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(Right) Valedictorian John Whelan '12, a Philosophy major and double minor in Criminal Justice and Political Science will begin attending Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law this spring.

(Below) Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz delivers the Charter Day keynote address.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRENDAN J. DUGAN '68

Since its founding in 1859, St. Francis College has always held a mirror up to the Brooklyn community it serves. Over the years as the city has changed, so too, has the student body, faculty and staff. Now more than ever, St. Francis represents the amazing diversity of not just Brooklyn, but New York City and the world beyond.

In this issue you will meet a small sample of our successful alumni, faculty and current students who prove that good things happen when you create a community of inclusion and kindness.

Margo Kitsy Brodie '88 came to St. Francis from her birthplace in Antigua. Now a U.S. citizen, she is also the first Afro-Caribbean-born federal judge to serve in the United States. Judge Brodie was nominated by President Barack Obama last year and confirmed by the U.S. Senate this past February (p. 4). We were proud to have her on stage at the Brooklyn Academy of Music as she delivered an inspirational commencement speech to the graduates of the Class of 2012.

At the Charter Award Dinner in April, we had the honor to celebrate the successes of one of our most accomplished alumnae, **Barbara G. Koster '76**, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Prudential Financial (p. 12). Barbara is always on the go, travelling around the globe to oversee projects in many countries throughout the world such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Brazil, but through it all we are very thankful that she still finds time to offer her experience and generous support to her alma mater.

In this issue, you'll also learn more about: **Ruben Gonzalez '04**, Assistant Director of Student Activities at the College. Ruben assembled a group of 30 Hispanic alumni, current students and friends for a mentoring event sponsored by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (p. 14).



Sandra Schron '95, Vice President of Production for USA Network, Cloo and Universal HD. Sandra credits her time at the College in the Communication Arts Department and on the Volleyball Team with teaching her how to work in a team towards a common goal (p. 5).

Tsveta Kaleynska '12. Tsveta found out about St. Francis through MySpace and since first arriving in Brooklyn has been an international ambassador for the College, spreading the word on TV and in print

across her home country of Bulgaria (p. 11).

With a spring graduating class that was our largest on record and applications still pouring in for next fall, we expect to have a lot more of these great stories to tell for years to come. As always, we thank you for the continued support of our mission. Your contributions make so much of this possible.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a restful and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Brendan J. Dugan '68

President

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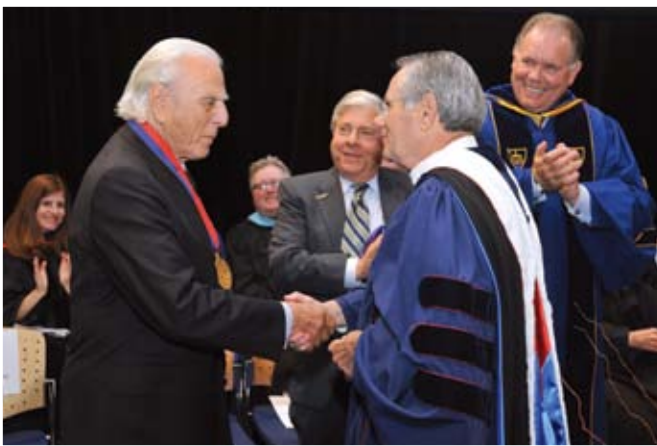
128th Annual Charter Day

Brooklyn Borough President **Marty Markowitz** was awarded an honorary degree while real estate developer and philanthropist John Loconsolo was presented with the St. Clare Medal of Service at St. Francis College’s 128th Charter Day celebration on April 27.

Markowitz delivered a lively, motivational keynote address at the event, describing why St. Francis of Assisi would have been a perfect Brooklynite and telling students that as Brooklynites they are destined to be successful. “You all will earn your BSs or BAs. Of course by BS I mean Brooklyn-savvy and BA I mean Brooklyn attitude. When I say Brooklyn attitude, I mean that you are tough,



(Left) Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. (Right) After the convocation, John Loconsolo announced the creation of the Victoria Loconsolo Foundation Scholarship, which will help pay tuition for two juniors who graduated from high schools in the Brooklyn Diocese.



you’re resilient, you’re ambitious, you’re determined, you’re innovative, you don’t take no for an answer and it means that you can charm people off their feet and be in their face at the same time.” In addition, President of the Duns Scotus Honors Society **Tamas Toth ‘12** helped induct

the new members of the Society, while **Lorraine M. Lynch ‘91** National Grid Vice President, U.S. Treasury presented the National Grid Scholarship and Internships to **Matthew J. Galeano ‘13**, **Chandradath Ramotar ‘13** and **James Toscano ‘13**.

NATIONAL GRID REWARDS GOING GREEN

Going green is helping St. Francis stay in the black as another major campus construction project wraps up. With the installation of a new chiller, the College has been awarded a rebate check of more than \$185,000 from National Grid. The energy-efficient gas chiller selected by St. Francis will allow the college to save approximately 80,000 therms a year. The money is from an incentive program that encourages institutions to use more



efficient equipment. National Grid then passes along a portion of the future energy savings. “The timing was perfect for these projects. We needed to make some major upgrades to our facilities and being energy efficient is a top priority for the College and for National Grid,” said **Kevin O’Rourke**, assistant vice president, Capital Projects and Facilities Management. “Everybody wins.” Once work on the new boiler is completed, the College expects to receive another large energy rebate from the utility company. In addition to the boiler upgrade, National Grid will also provide rebates for new pipe insulation.

CON ED PUTTING DOWN ROOTS AT ST. FRANCIS

With help from a grant from Con Edison, St. Francis College has reopened its rooftop greenhouse after several years. The first seeds and clippings were planted last fall and now the greenhouse is open for year-round experiments in plant genetics including genomics, effects on growth and research into chromosomes. Students are also growing vegetables as part of a nutrition class. “This is a great addition to what we teach and expose to our students,” said Dean of Academic Program Development **Allen Burdowski** who was instrumental in securing the grant and re-opening the greenhouse. “The fact is, most of our students are urban residents and they don’t often think of the career and personal possibilities available when you have experience with growing and researching plants.”



The greenhouse will also be the centerpiece of St. Francis College’s new course in plant genomics as well as experiments with aquaculture and hydroponics. In addition, the greenhouse is a resource that will be used in various community partnerships including Brooklyn Bridge Park and local high schools.

STOCKING UP FOR AN EDUCATIONAL VOYAGE

As part of St. Francis College’s commitment to elementary and secondary education in NYC, the College stocked the shelves at the Urban Assembly NY Harbor School’s Aquatic Chemistry Lab with graduated cylinders, beakers and other supplies. Students at the Harbor School are also using St. Francis facilities for physical education.



Serving St. Francis’s Technology Needs

One of the most important rooms at St. Francis College is a place no student will ever visit or even know exists. The new data center is the electronic hub for the College’s computer network and the focal point for the massive flow of data in and out of the College. It is a state-of-the-art room built in partnership with Facilities Management and contains the core network infrastructure and servers that provide resources such as Internet access, Email, network attached storage, library resources and Wi-Fi.

“We knew that to provide support for SFC’s current science program initiatives while assuring the college has room to grow

“One great aspect of this project is that it was conceived, planned and carried out mostly by St. Francis graduates.” — *Brendan J. Dugan ‘68*

we had to rebuild our technology infrastructure from the ground up,” said **Guy Carlsen**, CIO. **Matthew Hogan ‘01**, Director IT Operations, who was project manager for the undertaking said. “We couldn’t just continue to expand our old infrastructure if we were going to meet the College’s growing use of technology and services. The amount of computing power and connectivity a college needs to be competitive keeps increasing and we want to make sure we stay ahead of that demand.” With all the newly implemented technology, students and staff are now enjoying larger storage capacity, increased Internet bandwidth

and greater and enhanced Wi-Fi coverage; all of which improves the users’ technology experience on and off campus. Utilizing a climate-controlled room on elevated flooring built by Facilities Management and with a focus on redundancy; the server room holds an alphabet soup of equipment from companies like VMware, EMC, Cisco and Liebert. Flexibility and scalability for the future were also a primary concern for the IT staff and **President Brendan J. Dugan ‘68**. The shelf life for many computers and servers is between three and five years. The new room was built with several empty racks, to be filled with the next vital piece of electronic hardware or software. “One great aspect of this project is that it was conceived, planned and carried out mostly by St. Francis graduates,” said President Dugan. “I’m proud that we as a College community were able to produce the people who could complete such a tremendous undertaking.” In addition to Hogan, **Maciej Krupa ‘06**, Manager of Network Operations, and **Nicholas Paratore ‘09**, Network Analyst, also played a vital role in setting up the room and monitoring all the systems now up and running. Krupka remains responsible for the daily operation of the College’s network infrastructure, which includes the administration of



(Above) Matthew Hogan ‘01, Brendan J. Dugan ‘68 and Nicholas Paratore ‘09. (Right) Maciej Krupa ‘06 and Nicholas Paratore ‘09.



servers and services that support the College’s Local Area Network (LAN). Paratore assists in these duties and is an integral part of the College’s efforts to virtualize systems. And while the switchover took long hours of work for everyone in the College’s IT Department, the switchover to the new servers has gone largely unnoticed. “There is no down time in a College anymore. We all need access to everything we offer 24/7,” added Hogan. “Making this a seamless transition was a top priority. Any disruption could have had a major impact on hundreds of students and their professors. We had to make sure that didn’t happen.”

ST. HELEN’S JOINS ST. FRANCIS PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

Congressman Bob Turner, whose son is a St. Francis graduate, attended an event celebrating the partnership between the College and St. Helen’s School in Howard Beach. On hand to celebrate the event were; St. Helen’s President Fr. Rob Keighron, St. Francis Vice President for Government and Community Relations Linda Werbel, St. Francis Vice President for Development Thomas F. Flood, Danielle Diniro ‘13, Danielle Battista ‘99, St. Helen’s Principal Kathleen Bollinger, Education Professor Peter Leibman ‘71, Congressman Bob Turner, President Brendan J. Dugan ‘68, Monsignor Al LoPinto, Carol Fazio, Juliana Fazio.



Judge Margo K. Brodie Holds Court for Spring Graduation

When Federal Court Judge **Margo K. Brodie '88** came to St. Francis College at the age of 16, she didn't know a lot about Brooklyn or even the United States. But, growing up in Antigua she did know that she wanted to be a lawyer and that her options in Antigua were limited.

"My father was living here in Brooklyn in East New York. I visited him when I was 15, it was the first time I had visited the United States," said Judge Brodie. "He knew someone who had graduated from St. Francis College so he enrolled me there. The first day, he took me to school on the subway, and showed me how to ride the subway and how to get from his home in East New York to St. Francis College by taking the A train from Euclid Avenue to Jay Street.

"Imagine being 16 years old and coming to a new country where you know absolutely no one?" asked Brodie. "Being at St. Francis

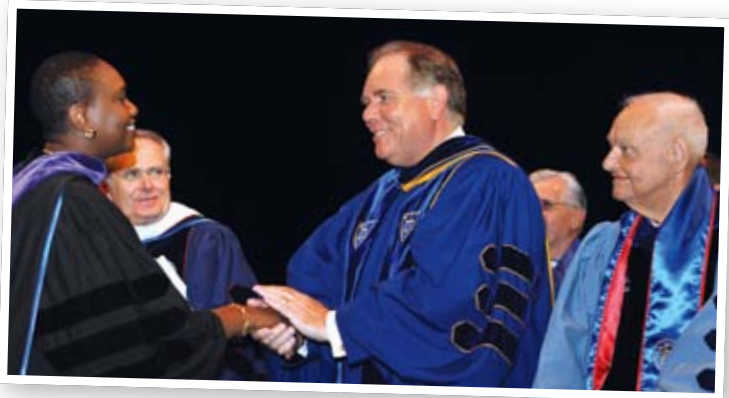
College, which is a very small college, did a lot for me.

The environment itself made it very easy for me to adjust; it made it easy for me to make friends. My best friend, **Thelma Davies**, is someone I met in one of my classes at St. Francis College. Most of my friends today are people that I met in my first few years at St. Francis College. The college played a very important role in my life."

Brodie worked during much of the time she attended St. Francis; full time during her last two years, so she didn't have the opportunity to take part in many extra-curricular activities on campus. What she did have though, was the attention of **Professors Arthur Hughes** and **Frank Sorrentino**.

"Dr. Sorrentino understood that I could not participate in other school activities as much as I wanted to but he worked with me to get my writing requirement done, to meet with him if I needed to do so for any reason and to assist me as necessary with my classes. He was a great mentor during my last two years in college."

"She was a superb student who had a good sense of where she wanted to go," said



U.S. District Court Judge Margo K. Brodie '88 delivered the Commencement Address during Spring Graduation at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on May 15.

Professor Sorrentino, whose guidance helped her get accepted to the University of Pennsylvania Law School. "She was always very appreciative for everything she received and was always willing to assist her fellow students who wanted to follow her in law."

Helping others with the law is a common thread during Brodie's career. While working for the U.S. Attorney's office she was accepted into a program sponsored by the Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development and Training that sent her to Nigeria to help train prosecutors and law enforcement officers. From there she was asked to conduct legal training on various topics including corruption and human trafficking in several other African countries including Tanzania, Lesotho and Swaziland, but also in other parts of the world like Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as Trinidad and the Bahamas in the Caribbean.

"The fact that I was born in a different country helped me recognize that America has a lot to offer in terms of training then you can get in so many other places," said Brodie, who became a U.S. citizen in 1996. She says she may continue to take part in international programs for judges but right now she wants to concentrate on learning her new job on the federal bench as a United States District Judge.

The path to her seat in the Eastern District began more than a year ago when she was interviewed by the senior Senator from New York, Charles Schumer, after she interviewed with his selection committee. Based on the Senator's recommendation, President Barack Obama nominated Brodie for the position



St. Francis awarded honorary degrees to Karen Brooks Hopkins, President of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and Joseph V. Melillo, Executive Producer of the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

COMMENCEMENT MASS

His Excellency, Most Revered Octavio Cisneros Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Brooklyn celebrated a baccalaureate mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church on May 14.



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in June 2011. Less than a year later on February 27, the U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination. Two days later she was appointed by President Obama, making her the first sitting African American federal judge born in a Caribbean nation.

The transition was a quick one. After just a few weeks on the job, Brodie had more than 400 cases on her docket, had already presided over a trial and had decided several motions.

"Because of my background as a litigator, where I am used to advocating before the court, I thought that when I presided over my

first trial I would have had a difficult time adjusting to my role as the judge but surprisingly I did not" said Judge Brodie. "I reminded myself it was no longer my responsibility to try the case, only to decide it, and at the end I only needed to ask one or two questions."

Brodie says she plans to be on the bench in the Eastern District for many years. "I wanted to do this job because I believe it is the ultimate public service job. I get to serve the people of the Eastern District of New York daily. I like the fact that the docket is so varied and you get a chance to really

interact with litigants. I think it's going to be challenging, interesting and exciting and I am looking forward to doing this for the rest of my career."

With her future laid out, Brodie credits a large part of her success to her past at St. Francis. "It did a lot for my confidence certainly and it helped me to grow into the person that I am today."

"I don't know what the experience would have been had my father put me in a larger university where I would have gotten lost and maybe not had the support that I had at St. Francis College."

Profile of a Terrier

Sandra Schron '95

Vice President of Production, USA Network, Cloo and Universal HD

Sandra Schron '95 has always had her eye on the ball. As a high school volleyball player, she was recruited by Darlene Crowe to join the St. Francis Women's squad. "The coach originally came to look at my sister, but she came back the next year and offered me a position on the team," says Schron who also credits her years playing as a time where she learned about teamwork.

She utilizes what she learned about working toward a common goal today as Vice President of Production for USA Network, Cloo and Universal HD.

Sandra Schron oversees project management and production of all promotional materials created for on-air promotion, off-air advertising, online and consumer promotions. After all of those years as a team player, Schron notes that one of her favorite aspects of the job is "getting to be a part of everything the network is producing."

Before attending St. Francis, Schron's dream was to work on the Olympics or make movie trailers but she thought that was an unrealistic goal and began to concentrate on advertising when she got to college. Then she took her first communications class taught by **Professor Lynne Jackson** and the possibilities seemed endless. She realized, "TV is a reality. I saw that Professor Jackson wasn't just a professor, she was also working in that world, and this gave me the confidence to say, 'I can do this.'"

Inspired by Professor Jackson who told Schron, "You've got to start somewhere. Take something, and try it out. Don't be afraid to take the first step." Sandra utilized the St. Francis internship program and landed at Sunbow Productions, a company which produced animated cartoons. Schron says St. Francis' proximity to the city also played a role in her success in the TV world, "It was just a train ride away." She noted that friends who received communications degrees from

"To make a future happen, you have to do it yourself. You create opportunities yourself. Hopefully along the way, someone will cut you a break, but you have to think two steps ahead."

colleges that weren't near the epicenter of the entertainment industry were at a loss when it came to opportunities for internships.

Schron's first job was as a receptionist at a post-production

house, and from there she moved to Lifetime Television. She then went to the Syfy network where she produced promos for shows such as *Crossing Over with John Edward*. At USA, Schron worked on promos for *Burn Notice*, *Royal Pains*, *White Collar* and *Covert Affairs*, the network's latest hit original series, to name a few.

How does one move up from a receptionist to a television network vice president? Schron says she mastered her job while asking questions and helping people around the office. She also points to skills such as being proactive, outgoing, and organized and stresses that those who want to be in TV and film shouldn't count out St. Francis. "The program for communications was small, but it taught me



Sandra Schron '95

everything I needed to know. Don't pass it over."

Although Schron is ultimately a team player, she does note, "To make a future happen, you have to do it yourself. You create opportunities yourself. Hopefully along the way, someone will cut you a break, but you have to think two steps ahead." Using the same strategy a star athlete brings to the game, Schron advises recent grads that first jobs are, "more about the opportunity than about the money."

Faculty Spotlight

Using Pop Culture to Solve Secrets of Real Crime

When Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia defended the use of torture by Jack Bauer on the TV drama 24 to prevent a terrorist attack, it was a watershed moment for Sociology and Criminal Justice Professor Nickie Phillips.

“The issue isn’t the politics of the show but how popular culture informs and reflects attitudes and perceptions of crime and justice,” said Phillips. “It’s about how we, as a society, package and sell crime, whether it’s through the news media, in movies and television shows, or even when someone repackages something like graffiti to sell on the mass market.”

The idea of the commodification of crime is one part of Dr. Phillips’s class, Cultural Criminology, which was most recently taught as an Honors Seminar last spring. During the course, she engages students in discussions about how crime is portrayed in the news media and other types of entertainment like reality TV, the Batman Dark Knight movie and comic books.

“Criminologists have studied other forms of popular culture like films and television shows, but not comic books which are a rich resource for class discussions on crime and crime control,” said Phillips. “Justice is a major theme in comics, with a lot of them focusing on how heroes maintain legitimacy while operating outside the boundaries of law. For example, comic readers tell me it’s not OK for Superman to kill a bad guy. But for someone like The Punisher, a gun-toting vigilante, it doesn’t matter how many people die as long as he defeats the villain.”

Phillips is now gathering her observations about how crime is depicted in comic books into a book to be published by NYU Press. She and John Jay

Professor Staci Strobl have researched the best-selling and most talked about comics from 2001 to 2010. They’re looking at both how crime is shown and how readers respond to the way crime and punishment is portrayed.

“We’ve delivered several presentations on this topic at conferences around North America,” said Phillips. “A series

“Justice is a major theme in comics, with a lot of them focusing on how heroes maintain legitimacy while operating outside the boundaries of law.”

— Criminal Justice Professor Nickie Phillips

editor approached us after one of the talks and suggested we turn it into a book. We’re really deep into the process now, turning in our latest set of revisions.”

Phillips grew up outside of Nashville, TN, before coming to New York to earn her master’s degree in forensic psychology at John Jay and Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at CUNY Graduate Center. She says having the dual background in psychology and criminal justice is great preparation for her research as she deconstructs the motives and meaning in our culture and relates them to our sense of criminal justice.

She’s putting these dual skills to work on another new project, an in-depth look at the A&E reality TV show *Intervention*. “I want to explore the cinematic techniques used in the show such



(Above) Nickie Phillips with Staci Strobl were featured speakers at the First Annual International Crime, Media & Popular Culture Studies Conference: A Cross-Disciplinary Exploration, held at Indiana State University.

as editing and a focus on drug paraphernalia that impacts how intensely the viewer connects with the subjects of the program,” said Phillips. “The show is also part of this big disconnect in society where we treat drug use as a law enforcement issue, waging this multi-billion dollar war on drugs, while simultaneously presenting drug use as a public health issue that is often glamorized and glorified in popular culture.”

Uncovering these contradictions is one of the most appealing parts of her courses for students. “Popular culture is a great way to get the students hooked on theories of criminal justice. It gets them used to critical thinking and makes them more sensitive to finding flaws and inequalities in the system,” added Phillips. “I don’t think they blindly accept what they’re told anymore.”

IT’S IN THE MAIL

Professor Jeannette Bartley Robertson ’00 offered her Marketing Management students a valuable lesson in adapting

to a changing business climate when they visited Prompt

Mailers on Staten Island. Prompt Mailers works with a wide variety of companies including Bloomingdales, Pepsi and Maserati to increase customers through provocative and effective mailings. The company is dealing with seismic changes at the Post Office with the closing of branches as well as an increase in how long it takes for mail delivery. Students were then asked to work on strategies for how they would re-brand the company to give it a new, young and fresh look.

— as told by Adina Rugovac ’12



Faculty Notes

Professor Elizabeth Albrecht (English) read her fiction at Writers Night, a Sarah Lawrence College event held at Poets House.

Dr. Sophie Berman (Philosophy and Religious Studies) delivered the lecture The Cartesian God at St. John’s University.



Professor Andrew Cotto (English) just released his second novel, *Outerborough Blues: A Brooklyn Mystery* (Ig Publishing), a noir thriller about a damsel in distress and a missing brother that Publisher’s Weekly says, “reads like Raymond Chandler

taking dictation from Walt Whitman.”

Professors Timothy Dugan and James “Jake” Turner (Communication Arts) were involved in the Theater Production Workshop’s presentation of a stage adaptation of a retro-1940s radio play, *Legends*. Professor Turner directed the workshop and Dr. Dugan produced the show.

Dr. Virginia Franklin’s (English) photograph “Hawk” was accepted in the Sydney International Exhibition of Photography salon competition.

Dr. Wendy Galgan (English) presented her paper, “A Friendship in Letters: Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell,” as part of the Seminar on Letters at the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers (ALSCW) Conference at Boston University. Dr. Galgan’s review of Kevin Brown’s poetry chapbook *Abecedarium* was published by Editions Bibliotekos.

Dr. Uwe P. Gielen (Psychology) participated in the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research and the winter meeting of the International Psychology Division, American Psychological Association. Dr. Gielen presented three papers entitled respectively: “Five Caged Phoenixes: Young Female Chinese Americans,” “Child-Parent Relationships in Chinese American Families in New York City” and “International Psychology: What Students Need to Know.” In addition, he participated in the Board of Directors meeting of the APA International Division.

Dr. Cheryl Howell (Dean of Students) presented a paper at the NASPA Region II Careers in Student Affairs conference. Dr. Howell collaborated on the paper, entitled “What matters most? Perceptions of Family Income or Parental Education on Academic Achievement.” It was selected for presentation at the Hawaii International Conference on Education.

Professors Michael Kaune, Deinya Phenix and Jaskiran Mathur (Sociology and Criminal Justice) participated at the 59th Annual Meeting of the NYS Sociological Association hosted by Sienna College. Dr. Kaune presented his preliminary research on “Blogging TEOTWAWKI and Beck’s Thoughts on “Risk Society”. Dr. Phenix and her student Athena Purifoy ’13 shared their classroom experience, “Experiments in Stratification in a Small Urban College Classroom.” Dr. Mathur served as judge for the Graduate Paper Award and was herself the recipient of the NYSSA Award for Excellence, Service and Dedication to the Association. She served as president of the organization in 2007. In addition, the students, Athena Purifoy, Soha Mahmoud ’12 and Lauren Ventrone ’12 fielded questions on their presentations, “Doing Gender: Acting Out to Fit In,” “A Women’s Crises in Afghanistan and Pakistan” and “The English Estate: The Power of Law and Inheritance.”

Professor Mitch Levenberg (Academic Enhancement) was a featured reader at The Pros’ Prose Reading Series hosted by Martha King and Elinor Nauen. Levenberg read from his fiction at this notable reading series that takes place at The Sidewalk Café in the East Village.

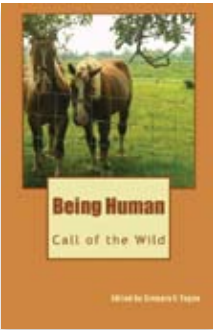
Dr. Steven M. Lipson (Biology and Health Promotion) served as a judge at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. The American Society for Microbiology sponsors this national conference. In addition to Dr. Lipson, research conducted at St. Francis on the mechanisms of flavonoids (plant secondary metabolites) as antiviral agents by Fatma S. Ozen (visiting research associate) and pre-med student Georgia L. Sullivan ’13 was selected for presentation at the conference.



Professor Frank Sorrentino (Political Science) presented a series of three lectures exploring different aspects of the presidency and leadership in America. *Presidential Power, Leadership in America*, and *The President and the FBI* looked at how U.S. presidents used and expanded their power over time and how various checks and balance arose to curb and reshape how our leaders govern. The series was part of the Speakers in the Humanities program of the NY Council for the

Humanities which receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Professor Arnold Sparr’s (History) article, “McLuhan, Renaissance, and the Catholic Revival,” appears in the Fall 2011 issue of *Renascence*, a literary journal published by Marquette University.



Professor Gregory Tague (English) edited his latest collection, *Being Human: Call of the Wild* (Editions Bibliotekos), an anthology featuring 15 stories by 12 authors. St. Francis English Professor Ian Maloney wrote the Foreward for *Being Human* while two

students, Meagan Meehan ’13 and Sharon Dittus ’14 also worked on the collection.

Professor Martina Weber (Communication Arts) adapted and directed, *White Cross*, an adaptation of Pendleton King’s one-act play, *Cocaine*. The well-received play was presented as part of the Theater Production Workshop, and was produced by Dr. Timothy Dugan. Communication Arts majors, Chelsea Clark ’11 and Shimiere Douglas ’12 starred in this two-character play.

Professor Natasha Yannacañedo (Communication Arts) performed in *Hot Gilly Mo!*, *White House Wives: Operation Lysistrata*, *Coriolanus*, *Love’s Labour’s Lost*, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, and *Massinissa: The Man who Betrayed Hannibal to Rome*. Her Acting I students performed in a benefit for the College’s AIDS WALK team.

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Academic Conferences, Symposiums and Colloquiums

AMERICAN STUDIES COLLOQUIUM

Jennifer Wingate (Fine Arts/ American Studies) presented the lecture, Teaching American Studies through the Lens of Commemorative Practices on April 11 for the Second Annual St. Francis College American Studies Colloquium. She talked about how memorials and monuments reflect the changing values of Americans over time as well as the way they choose to remember, honor and reflect on important historical events. The event helped spotlight the new Certificate in American Studies.



Brenda M. Greene (Medgar Evers College) delivered the Keynote Address.

BROOKLYN AESTHETICS

Wendy Galgan (English) organized a one-day conference on April 21 which celebrated Brooklyn and its incredible variety. More than a dozen St. Francis professors and administrators took part including **Vanessa De Almeida '00** (Alumni



Sophie Berman, Gregory Tague, Irina Ellison, Kristy Biolsi, and Kathleen Nolan.

Relations), **Alexandria Egler** (Religious Studies), **Theo Gangi** (English), **Van Havercome** (English), **Sara Haviland** (History), **Timothy Houlihan** (Provost), **Alex Kustanovich** (Library), **Mitch Levenberg** (Academic Enhancement), **Ian Maloney** (English), **Stephen Marino** (English), **Eric Platt** (History), **Arnold Sparr** (History) and **Jennifer Wingate** (Fine Arts). CUNY English Professor Brenda M. Greene delivered the Keynote Address. Brooklyn Borough President **Marty Markowitz** delivered opening remarks.

A COLLOQUIUM ON MORAL SENSE

On April 26, **Gregory Tague** (English) organized A Colloquium on Moral Sense as a way to show the interconnectedness of the worlds of science and liberal arts. **Dr. Kristy Biolsi** (Psychology), **Dr. Kathleen Nolan** (Biology), **Dr. Irina Ellison** (Biology), and **Dr. Sophie Berman** (Philosophy) presented papers during the event.

THE EU CRISIS AND THE FUTURE OF THE EURO
Peter Gomori (Management and Information Technology) coordinated this March 10 half-day conference which focused on the European Union and the ongoing financial crisis. New School

Professor Dr. Will Milberg, delivered the Keynote Address, Globalization after the Crisis: The Future of the Euro, the Dollar and the Renminbi. Other financial experts discussed the role of Germany, the European Monetary Zone and specifics of the EU labor market. **Dr. Paddy Quick** (Chair, Economics, History and Political Science) moderated one of the panels.

TOWARD A GLOBAL PSYCHOLOGY

Professors Jennifer Lancaster and Marisa Cohen (Psychology) co-chaired The Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology three-day conference Toward a Global Psychology, April 12-14. Keynote Speakers included Michael J. Stevens, Georg Lind and Deborah Best who spoke about terrorism, global democracy and gender roles around the world. **Professor Uwe P. Gielen** (Psychology) opened the conference with his photography exhibition, Dragon Seed: The Chinese in New York City.



Uwe P. Gielen, who retired at the end of the Spring semester with John Hogan, after Hogan interviewed him about his life's work.

FREUD'S LAST SESSION — ON THE COUCH WITH FREUD

The Psi-Chi International Honor Society in Psychology, Psychology Club, and Student Activities sponsored a special trip to take in a performance of the acclaimed Off-Broadway play “Freud’s Last Session”. After the play, students, faculty and friends took part in a Q&A session with cast members and the author.
“It was a wonderful experience! The students and faculty alike truly enjoyed watching such an intellectual conversation play out in front of them,” said Psychology **Professor Kristy Biolsi**, who organized the trip with **Professor Renee Goodstein**. “It is always a pleasure to take the learning experience outside of the classroom and take advantage of what New York City has to offer.”
The play centers on a conversation between Dr. Sigmund Freud and author C. S. Lewis on the day England enters World War II, and two weeks before Freud commits suicide. (He was dying of cancer.)

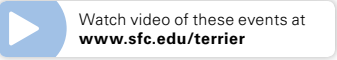


Campus Happenings

▶ = Watch the video of these events at www.sfc.edu/terrier

MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE AND WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS

Sociology and Criminal Justice **Professor Emily Horowitz** produced a series of lectures for an undergraduate course that looked at failures of the judicial system, introducing students to several people whose lives were needlessly torn apart by a legal system that failed them. The series, open to all community senior citizens at no charge, examined the resources (and lack thereof) devoted to those who have served time and want to rejoin society in a constructive way. It also examined the lives of people who were wrongly convicted.



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FEBRUARY 7

Kellie Phelan’s life finally began to turn around after giving birth to her second child while in jail on Rikers Island. She was taken in by Hour Children, an organization that supports incarcerated and formerly-incarcerated mothers and their children. Phelan is now a program coordinator for Hour Children, one of the few places that helps mothers in that critical transition period from prison to the real world. Visit www.hourchildren.org.

had been identified repeatedly. All the witnesses who testified at trial recanted, saying their testimony had been coerced. Now a new college graduate and thinking about becoming a lawyer, Bermudez is intervening on behalf of others who have been wrongfully convicted and helping them gain their freedom. ▶



Fernando Bermudez with Professor Emily Horowitz.

FEBRUARY 14

Fernando Bermudez spent 18 years in a maximum security prison for a murder he did not commit. Bermudez said that prosecutors pursued his case even though several witnesses said he did NOT do it, he didn’t fit the description, and that another suspect

FEBRUARY 21

Jessie Friedman was coerced into pleading guilty to several counts of sexual molestation or risk facing more than 300 years behind bars in a

trial. “The judge in charge of the case told Jesse’s lawyers that if he goes to trial and gets convicted, she will give him the maximum possible sentence, for every count, served consecutively; ‘he will die in prison.’ She also made it clear she never had a moments doubt of Jesse’s guilt,” said civil rights attorney Ron Kuby, who worked to have the courts reopen the case to prove that Friedman was not only innocent, but a victim of overzealous police officers and prosecutors. ▶



Ron Kuby, Professor Emily Horowitz and Jesse Friedman.

APRIL 17

Bernard Baran and his lawyer John Swomley explained that overturning a wrongful conviction without DNA evidence is a next-to-impossible task. It’s why Baran spent 22 years behind bars even though he was innocent of charges of sexual molestation. Baran was swept up in a nationwide wave of hysteria that resulted in the imprisonment of numerous innocent people. The guilty verdicts were based on children’s testimony, testimony that had been manipulated by prosecutors and police. ▶



John Swomley with Bernard Baran.

THE TENSION BETWEEN CATHOLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS — FEBRUARY 13

Charter schools were introduced as a way to improve the public school system through innovation and competition, but in New York State, charters have had the unintended consequence of reducing enrollment at parochial schools, says Abraham Lackman of Albany Law School’s Government Law Center at the panel discussion entitled, The Tension Between Catholic Schools and Charter Schools. St. Francis College

and the Manhattan Institute hosted the event which also included Sol Stern, contributing editor of the *City Journal*; James Cultrara of The Catholic Conference and Joe Williams of Democrats for Educational Reform. ▶

333 — FEBRUARY 15

The executive producer of the film 333, Michael Covitt, presented his documentary about a tribe in Northern Mali devoted to teaching the Ancient Manuscripts of Mali. The scriptures are from the Sufi tradition of Islam and instruct



Thomas J. Volpe with Michael Covitt.

followers to a peaceful resolution of conflict through dialogue, tolerance, understanding and forgiveness. Emeritus member of the Board of Trustees, **Thomas J. Volpe**, sponsored the event.



Author Ben Marcus speaks with Noel T. Jones ‘12.

WALT WHITMAN WRITERS SERIES: BEN MARCUS — MARCH 8

Reading from his new novel, *The Flame Alphabet*, Ben Marcus painted a horrifying picture of a world where the sound of children talking causes the death of their parents. Marcus said that *The Flame Alphabet* was a way for him to express the importance of language. “It has the ability to show us to ourselves and to

IS THE WEST BEST? — MARCH 28

Arguing that liberal democracy offers, “the best and perhaps the only means for all people, no matter what race or creed, to reach their full potential and live in freedom,” Ibn Warraq set out his claims from his new book, *Why the West is Best* at the forum, Is the West Best? The event was hosted by St. Francis College, Telos Press, Encounter Books and the New York Chapter of the National Association of Scholars. The discussion was moderated by

St. Francis Scholar in Residence **Fred Siegel** and featured Mr. Warraq as well as NYU professor and author Paul Berman (*The Flight of the Intellectuals, Terror and Liberalism*) and Sohrab Ahmari of The Henry Jackson Society, a co-editor of the forthcoming *Arab Spring Dreams*. ➔



Ibn Warraq discusses his new book.

YOM HASHOAH — APRIL 19

For the College’s annual Holocaust Remembrance Day observance, Artist Edward Hillel spoke about his Holocaust-related work including photographs of and oral histories from concentration camp survivors and members of the French Resistance. He said that memories rely on the living generation for support and that we all have a role in keeping them alive. ➔

COMMUNITY DAY — APRIL 22

St. Francis family and friends celebrated the 15th Anniversary of Community Day with the theme, Love Your Community. Students, through a variety of performance arts, presented Asian and Croatian poetry, gospel song, and traditional Hawaiian, African, Haitian, and Latino dance. Closing the event was a commentary from **Ereola “Sade” Falebita ‘12**, Editor of *SFC Today*. Sade spoke to the crowd about the importance of giving back to the community in the spirit of St. Francis, and leaving a permanent mark on any surface or individual that you touch in this world.



SFC IN THE MEDIA

NBC NONSTOP

St. Francis Provost **Timothy J. Houlihan** appeared on New York Nonstop with WNBC news anchor Chuck Scarborough. Dr. Houlihan spoke about the College’s ranking in *U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes.com* as well as the school’s affordable tuition and its support of the Brooklyn writing scene through the College’s bi-annual \$50,000 Literary Award.



NEW YORK MAGAZINE

The editors at *New York Magazine* named St. Francis College home basketball games as one of their “Reasons to Love New York 2011.” The author writes that the Peter Aquilone Court, “has become my favorite place to watch sports in New York.” <http://nymag.com/news/articles/reasonstolove-ny/2011/st-francis-basketball>



NEWS 12 AND NY1

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus “Ready to Lead” event hosted at St. Francis, with appearances by TV actor Wilmer Valderrama and pop singer Kat DeLuna, was featured on both NY1 and News 12 Brooklyn.



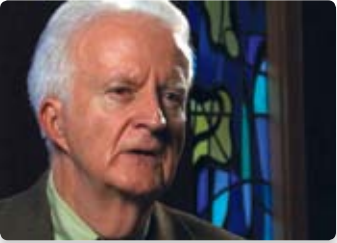
NEWS 12

Accounting and Business Law **Professor Miriam Salholz** spoke with News 12 Brooklyn about the effect of media coverage on the jury in the Levi Aron murder case and whether the defendant could get a fair trial in Brooklyn.



NET TV

St. Francis Fine Arts Professor **Dr. Francis Greene** and Religious Studies **Professor Alexandria Egler** both appeared on recent episodes of *Mysteries of the Church*, a documentary show on NET TV. Dr. Greene offered his expertise on the changing artistic representations of Jesus throughout history while Professor Egler appeared on an episode focused on Judaism, Christianity and Islam. This is the second season she has offered expert information on the New York Emmy-nominated program.



TRAVEL & LEISURE MAGAZINE

Travel & Leisure magazine placed Brooklyn Heights on its list of “America’s Most Beautiful Neighborhoods”, commenting on the brownstones, leafy streets and promenade, all just steps away from St. Francis College. <http://www.travelandleisure.com/articles/americas-most-beautiful-neighborhoods/2>



2012 Winter Valedictorian — Hadar Burger

Telling her classmates that getting by is not good enough, St. Francis College Winter 2012 Valedictorian **Hadar Burger** encouraged the Winter 2012 graduates to follow their dreams with passion and to “choose to flourish and to succeed.”

Her speech highlighted an afternoon of ceremony at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Brooklyn Heights that began with a Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by Reverend Edward Doran, Ph.D., continued with an organ concert from St. Francis Professor **Michael Kaminsky** and concluded with the commencement ceremony which featured an address from Dean of Academic Program Development **Allen Burdowski**.

Burger, an Israeli national with a double major in Management (concentration in Finance), and Economics, interned at National Grid for two years, working in the Investment Management area of the Treasury Division. She also interned at the NY Stock Exchange Euronext on Wall Street in the Operations Division. She was the recipient of The Dean Willing Award for outstanding achievement in the field of business management, established by **David Haverty ‘81** in memory of **Professor Stanley Willing**. A member of the Women’s Water Polo and Swimming teams for two years, Burger earned All-Conference and Pre-season accolades. She graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.”



Winter Valedictorian Hadar Burger ‘12 with her mother.

Today’s Terriers

Brooklyn’s Bulgarian Voice

Bulgarian **Tsveta Kaleynska ‘12** knows what goes around comes around. After first attending Girls Leading Our World Camp, also known as GLOW, as a camper in 2004, she later returned as a counselor. When GLOW lost some funding from the Peace Corps, Tsveta volunteered to raise money for this camp that empowers and educates teenage Bulgarian girls.

The camp, which runs every August in Bulgaria, hosts 80 female campers ranging in age from 14 to 18. GLOW is conducted entirely in English with workshops on self-esteem, teamwork, sexual education, applying to colleges and others. GLOW also hosts workshops year-round for Bulgarian girls.

Kaleynska, who graduated in May with majors in Marketing Management and International Business might be far from home, but she still works hard to fundraise for GLOW. With the help of friends and co-workers from the Office of Special Events, Tsveta has hosted bake sales, Hawaiian nights and other events to raise money for the camp. And she doesn’t just send money; a recent drive resulted in shipping marshmallows to GLOW so campers could make s’mores. Tsveta has also recruited St. Francis staff to help her write and edit grant proposals.

Inspired by last summer’s visit to GLOW from one of her best friends from St. Francis, Tsveta is now working to create a program where American St. Francis students work at the camp as supervisors for college credit. She hopes this introduces more American culture to the camp.

Finding out about St. Francis from a friend’s My Space page, Tsveta said, “St. Francis has always supported me when I needed



the support. The people who teach at St. Francis really try to help you and give you personal attention. It’s hard to be away from home and all of my professors have been very understanding. I’ve enjoyed every minute of my schooling at St. Francis. It’s the best thing that ever happened to me.”

Noting that her first year in a new country was a challenge, she talked about how many amazing and unique experiences she has had because of St. Francis. In 2010 she was asked to be a contestant in the Diaspora Models International Beauty Pageant as Miss Bulgaria USA, mentioning how supportive St. Francis was when she was involved in the pageant.

She has become something of local celebrity in Bulgaria, appearing more than two dozen times on national and local TV programs as well as in magazines and local newspapers, mentioning

St. Francis College every time. Even bigger projects are on the horizon, “I was just asked by the Vice President of Bulgaria to be the face of a campaign for literacy among young adults.”

Kaleynska is deeply involved in the St. Francis community. In addition to her work at countless functions with the Office of Special Events, she served as President of both the Eastern European Club and Sociology Club. She also helped raise funds for St. Francis as Chair of the 2012 Senior Class Gift Committee.

Helping others in need really motivates this senior. “My gratitude goes to all the alumni who helped with scholarships. I dream of creating a scholarship for female leaders because I believe in giving back, and there are a lot of people who deserve to get a chance to attend St. Francis.”

Insuring a Brighter Future at St. Francis

Standing on stage at the NY Marriott Marquis April 25 as the honoree for the 51st Annual Charter Award Dinner was a humbling experience for **Barbara G. Koster '76**.

“My view of what St. Francis gave to me — there’s no way I could ever give back,” said Koster, a Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Prudential Financial, Inc. “St. Francis taught me so much about being a good person. It’s as much about the caring and the support as a way to be a leader. Using those skills in my leadership role has, I think, made the difference for me and clearly allowed me to have an impact that other people don’t understand because they don’t take the extra few minutes to really understand what’s going on in the background.”

That caring philosophy started with Koster’s very first interaction with the late **Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. '60**. Having won a science fair at Bishop Kearney High

The Charter Award Dinner raised more than half a million dollars for the College and funded the new Barbara G. Koster '76 Scholarship.

School, Koster then entered a regional fair at St. John’s in Queens. She had built a bulky analog computer with wood, nails and an ohm meter and had to carry it by herself on four trains just to get to the fair.

“I remember sitting in the audience alone, listening to the awards and thinking, ‘Oh well, I didn’t even get an honorable mention.’ Then they announced third place, second place and finally first place which included a 50 percent scholarship to St. Francis College, and that’s what I won.”



Barbara G. Koster '76 with Joan Hernandez (Skowronski) '76.

Mary Macchiarola and Chancellor Frank J. Macchiarola '62 with CNN Correspondent Mary Snow who years ago baby-sat for the Macchiarola children.



Diana Koster, Kathryn (Koster) Howard, Bob Koster, Barbara G. Koster '76, President Brendan J. Dugan '68, and Chairman Board of Trustees John F. Tully '67.

Koster, the oldest of four children, says that even with the scholarship, her parents still could not afford the tuition and she was probably heading to Brooklyn College.

“I went and I met with Brother George, and Brother George made it all happen. He set me up with work study at the accounting firm Baglivi and Cook. I worked about 30 hours a week and went to school. Brother George is the one person that was always there for me.”

When it came time to graduate, the career center and the late **Brother John Hoffschmidt, O.S.F.** sent Mrs. Koster, who holds a B.S. in Business Administration and an A.S. degree in Computer Technology, to a trio of accounting firms that had technology programs as well.

“Back then, you learned things in school, but then you had to go through the specific program that each company had, to learn their way of doing things. The offer that came back first was from Chase. I was going to go in as an accountant to learn the accounting functions and then go into the technology program to learn how to program for the accounting function.”

Koster moved up the ranks at Chase, rising to President of Chase Access Services before moving to Prudential. Now in addition to her Senior Vice

President and CIO positions, she is also the head of Global Business and Technology Solutions and a member of Prudential’s Senior Management Committee.

That puts her on the road, or more accurately, in the air to oversee numerous international projects.

“We’re growing globally. We just doubled our size in Japan. We’re growing in Korea and Taiwan. I was just in Brazil,” said Koster, who points to volatility with some of the newer and smaller insurance companies as an opening for Prudential. “The marketplace is offering up lots of opportunities to look at with all the consolidations that are going on.”

Koster, a member of one of the College’s first graduating classes to include lay women in 1976, credits the scarcity of other young women at St. Francis with preparing her for the business world.

“There weren’t a lot of women going into the business functions either. You were the only one. You had to learn how to live in that world and understand how people thought. I couldn’t get upset about the countless times I’d been asked to get coffee. I never let that bother me. I just said, ‘I’m as good as everyone else. I’m here to do a job and I’m going to get it done. And if I get the coffee once in a while that’s OK too.’”

Koster still keeps in touch with those few women she met at St. Francis including **June McGrisken '76**, the College’s executive vice-president and **Joan Hernandez**

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INSURING A BRIGHTER FUTURE AT ST. FRANCIS

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(**Skowronski**) '76, whom Mrs. Koster says is her life-long best friend.

“We came from similar backgrounds, but went down different career paths,” said Hernandez who went into education, teaching autistic children in New Jersey. “We were in each other’s wedding, our husbands and now kids are all friends. My children call her Aunt Barbara.”

While Koster maintained her relationship with fellow graduates, it wasn’t until about eight years ago that she reaffirmed her relationship with the College. “While you’re raising your family, you’re so intent on work and the family but then once the girls hit

the college level you find yourself with time. I got invited to a discussion about women in business and that’s how it all started.”

Koster was one of the founders and principal funders of the Academic Scholarship for Women. “It’s for a deserving young lady who can’t afford the tuition. This is a way for them to be able to get an excellent education and an excellent opportunity. Very much the same as I did.”

In addition, Koster joined the St. Francis Board of Trustees where she brings her combination of accounting and technology experience to finance, strategic planning and facility committees, among other duties, saying it’s a pleasure and honor to serve.

“We are lucky to have Barbara as one of our alumni. She’s a model for every one of us,” said Executive Vice-President McGrisken.

“She has worked hard every step of the way, and earned every level of her success. At the same time, she is always there to help out, and not just on the big projects. She deserves this Charter Award Honor and so much more.”

Koster says that in her wildest imagination, she never imagined the level of success she would achieve.

“I grew up in a four-room railroad apartment in Brooklyn, six of us with one bathroom and a schedule on the door. Never in a million years could I have possibly dreamed this dream.”

Engaging Alumni

Graduation can be a scary, unpredictable time for many, but not for **Sarah Bratton '07**, a product executive on the US Equities Desk at Schroder Investment Management.

“St. Francis had paid for my education, an alumnus helped me find my first job at JP Morgan Chase and I’d met my best friends,” said Bratton. “The College set me up for success and now I want to give others that same opportunity.”

Bratton, a former member of the Women’s Basketball team is now a team leader for the College’s new Alumni Engagement Project. She’s working with other alumni to meet face-to-face with fellow graduates, current students and their parents, as well as members of the community. The goal: to find out how St. Francis can better serve those communities to create a stronger, wider network for everyone

connected to St. Francis College.

“We’re trying to build an alumni group that spreads across all class years, from recent grads to people who graduated in the 60s,” added Bratton. “This new network will bring back a lot of people who may have lost contact with St. Francis and offer an important voice in helping the College move into the future.”

A double major in Business Management and Economics, Bratton says that having access to the network of fellow alumni has been one of the greatest benefits of earning a SFC degree.

“I was in a little bit of a sports bubble when I was an undergraduate,” said Bratton. “But just in the past few weeks, I’ve met so many St. Francis alumni who are doing amazing things. If we can bring everyone together, it can be a great boost for the entire community.”

With more than 14,000 alumni living in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, the potential



Sarah Bratton (22) scored 20 points in the Terriers upset win over LIU in the 2007 NEC Conference Playoffs.

to build a network that benefits everyone is just waiting to be tapped. Bratton knows firsthand how important those connections can be.

“I’m indebted to St. Francis for where I am now. By working on the Alumni Engagement Project, I feel like I’ll be making a real impact in helping the next generation of St. Francis graduates.”

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Hispanic Leadership – Ready To Lead

For **Michael Conenna '06**, coming back to St. Francis College to talk to high school students about their futures felt like coming home.

On Dec. 10, 2011, the College welcomed nearly 200 high school students from New York City and surrounding areas, along with approximately 30 St. Francis alumni, current students and guests who participated in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's national Ready to Lead (R2L) program. Hispanic Caucus member Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez began the day telling the students about R2L. The program helps to prepare students for college with interactive, daylong workshops on leadership and college planning, and programs that enable the students to network with mentors and community leaders.

This was the first time St. Francis College hosted the R2L program, said **Ruben Gonzalez '04**, assistant director of student activities. During the program's "mentoring power hour," volunteers made their way around the Genovesi Center, meeting with groups of students in speed-dating style to share experiences and answer questions that ranged from navigating the college application process to obtaining financial aid and developing effective study habits.

"There was a very drastic variation in their ideas of what college is. Some had a plan, and others had no idea what they wanted to do and are still figuring it out," said Conenna, who is now a science and night school teacher at Abraham Lincoln High School in Coney Island. "It was great for them to talk to someone who has done what they're trying to do."

He said the main message he wanted to impart was: "I went to college on a scholarship and there are scholarships for you."

Several mentors stressed that success after high school will require hard work and personal responsibility. In response to a question about how to seek out scholarships, **Bryant Nolasco '09** advised a group of students to call the schools in which they are interested and ask about financial aid and work-study opportunities.

"It's all up to you," **Elizabeth Cortes '04** told a table of students. "There won't be teachers everyday telling you what you have to

do. You'll be taking responsibility for your own actions."

"Stay focused," she advised. "Have fun, but stay focused."

Jamaal Womack '09 was President of the Student Government Association at St. Francis and is now the College's Resident Director. Although he originally planned to study law, he later shifted his major to political science. He told a group of students to keep an open mind and to experiment with different interests.

"You'll see when you get to college that other things will catch your eye," said Womack, who captained the St. Francis Men's Basketball team his senior year and went on

to play professional ball in Europe. "The most important thing is to get to school ... once you're in, there're always opportunities."

Robert Calhoun '13, a junior at St. Francis who is majoring in Sociology and Psychology, said he hopes to become an academic advisor and

career counselor. The mentoring event gave him an opportunity to share what he's learned with the younger students.

"In high school, nobody told me anything about college," he said. "It's good to give your background to the students, to tell them about where you went to college and why."

In addition to helping them prepare for their futures, some of the attendees said the program gave them skills they can start applying in high school.

"I'm the president of the Christian Club at my school and I wanted to get a better understanding of how to lead and get things done," said Geneviva Dodoo, a Bronx high school senior.

The event included presentations from actor and R2L spokesman Wilmer Valderrama, singer Kat DeLuna and representatives from Banco Popular and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus



Actor Wilmer Valderrama and singer Kat DeLuna with participating students.

Institute. In addition to Congresswomen Velazquez, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke also addressed the students.

"Jobs are very important in the current economic time, and accessing higher education is just as important," said Clarke, who spoke at the end of the mentoring session.

"I'm relying on you to be successful, to persevere and show the best of who you can be," she said. "We are so proud of you, and your success is our success."

Director of Athletics **Irma Garcia '80** welcomed the students at the day's beginning, sharing her St. Francis College experience (she earned a scholarship) and recounting how she turned her background as a student athlete into a career that enabled her to move up the ranks of the athletic department at St. Francis. Garcia emphasized the importance of finding mentors, telling the group, "You now have me as your mentor."

At the end of the power hour, Womack said the experience meant as much to the volunteers as the students.

"It benefits both sides, but the mentoring is something that's almost more valuable for the mentors," Womack noted. "When you see the future right in front of you and how bright it is, you see that you're going the right way."

Michael Conenna '06



Terrier Sports



Terriers Men's Basketball Coach Glenn Braica Named NEC Coach of the Year



Terriers' head coach **Glenn Braica** was named the 2011-12 Jim Phelan Northeast Conference Men's Basketball Coach of the Year. In addition, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) named Braica the Division I Co-District 18 Coach of the Year along with former LIU Brooklyn head coach Jim Ferry and Robert Morris' Andrew Toole. In just his second year at the helm of the St. Francis (NY) program, Braica has transformed the Terriers into NEC contenders, perhaps more quickly than many expected. The Terriers were picked 11th in the preseason coaches' poll and finished the year as the No. 4 seed in the Northeast Conference Tournament. After a slow, injury-filled start of the 2011-12 season, the Terriers picked up steam after New Years winning nine of 10 games to vault into the upper tier of the Northeast Conference standings. By the season's end, St. Francis had won 12 league contests, the most for the program since 2003-04. The Terriers hosted their first NEC playoff game since 1997 this past March.

Freshman Jalen Cannon Named to the NEC's All-Rookie Squad

One of the key elements to St. Francis' (NY) surprise season was the emergence of **Jalen Cannon '15**. The 6-foot 6-inch Allentown, PA native was a dominant force on the glass for the Terriers. His work under the basket helped the Terriers improve from 10th in the conference in rebound margin a year ago to fourth in 2011-12. "In addition to being an outstanding player, Jalen is an outstanding person and is a pleasure to coach," said Terriers' head coach **Glenn Braica**. "We are very proud of him and he's without question the best rebounder that I have ever coached. Jalen can be one of the best players in the league and we look forward to him being the cornerstone of our team for the next three years." The power forward was the nation's second-leading freshman rebounder and ranked fourth overall in the NEC with 8.8 per game. He posted games of 19 and 20 rebounds over a 10-day span in February with the 20-board outing against FDU this past Saturday tying for the NEC single-game season-high. The monster efforts on the glass were also the two most prolific rebound performances by an NEC freshman since 2001. Cannon also was named Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week on Jan. 16.



Jalen Cannon '15

Freshman Swimmer Gareth Livingstone Sets Six School Records

Freshman swimmer **Gareth Livingstone '15** made quite an impact in his first season as a Terrier. The Johannesburg, South African native had a hand in six St. Francis College records, three as a member of a relay squad at the 2012 Metropolitan Championships. Livingstone established a new standard in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 51.44, placing seventh overall. In addition, he broke a new school mark in the 100 Freestyle with a time of 46.76 and also the 200 Freestyle with a time of 1:44.4, a record which was held for 28 years on Remsen Street. Livingstone also was a key member of the Terriers' 400 Free Relay, 800 Free Relay, and 400 Medley Relay teams that inked new school marks. He was just a hair shy of setting a new standard in the 500 Freestyle, missing the mark by 1.9 seconds.



Gareth Livingstone '15

"He helped change the culture of the team and I expect him to continue in his growth and become a leader in the future," said Terriers' head coach **Brian Guidera**.

John Thurston Introduced as New Head Women’s Hoops Coach

After serving the past two seasons as associate head coach, **John Thurston** is now the new head women’s basketball coach. Thurston replaces **Brenda Milano** who resigned after completing her ninth season leading the Terriers. “I’m excited about the impact John will make as head coach,” explained St. Francis College Athletic Director **Irma Garcia ’80**. “In just two seasons, he’s helped make great strides in all facets of the program. Our recruiting has improved tremendously and he’s brought fresh ideas with regards to practice, preparation and game strategy.”

Thurston brings more than 35 years of men’s and women’s coaching experience to the sidelines in Brooklyn Heights. He is one of only a few coaches who have been a Head Coach at the NCAA DI, DII, DIII and NAIA levels. “I would like to thank President Dugan, the members of the Board of Trustees and most especially AD Irma Garcia for the opportunity they have given me to lead this program,” Thurston said. “I want to personally thank Brenda Milano for her support without which this opportunity would not have occurred. I look forward to continue working with the outstanding young women



John Thurston, Irma Garcia '80, and Brendan J. Dugan '68.

on our team. Their enthusiasm, desire and work ethic are the building blocks upon which we will base our program.”

Freshman Jaymee Veney Named to NEC Women’s Basketball All-Rookie Squad

Freshman forward **Jaymee Veney ’15** was recognized by the Northeast Conference head coaches as one of the top rookies on the circuit, naming her to the NEC All-Rookie squad. The 6-foot native of Fairborn, OH, averaged 8.9 points and 5.7 rebounds in her first season as a Terrier. She ranked in the Top 20 in the league in rebounding and finished second in field goal percentage at 49.5 percent. Veney notched two double-doubles on the season, scoring a season high 19 points and pulling down 10 rebounds against Delaware State on Dec. 11. Veney started 23 of the 29 games she played this season, reaching double figures in 13 of them. “Jaymee was always an



outstanding rebounder but what surprised us was how quickly her offensive game developed,” said Terriers head coach John Thurston. “Her ability to score facing the basket combined with her explosiveness will hopefully allow her to become one of the top players in the NEC.”

Jaymee Veney '15

Men’s 4 x 800 Relay Team Enjoys Record-Setting Season; Competes at Penn Relays

The records continued to fall for the Terriers’ men’s 4 x 800 relay team consisting of **Paul Gilhuley ’13**, **Joseph Gilhuley ’13**, **Brian Nersten ’13**, and **Rafal Ksepka ’12**. The foursome competed at the prestigious Penn Relays in the Championship of America Race in April and followed up with a gold medal and race record at the 2012 Northeast Conference Track & Field Championships. The race ended a successful season that saw the Terriers take home third-place honors in the finals of the 2012 ECAC/IC4A Championship held in Boston, MA, where the team broke its own school record by five seconds with a time of 7:27.70. The team’s previous record was set back on Feb. 3 at the New Balance Invitational. The team also won the Metropolitan Championships in April with a time of 7:39.42 at Rutgers University.

Brian Nersten '13, Joseph Gilhuley '13, Paul Gilhuley '13, and Rafal Ksepka '12.



Amelia Tonyes Reaches Elite Eight at Intercollegiate Singles Bowling Championship

A second-place finish at a U.S. Bowling Congress (USBC) Intercollegiate Singles Championship Sectional Qualifier sent Junior bowler **Amelia Tonyes ’13** to the national singles championship in Lincoln, NB, this April. After earning a bye in the first round with an average of 193.8 pins over six games, Tonyes earned a spot in the quarterfinals with a head-to-head victory over a Calumet College bowler. In the quarters, Tonyes started strong, winning the first game, but dropped the second two ending her run to the championship.

A transfer from Suffolk Community College, Tonyes has excelled in the classroom. Studying education with a focus on mathematics, she has made the Dean’s List each semester at St. Francis and was nominated for the Northeast Conference Women’s Bowling Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Tonyes was also named Female Student-Athlete of the Year at the 2012 St. Francis College Student-Athlete Awards Dinner.

Amelia Tonyes '13



Men’s Water Polo Team Hosts Wounded Warrior Project

This spring, the St. Francis College Men’s Water Polo team worked together with injured veterans to help teach them activities including scuba diving. The three-week program took place in the College’s Aquatics Center and was sponsored by the Wounded Warrior Project and the Handicapped Scuba Association. Members of the team assisted the warriors and instructors both in and out of the water ensuring that the veterans learned in a safe and inviting environment. “This project is a tremendous opportunity for our student-athletes to get involved with wounded warriors who have given so much to our country,” said Assistant Athletic Director and Aquatics Director **Carl Quigley ’75**. “We are looking forward to continuing this program in the future.”



Men’s Water Polo Scores Second Highest GPA in Nation

For the second consecutive year, the Terrier Men’s Water Polo Team earned the second highest combined grade point average in the nation with a 3.440 mark. The men ranked behind only MIT and ahead of academic powers like Brown, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and Princeton.

Four Terriers — **David Lonnberg ’15**, **Nemanja Simonovic ’12**, **Guram Nozadze ’12**, and **Tamas Toth ’12** — were named to the Outstanding Academic Team with GPAs above 3.71. Superior designations were doled out to nine student-athletes: **Marko Dzigurski ’14**, **Richard Polgar ’12**, **Luka Raic ’15**, **Balint Toth ’15**, **Igor Mladenovic ’14**, **Tyler Perkins ’14**, **Marko Genic ’13**, **Szabolcs Erdei ’12**, and **Bosko Stankovic ’14** and team captain **Filip Sasie ’12** were selected to the Excellent Team. “I’m truly proud of those who made it on the list,” said Terriers head coach Igor Samardzija. “It’s particularly impressive when you take a look on the names of the institutions behind us.”



The Heart of St. Francis — Giving Back

Frank '67 and Mary Cannistra

As son of an Italian immigrant and one of six children, **Frank Cannistra '67** grew up working in his father's shoe repair shop. He says, "St. Francis provided me with an affordable college education in a supportive environment. It was the critical base that I used to build on to transition from the early years to the life I envisioned. It provided that base in an outstanding fashion. It also provided a set of lifetime friends. And it was absolutely critical in terms of what I wanted to accomplish."

After graduating in 1967 with a degree in math, Cannistra served in the military, then spent more than 20 years working in the Information Technology Department at Nabisco. He left Nabisco to work at Computer Sciences Corporation and retired as a partner in its federal consulting practice.

Cannistra fondly remembers his St. Francis years, particularly his participation in the Math Club and his years in Alpha Phi Delta fraternity. Coming from a large high school, Frank was drawn to St. Francis because of its small class size. He also didn't have the option

“College for me is what I needed to live the life I wanted to live.”

of going away to college and this local college was ideal for him. He remarks, "College for me is what I needed to live the life I wanted to live."

The Cannistras have not forgotten their roots and they love to give back. For years they have helped pay tuition for as many as six students a year at various Catholic schools in Paterson, NJ. Recently, they started doing the same thing for a student at St. Francis.

Looking back on 41 years of marriage, the Cannistras said that providing their children with educational opportunities was one of the great joys in their life. Their two daughters attended Princeton and have gone on to



attend Oxford and Harvard Law School. Cannistra said, "We feel blessed that we live the life that we dreamed about."

They also wanted to help others. "I think it's important to try to help others, and that is what my wife and I have tried to do ... That is how the world works; everybody should try to help each other." He added, "It doesn't have to be a lot. Even with a small amount of money, you'd be surprised how significant it could be in a student's life."

Cannistra believes that, "St. Francis still provides an educational opportunity for the working people of New York City and that is a tremendous thing to do." He knows this from his own personal experience, noting, "I have a tremendous amount of gratitude for St. Francis for what its done for my life."

John '66 and Diane Tiernan

Although he graduated in 1966, **John Tiernan** still follows the St. Francis basketball squad and goes to a game or two each year. He played for the freshman basketball team while at St. Francis and talks enthusiastically about how the varsity made it into the National Invitation Tournament in 1963 while he was attending college and hopes the team will one day make it into the NCAA's tournament.

Majoring in Business Management, Tiernan also credits the school for its

academics: "Going to St. Francis provided me with the opportunity to go to college. It provided a good education and it still does today."

After graduation, Tiernan went to work on Wall Street, starting off at a trading desk. He moved on to fixed income sales, working at HSBC for more than 35 years until he retired. But retirement wasn't for John, and he went back to work. He now works at Daiwa Securities.

Tiernan credits his business classes at St. Francis for "helping me understand the totality of the business," but did note that on Wall Street you really learn on the job. He also recalls enjoying non-business classes, such as

“Going to St. Francis provided me with... a good education and it still does today.”



history with **Professor Mike Casey** and philosophy with **Professor Nicholas Fiorenza**. In addition, he made life-long friends while at St. Francis.

The Tiernans have donated to St. Francis for more than 20 years and have left money in their will that will go to the athletic department to help fund a basketball scholarship. Tiernan said, "I decided to leave something in my will because the school helped me become successful in what I do and I wanted to give back to kids who are in the same situation."

Tiernan believes that the St. Francis expansion and its new buildings will help shape its future. "When I played basketball, the team played in an armory in New York City. We didn't have a gym and now they have their own gym."

However, Tiernan remarks that basketball is just a small part of why St. Francis is so important to him. "St. Francis provides an excellent education and serves a tremendous purpose for inner-city kids."

Class Notes

1940s

Philip Harris, Ph.D. '48 is proud to announce the release of his new books, *Transforming Work Culture* and *Developing High Performance Leaders*. He is also celebrating the eighth edition of his book, *Managing Cultural Differences*.

1960s

Joseph T. Ponessa '62 has retired as a professor at Rutgers University but continues to guest lecture and consult. He enjoys having time to pursue his hobbies of photography and woodwork-ing. He and his wife, Joan, have three children and six grandchildren.

Charles L. Novak '63 recently visited fellow alum **Bill Karnbach '61** at his home in Torrevieja, Spain. Charles greatly enjoyed his visit to 'their lovely village and country', and is very grateful to both Bill and his wife, Mercedes, for being such gracious hosts.



Charles L. Novak '63 and Bill Karnbach '61



Robert W. Sheehan '63 and his wife, Patricia, are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Gabriel Francis, born this past January in Newport News, VA, to Christine and Pablo Villagra.

Christopher McClure '07

Christopher McClure '07 a member of the St. Francis Men's Water Polo and Swim teams is now working at the Harlem Link Charter School. Last year he arranged for the students to receive t-shirts from the College. "The students were extremely excited to get them and could not wait to put them on. They wore them with pride throughout the school all day," said McClure. "Many of these students don't have much at all and school is something that they see as a safe and comfortable place to go every day. These t-shirts not only brightened their day, but helped initiate our conversation about the importance of academics and the road to college."



Bernard J. Casserly '64 has been retired since 2004 after spending 45 years in banking and finance.

George R. Mayer '65 is happy to report that he could 'not handle retirement' and now has a thriving part time mediation and arbitration business. He also celebrates his wonderful marriage of 45 years, and is grateful for his two beautiful grandchildren.

John F. Witkowski '65 and his wife, Minerva, are now both retired and spend their winter months in Florida with their family and young ones.

Mary E. Hines '67 has been named to the Irish Education 100 by *The Irish Voice* newspaper. The list recognizes the top figures in higher education in North America who are of Irish heritage. Mary currently serves as President of Carlow University in Pittsburgh, PA.

Thomas J. Killeen '69 has recently been appointed to the Community Development Corporation of Long Island's Board of Directors. He will serve a three-year term. He was also elected to the board of CDC's affiliate, CDCLI Funding Corporation. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation, and is a past Chair of the organization; a member of Hofstra University's Honors College Advisory Board; an affiliate board member of the Nassau Physicians' Foundation; a member of the Board of Directors of the Long Island Community Chest, Inc.; Secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of the Patriot Group, Inc.; a participant in the Volunteer Lawyers Initiative for Catholic Charities and a mentor to the Long Island Elite.

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1970s

Thomas B. McManus '70 announces the birth of his granddaughter, Lola Grace McManus, born this past April to Chris and Jackie McManus. She joins brothers Sean and Timmy, who are six years old and four years old, respectively.

William J. Oakes '70 is semi-retired and working part time at the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation, which is a non-profit social service agency. There he assists clients in obtaining rental and energy assistance and helps the Foundation with its food pantry.

Bro. Leonard Conway O.S.F. '71 celebrates his 40 years of service at St. Francis Preparatory School of which 25 were spent as Principal.



Vincent Pitta '72 was recently honored at this year's Peggy Browning Fund Awards Ceremony in NYC for his decades of work as a labor attorney in particular on behalf of private and public sector unions in the fields of law enforcement, facilities manage-ment, healthcare and education. Vincent is Managing Partner of Pitta and Giblin, LLC.

Arthur Raimo '73 is President of Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa, FL.

Vincent A. Bagarozza '76 is now Vice President and Chief Loan Officer of Center Bancorp, Inc., parent company to Union Center National Bank. He also serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Loan Officer of UCNB and leads its commercial lending team.

Gail K. Naughton '76 is now a member of the Board of Advisors of Perminova, a developer of web-based software for the nation's leading cardiology centers. Gail is currently CEO and Chairman of Histogen, Inc., a regenerative medicine company she founded in 2007 to develop novel treatments for conditions ranging from hair loss to cancer.

Kenneth M. Freda '77 is Managing Director of Executive Sounding Board Associates, Inc., where he is responsible for practice development and for contributing to the management of turnarounds, workouts and bankruptcy engagements.

Class Notes



Alexander A. DiGuido '78, wearing a deli apron to make a point about serving customers, visited the IT course, Project Management for Entrepreneurs.

Patricia A. Logan '78 is Vice President and Regional Underwriting Manager of Berkley Asset Protection Underwriting Managers, LLC. She is also a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, and recently participated in a St. Francis College Panel with **Natasha Green '04**, celebrating Women's History Month. That event was hosted by the African Cultural Club at the College as well as the offices of Development and Alumni Affairs.

1980s

Raymond A. Curatolo '81 is Director of Global Expense Reporting Solutions at IBM, and was recently appointed to the Association of Corporate Travel Executives Board of Directors.

Donovan Gordon '81 is president of D. Gordon Consulting, Inc., which provides sustainability consulting and LEED project management as well as strategies in business development, sales and marketing.

Diana Greene '11

Diana Greene '11 is currently working as a fifth-grade ESL teacher at PS 176. She has also been a math and science tech teacher and a SETTS teacher helping children with Individualized Education Plans with writing and reading. Greene is currently completely a graduate program at Brooklyn College and hopes to have her own special education classroom. "Being a teacher means I have the opportunity to inspire children to be the very best they can be and show them that with hard work and determination they can do anything they put their mind to."



Michael J. Taunton '81 is now Vice President of Finance of Arrow Electronics, an electronics component distributor, where he previously served as vice president and treasurer.

Loretta Mckeon '82 is now retired, and resides in Wallkill, NY.

Dennis F. Campagna '83 is now Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer of Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company. He oversees the internal audit functions, corporate tax, external reporting and SEC compliance as well as all transactional areas of finance, including revenue, disbursements, accounts receivable, payroll, credit and collections, royalties, fixed assets and inventory.

Martine M. Reardon '84 is now chief marketing officer of Macy's Inc., and is responsible for all of its marketing, advertising, creative development, social media, cause marketing, brand public relations, tourism marketing, customer insights and data analysis.

Jennifer Gilroy Ruiz '89 is now Deputy Chief of the Family Court Division for the NYC Law Department. She is an active member of the Queens County Bar Association and currently serves as a member of the Board of Managers and the Juvenile Justice Committee.

1990s

Joseph J. and Katherine Paolo, both of the class of '92, currently reside in Hudson Valley, NY, and recently celebrated the first birthday of their fourth child. Joseph is Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer at AXA Financial, while Katherine is a stay-at-home mom.

Javier I. Lezamiz '97 is now Director of Operations for the Manhattan-based commercial real estate owner Hidrock Realty. He is responsible

Carolann Falotico '11

After graduation, **Carolann Falotico '11** began working for production company, Leftfield Pictures, transcribing video for reality shows like *Pawn Stars* and *American Restoration*. Leftfield is one of the largest reality television companies, and has established "item based" reality with shows like *Pawn Stars* and *Oddities*. After a short stint at NBC in the commercial operations department, she returned to Leftfield where she is a story production assistant for *Cajun Pawn Stars*. "I love it! The job entails working with producers and editors to put the show together. It could be anything from simple paper work, to working on Final Cut Pro to help the editors. I also do extensive research on our items and assist with the day to day tasks of production," said Falotico.

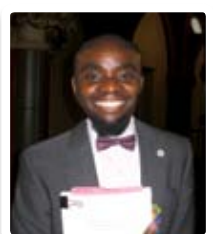
"Starting a career in television is not easy. You really have to depend on the connections you make and be very self-sufficient. My internships and work for the Communication Arts Department prepared me the most for working in the real world. I am very lucky to be where I am today."



for daily operations, including property management, tenant improvement and capital improvement projects, as well as energy conservation initiatives, code compliance and financial performance of each property.

David E. Moskowitz '97, his wife, Eugenia, and their three children, Alex, Rachel and Zach, who are six, five and two years old, respectively, are now enjoying their new home in Washingtonville, NY.

2000s



Hakim A. Williams '02 successfully defended his Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) dissertation in International Educational Development with a concentration in peace education

from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Robert G. Arthurs '03 has been named CEO of Hedge Connection, a company offering turn-key marketing programs that give hedge funds access to qualified individuals and institutional investors through a web-based platform and through private live events. Robert co-founded the company in 2005, leading the company's design team prior to stepping in as CEO.



Andrew C. Fisher '03 recently wrote and starred in the film *Night Music*. He has also directed, written and starred in *Keeping Score* and *Making It*.

Andrew currently resides in Los Angeles, CA, where he is an actor, writer and director.

Class Notes



Michael F. Phillips '08, Jamaal G. Womack '09, Ruben N. Gonzalez '04, Joanne Samaha '08, Robert Oliva '04, and Sean Miller '05.

Ruben N. Gonzalez '04 and **Jamaal G. Womack '09** recently met with fellow classmates and former student government Presidents **Michael F. Phillips '08**, **Joanne Samaha '08**, **Robert Oliva '04**, and **Sean Miller '05** at a St. Francis College alumni engagement event. Ruben was also recently inducted into the St. Francis College Duns Scotus Honor Society during the College's 128th Charter Day celebration in April. Ruben is St. Francis' Associate Director of Student Activities. Jamaal is the College's Resident Director of Housing.

Natasha Green '04 and her foundation, Hidden Gems, Inc. have partnered with the NYC Department of Education to provide students with the opportunity to learn Olympic-style archery in the public schools. Hidden Gems, Inc. is an organization founded by Natasha to foster sports and academics amongst youth and adults.

Sean Lynch '10

As a child, **Sean Lynch '10** fondly remembers his mother singing Rod Stewart's "Forever Young" to him. It helped develop his love of music at an early age and led to him becoming an avid collector of vinyl records. Music is a passion that has led him from classic rock to Hip-Hop and now to becoming an assistant editor for *The Source* magazine.

His path began at St. Francis when Lynch, a Communication Arts major, started the website kiddfuture.com, which is still active and focuses on music interviews, reviews and news. "I also did a few internships; one for a short time at Damon Dash's DD172 gallery. I learned a lot about the music industry before heading over to YRB magazine. That's where I learned to quote, unquote 'hustle.'," said Lynch, who also did plenty of hustling while at St. Francis as a

member of the Men's Track and Field team.

in District 15 against Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. the Democratic incumbent.

Carl E. Coulanges '08 currently serves as the Video Broadcasting Director at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School in West Islip, NY. He teaches video broadcasting and speech, and produces the daily morning news program for the school. He is also the moderator of both the Video Broadcasting and Radio clubs.



Carl E. Coulanges '08 (seated, at center)

member of the Men's Track and Field team.

"I had limited resources and spent a lot of my personal time and energy working hard. From there I left and went to *The Source*. I had done a little video production and blogging work and was given the opportunity to write. I spent a year as a staff writer before becoming assistant editor this year."

Now Lynch is regularly conducting interviews with some of the hottest stars in the Hip-Hop world. "They are mostly down-to-earth people. You get much more out of them when you treat

Sara M. Saad '07 is a special education teacher, and fondly remembers her time at St. Francis College as the "best four and a half years of her life."

Eric A. Ulrich '07, a Queens Republican New York City Councilman, announced that he will run for New York State Senate

Brian D. Morales '08 received his master's of science degree in sports business management from Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY, where he attained a 3.7 GPA. He currently serves as Assistant Sports Information Director at St. Francis College.

John P. Montes '09 recently won the inaugural Brooklyn Marathon in Carroll Gardens, NY, with a time of two hours and 43 minutes.

2010s

Evan Apostolakos '11 recently premiered his full-length feature film, *In Black*, at St. Francis College.

Deirdre A. Turner '11 recently ran a half-marathon for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society this past June, helping raise funds for cancer research. Deirdre was a part of a team created by Ernst & Young, where she is currently employed.

Mohaned Ahmed '12 has been admitted to NYU's College of Dentistry, and will begin classes in the fall.

Weddings

Luis H. Portillo '04 recently wed Jazmin Alexandra Reyes at St. Agatha's Church, Brooklyn, NY. He is an analyst at American Express in Manhattan. He supports the business travel unit with financial analysis and deal structuring.



Sean Lynch '10 with Kanye West.

them like a regular person instead of a star."

Lynch recently came back to St. Francis to talk with current Communication Arts students about his experiences. "Only two years ago, I was in those very same chairs in those very same classes," added Lynch. "Being able to offer my knowledge and advice on internships

and job opportunities is key because I think advice sinks in better coming from someone they can relate to in age. I'm every example of what hard work can translate to and I'm still working harder than ever."

Alumni Events

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Saturday, January 21 St. Francis College held the 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which honored five distinguished members of the alumni community for the athletic accomplishments they achieved while students at the College.



Director of Athletics and Hall of Fame member Irma Garcia '80 with honorees; Gary Gooden '97 (Men's Soccer/Track & Field), Mark Ferro '83 (Men's Swimming/Water Polo), Marie McGoldrick '94 (Women's Softball/Volleyball), Sheila Pickard '79 (Women's Swimming) and Ron Arnold '06 (Men's Basketball).



(Far left) Pat Clifford, Anne Tully Conlon '76, MaryAnn Conlon and Kevin Conlon '11. Bill Ferro '79, Thomas J. Quigley '52 and Charles P. Kowalski '72.

BRINGING BROOKLYN TO THE WEST COAST

On Tuesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 1, **President Brendan J. Dugan '68** visited our fellow Terriers out West in receptions held in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL RECEPTION, HOSTED BY DAVID SMITH '64



(Above) Vice President of Development Thomas F. Flood, Joseph Cangelosi '62, Stephen Keller '65, David Smith '64, Ann Smith, President Brendan J. Dugan '68, Richard Wendt '69, Julie Todd, James Foster '55 and James McGuire '66.

(Near-right) Victor Santoro '69, Diane Santoro, James Hudson '62, Eleanor Hudson, Marion Napier, Thomas Napier '63, and Brendan J. Dugan '68.



LOS ANGELES REGIONAL RECEPTION, HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR FRANK BAXTER



Thomas F. Flood, Kathy Baxter, Frank Baxter, and Brendan J. Dugan '68.



Jemma Hinkly '12, Brendan J. Dugan '68, and Maryn Masumiya.

2012 ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS

On Saturday, January 28 St. Francis College held its annual Alumni Memorial Mass, honoring the memories of our alumni, and relatives of alumni, who are no longer with us. Following the Mass, a luncheon was held in the Genovesi Center.



Friends and family of Catherine De Lena.



The D'Elia family.

Alumni Events

ALUMNI PLAYOFF RECEPTION

On Thursday, March 1 our alumni returned to the College to show their support for our Terriers as the Men's basketball team took on Quinnipiac University in the Quarterfinals of 2012 Northeast Conference Tournament.



Former Pi Alpha Archons; Dennis McDermott '74, Director of Alumni Relations, Joseph T. Freisen '73, Andrew F. Virga '72 and Peter F. Spiess '75.



2012 ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION DINNER



Newlywed Monica Michalski '01 with her husband Michael Verdino.

William J. Ryan '65 and **Patrick Timlin '79** received Alumni Achievement Awards, while the Alumni Board of Directors Appreciation Award was bestowed upon **James F. O'Dea '64**. **Monica Michalski '01** was honored with the Distinguished Administrator Award.

Also honored at the event were the 50th anniversary class of 1962, the 25th anniversary class of 1987 and 10th anniversary class of 1992.

Director of Special Events **Robert A. Oliva '04** emceed the event.

(Top-right) 50th Anniversary Class of 1962.

(Center-right) Patrick Timlin '79 with his family and friends.

(Near-right) William J. Ryan '65 with his family and friends.

(Far-right) James F. O'Dea '64 with his family and friends.

14TH EILEEN C. DUGAN MEMORIAL 5K FUN RUN

Cold wind and rain couldn't keep 165 runners from helping to raise money for The Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, at the 14th Eileen C. Dugan Memorial 5K Fun Run on March 31, the first time the run was held in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Several dozen St. Francis students and alumni participated in the event either as volunteers along the course or by running in the race which started and finished in the Empire Fulton Ferry section of the park and looped along the harbor from the Manhattan Bridge to Atlantic Avenue.

The 3.1-mile race remembers Eileen Dugan who was a New York State Assemblymember from 1980 to 1996.

(Left) Ivette, Daniel, Michael and Procurement and Financial Systems Supervisor, Danny A. Plaza '05.



Brian Dugan, Executive Director Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy Nancy Webster, President Brendan J. Dugan '68, Assemblywoman Joan Millman, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz who presented a proclamation commemorating the Eileen Dugan Run.



President Brendan Dugan'68 with our student volunteers.



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

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Dyker Beach Golf Course
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