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Patrice Green '16, Jon Pepaj '15 and Sarah Bernard '16 at Brooklyn Bridge Park.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRENDAN J. DUGAN '68

At St. Francis College, one of the most important ideas we teach our students is that no matter what you decide to do in life, always make sure you leave the world a better place than when you got here. For 46 years, **Dr. Francis J. Greene** embodied this idea.

Sadly, this past spring was his last one as a full-time Professor of Fine Arts at the College. Dr. Greene certainly made St. Francis College a better place, and I am a better person for having known him. We are fortunate that, as Professor Emeritus, Dr. Greene will still be teaching a class or two each semester even as he pursues his own interests (Page 5).

In this issue, you'll also meet several current students and alumni who are also fulfilling this ideal.

After a rocky beginning at St. Francis, **Elizabeth Peralta '15** has really hit her stride (Page 7). Peralta discovered a love for history and founded a chapter of the Society of Claudel. She and her fellow students now help tutor children in East Harlem.

As an undocumented immigrant, **Cesar Vargas '05** has faced hurdles every step of his academic and professional career (Page 10). He's turned those obstacles into the Dream Act Coalition and is now on the forefront of the national fight for immigrant rights.

Our 53rd Annual Charter Award Dinner saw the creation of two new scholarships and overall donations of more than \$720,000 (Page 6). The Tom Brokaw Veterans Scholarship and a second scholarship named for alumnus **Kenneth D. Daly '88** both point to your amazing faith, generosity, and support of our Franciscan mission.

Liz Mindlin '81 decided that a scholarship in her brother's name, The Edward Day Scholarship, was the best way to honor a man who



spent his life helping others as a firefighter until he lost his life on 9/11 (Page 11).

Moving to the classroom, we want to thank professors like **Alison Dell**, who inspired her biology students to compete with vigor in two online, international science contests. She then watched them outperform thousands of others around the world (Page 2).

In athletics, the Terriers brought home two conference championships, in Men's Soccer and Men's Water Polo (Page 12). We're building Terrier Pride across the program with new records being set in almost every sport.

As I walk our halls every day and talk to our students, staff, and faculty, I am so proud of all the good things that are happening here on Remsen Street and I can assure you that the stories you will read in this issue of *Terrier* are typical ones for our community.

I encourage you to keep checking our website and to follow us on social media to learn about everything that's going on at St. Francis.

Sincerely,

Brendan J. Dugan '68

President

SFC Visits the NYSE

A special honor announced the arrival of the St. Francis College Center for Entrepreneurship as students, alumni, and administrators rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Dec. 23, 2013.

"Ring the bell at the Stock Exchange tells the world that you are a productive member of the business community," said St. Francis College President **Brendan J. Dugan '68**. "The fact is our small college in Brooklyn Heights has had two feet firmly planted in this world for decades through our countless, successful alumni."

The Center for Entrepreneurship plans to be on the leading edge of the burgeoning Brooklyn business community helping to teach, guide, and support new and young businesses while instilling the idea of social entrepreneurship in the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Alumnus **Louis Pastina '79**, Executive Vice President of Operations, NYSE U.S. Cash Market, helped arrange the visit and on Feb. 20 came back to St. Francis to offer a lecture on his experiences. [▶](#)



Entrepreneurship interns Jakob Christerson '16 and Jon Pepaj '15 with Executive in Residence Mary Gelormino and Louis Pastina '79.



James Cafiero '16, Nicole Terzulli '13, Duncan Niederauer (CEO, NYSE Euronext), Dennis Anderson, June McGriskin '76, William Maroney '76, Landy Guevera '18, Brendan J. Dugan '68, Michael MacIntyre '97, Denise M. Maroney, Mary Gelormino, Dominik Rohe '97, Edward N. Constantino '68, and Aimee Maroney.

Bio Students Earn Top Scores in International Online Competition

When is a game not just a game? When winning could lead to amazing medical breakthroughs!

Professor **Alison Dell** introduced her Molecular Biology Class to the online, international competition Phylo. The game's goal is to figure out ways to match sets of DNA to enhance research into genetic diseases.

"We've learned that computers are pretty bad at recognizing DNA similarity," said Professor Dell. "Humans are much better at seeing patterns."

By recognizing the patterns, scientists can then focus on specific DNA and look for ways to cure human diseases including heart disease, neurodegeneration, and obesity.

The students were originally assigned the task as a way to earn extra credit on an exam but competition between the students led to some intense time spent on Phylo. They posted about their work on social media and were even in contact via Twitter with a co-founder of Phylo, Jérôme Waldispühl of McGill University in Montreal.



Alyssa Casciorizzo '14 finished 10th in the world.

"I enjoyed helping them to make this experience as smooth as possible," wrote Waldispühl. "I have been really impressed by the energy they put in this competition."

During the final week of the competition, Professor Dell's students held the top seven places against players and researchers from around the world. One student, **Alyssa Casciorizzo '14** climbed all the way up to tenth worldwide, better than tens of thousands of other players.

Casciorizzo, who graduated in the spring, currently works in a doctor's office, volunteers at Maimonides Medical Center, and wants to be a nurse practitioner.

After Phylo, students then went to work on another online game, EteRNA, which challenges players to make new RNA molecules for real-life synthesis in the lab.

Casciorizzo finished top in the class again, ranking 934 worldwide out of more than 70,000 players. [▶](#)

Entrepreneur Center in Action

When **Yolonda Watson '16** signed up for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation course offered by the Center for Entrepreneurship, she knew she would learn a few things about improving her travel business. But she didn't know it would lead to getting a \$2,000 loan that positions her business to really take off.

One of the guest speakers for the course was a representative from Accion, a nonprofit organization that offers training, resources, and loans to small businesses. Watson immediately followed up with the presenter, applied for and received a \$2,000 loan to support her growing business, Destiny Tours & Travel. A Professional Studies major, Watson says she's already seeing the results.

RIGHT: Yolonda Watson '16 says the loan has helped her become more efficient. The result? She can handle more and bigger travel bookings for her growing list of clients.



Yolonda Watson '16.

Spring Commencement

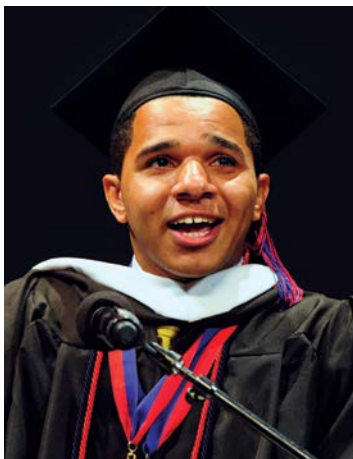
MAY 13

St. Francis College celebrated the Class of 2014 at Spring Commencement on May 13th at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Almost 400 students received their degrees with Valedictorian **Matthew Delfino '14** leading the way.

In a spirited and emotional address, Delfino implored his classmates to, “Embrace your own futures. Define your own success and turn your ambitions into reality.” He also urged them to be present in the moment and live a life with passion and purpose.

Delfino, a Political Science Major with a Minor in Philosophy and a perfect 4.0 GPA, will begin working for information technology research and advisory company, Gartner, Inc., as a consultant with their state and local government practice.

This commencement also celebrated the first graduates of the new five-year Master of Arts degree in Applied Psychology. [▶](#)



ABOVE: Pamela Brier (President, Maimonides Medical Center), Professor Francis J. Greene, and Regina Myer, standing with President Brendan J. Dugan '68, were each awarded honorary doctorates at the ceremony.

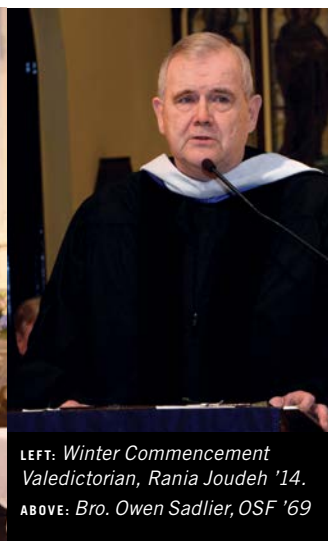
LEFT: Valedictorian Matthew Delfino '14

Winter Commencement

JANUARY 15

The valedictorian for the January class, **Rania Joudeh '14**, was a Math Education major with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Rania transferred to St. Francis from Kingsborough Community College after a fortuitous meeting between her father and St. Francis College President **Brendan J. Dugan '68**.

Bro. Owen Sadlier, OSF '69 received a long, heartfelt ovation upon receiving an Honorary Degree in celebration of his retirement. He taught at St. Francis for 15 years in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and mentored countless students during that time, offering them pieces of his seemingly endless knowledge and boundless kindness. Assistant Dean of Freshman Studies **Monica Michalski '01** delivered the Commencement Address. [▶](#)

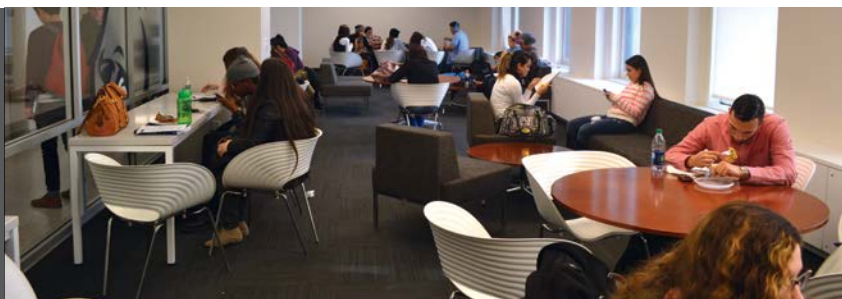


LEFT: Winter Commencement Valedictorian, Rania Joudeh '14.

ABOVE: Bro. Owen Sadlier, OSF '69

New Student Lounge

Students are taking full advantage of a new lounge on the Sixth Floor which features comfortable seating and tables and desks for work. With the completion of the lounge, construction on the floor, which also includes the Eileen C. Dugan Life Sciences Center, is now over. New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver as well as other Brooklyn lawmakers will officially open the Center in June.



Campus Events

Piper Kerman

DECEMBER 4, 2013

Professor **Michele Montecalvo** wanted to make her Health Issues class more relevant for her students this semester so she decided to tap into a hot piece of popular culture. She assigned the memoir, *Orange is the New Black* by Piper Kerman, now a popular Netflix TV series.


"I wanted to highlight some of the social injustices that happen in the health care system," said Professor Montecalvo.

But the students weren't satisfied with just reading the memoir. They wanted to hear about it from the author. More than 40 of them sent emails

and tweets to Kerman, requesting she come and talk to the class. The letters, which contained personal stories, also related sections of Kerman's memoir to the *Healthy People 2020 Objectives* published by the Centers for Disease Control.

To their great surprise, she said yes and visited St. Francis on Dec. 4.

"I didn't think the power of Twitter, email, and social networks would actually get her here. But it did," said **Joseph Tran '15**, a biology major.

"It was a great experience," added psychology major **Any Chen '16**. 

[View the SFCTV Story](#) 



Piper Kerman with Professor Michele Montecalvo and her Health Issues class.

Miriam Leuchter

FEBRUARY 10


Miriam Leuchter, the Editor-in-Chief of *Popular Photography* and *American Photo* magazines spoke to members of the St. Francis Photography Club and others about professional photography and how social media and apps are affecting the industry.

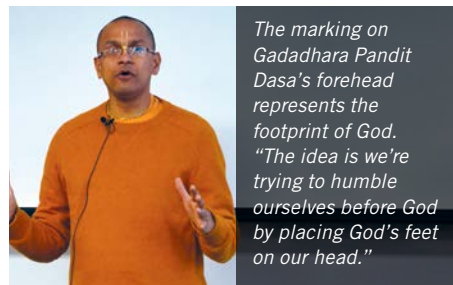


Amanda Sullivan '15, President of the SFC Photography Club with Miriam Leuchter and photo club moderator Virginian Franklin. See their photos on Instagram @SFCPhotographyClub

Urban Monk

FEBRUARY 14

Gadadhara Pandit Dasa, author of *Urban Monk — Exploring Karma, Consciousness and the Divine*, spoke during Professor **Ben Wood's** Religions of India class. He described his journey growing up in a wealthy family detached from his Indian heritage and the family's loss of everything. This loss led to his discovery of the Hindu sacred text, the Bhagavad-Gita, and his transformation into a monk living on Manhattan's Lower East Side. 

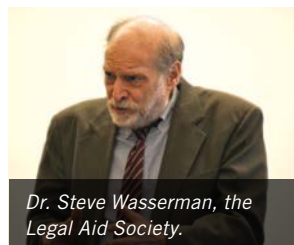


The marking on Gadadhara Pandit Dasa's forehead represents the footprint of God. "The idea is we're trying to humble ourselves before God by placing God's feet on our head."

Stop and Frisk Explained

MARCH 13

Steve Wasserman, an attorney with the Legal Aid Society, gave a special lecture in Professor **Nickie Phillips' Urban Law Enforcement Problems** class devoted to the NYPD practice of stop-and-frisk. Dr. Wasserman addressed the constitutionality of the stops and the disproportionate impact on minority communities, including police practices in NYC public housing.



Dr. Steve Wasserman, the Legal Aid Society.

Pat Kiernan

FEBRUARY 6

One of NY1's most famous news anchors, Pat Kiernan, visited St. Francis to meet with students taking Broadcast News Writing. He told them that in a world where many people now get their information from Facebook and Twitter, it's vital for traditional newsrooms to set themselves up as curators of the news, giving viewers in-depth coverage of only the most important stories.



NY1 Anchor Pat Kiernan with Joseph Schmucker '14, Amber Ferguson '14, Michael Garay '14, Kareem Cooper '14, Yubelis Garcia '15, Kellie Delgado '14, and Keah Watkins '15.

Memorial Concert for Richard Berleth

FEBRUARY 24

Concerts at Half Past Twelve celebrated the life of Communication Arts Professor **Richard Berleth** who passed away Oct. 12, 2013. A concert entitled "From Bach to Bartok" featured Gregory Fulkerson on violin.



Emily Berleth and her daughter, Katy Huber, with violinist Gregory Fulkerson.

The Exonerated

MARCH 28

Fernando Bermudez, Jabbar Collins, and Jesse Friedman all spent years in jail for crimes they did not commit. They recently performed in the play, *The Exonerated*, taking on the real life roles of people who are also wrongly convicted... and sit on death row.



Fernando Bermudez, Jesse Friedman, and Jabbar Collins all played roles in this emotional performance.

Francis J. Greene

A Half Century of Inspiration

The pursuit of knowledge is something to be cherished; sharing that information, an inspiration.

For nearly half a century, **Francis J. Greene** has inspired thousands, sharing his treasure trove of knowledge with all who knew him at St. Francis College.

Dr. Greene has now completed his 46th and final year as a full time professor at St. Francis. Although his fulltime presence in our halls will be missed, thankfully his new title of Professor Emeritus signals that Dr. Greene is not making a clean break with the College.

In fact, he hopes to teach an Honors course in the fall as well as a cultural-based class. That would be a fitting post considering Dr. Greene co-founded the Honors Program just a few years after taking over the Duns Scotus Honor Society in 1980. He stayed on as a moderator of Duns Scotus until this year.

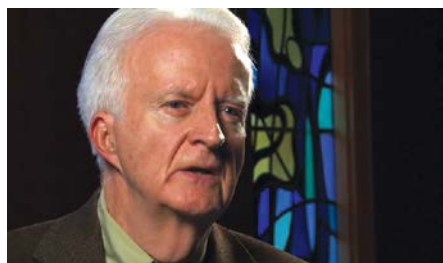
"With his doors always open, I could turn to Dr. Greene be it for advice, encouragement, or inspiration," recalls **Tamas Toth '12**, a former President of the Duns Scotus Honor Society now studying in Paris. "Even after graduation, he was there as a mentor continuously guiding me and supporting me throughout my graduate school application."

Dr. Greene plans to use his time now to pursue his passions including the study of 19th century architecture and developing his growing love for gothic work. Recently, Dr. Greene has also found himself as art historian to several churches in Brooklyn. He discovered the origin of the stained glass windows in nearby St. Charles Borromeo and decoded the windows at St. James Basilica, Brooklyn, located between the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges. His work at St. James eventually became a book!

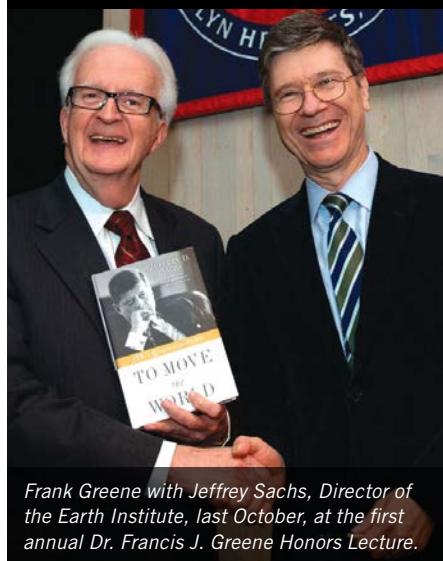
The College owes Dr. Greene a great debt for his other contributions as well, including having served as the Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, and International Cultural Studies for 31 years. He helped start the International Studies program and was instrumental in creating the International Business option which mixes foreign language, culture, and arts with business.

"The combination offers cultural literacy to students who want to be in the business world," he said, a goal that Dr. Greene found vital for success as more and more jobs began to fall under the umbrella of globalization.

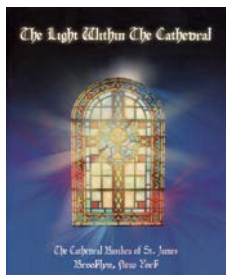
"He opened our eyes to appreciate the most beautiful things in the world and in return we appreciated the knowledge, guidance, and support he gave us," said **Robert Oliva '04**, now Director of Community Partnerships and Special Events at St. Francis.



*Dr. Greene on the 2011 TV show, **Mysteries of the Church** (NET TV), talking about the changing artistic representations of Jesus throughout history.*



Frank Greene with Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, last October, at the first annual Dr. Francis J. Greene Honors Lecture.



*Dr. Greene tells the story for each stained glass in the book, **The Light Within The Cathedral**. [▶](#)*

Dr. Greene also helped re-invigorate the Study Abroad program as its co-director for the past five years with Professor **Jennifer Wingate**.

An alumnus of St. Peter's College and Rutgers graduate school, Dr. Greene taught for four years before coming across the harbor to Brooklyn.

That makes 50 years at the head of a classroom. But even with a reduced role at St. Francis, Dr. Greene's impact will live on. The people he's taught have made huge contributions to St. Francis College and the world beyond.

For example: **Bro. William Boslet, OSF '70** has served as Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn for a number of years. **June McGriskin '76** is now the Executive Vice President of the College. **Michael MacIntyre '97** is Global Head of Intra Group Services/Wealth Management for HSBC and a member of the Alumni Board of Directors.

"I do a lot of travelling for my job and I credit Dr. Greene for making me a more well-rounded person," said MacIntyre. "Being able to adapt and adjust to different cultures is an important skill. Almost 20 years later, we still share a bond and talk about the various museums and countries where we've both visited."

Other alumni who studied with Dr. Greene include **Carl Quigley '75** (Assistant Athletic Director), **Edmund Greco, Jr. '79** (President, Midhattan Woodworking Corp.), **Joseph Hemway '84** (President, Alumni Association), **Dr. Victor Masi '89** (Board of Trustees), and **Ken Daly '88** (President National Grid New York, Board of Trustees).

It is not a one-way street. Dr. Greene, in turn, keeps in regular contact with many of his former students and remembers details about them. "I still remember the subject of Ken Daly's term paper for an honors course — Edward Hopper."

After 46 years, Dr. Greene has borne witness to an amazing evolution at St. Francis but some things, he says, have stayed the same. "The culture has changed enormously but the students haven't changed," said

Dr. Greene. "They are still curious, generous, and kind. Idealistic about what we should be doing but uncertain about themselves and in need of encouragement." •

53rd Annual Charter Award Dinner

With the support of one of the biggest names in TV News, Tom Brokaw, and the President of National Grid, NY, **Kenneth D. Daly '88**, St. Francis College raised more than \$720,000 at the 53rd Annual Charter Award Dinner held April 1 at the New York Marriott Marquis.

Both honorees also lent their names and financial support to two scholarships — the Tom Brokaw Veterans Scholarship and the Kenneth D. Daly '88 Scholarship.

WNBC News Anchor David Ushery emceed the evening and created an upbeat and jovial tone for the night. "The enthusiasm of your students and this community really touches me and is extraordinary."

Mr. Brokaw, the long-time host of "NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw," was unable to attend due to illness but sent along a note saying that St. Francis was "one of America's premier small institutions in the middle of the hottest borough in the country."



National Grid interns Phoebe Lee '16, Tan Cheung '15, and James Toscano '14 presented Charter Award Dinner Honoree Kenneth D. Daly '88 with a signed photo of Sandy Koufax and a custom-made St. Francis jacket.

Mr. Daly graduated from St. Francis in 1988 before beginning his 25-year rise through the ranks of National Grid and its predecessors Brooklyn Union Gas and KeySpan. He said he remembers the day he heard about his scholarship to attend the College, 30 years ago, like it was yesterday.

"I was playing sports up at the park with my friends. It was before cell phones and my mom actually ran up to the park and said Bro. George is on the phone and he's got a scholarship and you gotta get right down there! And here I am today."

Mr. Daly said this scholarship, which is the second one he established in his name, is meant to give another student the same opportunity he had. [▶](#)

National Grid Business Lecture



Kenneth Daly '88 also announced that National Grid will sponsor a new Business Lecture series at the College. A \$50,000 grant spread over five years will help bring a wide range of experts to the College to talk about themes under the umbrella of Business, Science, and Community. Mr. Daly will be the first speaker. He will address the delivery of affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy in the future.

Charter Day

St. Francis College recognized some of Brooklyn's business and nonprofit leaders as well as its top students, faculty, and staff during the College's 130th Charter Day convocation on Friday, April 25th.

Carlo A. Scissura, JD, President & CEO of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce was the Keynote Speaker and recipient of the inaugural St. Francis College Entrepreneurship Award. Honorary degrees were awarded to Thomas A. Conniff, JD (Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa) for his years of legal service to St. Francis and Philip F. Stenger (Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa) for his years of service to Brooklyn businesses and organizations. The St. Clare Medal of Service was



Charter Day Honorees Thomas A. Conniff, JD, Philip F. Stenger, and Carlo A. Scussura with St. Francis College President Brendan J. Dugan '68.

awarded to Sr. Mary A. Maloney, SFP for her 25 years of service at the CHiPS soup kitchen and shelter in Park Slope.

St. Francis also inducted the newest class of Duns Scotus Honor Society members, and recognized faculty and staff who have served at the College for 15 and 25 years.

Three Accounting and Business Law students, **Peter A. Biondo '16**, **Andy Calixto '15**, and

David V. Samuel '18 received National Grid Scholarships and Internships. The scholarships were presented by National Grid Director Investment Management **Francine Kollydas '96**, one of the more than 100 St. Francis alumni who have gone on to work for National Grid. [▶](#)

Elizabeth Peralta '15 – Finding Her Way

By Meghan Lewit

Like a lot of students, history major **Elizabeth Peralta '15** initially struggled to find her niche. “The first semester was rough. I felt kind of alone,” Peralta said. “And then I met **Bro. Greg (Cellini, OSF)**. He just said, ‘Why aren’t you putting yourself out there? This school is for you, so you just have to go and reach out for it.’ ”

That was a turning point for Peralta. In her freshman year, she started a chapter of the Society of Claudel at St. Francis. The group, which also has chapters at Columbia, New York University and Fordham University, meets once a week to discuss topics of faith and to organize community service projects. Members currently tutor children in East Harlem once a week.

Peralta also heads the History Club at the College, and was a Summer Fellow in the Students and Faculty in the Archives (SAFA) project at the Brooklyn Historical Society.

Peralta came to history through music. She played saxophone in high school, and her music teacher suggested that she explore the history of jazz. Peralta fell in love with jazz — both the music and the story behind it.

She felt that the melodies gave voice to the pain and challenges in her own life. The middle of five children, Peralta took over much of the responsibility of caring for her younger siblings when her mother became ill. Peralta lost her mother several months ago, but said her mom will always be a major inspiration.

“My mom was amazing. I’m always impressed by her, even now,” she said. “She never gave up. Every time someone said ‘no’ to her she just worked harder.”

Peralta noted that her mother was also dedicated to public service; she started working for the March of Dimes as a member of the janitorial staff, and eventually worked her way up in the organization.

“I just thought, ‘If my mom could do this and have five kids, I’m one student and I can definitely do this.’ ”

Although Peralta initially considered law, she quickly changed her focus to history shortly after arriving at St. Francis. History allows her to peel back



“We need more things like [SAFA at the Brooklyn Historical Society] because it’s an opportunity to discover who you are and what you love.”

the layers of people’s lives, she says. As a fellow in the SAFA program last summer, Peralta researched Gabriel Furman, a historian whose journals from the 19th century are housed at the Brooklyn Historical Society. (*Editor’s Note: Brooklyn’s Furman Street is named for Gabriel Furman’s father.*) Through her work in the archives, Peralta explored the history and changing attitudes towards slavery in New York.

While the three-year grant for the SAFA program has ended, Peralta hopes the College will, in the future, find the means to continue providing similar experiences to students. “We need more things like

that because it’s an opportunity to discover who you are and what you love,” she said.

Her desire to help other students find their way also inspired Peralta to run for and win the election for Student Government President for

the next school year. “St. Francis is small enough for everyone to have a voice, but a lot of people don’t know that,” she said. “What I love about St. Francis is the personalness, and you don’t get that at other schools.”

Assistant Professor of Fine Arts **Jennifer Wingate** describes Peralta as the ideal student. “She genuinely enjoys learning and is very open and curious about new subjects,” Wingate said. “She brings a lot of positive energy to class, along with thoughtful questions and a sense of humor.”

After graduation, Peralta plans to pursue a Ph.D. and hopes to eventually teach at the college level. The strength that she gained from her faith and from the St. Francis community allowed her to open up to everything the College had to offer, she said.

“I know now that if I just sit in the shadows I’ll never get anything done,” she added. “But when I graduate, I don’t want to forget about this school. It’s the greatest thing that’s ever happened to me, and it’s molding me into the person I’m becoming.” ●



Elizabeth Peralta '15 at the Brooklyn Heights Promenade.

Jennifer Wingate

By Meghan Lewit

Jennifer Wingate found her passion at an early age. She discovered art history while still in high school and learned to love looking back in time while moving ahead in her academic work.

I felt like I was getting away with murder, it seemed too good to be true,” said Wingate, an Assistant Professor of Fine Arts at St. Francis College. “Ever since that moment that I realized it existed and combined my interests, I went for it.”

Her first book, *Sculpting Doughboys: Memory, Gender, and Taste in America's World War I Memorials*, was published in 2013. Inspired by her research as a postdoctoral fellow at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Wingate explores the impact of the hundreds of public sculptures of American World War I soldiers — known as “doughboys” — which arose from community efforts in the 1920s. The response to the sculptures at the time highlighted cultural tensions over gender roles as well as the role of art in society, Wingate said.

While the sculptures weren't endorsed by the art world, the public valued them and community desire created opportunities for women sculptors who wanted to participate in civic art. Some of these sculptures still remain in NYC, although a few have been destroyed or stolen over time.

“People don't really see them. We walk by them but we don't see them,” Wingate said. “When you first look at them they don't seem very extraordinary, but the more you think about them and the more you learn about them, the more interesting they are.”

Wingate, who grew up on Long Island, said she inherited her intellectual curiosity from her mother.

“My mom would get in the car and drive us to NYC and we'd go to a museum or a movie or a concert. She was very influential in that she was always very interested and culturally curious,” Wingate said. “She was a working single mother but she made that effort.”

Wingate received a bachelor's degree in art history from Williams College in Massachusetts where she interned at the college museum.



Professor Wingate is also co-director of the Study Abroad Program.

While leading groups through the exhibits, she experienced another “Aha!” moment: she realized that she loved discussing and teaching others about art. After graduation, Wingate worked at the Whitney Museum, and followed that with an intensive nine-month internship at the Brooklyn Museum. She went on to pursue her Ph.D. at Stony Brook University, and joined the faculty at St. Francis in 2007. She is also the assistant director of the American Studies program at the College.

Wingate encourages her students to become more active observers of their environment, taking classes to visit monuments, museums, and galleries throughout the city, and participating in a recent

three-year grant program enabling SFC classes to study the archives at the Brooklyn Historical Society.

She noted that many students think that creating and curating history is done by others but when they use their cell phones to capture images and post them to social media sites that's exactly what they're doing. “It's a good lesson for the students in how history is made,” she said. “They are participating in making history in this very public, interactive way.”

Her next project is an article on displays of presidential portraits in American homes focused on Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal. She is also developing interdisciplinary classes on the History of Photography and Feminist Performance, Photography and Video, and commemorative practices in art and poetry with English Professor **Wendy Galgan**.

“Art is one of those things that can inspire awe and wonder. She really helps the students to see what she sees in the art,” Galgan said.

Wingate believes that the intersection of art and history provides a never-ending supply of directions and topics to pursue.

“Teaching what you love, what you've been excited about your whole life, you can't really compare that to anything.” □

\$50,000 Grant to Support Risk Management Coursework

Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. has awarded St. Francis College a \$50,000 grant to develop new modules that will teach Risk Management to entry level and upper level management and finance students at the College. The grant is funded by RIMS, the Risk Management Society.

“The Foundation, through a generous grant from RIMS, has taken a leadership role in expanding risk management and insurance education,” said Spencer Educational Foundation Chairwoman Peggy Accordino who added that risk management is a vital part of any business plan. “Anyone who is going to start a business needs to learn about risk management.”

The first four modules will help new Management majors learn about basic concepts of insurance and risk management, careers in the field, types of insurance, providers and regulation as well as measuring financial performance. The upper level modules focus on insurance contracts and loss exposures, advanced risk management, life and personal lines insurance, and commercial insurance.



Spencer Educational Foundation Programs Director Angela Sabatino, Management Professor John Dilyard, President Brendan J. Dugan, Spencer Educational Foundation Chairwoman Peggy Accordino, and Dean for Academic Programs and Development Allen Burdowski.

Faculty Notes

Psychology Professor **Uwe P. Gielen** and **Dinesh Sharma** from the St. Francis College Institute for International and Cross Cultural Psychology spoke at the New York Academy of Sciences in a presentation entitled *Obama as a Global Leader*.

Professor Gielen also participated in a joint conference of the Society for Cross Cultural Research and the International Division (52) of the American Psychological Association, in Charleston, SC. Dr. Gielen is a former president of both organizations.

Students from **Kathryn Grant's** Theater Production Workshop created The Secrecy Project this spring, which included multi-media performance of three Bertolt Brecht works, *The Playwright's Song*, *The Jewish Wife*, and *The Informer* as well as original response pieces written and performed by St. Francis students.

The Chair of the Biology and Health Promotions Department **Kathleen Nolan** and seven students are taking part in the American Eel Monitoring Project with the New York Aquarium and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Dr. Nolan also ran a free 10-week afterschool science program for students from MS 8 and MS



TOP: Communication Arts Professor Kathryn Grant, Nicole Dontantonio '15, Michael Serpe '15, David Arthur '17, Nicole Spataro '16, Rachel DeFluri '15, Matthew Velez '15, Javier Rodriguez '15, and Nicole Molinelli '16. ABOVE: Trang Cao '17, Elaine Rendon '16, Toriane Agostino '16, Miranda Paljevic '15, Edward Schook '14 and Michelle Steven with Katie Couric.

447. Biology Professor **Alison Cucco** and President of the Chemistry Club **Kate Selivanovitch '14** helped out with the program that uses Brooklyn

Bridge Park as a laboratory as well as the College's new state-of-the-art labs.

Criminal Justice Professor **Nickie Phillips** spoke about her book, *Comic Book Crime: Truth, Justice, and the American Way* at Leeds Metropolitan University in England as part of the University's Centre for Applied Social Research guest lecture series.



Scholar-in-Residence **Fred Siegel** has received favorable reviews for his new book, *The Revolt Against the Masses: How Liberalism Has Undermined the Middle Class* (Encounter).

Publications that gave him the thumbs up include the *Wall Street Journal*, the *National Review*, and the *New York Post*.

Communication Arts Professor **Michelle Steven** brought her class to a recording of *Katie*. They met with the show's star, Katie Couric, after the taping and got some good advice on a career in journalism. Professor Steven also brought to campus Victoria Fleary, Director of Interactive for WBLS/Emmis Broadcasting, for one-on-one discussions with Communication Arts students. ●

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Through a bequest in her will, Betty Gatto '94, is leaving a portion of her estate to St. Francis College. She earned both her bachelor's and master's from St. Francis and stayed on to teach in the accounting department.

My heart belongs to the Franciscans—what can I tell you, they practically raised me. I grew up here in Brooklyn and I went to Catholic schools. My brother went to SFC and my mother would bake lasagna for his fraternity brothers on Sundays. When I was looking to complete my college degree—at age 48—it was Brother George, in particular, who encouraged me to come study here at St. Francis. I stayed on, got my masters at LIU, and then began teaching accounting here in 1998 until I married and moved to Florida in 2002.

I truly miss St. Francis. I really loved studying and working there. I've taught elsewhere but this was the only college where you could feel the warmth of the place—the professors have a real interest in the students, and the students truly care about their education.

I'm giving to St. Francis because after everything I gained there personally and professionally, I can't think of any better use of my money.

Betty Gatto

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No Dream Too Small

By Danielle Adone '13



Cesar Vargas '05 has called New York City his home since his parents illegally brought him to the United States from Mexico when he was five. Raised in Brooklyn, today he lives on Staten Island.

Vargas walked through the doors of St. Francis College with little or no direction after discovering the College at an open house. From the moment he entered 180 Remsen Street he knew it would be the place he would call home for his college years.

Vargas says the College accepted him with open arms whereas many schools in the metropolitan area would not grant him the opportunity for a higher-level education because of his immigration status.

"A small-core community for me was the clincher. I just always loved the small, close connected environment SFC has," said Vargas. He majored in Philosophy under Professor **Sophie Berman** whom Vargas considered his most important mentor at the College.

Even with a GPA over 3.7, for Vargas college became more than just a place to study and write papers; the school gave him the encouragement to pursue his dreams and to fight against limits imposed by his life. The late **Frank J. Macchiarola '62** also checked in with Vargas regularly to ensure his time was well spent.

After graduating from SFC in less than four years in 2005, Vargas still did not have legal immigration status. He worked as a waiter for a year while studying for the LSAT with hopes of gaining entrance into law school. A high score enabled Vargas to attend CUNY School of Law.

"Because of St. Francis College I wanted a small law school with a similar environment," said Vargas. He also wanted to make his parents proud of him.

In 2011, Vargas graduated with a 3.8 GPA. In November of that year, he passed the bar but disappointment still lay ahead. Although a committee appointed by the State Supreme Court rated him stellar,

"I felt like I needed to fight for myself and I was given the opportunity through my advocacy"

it turned down his certification because Vargas was still not an authorized citizen.

Vargas told his story publicly in Washington D.C and across the country. "I felt like I needed to fight for myself and I was given the opportunity through my advocacy," he said.

However, Vargas' first action at Capitol Hill was for a different reason entirely. He had a desire to serve the United States in the military. But again his immigration status prevented him from fulfilling a dream.

His work has brought attention to his situation. Vargas has been featured in *The New York Times* on multiple occasions with a focus on his congressional work to assist other young immigrants.

Vargas began the Dream Act Coalition where he used his legal education and philosophy skills to help young people discuss and obtain citizenship. "Basically I created my own job, since I couldn't obtain a job in law after I completed law school," said Vargas, who is a co-director of the non-profit organization.

He feels many students fear admitting their immigration status. Vargas advises these young people to get connected with their school. "Don't try to hide. You are only keeping yourself in the shadow. Show that you are not afraid. Know that you are not alone. Our stories are truly not different than many others," said Vargas.

Vargas finds a deep satisfaction in his current job although he still hopes that, one day, the State Supreme Court will allow him to become a licensed lawyer. Until then Vargas will continue to make SFC proud as an advocate for immigrant rights and as a conduit for other young people to tell their stories.

Editor's Note: As of this writing, Vargas' appeal of the State Supreme Court committee's decision now rests with the State Supreme Court's appellate division. It has become a test case for whether immigrants in this country illegally can practice law in New York. •

The Firefighter Edward Day Memorial Scholarship

By Danielle Adone '13

When **Elizabeth (Liz) Mindlin '81** decided to return to college to study business management, she found 180 Remsen Street to be the perfect place to call home. Liz, living on Staten Island at the time, knew that the commute would not be easy but the experience was exactly what she needed to get ahead in her career.

Like many professionals, she attended St. Francis part-time, while working full-time on Wall Street. It took a bit longer than most, but Ms. Mindlin, attired in her cap and gown nine years after she began, earned her well-deserved bachelor's degree.

"I think the small classes were important — I could get to know the professors and they could get to know me," said Ms. Mindlin. "Although I was a Management major, the broad liberal arts requirements exposed me to things I probably wouldn't have explored on my own — art, music, philosophy."

Ms. Mindlin immediately incorporated what she learned from her classes into her professional career. After SFC, she went on to receive her MBA from NYU and recently retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

While at the college, Ms. Mindlin had strong support from her family including her brother Eddie Day, a firefighter, and his wife Brigitte. Eddie always joked around saying she was "slow" because it was taking her so long to finish her degree but Liz always knew her brother meant it in a loving and caring way.

Eddie didn't go to college himself but he always had a strong appetite for

"I thought of my experiences at St. Francis and the school's focus on everyday New Yorkers who are trying to better themselves and their families... It would be a way for Eddie to continue to help people for a long time to come." — Liz Mindlin

Liz Mindlin '81 says the down to earth feel at St. Francis is part of why she choose to honor her brother Edward Day at the College.



learning new things. When it came time to renovate something around the house or fix his motorcycle he would simply read a few books and then gear up to begin a new project.

Sadly, Eddie lost his life on 9/11. He loved his job helping people as a New York City Fireman.

"Eddie was a happy-go-lucky,

down-to-earth guy. He was a very caring person and that is one of the reasons he joined the FDNY. He loved his wife and family, he loved his job, he loved the camaraderie with his colleagues and he loved helping people," said Ms. Mindlin.

Before Eddie passed away, he worked at Engine 28/Ladder 11 on the Lower East Side. Liz recalls that while most people thought Alphabet City was dangerous, Eddie saw the residents for what they were — just people trying to get along each day without the opportunities or luck that many of us enjoyed.

Brigitte and Liz decided to establish a scholarship at St. Francis College to honor Eddie's memory. "I thought of my experiences at St. Francis and the school's focus on everyday New Yorkers who are trying to better themselves and their families," said Liz. "It would be a way for Eddie to continue to help people for a long time to come." •



Brigitte and Edward Day were married for almost 20 years

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Men's soccer celebrates their NEC Championship.

Men's Soccer Wins NEC Championship — Earn Berth In NCAA College Cup

It was a championship 15 years in the making, and needed some second half heroics from **Kevin Correa '16**, but the Terriers captured the NEC Men's title with a 3-2 victory over Bryant. Correa was named Tournament MVP as he tied the game twice in the final 45 minutes. Then in overtime, **Andy Cormack '15** scored the golden goal on a free kick to give the fourth-seeded Terriers the victory.

The goal was the third off a set piece for the Terriers, set up when forward **Gabriel Bagot '14** was taken down just outside the left corner of the 18-yard box. Cormack calmly stepped up and hit a laser to the far post that sailed over the outstretched arms of the Bryant keeper and into the upper netting.

The title was the first for the St. Francis (12-5-1) program since 1998 and fifth in school history. The Terriers went on to face Penn State in the opening round of the NCAA College Cup, falling 1-0 against the 16th ranked Nittany Lions.

Following the season, Correa was named a Third Team All-American and head coach **Tom Giovatto** was named the NSCAA North Atlantic Region Coach of the Year. •



NEC Commissioner Noreen Morris with Senior Captain John Johansson '14, and game winner Andy Cormack '15.



Kevin Correa's '16 outstanding play all season inspired the Men's Soccer team.

Men's Water Polo Goes Back-To-Back — Reaches NCAA Final for Second Year-in-a-Row

For the first time in program history, the St. Francis Brooklyn men's water polo team qualified for back-to-back NCAA Men's Water Polo tournaments. The Terriers captured their second consecutive Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) title with a hard-fought **11-9 victory** over Princeton. Tournament MVP **Igor Mladenovic '14** led a strong defensive effort stopping eight Princeton shots, while **Lazar Komadinic '15** and **Ilija Djuretic '17** each contributed three goals in the Terriers' historic win.

The victory earned the Terriers an NCAA play-in game Dec. 5, at Stanford University, where they defeated **UC San Diego**, the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) champion, for a berth in the **2013 NCAA Championship Final Four**. The Terriers' defense held UC San Diego to just one goal in the second half while Mladenovic made 10 saves in the contest including a pair of five-meter penalty stops in the first half. **Djuretic** led the Terriers with a hat trick and his five-meter penalty shot with 6:39 remaining proved to be the winner.



The men's team savors its victory at the Eastern Championships.

St. Francis Brooklyn lost to USC in the national semifinals and fell to Stanford in the consolation match.

Following the season, Mladenovic was named a Third Team All-American and the Northern Division Player of the Year. ●



Goalie Igor Mladenovic '14, at center, with his team at the NCAA Final Four.

Men's Basketball Enjoys Most Successful Season in a Dozen Years

St. Francis Brooklyn went 18-14 and recorded its most wins since the 2001-2002 season. The Terriers tied an NEC record with nine non-conference victories, which included a season-opening overtime triumph at Miami (FL), the program's first win against a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference. **Jalen Cannon '15** was named a First Team All-Conference selection after pacing the Terriers in scoring (14.9 pg) and rebounding (8.2 pg). Guard **Ben Mockford '14** drilled a career-high 87 treys this season and shot 45 percent from downtown in conference play. He drained a league-high 3.63 per game in NEC contests and finished third all-time at St. Francis with 252 career threes. Point guard **Brent Jones '15** dished a career-high 187 assists this season, which was the second-best single-year total ever at the school. His 432 career assists are third-most in team history. The Terriers finished second in the NEC with 176 blocks, a team-best since joining the NEC. **Amyd Fall '16** (55) and **Wayne Martin '17** (43) were the top-duo in the NEC with 98 combined rejections. Martin was named to the NEC All-Rookie Squad. ●

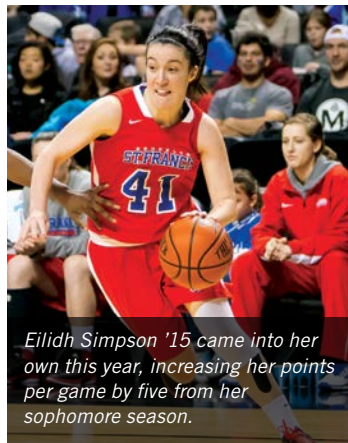


Jalen Cannon '15 is determined to get this Terrier club to the NCAA tournament.

Next year Brent Jones '15 looks to set the season record for assists.

Women's Basketball Sets School Record With 19 Victories

Women's basketball continued its steady upward climb under second-year head coach **John Thurston**. The squad set a single season school record with 19 wins and won a program record 10 NEC contests. The Terriers defeated three teams that qualified for the NCAA Tournament; Robert Morris, Army, and Pennsylvania. Junior guard **Eilidh Simpson '15** was named to the Northeast Conference Second Team while guard **Leah Fechko '16** was named to the All-Defensive Team. One of the top scoring guards on the circuit, Simpson finished among the top-ten in scoring (14.5 pg), while ranking second in three-point field goal percentage (38.6 percent), third in free-throw



Eilidh Simpson '15 came into her own this year, increasing her points per game by five from her sophomore season.

percentage (84.8 percent), and fifth in field goal percentage (45.4 percent). Fechko, who was named to the 2012-13 All-Northeast Conference Rookie Team a year ago, helped anchor a Terrier defense that led the conference in scoring defense (allowing 62.3 pg), field goal percentage defense (38.1 percent), and finished second in three-point field goal percentage defense (29.5 percent). The Twinsburg, OH native finished among the top 10 in free-throw percentage (80 percent) steals (47), and offensive rebounds (77) while being ranked among the top-15 in total rebounding (6.5), assists (2.66), three-point field goal percentage (34.9 percent), and defensive rebounds (112). •



Leah Fechko '16 was a vital piece of the Terrier's stingy defense.

Women's Bowling Establishes New Program Mark for Single-Season Victories

The bowling team broke a new school record with 76 victories this past season and advanced to the NEC championship match for the first time in program history. **Meghan Wing '17** was named to the All-Tournament Team after she posted a .579 strike percentage and filled 91.1 percent of her frames. Her 40 strikes (in 67 attempts) led all NEC bowlers at the tournament. The squad also won the Virginia Union University Invitational in November behind the strong play of All-Tournament selection Wing. Captain **Shanna Chapelsky '14** traveled to Las Vegas to compete in the Team USA Trials with 104 of the nation's best female bowlers. •



Shanna Chapelsky '14 helped the squad to a second place finish at the NEC tournament.



Meghan Wing '17 shows her All-Tournament form.

Swimming and Diving Teams Rewrite School Record Books

The men's and women's swimming and diving squads smashed a total of 14 St. Francis Brooklyn records this season. Diver **Taylah Harrison '17** turned in the highlight of the year when she earned the silver medal in the three-meter board at the 2014 NEC Championships. Harrison, who broke the school-mark in the one-meter and three-meter events, also grabbed a bronze medal in three-meter diving at the ECAC Championships.

Jessica Reynoso '17 set a new standard in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley and was also a member of the record-setting 400 and 800 free relay squads. On the men's side,



Taylah Harrison '17 and Jack Volpe '16 anchor a young squad of swimmers that will keep getting stronger.



Jessica Reynoso '17 now holds four school records.

Jack Volpe '16 established new marks in the one-meter and three-meter diving events. **Jakob Christerson '16** broke the 200 individual medley and 200 breaststroke records. •

Class Notes

1940s

Xavier J. Musacchia '43, Ph.D. recently celebrated his 91st Birthday with a family reunion which included his 18 children and grandchildren.

1950s

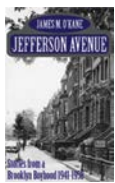
Roy F. Bonner '51 was recently given the Zachariah Allen Award by Brown University in honor of his commitment and contributions to the College.

Neil F. Brogan Jr. '56 recently enjoyed a mini-reunion luncheon with **John J. Rush '57, Ph.D., John DeRiso '55, Robert Little '56, and Buddy Brogan '56** in New Hyde Park, NY. He sends his best to his fellow classmates.

Peter P. Frisko '58, OD still practices Optometry in his office in Linwood, NJ. He has three children and five grandchildren.

Philip A. Buttlng '59 and **George C. Bergleitner, Jr. '59** recently visited **Anthony J. Raimondi '59** in Woodmere, NY to reminisce about their wonderful years at the College.

1960s



James M. O'Kane '62, Ph.D. recently published his new memoir, *Jefferson Avenue Presents 1950s Bedford Stuyvesant: The Gangs, Lives, Loves, and Humor*.

Robert Abrami '64 had his play, *Similar Journeys*, read by SCRIPT2STAGE2SCREEN (S2S2S) in January in Palm Springs, CA. Bob is a member of The Dramatists Guild of America and been living in Palm Springs since 2009. "The play was written in Brooklyn, about Brooklyn, but I had to travel 3,000 miles to see and hear it done by professional actors. It's been a long haul."

Henry E. Riehl '64 resides in Colorado and enjoys hunting and fishing in Wyoming. His wife Susan is still a practicing attorney and his oldest son, Matt, is back from Iraq and President of the Wyoming Bar Association. His younger son, Pete, is a Senior Secretary Bond Underwriter in Los Angeles.

John McCabe '65, Michael A. MacIntyre '97, Dominik Rohe '97, Michael Lobosco '82, and Srdjan Mihaljevic '01 recently returned to their Alma Mater as members of a Panel on Finance and Investment Banking, an event organized by

the Finance Club and sponsored by the Center for Entrepreneurship and the Management and IT Department.



Franey M. Donovan, Jr. '68, Director of Alumni Relations **Dennis McDermott '74, Kathleen Kager '74, Cathy McDermott '74, Al DiGuido '78**, Vice President of Development **Thomas Flood**, and **Chris DiGuido**, as they prepared Easter Baskets for families in need.

Peter Bittel '69 was named Chairman of the Board of Trustees at American International College in Springfield, MA. Bittel is the founder and chairman of The Futures HealthCore, LLC, which provides special education diagnostic, clinical, and program management services. He has more than 35 years of experience in special education, rehabilitation, and developmental disabilities, and is a strong advocate for people with handicapping conditions.

James J. Brochu '69 recently performed his new one-man show, "Character Man" at the Metropolitan Room in New York City. "Character Man" is a salute to the great supporting players of Broadway, filled with backstage stories and personal recollections. Written by Brochu, the show spotlights the work of Jack Gilford, Jackie Gleason, Robert Preston, Zero Mostel, George S. Irving, Cyril Ritchard, Barney Martin, and Brochu's own mentor, two-time Tony Award winner, David Burns.

Paul A. Murphy '69, Esq. is happy to report that his granddaughter Raquel Lopez is in first grade and lives with Grandpa.

1970s

Bro. William Boslet, OSF '70, Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, met Pope Francis during a meeting of the Union of Superiors



General held in Rome. The Pope spoke with the members of the USG for three hours.

Thomas B. McManus '70 is celebrating the birth of his 10th grandchild; Edward Bade, born to Polly McManus Bade and Chris Bade, and little sister to Margot.



Christopher S. Ruisi '70 appeared on Bro. Gregory Cellini's weekly radio show, Thank God For Monday, which can be heard on WSOU 89.5 FM and streamed at www.wsou.net. Chris spoke about his time at

St. Francis College and his career in the corporate world, which included serving as President & COO/CEO of USLIFE and President & CEO of American General Corporation. He also spoke about launching his own business, The Coach's Zone and his book, *Step Up and Play Big*.



Michael P. Angiolillo '71 recently won the title of best male masters vocalist in the State of Colorado, and competed for the United States championship in Nevada, where he finished 10th in the nation.

Charles N. Devita '71 recently met up with his fellow 1971 graduates for a mini '71 Reunion. Also in attendance **Greg Schimizzi '71, Joe Eilhilow '71, Gerry Duerr '71, Tony Romano '71, Ernie Schimizzi '72, Ralph Catuogno '71, Bob Dennis '71, Mike Ajello '72, Pat Condren '71, and Dennis McDermott '74**. Charles wishes to continue the tradition, and asks that interested 1971 graduates email him at charlesdevita@comcast.net.



Alumni **John McCabe '65, Michael A. MacIntyre '97, Dominik Rohe '97, Michael Lobosco '82 and Srdjan Mihaljevic '01** participated in a panel on Finance and Investment Banking at St. Francis College.

Charles N. Devita '71 with his fellow 1971 graduates at a mini '71 Reunion.

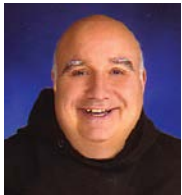
Class Notes



Vincent DeGiaino '72 was elected President of SCAN (Supportive Children's Advocacy Network) New York's Board of Directors. SCAN provides a number of programs to high-risk children and their families in East Harlem and the

South Bronx including substance abuse treatment, violence prevention, and literacy programs. DeGiaino also now heads his own firm, Ridecroft Capital Advisory.

Joan Reder-Koechler '72 is currently enjoying retirement, and volunteers her time recording periodical literature for the blind in Daytona Beach and helping elementary students in a resource setting in their parish school. Prior to retiring, Joan taught in Catholic Schools in Brooklyn, Queens, and Glen Cove School districts. Joan and her husband, Joseph, currently reside in Ormond Beach, FL.



Bro. David Migliorino, OSF '73 renewed his Franciscan vows after 40 years, helping to raise more than \$300,000 for Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Bro. David has been principal at the High School for the past 15 years.



Dennis McDermott '74 (above) and **Jamaal Womack '09** worked out the St. Ephrem Sub-Novice Gold Team at a basketball clinic for a group of future stars.

Vincent A. Gardino '75 is Publisher of Straus News' five New York Community Papers, which comprise: *Our Town*, *West Side Spirit*, *Our Town Downtown*, *Chelsea Clinton News*, and *The Westsider*.

Phil '76 and **Jeannie '78 DeVito** are thrilled to announce the birth of their twin grandchildren, Nicholas William and Gia Rose Marano this past October. This makes five grandchildren for the DeVitos including 10 year old Brendan, 8 year old Justin, and 7 year old Kayla.

Robert D. Hannafin '76, Ph.D. is now dean of Fairfield University's Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions.



Dennis Lacognata '76, Senior Vice President of Prompt Direct Inc. was the Fall 2013 Keynote Speaker for the Center for Entrepreneurship. He spoke about direct marketing for entrepreneurs. Dennis and his wife **Patricia '79** are also proud to announce the birth of their second grandchild, Addison Elizabeth. [▶](#)

Frank A. Spinosa '76, M.D. was inaugurated this past March as the President of the American Podiatric Medical Association in Washington, DC. Frank lives and practices on Shelter Island, NY.

James F. McElroy Jr. '77 was recently given the ABCA Meritorious Service Award by the American Baseball Coaches Association during their luncheon this past January in Dallas, Texas. James is Executive Director of the Brooklyn Queens Catholic High School Athletic League; the Director of the Brooklyn Cadets Baseball Club; serves on the Board of Directors for both the New York City Baseball Federation and the All American Amateur Baseball Association; and is on the advisory Board of the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball league.

Karl T. Bednarek '78, M.D. is practicing gastroenterology in Manhattan and Brooklyn. He still plays tennis, and is enjoying his 9 year old daughter's growth.



Virginia K. Bolton '78 recently completed her doctorate degree in Health Science from A.T. Still University, School of Health Science in Mesa, AZ.

Al DiGuido '78 returned to St. Francis College April 8 as a Keynote Speaker for the Center for Entrepreneurship. DiGuido, the CEO of Optimus Interactive and President of Al's Angels, talked about entrepreneurship and social responsibility. [▶](#)

Catherine O'Brien '79 was recently named Woman of the Year and presented with the Sportsmanship Award by The Italian-American Soccer League and the New York Stars Inc., during their 10th Annual Dinner Dance. Catherine is also a member of the St. Francis College Athletic Hall of Fame, and is the Operations Administrator for the Eastern New York Youth Soccer program.

Louis G. Pastina '79 is proud to announce that his son **Timothy '13** is now a graduate of the College while his nephews, Thomas & Kevin Kelly, are current SFC students. Their mom, Louis' sister, **Ann Kelly '86**, and their brother **Vincent Pastina '93**, are proud to know that the tradition continues.

1980s

Gaetano Messina '80 was recently presented with the Sportsmanship Award by The Italian-American Soccer League and the New York Stars Inc., during their 10th Annual Dinner Dance. Gaetano is also a member of the St. Francis College Athletic Hall of Fame, and works as Station Manager and Station Coordinator at John F. Kennedy Airport.



Jeanette Dowdell '82 self-published her third book, *The Hereafter: Our Next Assignment, Our Next Grand Adventure*.

Brian Cosgrove '83 (below, fourth from right) recently returned to his Alma Mater to speak about Risk Management as part of a lecture series sponsored by the College's Finance Department in conjunction with the Finance Club.



Denis P. McGowan '83 was recently appointed as Executive Director of Investigations for the Office of Internal Audits and Discipline (IAD) of the Department of Buildings of the City of New York. He is a member of the Federal Law

Enforcement Officers Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, NYPD Honor Legion, NYPD Emerald Society, the Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Denis and his wife of fifteen years, Theresa, reside on Staten Island with their two daughters, Bridget Theresa and Megan Ann.

Joseph J. Moreira '84, MD was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Society of Neurophysiological Monitoring. Dr. Moreira specializes in intraoperative neurophysiology, the science of evaluating the integrity of the nervous system during surgery.

Wayne Keeney '85 has been appointed Family Support Magistrate by Connecticut Governor Daniel P. Malloy. Keeney is an attorney with the Law Offices of Wayne R. Keeney, LLC in Bridgeport, where he has served as the sole practitioner since 1996 specializing in criminal law. He also currently serves as chairman of the Connecticut Judicial Review Council. He is a former New York City police officer and prosecutor for the City of San Diego.

Class Notes



Joseph Barone '89 was recently honored at the second annual NYC Soccer Gala, where he was inducted into its Class of 2014. Joseph works for Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena New York, where he leads its treasury desk, and is the current

Vice-President and coach of the Brooklyn Italians Soccer Club. He is also the founder and Director of the Christopher Columbus Cup and the New York City Indoor Classic. He serves as Chairman of the National Premier Soccer League, the largest amateur national league in the United States, and is a member on the Sub-Committee of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

1990s

Thomas Torres '96 is commissioner of the Williamsburg Sports League, an amalgamation of two popular Brooklyn baseball little leagues, the Roberto Clemente League, and the Lindsay Park Kids Against Drugs League. Thomas is an assistant principal and baseball coach at the Grand Street Campus high school in East Williamsburg, NY.

2000s



Patrick J. Dugan '01 is now director of brokerage in New York City for Cushman & Wakefield where he manages approximately 180 brokers in the company's Midtown and Downtown offices, while having direct management responsibility

over approximately 50 C&W brokers. Patrick is a member of the Real Estate Board of New York and the St. Francis College Alumni Board of Directors.



Brendan J. Dugan '68 with Councilman Steven Matteo '00 after a tour of the new areas of the College.

Steven Matteo '00 was elected to the City Council to represent the 50th District on Staten Island. Matteo previously served as chief of staff for former City Councilman James Oddo. Oddo is now the Staten Island Borough President.



Lauren K. Alleyne '01 is now a published poet and recently returned to the College to read from her collection of poems, *Difficult Fruit*. She is also an English Professor and Poet-in-Residence at the University of Dubuque in Iowa. [▶](#)



Eddie DeMarche '04 gave students an unexpected surprise. He asked them to write a news story during his lecture.

Edmund DeMarche '04 visited St. Francis College March 6 to talk to budding journalism students about his current job as U.S. News Editor for [FoxNews.com](#). DeMarche told about working for the *New York Post* and CNN as well as his most memorable night in news. He was the only person in the Fox newsroom on duty when President Obama announced that Osama Bin Laden had been killed. DeMarche says he is inspired to work in news because it's one of the only ways we have to "hold people in power accountable."



Antonevia A. Ocho-Coultes Oddman '04 recently directed "Don't Dress for Dinner", a play performed by the SFC Troupers. Antonevia is the Owner and Artistic Director of Ma's Playhouse, a Caribbean theater company dedicated to Caribbean-American Actors & Playwrights.



Robert A. Oliva '04 was honored in May by Fontbonne Hall Academy during their 12th Annual Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, where he was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Robert is a member of Fontbonne's Board of Trustees, and

currently works at St. Francis College as Director of Community Partnerships, Special Events & Campus Security. He has just completed his Masters of Public Administration from the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College, and recently graduated from the program with St. Francis colleague, **Richard Relkin**, Director of Media Relations at the College and Editor of the *Terrier*.

Anica C. Mulzac '06 is happy to report that she earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Regent University in 2012.

Jordan C. Sullivan '07 is now a NYC Firefighter for Ladder 105, and had his first fire rescue — a five month old baby boy.

Kara C. Ayers '09 will be inducted into the Absegami High School Hall of Fame this coming October, in Galloway Township, New Jersey. Kara played basketball and hockey for Absegami and went on to play basketball for St. Francis College.

2010s

Victoria M. Bombe '11 is now in the Doctoral Program for Clinical Psychology at Pace University.

Tsveta M. Kaleynska '12 was recently featured in *Cosmo Bulgaria*, and is a Social Media Strategist for Dogs Bollocks 5. She is also a director for Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) NGO, a program that helps young Bulgarian girls learn their potential as future leaders.



Danielle Adone '13, Anthony Ruggiero '13, and Justin Worsley '13 have reunited after their days at *SFCToday* and now work together at the New York Road Runners Club. Danielle is marketing and special projects coordinator while Anthony and Justin are interning in public relations and brand marketing and communications.

Cindy L. Hernandez '13 misses St. Francis with all her heart and is on her way to making her Alma Mater proud.

Weddings

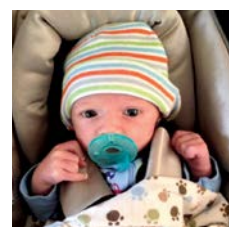


Joseph DeSiena '05 and Lisa DeBlasio '05 will soon celebrate their first wedding anniversary. The couple wed on July 27, 2013 at the El Conquistador Hotel in Puerto Rico.

Births

Sean P. Sheridan '88 and his wife Maureen are proud to announce the birth of their son, Sean Andrew, born this past January.

Edward '02 and Alison Wash '03 welcomed their baby girl, Madison Kaye, in June 2013.



Sergei I. Vaculeac '03 and his wife Christine are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jaxson Ryder. ●

Alumni Events

2013 Troupers Reunion

NOVEMBER 23, 2013

Our Troupers alumni returned to the College.



2014 Alumni Memorial Mass

JANUARY 25

St. Francis College held its annual Alumni Memorial Mass honoring those alumni, family members, and friends of the greater St. Francis College Community who died during the past year. Following the Mass, a luncheon was held in the Genovesi Center.



Golden Terriers Luncheon

MARCH 20

Our Golden Terriers came back to Brooklyn for a special reunion luncheon. The event celebrated the 50th Anniversary Class of 1964 and also welcomed back graduates from prior years.



Pi Alpha Honors Andy Virga '72

APRIL 2

Pi Alpha alumni held their first "Give One — Take Two" reception in honor of **Andy Virga '72**.



The Dugan family with our volunteers.

16th Eileen C. Dugan Memorial 5K Fun Run

APRIL 5

It was a beautiful morning as 300 runners helped raise money for The Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy at the 16th Eileen C. Dugan Memorial 5K Fun Run. This was the third time the run was held in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The 3.1-mile race remembers the late Eileen Dugan, who was a New York State Assembly member from 1980 to 1996.

Alumni Events



1969, 1974, 1979, 1984 & 1989 Alumni Reunions

MAY 9

Alumni from the 45th, 40th, 35th, 30th, and 25th Anniversary Classes returned to the College to celebrate and reminisce.




Alumni Engagement

Giving to the Annual Fund is a reward in itself, but now you and your classmates can also earn some serious bragging rights too.

The Office for Development will be offering three awards based on class year participation: The Giving Cup, the All Hands In Trophy, and the All-Star Plaque.

The class with the highest dollar amount donated to the Annual Fund by June 30th will receive the **SFC Giving Cup**, while the class with the highest number of contributors per class will receive the **All Hands In Trophy**. The class with the highest participation rate will win the **All-Star Plaque**.

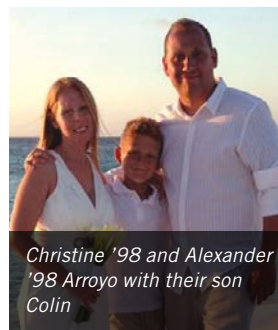
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Don't see your class? Get in the mix by donating today! The winning classes will be announced in the next Terrier magazine.
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SFC Giving Cup 		All Hands In Trophy 		All-Star Plaque 	
Class Year	Amount Donated	Class Year	Number of Contributors	Class Year	Percentage of Contributors
1979	\$409,532.00	1969	74	1959	38.37%
1972	\$125,857.75	1972	68	1963	37.50%
1986	\$119,580.00	1964	67	1951	37.50%
1958	\$115,597.10	1968	65	1957	33.93%
1981	\$91,790.10	1970	63	1958	33.33%

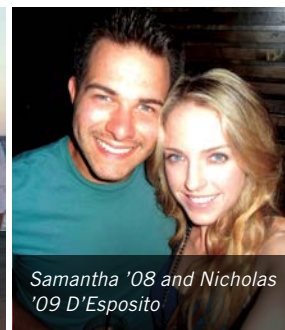


A Celebration of Alumni Couples

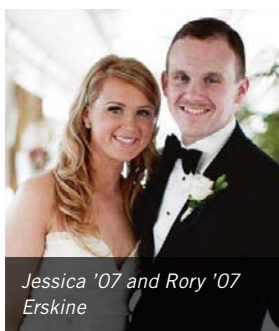
In a special salute to Valentine's Day and the couples who came together at St. Francis College, the Alumni Office featured a series of Terrier sweethearts on the College's social media channels. If you missed it, here's another look. Make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).



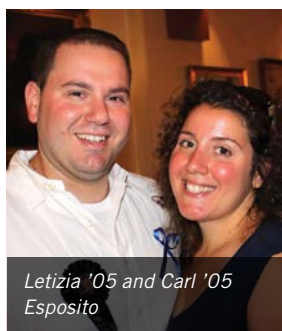
Christine '98 and Alexander '98 Arroyo with their son Colin



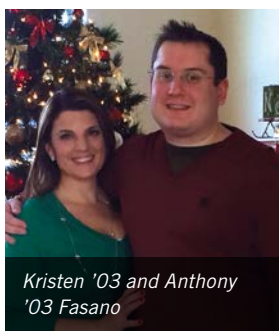
Samantha '08 and Nicholas '09 D'Esposito



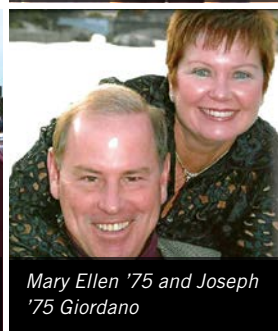
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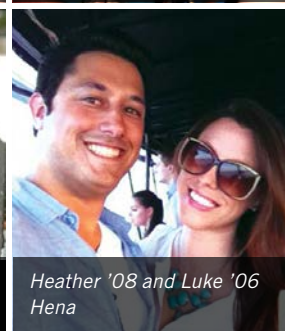
Letizia '05 and Carl '05 Esposito



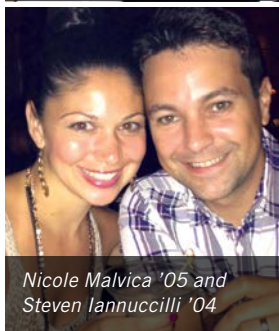
Kristen '03 and Anthony '03 Fasano



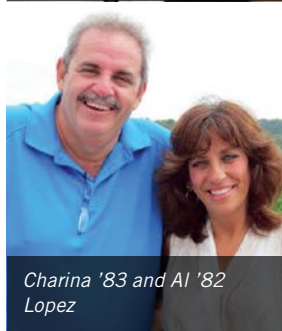
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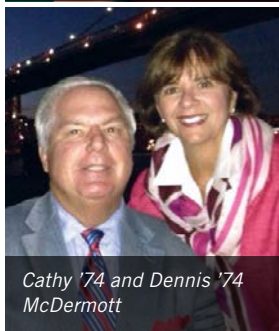
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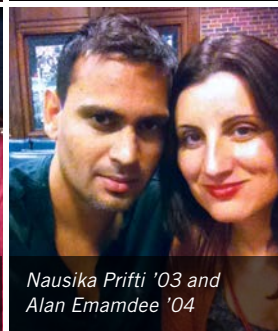
Nicole Malvica '05 and Steven Iannuccilli '04



Charina '83 and Al '82 Lopez



Cathy '74 and Dennis '74 McDermott



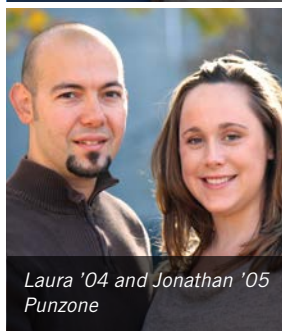
Nausika Prifti '03 and Alan Emamdee '04



Margaret Noethig '80 and Mario '80 Conde



Antonevia Ocho Coultres Oddman '04 and Julian Oddman '06



Laura '04 and Jonathan '05 Punzone



Jean Raguso-Failla '94 and Mike Failla '92



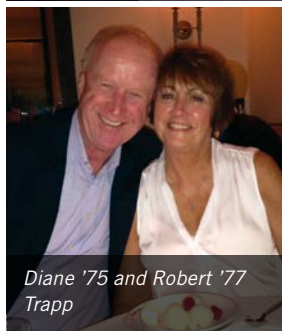
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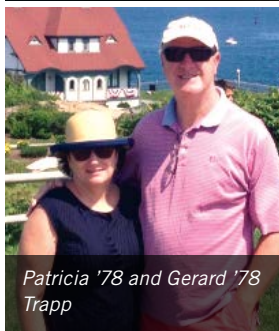
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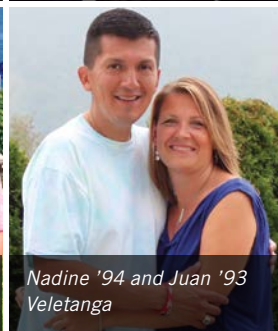
Monica '06 and Botond '08 Szalma



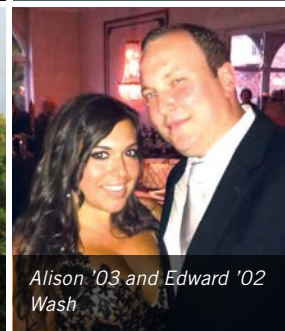
Diane '75 and Robert '77 Trapp



Patricia '78 and Gerard '78 Trapp



Nadine '94 and Juan '93 Veletanga



Alison '03 and Edward '02 Wash

We Remember

The following alumni and friends of St. Francis College have recently passed away. We pray for the repose of their souls. *Requiescant in Pacem.*

Dr. Frederick Zugibe



Frederick T. Zugibe '52, Ph.D., MD passed away on Sept. 6, 2013. In 1969, Dr. Zugibe became Rockland County's first Chief Medical Examiner, a position he held until he retired 34 years later. He is credited with helping to modernize the profession by creating protocols and techniques for gathering evidence and organ donation. However, Dr. Zugibe is best known for applying his forensic skills to the Shroud of Turin and the death of Jesus Christ. His search for the cause of death led to the books, *The Crucifixion of Jesus, a Forensic Inquiry* and *The Cross and the Shroud: A Medical Examiner Investigates the Crucifixion*. Because of his expertise in the subject, Dr. Zugibe later appeared on dozens of TV specials and contributed to documentaries about the Shroud. He was 85.

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Michael Barra '71
Robert F. Bazzone '61
Mary Lee Bedford '69
Michael P. Benvenuto '65
John A. Bertone '51
Dennis R. Biagi '67
Peter J. Cippoletti '62
Horace A. Craigwell '96
Patrick J. Cummings '73
Ronald F. Cunningham '57
Anthony J. Deacy '62
Joseph P. Dolan '59
Arthur J. Dunne '72
John W. Fahy '65
Alan Fisher '67
Peter K. Fullam '66
Lennart Gidlund '81
Gerard J. Gillia '59
Michael A. Graham '68
Alfred E. Habib '50
John E. Hennessy '49
Leroy F. Kinlocke '96
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Walter F. Marlowe '57
Thomas J. McGwynn '70
Robert W. Murnane '56
Joseph P. Murphy '61
Francis T. Murray '43
Daniel F. O'Leary '72
Richard J. Piccininni '76
Sr. Lois Reder '72
Rev. Leon C. Ristuccia, OFM '40
William K. Storey '61
Jerome Washington

FRANCISCAN BROTHERS

Bro. Patrick Murphy, OSF '68

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Mother of **Louis '72**
James A. Arevalo
Sr. Nora Ashe, CSJ
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Brother of **Robert '61**
Anne Blum
Philip Bracco,
Brother of **Pascal '77**
Antonio Cafaro
Patricia Cashin-Westin,
Daughter of **John Cashin '68**
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Frank Cazzetto,
Brother-in-law to **Dr. Anthony
Polemeni '57**
Ben Cirlincione,
Cousin to **Joseph Nunziata '58**
Helene A. Crowley,
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Margie Dean,
Aunt to **Patricia Tucker Trapp '78**
Mary DeBenedittis,
Mother-in-law to **Robert Sena '76**
Alfonso L. DeMatteis
Daniel Dickinson,
Father-in-law to **Brian Cashin '69**
Clare Dower
James Ferraiolo
Joan Ferris,
Wife of **Joseph '56**
Rev. Matthew Flood,
Brother of **Msgr. William '53**
William John Foley,
Father of **Josephine Savastano '87**
Cathy Fristensky,
Sister of **Dan Kane '67**
Jinny Kim Gardino,
Wife of **Vincent '75**
Lenora Gidlund,
Mother of **Lennart '81**
Wesley Glen,
Father of **Darrin '13**
Lorraine Griffin,
Mother of **John '68**
Lorraine Grimaldi,
Sister of **Ron McGrisken '80**,
Sister-in-law to June **McGrisken
'76**, Aunt to **Daniel McGrisken '10**
and **Ryan M. McGrisken '10**
William Hederman,
Father of **John '76**
Alex Hesterberg,
Brother-in-law to **Seamus
McDonald '69**
Michael Keaveney
Veronica Kelly,
Aunt to **Robert Trapp '77** and
Gerard Trapp '78
Marino Kucich,
Father of **Dr. Vincent '73**
Ronald Kulick,
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Mother of **Leonard '78**
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Father of **Lorraine '91**
Thomas Mangieri,
Father-in-law of **Alfred DiCarlo '73**
Patricia McCormack,
Wife of **John '51**
Margaret McGarry,
Mother of **William '76**
William C. McGarry
Larry McMahon,
Nephew of **Michael '68**
Jerome McNamara
Kathleen McSorley,
Sister of **Dennis '68**
Theresa Meyers,
mother of **Kathryn '72**
Sherry Nelson-Walsh,
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Michael Henning '61
Ann O'Brien
Mary O'Brien,
Sister of **Robert J. Ball '61**
Ann O'Doherty,
Aunt to **Robert Trapp '77** and
Gerard Trapp '78
Mary Olszewski,
Grandmother of **Anthony '05**
Carmen Luz Perez,
Aunt of **Irma Garcia '80**
Pedro Perez,
Uncle of **Irma Garcia '80**
Betty Radday,
Sister-in-law to **Gilbert Radday '67**
Ann Raimondi,
Mother of **Brian '95**
Anthony Raykowski
Daniel J. Salsberg,
Uncle to **Charles Kells '73**
Vincent W. Salvati,
Father of **Vincent '70**
Maureen Tully,
Wife of **John '67** and Mother of
John Jr. '12
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St. Francis College Baseball Nights

Brooklyn Cyclones

Thursday, June 26
MCU Park, Brooklyn

Staten Island Yankees

Saturday, June 28
Richmond County Bank Park, Staten Island

St. Francis College Bro. Urban Gonnoud, OSF Memorial Golf Outing

Tuesday, September 16
Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn

St. Francis College Terrier Night

Friday, October 24, 2014
St. Francis College

Please note, this spring we replaced the Alumni Dinner with separate events for special graduating classes (Page 19) and Terrier Night, a cocktail reception where all alumni can get together.

