Academic Excellence

Received reaffirmation of Middle States Association accreditation for 10 years, representing the most successful regional accreditation process and outcome in the university’s history. Also received reaffirmations of national accreditations from AACSB (School of Business), NCATE (School of Education), and CACREP (Counseling).

Launched several new academic programs, including Cybersecurity, Sport Studies, Strategic Communication & Digital Media, Professional and Creative Writing, Environmental Studies, Industrial Management, Integrated Marketing Communications, Strategic Leadership, and Rehabilitation Counseling.

Established the Franciscan Health Care Professions program and associated partnerships with medical schools to create pathways to medical and health professions, including George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, SUNY Upstate Medical Center, University at Buffalo, and Daemen College.

Established the University’s commitment to online graduate education, launching two programs 100% online (MA in Strategic Leadership and MA in Integrated Marketing Communication), several hybrid programs, and a new strategic partnership to significantly grow online enrollments and programming.

In collaboration with Hilbert College, investigated a potential integration of the two institutions, resulting in the creation of a new collaborative academic program in the high-demand area of Cybersecurity.
Inspired by the historical encounter between Francis of Assisi and the Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil in 1219, launched the **Center for Arab and Islamic Studies** to promote an understanding of Arab and Islamic cultures, an appreciation of both their historical and contemporary significance in the global community, and respectful relations between Muslim and Christian people.

Created the **Center for Law and Society** and the associated minor in Law and Society to enrich and support student interest and experiences in pre-law studies.

Increased engagement in the **University Honors Program** to provide enhanced education to excellent students and help transform them into truly extraordinary scholars and people.

Reorganized the **Franciscan Institute**, establishing a new collaborative research agenda and recruiting a new executive director to guide the activities and ensure the Institute’s continued vitality and relevance as a premier international center of research on the Franciscan intellectual tradition.

**Campus Life and Culture**

Earned **repeated national recognition** from U.S. News and World Report and, more recently, from Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine as a **best value university**, recognizing not only our generous financial aid programs, but also student success factors such as freshman-to-sophomore retention and graduation rates.

Established the First Year Experience, All Bonaventure Reads, and Students of Concern, and Supplemental Instruction programs to support student success and retention. **Freshman-to-Sophomore retention has increased to 86% for the Fall 2014 freshman class from 76% for the fall 2004 Freshman class.**

Created the **Damietta Center**, a multicultural center that celebrates the diversity of the campus community and provides cultural, intellectual and spiritual enrichment. Diversity enrollment has climbed steadily during her tenure as president at St. Bonaventure.

Grew enrollments from outside of the university’s primary draw area by maintaining academic quality and improving retention. Expanded staffing in enrollment to aid in the long-term market expansion strategy including international enrollments.

Transformed Career Services into the **Career and Professional Readiness Center**, a model for student engagement and support for career planning, preparation, and success.

Created **The Lateran Center** to provide programs that relate the university’s Catholic-Franciscan mission with the themes of renewal and inclusion that Pope Francis is being hailed for worldwide.
Fundraising

Completed the Anniversary Campaign for St. Bonaventure University in 2009, raising $95 million on a goal of $90 million.

Raised $15 million in the Campaign for the School of Business in 2013. This campaign was launched immediately following the conclusion of the Anniversary Campaign, during the greatest recession in modern history.

Increased the university’s endowment by more than $30.1 million in 11 years (FY 2005 – 2015), from $33.3 million to $63.4 million at the end of FY15.

Established many academic program and scholarship endowments including those which support the McQuade Center for Accounting Excellence and the Pat Panzarella Professorship in English. On the occasion of Sr. Margaret’s 10th Anniversary, the University established the Mille Grazzie Scholarship in her honor.

Campus Development

Invested $71.4 million in capital improvements; of that, $52.9 million was in buildings and the remainder in such capital improvements as equipment, furnishings, land, and land improvements. Improvements of note include:

Construction of the William F. Walsh Science Center and renovations to the adjoining De La Roche Hall

Construction of the Holy Name Library for the Franciscan Institute to house the university’s renowned rare books collection.

Construction of the William E. and Ann L. Swan Business Center

Construction of The Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center

Renovations to Shay, Loughlen, Robinson, Falconio, and Devereux Residence Halls

Renovation of the Hickey Dining Hall and construction of the adjoining Café La Verna

Construction of the Tom and Michelle Marra Athletics Fields Complex, including artificial turf surfaces for baseball, soccer/lacrosse/rugby, and softball.

The university will break ground this spring on a new home for University Ministries, thanks largely to a gift of $2 million from alumnus and former Board of Trustees Chair John R. “Jack” McGinley.
Myriad campus landscape and infrastructure improvements including a new central boiler plant and renovation of significant campus outdoor spaces such as the historic De La Roche academic quadrangle and The Grotto (to be completed in spring 2016).

**Service and Honors**

Served as Board chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities and the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities, and as a member of the Committee on Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Serves as a member of the Atlantic 10 Council of Presidents and the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities.

Received honorary doctorate degrees from:

- The Franciscan University of Steubenville
- St. Francis University, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- Hilbert College, Hamburg, N.Y.
- Madonna University, Livonia, Mich.
- Felician College, Lodi, N.J.
- Siena College, Loudonville, N.Y.
- Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa.
- Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y.

Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from Business First of Buffalo for Women of Influence; the Citation Award from the National Federation of Just Communities, Buffalo; and the L.O.U.I.E. Award from the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce.