60's." She purchased Bill Medley's biography which he signed for her. Annie's review: "Interesting but no literary masterpiece." She did get to visit with him as she used to go to his club in CA. The Hop, in the '90's to see him and Bobby Hatfield perform.

Life rolls on in Indiana. Al and I plan a river trip through Spain and Portugal this summer. Keep the cards, letters, and emails coming my way.

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Chris Lapetina Kukla
Class Agent

Christine Lapetina Kukla: "A group of classmates met for lunch at Aboyer Restaurant in Winnetka, IL. In attendance were **Gail**

Fitzpatrick, Tina Kaleta Morelli, Dianne Kaleta Mylenbusch '74, Mary Pat Thornton Collins, Luisa Scala Buehler, Liane Taglia Zulkey, and Chris Lapetina Kukla (me!). We had a great time reminiscing about Rosary and catching up on recent life events. Many of us are retired but still busy with grandchildren, volunteering, and traveling. We are all looking forward to our upcoming seventieth birthdays, since seventy is the new fifty! Health and happiness to all in 2020!"

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Lydia Colón Negron Perera: "We had a quiet Christmas in the Sacred Valley. I'm still playing with my painting, doing some embellishments with brass dust I got from a key maker. I planted many San Pedro cacti. I made a pecan pie for Christmas with coca flour in the dough. I had to make another since somehow it disappeared. Roberto got a new harp from Paraguay, christened HADA Azul! It rained Llamas and Alpacas! So the river was in full action. My puppy girl, Sol, who appeared starving on my property last January, recouped and is now about 30 kilos from 2.5 Kilos. She was no bigger than a floor tile. I am so grateful for everything and stand in wonder knowing I'm living my dreams in the Andes. We went to Puerto Vallarta to play in the sun. We still have the house on the market. I wish you a wonderful 2020 full of lots of love, warmth and great health. Abrazos lleno de amor!"

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Susan Schwarting
Class Agent

Mary Ducey Mulhern sent in: "It's a small small world. In May 2019, three of our alumnae met by accident as they traveled together on a river cruise in southern France.

Mary Pat Rice Berry '70, Elizabeth "Liddy" Nash Schwartz '61, and **Mary Ducey Mulhern** traveled with the Notre Dame Alumni group since their husbands are all Notre Dame grads. They created the cruise's Rosary College/Dominican University Alumnae/i group!"

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Mary Alice Griesinger
Class Agent

Marie Matys Rakoczy: "After a short teaching career and an exciting time as a business analyst at Coca-Cola, I retired in 2001, enjoying travel, photography, tennis, and working on the Board of Resurrection College Prep High School. My husband Joe and I have a condo in Wisconsin and enjoy spending a third of the year there. Although I did not take classes, I have become very interested in photography and have had my work exhibited in Chicago and Door County. I am thankful for the great start that Rosary gave me, and think back fondly about some of my favorite professors: Sister George (French), Sister Carolyn McGinty, Sister Cyrille McGill, Sister Jeanne Crapo '46 (all English), and Mrs. Kelso (Tennis)."

Kate Coulihan Ficke: "August found us in Germany, cruising on the Rhine River between Frankfurt and Dusseldorf. It was a magical trip, especially being at the Cologne cathedral on my mother's birthday, decades after she and I tried to visit! September included our annual wine and blueberry 'pilgrimage' to Michigan, as well as the annual family gathering in Wisconsin. A girls' trip in October had 5 of us exploring Traverse bay! A last minute opportunity had us on a Danube River cruise from Bucharest to Budapest, with an extension to Prague. We went through Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, and Germany.

"Janice taught me a lot about the story. I enjoyed attending her storytelling classes as a child." Roy Kinsey MLIS '17 on being inspired by Dominican professor Janice Del Negro.

We had our annual set of parties with friends, neighbors, and colleagues; my second holiday concert with the Prairie Singers; and Jim's official 'retirement' in December. At one point I was juggling four different jobs, but now am down to the three I had last year: travel consultant to family and friends; legal transcriptionist; and standardized patient for an area medical university (an acting job). We look forward to relaxing in 2020, while checking out new corners of the world. Cheers to everyone!"

Mary Alice Griesinger: "I am so looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Please send me news of what you are doing!"

1979

Hilary Ward Schnadt
Class Agent

I am sorry to report that two of our classmates lost parents. **Michelle Jackson** lost her father in the fall of 2019 and **Nancy Greco** lost her mother in December 2019. Let us keep Michelle and Nancy in our hearts.

Classmates-who-never-saw-or-spoke-for-40-years **Ann Van Hoolissen Bixby** and **Helen Hollerich** are planning another three-week driving trip to the UK for summer 2020. They plan to concentrate on the Scottish Highlands and Islands. Followers of their Rosary-in-London 40th reunion road trip in 2017 should stay tuned for a resurrection of their *Best Road Trip Ever* Facebook page.

Bridget and Joe Cortina provided an update on their move. They are now settled into their new home outside Naples, FL. "In October 2019, Joe and I celebrated our 3rd year of retirement, so still settling into our new routine, since all the selling and buying of homes is behind us. Maria, Joe's mom, moved and stayed with us, but in October 2019, she moved into her

own independent senior living apartment in Naples. Joe and I also celebrated our 47th year of wedded bliss!" Their son, Rick Cortina '06, "accepted a new job in Detroit, bought a small condo near work, and plans to move in 2020 to a home there."

Phyliss Pendleton Howard retired from the Oak Park Police Department in 2012 and anticipates that her husband Donald '80 will finish up his nursing career in August 2020 to join her in retirement.

Theresa Kaminski welcomed her first grandchild, Oscar, in February 2019. She anticipates a couple of other 'births' too. In June of 2020, Lyons Press will publish her book, *Dr. Mary Walker's Civil War: One Woman's Journey to the Medal of Honor and the Fight for Women's Rights*. Walker is the only American woman to receive the Medal of Honor. Lyons Press is also slated to publish Theresa's biography of Dale Evans in 2021.

Sue Junkroski wrote to say that she and **Michelle Jackson** (who retired from JCFS Chicago in February 2020) "have scheduled a trip to Colombia in March. Probably won't be buying any emeralds, but will visit a coffee plantation." They finally triumphed over city hall to get the landscaping completed on the house they moved into 18 months ago.

"I'm still basking in the afterglow of reunion," wrote **Rick Wilk**. "Having left my long-time position working downtown, I now do consulting to develop community-based care coordination systems to assist underserved people obtain integrated access to social services, e.g. transportation, food, etc. as well as medical and behavioral health services. On the other side, I'm off for a 3-week trip to Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and Hong Kong. This summer, I'll be going on a mission trip to South Dakota in support of the Lakota Sioux in one of the most impoverished areas in the

Western Hemisphere, along with a visit to my son stationed in Colorado with the Air Force. Special thanks to Louis Guagenti '80 for inviting me to his church where I volunteer with the Program Action to Deliver Shelter where homeless folks get three great meals and a safe place to sleep. It's great to be on a more flexible schedule to work, volunteer, and play."

As I mentioned in my email soliciting your news, I retired in October of 2019. Immediately thereafter, Corky and I took a trip to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO to see my niece graduate from basic training and combat engineer training. That enabled a family reunion with my remaining brothers and our families. **Margaret Foy Shields** hosted Corky and me in St. Louis, so it provided a visit with a long-time friend and her husband Tom. Their younger daughter, Katie, is in Texas for a graduate program in genetics counseling, so they had a family reunion of their own in Houston. I've also been supporting Corky as the president of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association, including at the America Beekeeping Federation 2020 Conference & Trade Show. That's the buzz from here. Please make note of my new email address: hwschnadt@gmail.com and stay in touch.

1985

Elisabeth Chmela Grzywa
Class Agent

Elisabeth Chmela Grzywa: "**Karen Kaufmann Migaldi** and I met up on family vacations in Belgium. We shared some Dominican spirit."

1989

Garett Auriemma
Class Agent

Brenda Groeper MAT '01 and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We spent part of our anniversary weekend on Geneva

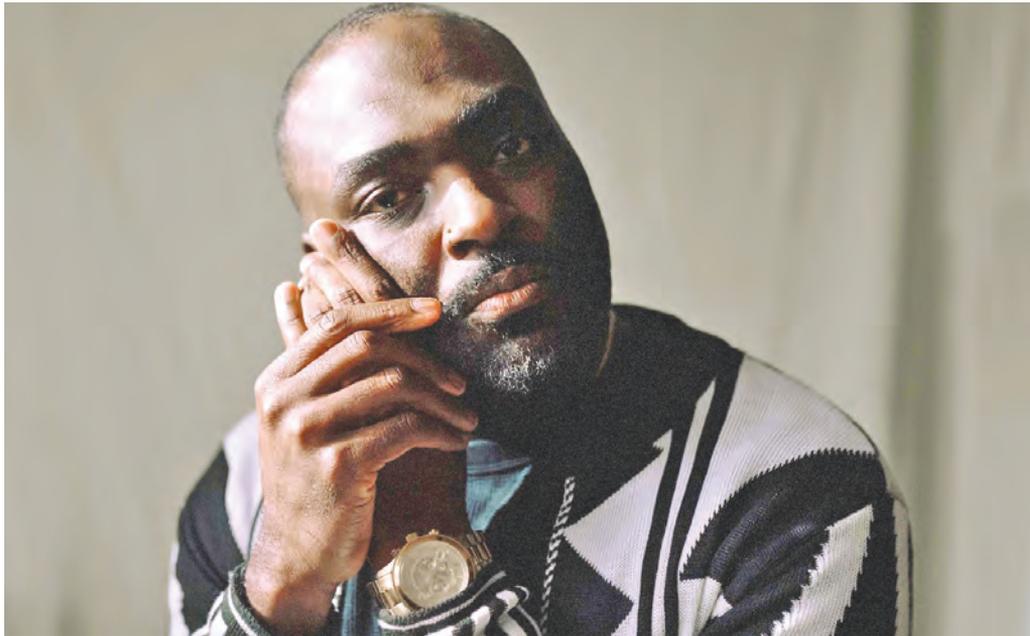
Lake in WI, where we met as Rosary College freshmen during Orientation Weekend in 1985 and where we got engaged many years later. Our daughter, Rowan, is preparing to graduate from 8th grade at St. Giles School. She will be joining her brother, Evan, at Fenwick High School, where he will enter his senior year.

Not long after we celebrated our 30th reunion, **Margaret Whalen Stec MBA '92** and **Michael Stec '88, MBA '92** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Congrats!

The past months were also marked by sadness. **Laura Brown Schmuck's MAT '07** son, Christian, was killed in a traffic accident shortly after his promotion to First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. We also received news that **Elizabeth Murray Cabrera's** mother, Mary, passed away following her battle with Alzheimer's disease. Our hearts—and our prayers—go out to Laura, Elizabeth, and all those who have lost loved ones.

Korin Heinz, who teaches French at Fenwick High School, traveled to southwest France for the Dominican Spirituality Pilgrimage: "Deepening the Dominican Spirit." Organized by the Sisters of St. Dominic and Fenwick President Fr. Richard Peddicord, O.P., the group of 28 traced the footsteps of St. Dominic. Korin writes that "we stayed in the convent of Ste. Dominique. Our days comprised of trips, talks on Dominican life and spirituality, mass, reflection, and daily communal meals of delicious French food. As a graduate of Dominican University and a Fenwick teacher, I'm fortunate to be a link in a chain that goes back centuries to this man of faith and vision."

Ramiro Atristain-Carrión was featured in Dominican magazine in an article about alumni who return to Dominican as adjunct instructors. In addition to teaching, Ramiro serves as an "Executive-in-Residence," helping



“Rapbrarian” Releases Fourth Album

Self-proclaimed “Rapbrarian” (rapper and librarian) **Roy Kinsey MLIS '17** released his fourth album, *Blackie: A Story by Roy Kinsey*. He has been featured in major local, national, and international publications like Billboard, NPR, WBEZ’s *Vocalo*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *WGCI*, and the *RedEye*. Kinsey currently works as a teen services librarian at the Richard M. Daley branch

of the Chicago Public Library. About his decision to attend graduate school at Dominican, “I realized that I needed more training to advance in my career and a master’s degree was essential,” he said. While at Dominican, Kinsey drew inspiration from professor Janice Del Negro, who led library storytime programs he attended as a child. “Janice taught me a lot about the story,” he said.

Division III men’s soccer to reach 400 wins.

2002

Debbie Stewart Carollo, Maria Salerno Conforti
Class Agents

Jennifer Grau was promoted to the role of Director of Diverse Learners (K-3) at Moving Everest Charter School. Jennifer is responsible for budgeting, compliance, and management of staff and contractor resources in support of the Special Education function.

2003

Mary Sobczak Minster, Yvette Vazquez Pratt
Class Agents

Amanda Bohne completed her PhD in English at the University of Notre Dame and is now a faculty member in the English Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She’s still commuting from Indiana but she is so happy to be back in Chicago several days a week!

2005

Katrina Prorok Arthur, Tory Kathrein Theodossopoulos
Class Agents

Leighton Shell was hired as Library Director for Stickney-Forest View Public Library.

2006

Diane Schultz Meske, Annie Hughes Halsema
Class Agents

Kara Thorstenson is the Director of Libraries and Instructional Technology for Chicago Public Schools.

Christine Gloriosa Nogal and her husband, Mark, welcomed baby #3 in March 2019. Brooke

business students find professional mentors. He is also director of Dominican’s Center for Global Peace through Commerce.

Laura Preston Guzman received National Board Status (NBCT) at Glen Crest Middle School in Glen Ellyn, where she works as a French and English Teacher.

Be sure to join our Facebook group. It’s a private group, but request to join by searching “Rosary College Class of 1989.”

1991

Rose Gillespie Doherty has been named President of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago for the

2020 club year. The Club raises funds to provide scholarship support to Catholic high schools and grants to Irish cultural organizations. Rose is the leader of the Nonprofit Practice Group at Legacy Professionals LLP, a Westchester-based CPA Firm. She is a recognized leader, speaker, and expert in the industry. She is a 1983 graduate of DePaul University where she received her BS in Accounting. She earned a MBA in Finance from Rosary.

Tamina O’Neill was named Chief Risk Officer for Heartland Financial USA, a diversified financial services company with 116 banking locations across the country. She previously worked as the Director of Enterprise Risk

Management for MB Financial Bank.

1993

Bridget Loar Harvey
Class Agent

Beth Goncher was hired as the executive director of the Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Beth will be serving in her position at the chamber as she also runs her own business management consultancy, Serenity Lane Enterprises.

Erick Baumann, men’s soccer coach Director of Athletics at Dominican University, earned his 400th career win. He is the 21st coach in the history of NCAA

"I am honored to serve the people of Illinois as a member of the Executive Ethics Commission. I consider this appointment an awesome and sacred responsibility."

Teresa Hall Bartels MSOL '04

Graduate Alumnae/i Class News

School of Information Studies

Michael Starasta MLIS '06 started as the new Lincoln Library District director. His library experience ranges from work at the Chatham Area Library, McKinstry Library at Lincoln College, Milliken University Library and the Mount Hope-Funk's Grove Public Library.

Corey Bard MLIS '08 began as the new Director of Libraries for Franklin County in Carrabelle, Florida. He owns 13 years of experience running libraries and 20 years as an administrator.

Trenton Carls MLIS '15 was hired as the librarian/archivist at the Cape Ann Museum. Trenton joined the Cape Ann Museum following his role as Metadata and Digital Projects Librarian at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston.

School of Education

Leyden High School Dist. 212 Board of Education hired **Eve Muñoz MAT '07, MAEA '09** to be the new Dean of Students. Eve was the principal at Riley Intermediate School at Berkeley School Dist. 87 in Northlake.

Matthew McCabe MAT '12 is on the rise at Noble Network of Charter Schools as he was promoted to Chief of Staff & Public Affairs in November. During the last decade at Noble, Matthew has served as a teacher, Director of Government Affairs, and Chief of Staff.

Patricia Nogal and mom are doing well! Christine is the Director of Marketing at the Arthroscopy Association of North America and the Chair of the CAE Working Group at the Association Forum of Chicagoland.

Jessica Levitt had a baby girl, Mia Kai, on March 31, 2019.

2007

Stephanie Adams Taylor, Mark Carbonara, Stephanie Lieberman Class Agents

Shelia Thomas: "I have been singing Tenor in The United Acappella Chorus of Chicago for almost twenty years. We celebrated 50 years of acappella singing in concert in October 2019. It featured the United Quintet who appeared at the Carnegie Hall in

1975 and past Acappella Groups who appeared in Concert during the early years."

2008

Eileen Terrier, Catherine Calixto Class Agents

Kathryn Schoenbeck Reilly MLIS '10 and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Avaleigh Siobhan on October 29, 2018. Kathryn managed a dental office on the Northwest Side of Chicago, but has since chosen to stay home with Avaleigh.

2011

Jaron Salazar, Fanny Lopez-Benitez Class Agents

Cristina Cipriano Alfano and Peter Alfano welcomed a Beautiful baby boy, Anthony Leo on August 29, 2019.

2013

Karla Bayas, Molly Brauer, Marco Rodriguez Class Agents

Molly Brauer: "After four years of working in Residence Life at Dominican, I became the Assistant Director for Administration for the University Memorial Center at the University of Colorado Boulder."

2014

Megan Graves, Sam Viola, Anthony Garcia Class Agents

Jazmin Medrano-Lopez: "I graduated with my MA in Human Services from Concordia University Chicago in December 2019!"

2015

Katie Schmidt, Tanner Strong Class Agents

Jessica Layman: "I became the Adult & Teen Programming Coordinator at the Elmhurst Public Library and will be overseeing all programs for these age groups, in addition to creating whole-library events, passive programs, and a new event series for 20-30 somethings."

2018

Kaitlyn Ashner, Rubi Tabar Class Agents

Samantha Slocum has been named Digital Media Editor at Zoomba Group, publisher of Food-service Equipment & Supplies and restaurant development + design.



Illinois Governor Appoints Alumna to Ethics Commission

In mid-August, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker announced that **Teresa Hall Bartels MSOL '04** will continue to serve on the Illinois Executive Ethics Commission. Bartels is the founder of Hallbart Consulting, where she advises nonprofit and business executives to achieve organizational excellence.

"I am honored to serve the people of Illinois as a member of the Executive Ethics Commission," Bartels said. "Our citizens deserve transparency and integrity in procurement and the human resource practices of the State of Illinois. We expect ethical behavior, provide training for state employees, and enforce the state's Ethics Act, including matters regarding sexual harassment, within all departments of the executive branch. I consider this appointment an awesome and sacred responsibility."

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 Adrienne Allen '43
 Elizabeth J. Ryan '44
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 Mary I. Malone '45
 Patricia Jane Kindl '46
 Elizabeth Campbell Meyer '46
 Ilene Grabo Runo '46
 Kathleen Hudson Callahan '48
 Ann Doyle Hengel '48
 Frances Ward Lundy '48
 Barbara Perry Curley '49
 Bernice Morand King '49
 Patti Keiser Spittler '49
 Kathleen Pester Reuter '50
 Eleanora Schwahn Franzen '51
 Geraldine Huesing Fortin Klein '51
 Mildred Meersman '51
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 * Staff/Faculty member
 ** Student
 ^ Friend
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 (NGA) Non-graduating Alumna

1. Russina Rusev Grady '81, Jeffrey R. Goldone '80, Mary Larkin '81, and Megan Fitzgerald Bitterman '82 reunited in Vienna 40 years after graduation.

2. Ellen Bendry '57 continues to show her school spirit everywhere she goes, but especially on coffee dates!

3. Michael Waters '84 MBA '86 and son, Ryan Waters '15 completed the Spartan Beast in Montana.

4. Joanne DiGuido '86 fulfilled a life-long dream by making her first trip to Paris, after majoring in French at Rosary. Her return trip to France is already in the works!

5. Jessica Levitt '06 welcomed baby girl, Mia Kai in 2019.

6. Some members of the Class of 1968 Reunion Committee got together for lunch in Greektown. Pictured are Carol Anderson Kunze, Marita Hoy Fenley, Marilyn Freehill Jancewicz, Mary Duncan Gemkow, Suzanne Engle, and Donna Renn.

7. The Office of Alumnae/i Relations held a cocktail reception in Washington, D.C. Many alumnae/i gathered to hear President Donna M. Carroll and Steven Thomma '76 speak about the role of the media today.

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