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For nearly two years, we have proudly proclaimed to the world that St. Bonaventure University students are becoming extraordinary. This brief tagline aims to succinctly characterize the nature of our students’ educational experience.

As we celebrate the successful conclusion of The Anniversary Campaign for St. Bonaventure University and our 15-month celebration of the University’s sesquicentennial, we are also moving forward with a progressive strategic planning process that will ensure St. Bonaventure University, as an institution, is also becoming extraordinary.

As a result of this process, the University community will have identified its key marks and distinctions, thus enabling us to more strategically invest resources in ways that will grow and sustain the University well into the future.

Provost Michael Fischer is the chief architect of our plan: Becoming Extraordinary 2012. He has engaged his administrative colleagues, the academic deans, faculty, staff and students in creating three areas of strategic focus that have inspired the development of related strategies with action steps as well as benchmarks and data points to enable assessment.

The areas of strategic focus of Becoming Extraordinary 2012 are:

I. Becoming an institution of choice for those seeking an extraordinary, learner-centered education
II. Significantly increasing and strategically shaping enrollments, and having continued stable, healthy finances
III. Aligning faculty and staff compensation and evaluation with benchmarks, in recognition of contributions to the fulfillment of the university’s mission and realization of its strategic priorities

The University will continue to develop strategies and action steps that flow from these areas of strategic focus. We face daunting challenges due to current national economic trends, but we intend to sustain the momentum we have gained.

The Board of Trustees officially endorsed this plan and process at their meeting last June, and other friends and alumni of the University are contributing through their service on the National Alumni Association Board, academic program advisory committees, such as the School of Business Advisory Committee, and through their support of our students and faculty through internships, guest lectures on campus, and philanthropic giving.

The aspirations of Becoming Extraordinary 2012 will become a reality through the work of the Board of Trustees, our faculty, administrators and staff, but the plan will be sustained through the support of our generous alumni and friends.

Thousands have joined the campus community over the past 15 months to celebrate the tremendous legacy of St. Bonaventure University. You have attend- ed Universal Bonaventure Celebrations across the country, the tremendous Guestlecture Awards events in Buffalo and Rochester, and you have attended 150th Anniversary celebrations on campus, including The Anniversary Convocation, The Feast of St. Francis, and The Early Women of Bonaventure.

We now move forward, guided by Becoming Extraordinary 2012, to ensure that future generations mark similar milestones on the “good journey” of this great institution.

Pax et Bonum – Peace and Good,
St. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D.
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From the President
Editor's Letter

Capturing the Essence of Bonaventure
Beth A. Eberth

Three years ago, a yellowed and worn piece of St. Bonaventure’s history found its way back to the University just in time for the anniversary celebration. The relic was a note from John Devereux (founder Nicholas Devereux’s son) to an Elmira man, inviting him to attend the laying of the cornerstone of St. Bonaventure’s first building on Aug. 20, 1856. The 150-year-old letter was discovered in the basement of a home in Buffalo.

Also discovered that summer was the giant cornerstone for an 1891 addition to the original monastery. The stone was unearthed under about 18 inches of soil at the feet of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the west entrance to Hickey Dining Hall during renovations to that building.

As our sesquicentennial celebration drew to a close in May, we learned of another artifact that had surfaced. Amidst his hundreds of photos and art supplies, Bolvar, N.Y., artist Dick Monroe recovered the tarnished metal halo that had once adorned the statue of the Blessed Mother.

Back in ’59, Mr. Monroe was refurbishing the Stations of the Cross and portraits of saints in the former Devereux Chapel when Fr. Jim McKee, O.F.M., asked him to restore the halo. Monroe recalls, “I was excited when I saw in the last BonAlumnus that we were finally switching to a magazine, but I never expected it to be so beautiful,” wrote one alumna who lives out West.

“I think you and the staff have really captured the essence of what Bonaventure is all about,” wrote an alumna from Buffalo.

Capturing the essence of Bonaventure continues to be our goal. We are proud and excited about the quality of Bonaventure magazine and hope you are just as proud as you receive each issue. As the Editorial Board maps out each edition, it will focus on regional, national and global issues. The topic of our cover story, “Staying Money Smart in Tough Times,” couldn’t get more global than the economic crisis. The same can be said about our feature story on the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama.

We’ve also taken steps to be good stewards of the environment. Concerns were raised about the “greenness” of the magazine and whether we would continue to include the popular Updates section.

Bonaventure magazine is printed on paper that is 50 percent recycled, 25 percent post-consumer waste. The magazine is also published by a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified printer. FSC is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world’s forests. FSC sets high standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

We know that Class Notes is the section many of our readers turn to first, and it will continue to be a way for you to share your career news and other milestones. In fact, we have a record number of wedding submissions with 23 photos showcasing the newweds and their alumni guests in this issue.

To submit a Class Note for the fall/winter edition of the magazine: Use the enclosed envelope, e-mail bonalumnus@sbu.edu, or go to Bon’s Online at http://alumni.sbu.edu.

(Beth Eberth is director of University Communications. She continues to welcome your feedback at bonalumnus@sbu.edu or beberth@sbu.edu.)

Franciscan Minute

‘A Shining Star in the Darkness of Light’
Embracing St. Francis’s vision and Gospel values
By Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M.

Pietro Bernardone, the father of Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), was a successful merchant in medieval Assisi at the beginning of the 13th century. He was a shrewd businessman who was part of an emerging “middle class.”

His possessions and wealth made him a significant player within a community that aspired to be freed of the waning influence of the feudal lords and nobles that had long dominated the majority of Assisi’s citizens.

Pietro seems to have enjoyed living in a world that was increasingly competitive, greedy and caught in endless wars and political conflicts. His success was in large measure due to his ability to benefit from the misfortunes and troubles of others.

This is a glimpse of the world that shaped the consciousness and aspiration of the youthful Francis.

After some failed attempts to live the world of the Franciscan movement. It hangs in the chapel at Greccio, the site where St. Francis recalled for the people of that town the story of Christ’s birth in Bethlehem by the creation of a live manger scene.

Francis also found himself drawn to prayer and eventually found in the wisdom of the Gospel a pathway to peace by becoming a brother and servant of all.

After others joined him and many began to seek his advice, Francis invited his followers to embrace a Gospel-centered way of life.

It was a way of life that was characterized by hospitality, humility, gratitude, concern for others, patience in difficulty and trials, service of those who were needy and, above all, love of God, neighbor and all of creation. It was a way of justice (justitia), right relationship (pietas) and right living (caritas). It was a way of living in which he and others found great peace and joy.

As his early biographer Thomas of Celano put it, Francis was “like a shining star in the darkness of night and like the morning spread over the darkness.” And, not surprisingly, many aspire to embrace his vision and Gospel values.

The story of Francis may seem far removed from the social problems, political conflicts and economic chaos that characterize our world today. However, if we take a moment to step back and look at the chaos and confusion that surrounds us through the value-centered perspective of Francis, we may begin to find a new way to hold those challenges, to find some creative solutions to our problems and, most importantly, to find the inner strength to show a loving face to all of those whom we meet along the way.

(Prof. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., is vice president for the Franciscan Mission at St. Bonaventure. He edited “Writings on the Spiritual Life,” published by Franciscan Institute Publications in 2006 as part of the Bonaventure Texts in Translation Series. It is available at www.sbu.edu/franciscaninstitute.)
Seniors honored with 150th Anniversary Medals

As part of the University’s Sesquicentennial Celebration, members of the Class of 2009 were presented with 150th Anniversary Medals. The graduates were the special bronzed medallions over their robes during Commencement Exercises on May 17. The 150th Anniversary Celebration for St. Bonaventure was a 15-month series of events and activities that started in March of 2008 and concluded in May of 2009. The celebration spanned two calendar years because the first building on campus was dedicated in 1858 and the first classes of 2008 and concluded in May of 2009.

School of Business welcomes Volpe, Paladino

The School of Business sponsored guest speakers Vince Volpe, president and CEO of Dresser-Rand Company, and Carl Paladino, CEO of Buffalo’s Ellicott Development Company, during the spring semester. Volpe, a member of the Board of Trustees, discussed business strategy in the April 15 talk that was part of the School of Business’ Visiting Executives Series. Dresser-Rand is among the largest global suppliers of rotating equipment solutions, designing, manufacturing and servicing a wide range of technologically advanced centrifugal and reciprocating compressors, steam and gas turbines, and other equipment and control systems used in the oil and gas industry.

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Hickey Dining Hall goes trayless; going green on Sustainability Day saves green

Hickey Dining Hall has begun serving up a helping of energy savings and waste reduction with each meal. St. Bonaventure has joined the growing list of campuses nationwide that have eliminated trays in their dining facilities in a move embraced by conservation-conscious students. Dining hall trays contribute significantly to the waste stream by encouraging diners to take more food than they can eat and adding to the stack of dirty dishes to be washed after each meal.

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Aramark Dining Services, a dining provider at 500 campuses including St. Bonaventure, measured food wasted from more than 186,000 meals served at 25 institutions and found that removing dining hall trays reduced the waste generated per person by 25 to 30 percent.

The reduction of trays came on the heels of last fall’s Sustainable Bon’s Day, a campus-wide energy rollback on Oct. 16, 2008.

Electricity usage dropped by 24 percent compared to Oct. 15, thanks to reduced lighting and the idling of unused air conditioning and ventilation equipment. The drop eliminated three tons of carbon dioxide emissions and saved about $800.

But the biggest savings — about $3,000 — came because of a 50 percent reduction in natural gas usage.

The drop, which prevented 23 tons of carbon dioxide emissions, was attributed to lower settings on heat, conservation of hot water, and shutting off the central boiler plant for part of the day.

Students and staff were also encouraged to carpool if possible, and to limit how much they drove on campus during the day.

Athletics Hall of Fame

Class of 2009 announced

Three new members were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame Feb. 14 — Fr. Gerald T. McCaffrey, O.F.M., ’54; Jean Pascal Gingras, ’98, and Anna Belliveau, ’99. A fourth member, Jim Baron, ’77, was slated for induction June 6 during Reunion Weekend.

Baron served as both a player and a coach for the men’s basketball team. Belliveau was one of the most dominant swimmers in school history. Gingras was a standout tennis player and McCaffrey was a team chaplain and moderator for the athletic department.

A two-time Atlantic 10 Most Outstanding Performer, Belliveau helped guide St. Bonaventure to A-10 Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships in 1997 and 1998.

A true talent on and off the tennis court, Gingras never lost a match on the Bonnies’ home court and was a three-time Scholar Athlete All-American and a three-time All-Conference choice.

A mentor, a calming voice and a friend were just a few of the things that Fr. Gerald was to St. Bonaventure’s student-athletes for more than 20 years.

SBU, police officials label emergency drill a success

A massive disaster drill — involving a shooter, hostages and every police agency in the region — shut down campus for three hours on March 25, but took thousands of man-hours to plan.

“As I’ve talked about this plan with my peers in higher education, I think we’ve set the bar pretty high,” said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., university president.

Police agencies, who offered up more than five dozen officers to help conduct the drill, applauded the university’s efforts.

“I’ve overseen a number of drills like this, and I just have to say the level of detail and cooperation shown here was outstanding,” said Sgt. Michael Dembrow of the New York State Police.

Olean native named vice provost for Student Life

Rick Tietjel, ’86, an Olean native, was named vice provost for Student Life at the University Feb. 11. The Office of Student Life includes residence life, housing; the Center for Counseling; Damietta Center; Campus Safety and Security; and Health Services.

“To add someone of Rick’s caliber and integrity to our administration is a windfall for this university,” said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., university president. “He clearly demonstrated in his short time as interim vice provost the capacity to lead and inspire people.”

Tietjel finished a 22-year career with the Army in May 2008 when he stepped down as the head of St. Bonaventure’s ROTC program to become director of security at SBU.
The centerpiece to the campus ministry team and offices for University was rededicated during a special ceremony April 1.

Thomas Merton Center arrived on campus in 1958 for their first classes, both the Hickey female classmates. The alumnae recalled living at the Mary Devereux Luncheon. The alumnae shared their experiences as the “Freshman Experience of the Motherhouse, the dining experience of the 1960s, and the “freshman rules” they followed. For example, when the women arrived on campus in 1958 for their first classes, both the Hickey Dining Hall and Butler Gym were off limits to them and their female classmates.

Rhinos, Bonnies draw a huge crowd for Corning soccer game

Hundreds of soccer fans packed Corning’s Memorial Stadium April 9 for an exhibition match between SBU’s men’s soccer team and the Rochester Rhinos. The Rhinos play in the United Soccer League’s First Division. They went 11-10-9 in their 2008 season, finishing in fourth place out of the 11 teams in their league. St. Bonaventure alum and trustee Dan Collins organized the game, which was sponsored by Corning Inc.

University celebrates, rededicates Thomas Merton Center

Paying tribute to its namesake, the Thomas Merton Center at the University was rededicated during a special ceremony April 1. The center is home to the campus ministry team and offices for Mt. Irenaeus, Bona Buddies, the Warming House, the Franciscan Center for Social Concern, and the Concern Project. Located at the center of campus, it is a place where students gather for relaxing, cooking, socializing, mentoring and spiritual counseling.

In a 1966 letter to a St. Bonaventure alumnus, Thomas Merton noted that, “St. Bonaventure represented one of the happiest times of my life.” Merton, considered one of the most distinguished spiritual masters of the 20th century, taught English at what was then St. Bonaventure College in 1940 and 1941. As he revealed in “The Seven Storey Mountain,” Merton (1915-1968) discerned his monastic vocation while he worked at St. Bonaventure.

Quick Center for the Arts collection now available as reproductions

William Bliss Baker’s 1885 masterpiece “Morning After the Snow” is one of the more popular paintings in the permanent collection at St. Bonaventure University’s Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

Perhaps it’s because the wintry landscape of bare trees and evergreens throwing shadows on a fresh blanket of snow feels as if it were painted while the artist looked out the university’s back door. It’s a piece of St. Bonaventure that no doubt many visitors to The Quick Center wish they could take home with them.

Now they can. The Quick Center has teamed up with Rudinec & Associates Photographic Services of Ohio to offer reproductions of some 50 pieces in the museum’s permanent collection. In time, most every work in the museum’s extensive collection will be available.

Rudinec & Associates has made two visits to The Quick Center to begin photographing the collection. Each painting is photographed under controlled lighting conditions to produce a large-format transparency that allows for high-quality prints of virtually any size.

Fr. Dan Riley honored with 2009 Gaudete Medal

More than 400 people packed the Country Club of Buffalo on May 1 to celebrate Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., and the 150th anniversary of the University.

The man who dreamed of becoming a doctor — he started as a pre-med student in 1960 — was honored with the Gaudete Medal for bolstering the spiritual health of St. Bonaventure for more than 30 years. Recipients of the Gaudete, which means “Rejoice!” in Latin, have inspired, encouraged and enlightened others through their personal and professional lives.

The guardian of Holy Peace Friary at Mt. Irenaeus, Fr. Dan is often the first friar students meet when they come to St. Bonaventure.

More than 30 Bonaventure students attended the celebration thanks to the generosity of donors.

SBU Stats

800 fans attended the Northeast Rugby Union game to cheer on the men’s team.

560 freshmen proudly began wearing the Brown and White.

520 people participated in Rwandan Holocaust survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza’s Left to Tell Charitable Fundraiser, raising $2,716 for Rwandan orphans.

300 female high schoolers participated in the National Women and Girls in Sports Day on campus.

150 Bona Buddies and their families were treated to a Holiday extravaganza at the Annual Festival of Trees.

80 students volunteered more than 2,000 hours for VITA to set new $750,000 record in tax returns for local taxpayers.

23 tons of carbon dioxide emissions were prevented on Sustainable Bonaventure.

14 brown and white bicycles popped up across campus as part of the Bona Re-Cycles bike-share program.

13 SBU representatives rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange Nov. 25.

8 Extraordinary Classroom Series events were attended by individuals from campus and local communities.

Good friends, alumni and supporters of Mt. Irenaeus, (at left) Lee Quick and Ann McCarthy honored Fr. Dan during the program. Committee co-chairs Mark Lawley, Bill Lawley Jr. and Mike Lawley enjoy time with Fr. Dan. (Missing from the photo is co-chair, Kathy Lawley Bast.)
“When President Obama’s focus on health care reform is encouraging as I know that you both understand the positive and negative influence of fragmented care in our nation,” Grant wrote. “Further, our patients of color must also learn to trust and be confident that they get the care they want and deserve.”

A new book by associate professor of history, F. Philip G. Payne, Ph.D., explores how Warren G. Harding’s name became synonymous with corruption, cronyism, and incompetence.

“Dead Last: The Public Scandal of Warren G. Harding’s Scandalous Legacy,” was published by Ohio University Press (January 2009).

Payne traces the history of Harding’s image from the election of 1920 to the current debate over George Washington’s presidential legacy, examining such things as presidential rankings, commemoration and legacy formation, political uses of history and memory, and the role of scandal in popular and political culture.

“Harding is generally considered among the worst of the presidents, typically ranking dead last or as a failure in presidential rankings,” said Payne. Ironically, he explained, during the 1920 election the Republican campaign carefully crafted an image of Harding as a small-town civic booster. When Harding died in August 1923 he was widely popular.

“However, it was not an image that would last. The revelations of scandals soon ruined Harding’s reputation. Harding would become an icon of presidential failure,” said Payne.

To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Order, Franciscan scholar and historian, Fr. Dominic V. Monti, O.F.M., Ph.D., tells the beautiful and inspirational story of Francis of Assisi and his followers — the Order of Friars Minor — from the Order’s beginnings to current times in “Francis and His Brothers: A Popular History of the Franciscan Friars,” was published in January by St. Anthony Messenger Press.

This history emphasizes not only the medieval developments of the world’s most beloved band of men, but also the internal evolution and mission efforts of the friars during the modern period, from the 16th century to the present. Monti gives particular emphasis to the history of the Order in the English-speaking world: first England and Ireland and then North America and the 20th-century expansion of the order to other English-speaking countries. Monti, 67, is vicar provincial of Holy Name Province and former interim president of SBU (2003-04). Chapter topics include: medieval Christian society; the First Lesser Brothers; expansion and transformation of the Order; the Franciscan mission; internal crisis in the Order; Observants and Conventuals; friars during the Reformation and Baroque eras; mission to the world; the challenges of modernity; Franciscan missions to the United States, Canada and Australia; rebuilding the Order in Europe; and recovering a charism.

“From the early days of the wars in Croatia, Bosnia and Somalia. Stripped of the glamour and mystique surrounding the mercenary profession, Knott showed how much Yrigoyen depended on the image he managed to create for himself: a secular savior who cared deeply about the less fortunate and the embodiment of the nation.”

Krott, assigned to special operations, travels to Croatia in early 1992 and joins the Croatian Army as a volunteer in the war against Serbia. He then undertakes a mission in Somalia during Operation Restore Hope as a contracted consultant to the U.S. Army to supervise Somali speakers recruited in Washington. Krott then returns to the Balkans, this time to Bosnia to command a unit of multinational “volunteers” and serve as a brigade staff major with the Bosnian-Croat Defense Force.

Krott has traveled to more than 60 countries and received military awards and decorations from 10 foreign governments, including Croatia’s Zahvalnica for combat missions along the Kupa River, and the Spomenik Domovinski Rata medal, personally presented to him by the prime minister of Croatia. He is now working in Iraq as a private security contractor.

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Rich Reilly, Ph.D.’s new book bridges the gap between Buddhism and philosophical ethics with an unforeseen ally — Christianity.

Reilly, who has written extensively about Buddhism, has also come with an exclusive audio CD that features rare play-by-play action and interviews with Sabres greats.

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SBU’s 150th Anniversary Campaign Exceeds Goal

The largest fundraising campaign in St. Bonaventure’s history has surpassed its goal. May 31, 2009, marked a milestone in the University’s history as it concluded the 150th Anniversary Campaign. With an initial goal of $90 million, the University succeeded in raising more than $95 million for new buildings, renovations, endowed scholarships, and campus enhancements for years to come.

“This is the most comprehensive campaign the University has undertaken and I want to personally thank all of our alumni, parents and friends who have made a difference and significant impact with our 150th Anniversary Campaign,” said President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., O.T.D.

She gave special thanks to the current and former Board of Trustees who brought in more than $30 million collectively for compelling opportunities to grow as a student, a leader, and as a person that will profoundly impact and enrich the day-to-day lives of our students.”

Under the skillful leadership of campaign chair Leslie C. “Les” Quick, Jr., ’75; co-chairs Raymond C. Dee, ’64, Arnold J. “Arnie” Eckelman, ’66, and Lisa J. (Melillo) Molinaro, ’81; honorary co-chairs Robert R. Jones, ’58, and John J. Murphy; and numerous regional volunteers, the campaign accomplishments included:

- The William F. Walsh Science Center
- The Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center
- The Bob Lanier Court in the Reilly Center Arena
- The Fred Handler Park at McGraw-Jennings Field
- The Magnano Centre
- FredIAM Memorial Library Rare Books Wing
- Television production trailer
- Nearly 100 newly endowed scholarships

“I hope I can speak for many students in sharing that the capital campaign has dramatically improved both the facilities and programs offered at St. Bonaventure,” said Andrew Mantilla, who earned his MBA in May.

“Over the course of my college experience I have had opportunities to grow as a student, a leader, and as a person that no other university could offer. Funding for programs such as Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) has enabled me to leave Bonas with a wide range of skills and a Franciscan spirit that will set me apart from graduates of other schools.”

Mantilla joined SIFE’s Embrace it Africa program this summer and will begin employment at KPMG in New York City when he returns.

“We are giving the staff a day off and then we are back at it,” said Dr. Emily Sinsabaugh, vice president for University Relations. “Successful fundraising operations don’t stop when a campaign ends. We’re continuing to reach out to our alumni and friends to share the Bonaventure story. We will continue to build on the wonderful relationships established during this campaign, while also seeking to develop new ones.”

Grants Fund Science Projects

Thanks to more than $250,000 in grants, the SBU science community continues to develop projects involving its PeopleBot robot and hydrology observatory.

A $125,000 grant from the George I. Alden Trust in Worcester, Mass., funded the PeopleBot, an Artificial Intelligence capstone project involving a human-size robot and its reaction to surroundings.

Dr. Robert Harlan, the grant’s co-author and head of the university’s Undergraduate Robotic Laboratory, said the project involves three phases: getting the robot to function, giving it problem-solving capabilities and adding a language capability allowing the robot to process and carry out commands given in English.

“The robot should be able to explain to us why it’s doing what it’s doing because it’s acting in our world and it’s acting exactly the way we do,” he said. “I understand sort of why you do what you do, and you understand sort of why I do what I do, and we want the robot to participate in that common understanding.”

A grant from the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation in Buffalo funded a hydrology observatory to monitor weather, geophysical conditions and the Allegheny River’s water quality, with data eventually being posted on the University’s Web site.

Giving Goes Beyond Dollars for the Cashings

Doug and Betsy Cashing chose St. Bonaventure University for its educational opportunities and to bring their young son closer to their families’ hometowns. Twenty-eight years later, their son grown and gone, they still choose to call Bonaventure home.

“It’s a wonderful community,” says Doug, who holds a full professorship in the Department of Mathematics and has been on staff since 1981. “The faculty care about the students and about other faculty.”

Betsy, who taught in the public school system for three decades and is now a lecturer in Bonaventure’s School of Education, agrees. “I am very proud of this university,” she says, adding that she truly appreciates “the faculty, the staff, and the administration. I think we’re on a very solid path.”

With student traffic in their offices brisk, the Cashings serve St. Bonaventure as mentors and role models, are strong supporters of The Bonaventure Fund, and served as co-chairs of the 2009 Faculty & Staff Campaign.

“My mother always taught us that we are blessed, and because we are blessed it is our responsibility to be a blessing,” says Betsy. “Giving goes beyond dollars and cents. It’s also found in support and belief in who we are and what we do.”

Adds Doug, “in order for the University to do what we really need to do, it’s going to take financial resources. Tuition is not going to meet those financial needs. If we’re going to continue, and build on the educational programs, we need to have the funds.”

— Tim Gross, ’11

— Susan Anderson
150th Anniversary Campaign

Faculty and Staff Contributions
Shape Bona’s Future

Ann Tenglund knows firsthand how employee contributions help shape the future of the University and directly benefit students. She’s a 1982 graduate whose career here spans more than a quarter century.

“Like many students, I didn’t realize at the time what an excellent education I received. I didn’t find that out until later, when I needed to apply my abilities to my career,” says Tenglund, who is coordinator of the University’s Library Computer Services, Information Literacy Instruction & Curriculum Center.

Even with two master’s degrees to her credit, Tenglund points to the strong foundation of her undergraduate years at St. Bonaventure as being a huge part of her success in life — from the strength of the academics, to the relationships she forged with faculty and staff, to the focus on service to others.

“My St. Bonaventure education has never let me down,” says Tenglund, which is why she supports The Bonaventure Fund and served as co-chair of the 2009 Faculty and Staff Campaign.

“I contribute financially to the University because it will was fortunate to have as a student.”

When asked what key message she’d like to share with other faculty and staff members, Tenglund is quick to reply: “Our donations, in whatever amount, demonstrate to private and corporate donors, alumni, parents, friends and current students that those who work here are the first to show their support. That means a lot.”

— Susan Anderson

Sketches of Student Success

Bristol Barnes
Class of 2009
• Bachelor’s degree in finance, with a minor in economics
• Resident Assistant
• Student Government Vice President
• HEOP summer peer leader
• Judicial Board member
• Student Life Committee member
• Member of Students in Money Management
• Recipient of the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) scholarship

“I was fortunate to receive a scholarship from St. Bonaventure. I come from a family that puts great emphasis on schooling — from my mother, who is a teacher, and from my grandmother, who recently passed away and who was proud of my determination to have an enjoyable career and life. My family is very proud of me for going to college and being active in campus life. This scholarship has meant so much to me. It has also provided me with the opportunity to be an excellent role model for my younger brother as well. I’d also like to say a very special thanks to HEOP.”

Emily Dillon
Class of 2009
• Bachelor’s degree in journalism and mass communication, with a minor in women’s studies
• Earned a spot on the dean’s list every semester
• Served as a First-Year Experience Program Student Mentor (2006-2007)
• Member, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society for First-Year Students
• Member, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication
• Recipient of the 2009 Father Cornelius Welch Award for Achievement in Photography

“I knew I was meant to be a Bonnie from the minute I stepped on campus. The journalism program was top-notch, the extracurricular opportunities were endless and the surrounding community was kind and welcoming. At the time, my family was suffering from some serious financial difficulties, and my parents encouraged me to look into some less expensive schools. Of course, I followed their advice, but my heart was always with Bona’s. The scholarships they awarded me were absolutely amazing, and the day my parents told me we’d be able to afford my attendance here was one of the greatest days of my life. I’m so lucky to have been a student here at Bona’s, and I can’t express the true extent of my gratitude. The education I’ve received, and the relationships I’ve forged, have shaped the person I am today — a self-confident, ambitious young woman ready to face what the world has to offer.”

Investigating Native American Healers

Faculty fellowship funds Adekson’s research on the effect of traditional healers on family, community

As a young girl growing up in Nigeria, Mary Olufunmilayo Adekson, Ph.D., directly experienced the healing arts of Yoruba traditional healers — and later as an adult researched the interpersonal techniques they used.

Today, a faculty fellowship award has allowed Adekson to study Native American and Canadian healers in her ongoing pursuit of investigating the influence of traditional healers on family and community.

“Traditional healers have unique roles to play in psychotherapy and medicine, within their own ethnic group and without,” says Adekson, who spent three days observing, interviewing and audio taping native medicine men, healers, counselors and helpers from around Canada and the United States at the Kanikinwahseni health facility on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation.

Also known as Akwesasne, the reservation is situated on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border and “covers roughly about six miles wide and three miles high in upstate New York, Quebec and Ontario,” says Adekson, adding that the clinic “has a traditional medicine center that serves about 15,000 natives.”

Adekson says she is looking at “actual events and situations encountered during consultations. My goal is to help others understand the techniques, style of healing and the dynamics between healers and their Native American clients.”

In addition to visiting Akwesasne, Adekson conducted research at the Faithkeeper School in Steamburg, N.Y. To date, she has interviewed nearly a dozen traditional healers, counselors and helpers from the Mohawk Tribe of Akwesasne, the Cayuga Tribe, Six Nations in Ontario, Canada, the Seneca Nation of Indians in upstate New York, the Onondaga Tribe of Ontario, Canada, the Oneda Tribe near London, Ontario, Canada, the Orenda Tribe of Wisconsin, the Mescalero Apache Tribe of New Mexico, and the Lakota Nation of North Dakota.

She plans to compile her research for an upcoming text. Her previous book, “The Yoruba Traditional Healers of Nigeria,” was published by Routledge in 2004.

Born in Ogboomoso in Oyo State to parents from Ijesa in Osun State in southwestern Nigeria, Dr. Adekson is an associate professor of counselor education in the School of Education.

The faculty fellowship award is funded through a gift from Leslie C. Quick III, member and past chair of St. Bonaventure University’s Board of Trustees and co-chair of the 150th Anniversary Campaign, and his wife, Eileen. In 1999, two $1 million endowments were named after longtime faculty members, the late Dr. Leo E. Keenan Jr. and Dr. James J. Martine. The annual grants to faculty are funded through the interest generated by the endowments.
Staying money smart in Tough Times

By Susan Anderson

When Janet Bodnar, ’71, took over as top editor of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine in January 2009, the steeply plummeting U.S. economy and dire news about an unraveling media industry met her head on.

But Bodnar didn’t flinch.

This three-decade veteran of personal finance reporting gathered her team and got down to business — just as she’s always done since joining the Kiplinger organization in the late 1970s.

“We have the most experienced staff of any personal finance publication in the country, bar none,” she says.

“All of our senior editors have at least 20 years or more experience writing about financial markets. And we also have young blood, people in their 20s and early 30s who give us a whole new perspective on what young people need to know. We have the best insurance coverage, the best tax coverage, the best retirement coverage, the best health coverage — you name it.”

It is this experience that Kiplinger’s readers count on, says Bodnar.

Covering the economic crisis has been “challenging, interesting and exciting,” she says, and likens the experience to juggling many balls in the air.

“Kiplinger’s is a monthly publication that’s been around since 1947 giving people practical financial advice. But suddenly we’re acting almost like we’re a daily newspaper. We are literally remaking the magazine every month, going over all the stories — looking at what’s current, what’s not, and what we have to add.”

And readers are responding. In a recent survey, hundreds of readers shared what they want to find in the pages of Kiplinger’s and on its Web site. Answers to questions such as: What do I do with my stock portfolio? My 401(k)? I’ve lost 40 percent in my retirement plan; do I stick it out? Is this a good time to buy stocks? How do I get my budget under control? I’m buried in credit-card debt; what’s the best way to dig my way out?

“We have to run fast to stay ahead and give our readers the kind of information they want and need,” says Bodnar.

State of the industry

But the way that information is disseminated is changing, and has been for a while now.

The pinch of the economic crisis has been felt not only in the pockets of consumers worldwide, but also in every pocket of the publishing industry.

The reduction in advertising revenue, the axing of budgets and jobs, and the arrival of the Internet and its avenues are all forcing the media to remake itself. “The buzz word now is integration between the print and online staffs,” Bodnar explains.

As a family-owned company, Kiplinger is small in an age of huge media conglomerates. It maintains a lean staff that supplies both print and Web content. As a result, it’s able to stay nimble and flexible in meeting the needs of its customers.

As Bodnar proudly points out, “Content is huge on the Web and at Kiplinger’s we are the Web.”

In March, Janet Bodnar returned to her alma mater to deliver the Woman of Promise keynote address. In this online video, Bodnar shares memories of Bona’s and mentor Russell J. Jandoli.

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On a weekly basis in their D.C. offices, staff members gather to generate ideas for both the Web and the magazine.

Although content can often be similar, presentation can be very different.

On the Web, for example, “we package stories together so that there’s a lead story plus other elements that fit in with it. We might ask our writers to pull out the most important elements of a story and then turn them into an online quiz, which our viewers love.”

In fact, says Bodnar, “we’re a victim of our own success. We’re now totally overloading our already overloaded staff because we generate so much new material.”

At Kiplinger’s, which prides itself on its reputation for giving trustworthy advice that readers can act on, writers have “a steep learning curve,” says Bodnar. “Here, you can’t write from a press release. You have to be the expert on the subject you’re covering. If you’re going to write about retirement savings, for example, you’d better know how all the retirement plans function, the pluses and minuses of each, and all the tax ramifications.”

As one of the few top female editors of a financial magazine in the country, Bodnar believes that young journalists will make themselves more saleable in a tough market if they specialize in a particular area, whether it’s finance or something else. She advises students at St. Bonaventure to take advantage of every resource the school has to offer.

Financial independence is key

No matter which career path a person follows, Bodnar says that “your talents are your greatest assets. Just like any other assets, you should cultivate them when you’re younger — by taking advantage of employer reimbursement for education and training to hone your skills — so that you can draw on them in the future.”
Your assets will help you build, or rebuild, your financial future.

Save regularly, save aggressively. And if you haven’t begun yet, no matter what your age, start now. It’s never too late.

And if you have a plan about how to find a new job, or even how to cut expenses while you look for work, you should share that with children old enough to understand. Letting your kids be a part of the plan for trimming the household budget—even if it’s something as simple as not asking for so much stuff—is also helpful.

Beyond the current financial crisis, parents should help guide their children toward financial independence so they can handle their finances on their own when they’re young adults. Knowledge is power, Bodnar says, and knowing how you spend money, what your goals are, and how to take advantage of your assets will help you build, or rebuild, your financial future.

Her mantra might be described as ERA: “Save early, save regularly, save aggressively. And if you haven’t begun yet, no matter what your age, start now. It’s never too late.”

More about Janet Bodnar

Janet Bodnar is editor of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine.


Tweet! Follow her real-time updates at http://twitter.com/JanetBodnar.

“Money Smart”** Advice

Start small and think big.

Save early, save regularly, save aggressively.

The secret to getting your finances under control isn’t necessarily to make more money, but to trick yourself into spending less and saving more.

The best way to save money is to have someone else take it right off the top of your paycheck—through either a retirement plan at work or some other automatic savings program—before it burns a hole in your pocket.

Merging assets and combining money-management styles that often conflict are among the greatest challenges married couples face, yet they’re often ignored.

Regardless of how old your kids are, your ultimate aim is to turn out independent adults who know how to manage money and have a healthy regard for what it can, and can’t, buy. Even in this age of consuming passion, you can still teach your kids to be savvy shoppers, super savers and cautious users of credit.

Estate planning is a fancy term that means distributing your property and planning for your children and other heirs after your death. Don’t make the mistake of thinking about it as something only “rich people” have to worry about.

Parents have power.

Staying relevant.

Register online for book giveaway

Would you like to read more “money smart” advice?

Two lucky recipients will receive a free, autographed copy of either “Kiplinger’s Money Smart Women” or “Kiplinger’s Raising Money Smart Kids” by Janet Bodnar.

To add your name to the drawing, simply send an e-mail to alumni@sbu.edu by July 31, 2009, and register for the giveaway.

Please include your contact information in the body of the e-mail and use BOOKS in the subject line.

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In uncertain times, keep building your Bonaventure connection

Connie Whitcomb, director of the University’s Career Center, encourages alumni who are in the midst of, or preparing for, a job transition to keep their Bona connections strong.

“Studies show the highest number of job referrals come from networking,” Whitcomb said.

“And we also recognize that one of the challenges after a layoff is staying positive. One way to meet that challenge is to surround yourself with a core group of people who can help you energized,” she said.

Whitcomb offers these tips for those who are facing a job transition:

• This is a perfect time for self-assessment. Determine if it is time for a change by evaluating your skills, values and interests. Take a step back and reflect on your career goals and financial realities before you go forward.

• Come to terms with the loss of a job. Most people will experience anger and fear—and those emotions can derail future career moves if they aren’t accepted and overcome.

• Networking is key. A successful job search will take talking to people. Electronic job boards can yield high results, but studies still show that the highest number of job referrals comes from networking.

• Make yourself stand out. With more resumes in the funnel, make sure your skills stand out on your résumé and cover letter. Tell an employer immediately how your contributions can add value and have an impact on a company or organization. If your industry is experiencing significant downsizing, clearly articulate your cross-over skills to employers in other industries.

• Stay relevant. Read newsletter and trade publications. Stay visible. Attend professional events, conferences, career fairs, etc. Build new relationships through engagement in community activities. If your job search will be extended, reassess your skills and consider supplementing them with short-term training.

Visit Bona’s Online and Bona Connection for networking links

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By Tom Donahue

Jennifer Sherman wasn’t supposed to get caught up in Obamamania. She is, after all, a registered Republican.

But there she was, a dot in a sea of humanity surrounding the Lincoln Memorial, one of hundreds of thousands of people waiting in toe-numbing cold for President-elect Barack Obama to take the stage at his star-studded preinaugural concert.

“I knew it would get me, but I never expected it would get me the way it did,” said Sherman, a political science and journalism major from Williamsfield, N.Y., who graduated in May. “It was just so amazing that he could capture that many people from so many walks of life on such a cold day. It was truly inspirational. Even as a Republican, I was just absolutely floored.”

Sherman is one of 13 St. Bonaventure University students who went to Washington, D.C., for a 10-day academic seminar lead -

In the end, 13 students came up with $2,200 each to partici-

Thomas Rossetti, a sophomore political science major from Middletown, N.Y., who held different outlook on how things work. I think everybody needs to incorporate that kind of experience into their learning here at St. Bonaventure.”

Professor Brickman agrees.

“One thing I thought about doing something like this. It gives you a totally different perspective on how to teach and a different perspective on the students,” she said. “You really get to know the students and I think that’s one of the reasons students come to a school like St. Bonaventure. They want that interaction with faculty and want to do more than just sit in the classroom and listen to lectures.”

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We had spent 10 days together and it really saddened me that on our last day together we had to be separated. I really almost left the ball," she said.

The realization that they had participated in a historic event struck me m be rsof the SB U contingent at different times. For Sherman, it was the first time I ever heard him in pers- on, so for me, that’s when I went, ‘Wow!’ It just hit me. I was like, ‘Holy cow!’

"It’s one thing to study government, but it’s a whole different thing to witness it yourself.”

Thomas Rosetti
SBU political science major

Boccieri excited to be serving in Washington at start of historic Obama presidency

By Tom Donahue

It should have surprised no one last fall when Democrat John Boccieri, ’92, snatched Ohio’s 16th Congressional District seat from Republicans, who had held it for 36 years.

You see, Boccieri has a thing for lacerny. As a junior on SBUs men’s baseball team, he stole 43 bases to lead all NCAA Division I schools in the nation.

But Boccieri’s election is more a case of destiny than thiev ery. said his Bonas roommate, teammate and longtime friend Chris Paglia, now a financial planner for Morgan Stanley in New Jersey.

"Sometimes leaders are just born," said Paglia. And even as a student, his buddy “Bo” could turn a room.

"Bo would be the guy who would literally shift the current," said Paglia. "Everybody would be saying one thing, he’d say, ‘I have to disagree with you,’ and the next thing you know everybody would be behind Bo."

With the rhetoric comes a resume straight out of a Horatio Alger novel. Boccieri’s grandparents came to the United States from Italy and Slovakia.

"They arrived here with nothing but their clothes in a suitcase and crumbs of food in their pockets," said Boccieri. His parents, among the first in their families to go to college, made a modest living as teachers at a Catholic school. Boccieri and his two younger brothers, who shared a bedroom in their northeast Ohio home, helped clean office buildings at night.

A major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Boccieri made four rotations to Iraq and Afghanistan as an aircraft commander aboard the C-130 Hercules.

Prior to his election to Congress last fall, he served eight years in the Ohio Legislature and was known as a champi- on of veterans and working families. He and his wife, Stacey Kennedy Boccieri, have four children between the ages of 8 years and 10 months.

Opponents were out to stop Boccieri the year he set the stolen bases mark, but it didn’t matter.

“While everybody in the ball park knows you’re going to steal and you can steal anyway, you’re pretty good,” said Sudbrook. “Johnny did that as a junior and as a senior he still put up good stolen bases numbers.”

Boccieri stole 28 bases that year and might have stolen more had he not joined the annual campus snowball fight the winter of his senior year, just a month before the baseball team’s winter trip to Florida.

"After the first snowball we would have a big snowball fight,” said Boccieri. "I made the mistake of hitting Fr. Bob (Stew art) pretty hard, so he came over and tackled me and broke my leg.”

Some might have held it against the late Fr. Bob, an associate professor of theology who died of cancer in 2001. For Boccieri, the incident was "the catalyst for us to become even closer friends.” Fr. Bob would later officiate at Boccieri’s wedding.

Boccieri is excited to be in Washington at the start of the historic Obama presidency. “I have no question that he is the right leader to bring us out of this economic crisis,” he said.

He urges new graduates to be patient and keep their vision fixed on what really matters.

“From time to time we have to be reminded of what made this country strong, and it wasn’t the attitude that we’ve seen from some of the folks on Wall Street,” he said. “It’s more the atti- tude of people like my grandparents who came here and worked, persevered and gave back to the community.”

Matthew Ingram, a junior political science major from Olean, said no one should have thought that Obama would right things overnight.

"He’s your Mr. All-American kind of guy,” said Paglia, but he’s quick to add that nothing was handed to Boccieri. “John’s very bright, but he worked hard. He would grind it out every single day – at school and on the baseball field.”

Larry Sudbrook, head baseball coach at SBU, said Boccieri was the type of player who got to the ballpark early and stayed late.

"He was one of the best players on our team, yet he was not the most physically gifted,” said Sudbrook. “He didn’t have the best bat speed or the best throwing arm, but he was the total package as far as getting the most out of his God-given ability. And he absolutely loved showing up at the park every day and competing.”
Belief. Jim Crowley had one. Sitting in his Reilly Center office one winter’s day, St. Bonaventure’s women’s basketball coach was mulling his future as much as that night’s opponent, a six-game losing streak hanging around his neck, a sixth straight season of unprecedented losing nearly complete.

“I honestly believed we were done,” Crowley said. “I didn’t think we’d be back.”

Ron Zwierlein had a belief, too — in Jim Crowley.

The St. Bonaventure athletic director invited Crowley into his office that day three years ago and gave him and his new staff a one-year extension. The changes Crowley implemented that season had convinced Zwierlein the program was headed in the right direction.

“You could chart the progress, see the quality of players and people he was bringing in, so I felt Jim deserved to see it through,” Zwierlein, now retired, said from his home in Bowling Green, Ohio.

“Athletics are an intrinsic part of the university experience, but our primary job is to educate and turn out kids who are a credit to society. Jim had clearly done that, and continues to do that,” he said.

This year’s remarkable season was a watershed, but more teams were shed Feb. 24, 2006, than at any point during the team’s thrilling postseason run in the 2009 Women’s National Invitation Tournament.

The affirmation that others had confidence in them was a joyful relief.

Courtney Mattingly was in her first year as an assistant under Crowley.

“When we got word that day we were getting one more year, we were all brought to tears,” said Mattingly, class of ‘03 and the ninth-leading scorer in school history. “And then when we went out and beat Richmond in double overtime that night, it was just so emotional for Jim and Jesse (Fleming, assistant coach) and me. Knowing we had Dana (Mitchell) and Andy (Donnelly) coming in the next year, we knew we were headed in the right direction.”

Patience was rewarded. In 2006-07, the Bonnies went 16-15, highlighted by road wins at Michigan and Richmond, when the team rallied from 12 down with seven minutes to play to win in overtime.

“That’s when I really knew we were headed in the right direction,” Crowley said. “Priscilla (Edwards) hit a really tough shot at the end of regulation to force overtime, and as she’s coming into the huddle for us to prepare for overtime, she’s yelling, ‘Get the ball to Dana, they can’t stop her.’ And Dana (Mitchell) is a freshman. This kid has just made this great shot, and she’s saying get the ball to Dana.

“That’s when I really realized that these kids got it, that it’s about the team, about each other, not about individuals.”

The Bonnies’ penchant for never quitting had been established. The team won its first Atlantic 10 Tournament game in seven seasons just six weeks later, wiping out a 16-point UMass lead in the second half behind 17 second-half points from Audrey Latendresse. The win tied a school record for Division I victories in a season (16) set by Mary Jane Telford’s club in 1991-92 and Marti Whitmore’s 1997-98 team.

The record fell the next season — and in dramatic fashion. The Bonnies beat 14th-ranked George Washington for their 12th win, the program’s first victory over a nationally ranked team. The record lasted just eight days. A one-point win over Saint Louis was the 18th of the season, a campaign most memorable for a historic string of 10 road games. From Nov. 24 until Jan. 4, the Bonnies never played at the Reilly Center, yet still won seven times.

“That stretch on the road really solidified this group,” Crowley said. “We like being on the road, and it’s because our kids really like being around each other.”

Sweeping changes after Crowley’s fifth season — new assistants, new offense and defense, new demands on time — created a programwide commitment to trust and accountability.

“I thought, if I’m going to be (fired), I’m going to go out the way I want the game to be played,” Crowley said. “We went to an offense that got everyone involved, demanded the extra pass. Same with defense, using a system that relies on the person next to you, on trusting in one another. But that only works with players who are willing to buy into that, and they embraced it.”

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But just as important to the program’s resurgence has been recruiting players willing to make that commitment — and finding ones who want to be at St. Bonaventure. Crowley said he realizes Bonaventure might not be for everyone, and he won’t recruit talented players who clearly have reservations about coming.

“Figuring out who fits best here is so important,” he said.
The crowd was loud from the tip, and went ballistic as the Bonnies scored on their first four possessions to jump to a 10-2 lead. South Florida finally gained its footing, but the Bonnies still led midway through the second half before the Bulls, the eventual WNIT champs, pulled away with three minutes left en route to an 80-66 win.

The traditional exodus for the parking lot.

Choking back tears, Murray said afterward, "It hit me the last couple of minutes that this was it, and that was sad. But if it had to end anywhere, I’m glad it ended here. It just doesn’t get any better than this.

Crowley was happiest for his players. "When they first introduced the lineup at the West Virginia game and the place just blew up, I had to put my head down to keep myself going," Crowley said. "It’s been a long haul, and to get to this moment, to know what these kids have done and how much they deserve this, it’s tough not to cry.

At the basketball banquet the following night, Crowley again fought his emotions as he said goodbye to his seniors. Murray, Priscilla Edwards, Ashley Edwards, Erica Schiefen and manager Anna Omoroga. He was thrilled for their success, but more grateful about what they meant to the university — and to him.

"What can I say, this is an amazing group. Things didn’t look very good for me to stay here, but they stuck with me, and I can never repay them for that," Crowley, halting to gather himself, told the banquet crowd.

Days later, Crowley admitted what he essentially meant: They saved his job.

“That’s absolutely fair,” he said. “But I don’t think that’s meaningful enough. I think they saved my confidence in teaching this game. They are just such great people. I don’t think I can emphasize that enough.”

Great students, too. The team has been on the Women’s Basketball Coaches Academic Honor Roll five of the last six seasons, reaching as high as No. 3 in the nation with a 3.54 team GPA in 2006-2007. Murray, a 1,000-point scorer and 4.0 biology major, has been an ESPN Academic All-American the last two seasons.

“That’s why I’d like to see more people support them because they are such great kids … and they’re good players, too,” Crowley said. "I could go on and on about the things they do behind the scenes, the volunteer work they don’t ever tell anyone about.

"Kate goes once a week to read to a local class. What Anna, Priscilla and Ashley have done in the Damietta Center (for multiculturalism) to work with race relations is amazing," Crowley said. "I guarantee you there are more minority students here because of their work. Like Priscilla said at the banquet, there are more black bears here than black people, and yet they did something about it.

"If that doesn’t speak volumes about the Bonaventure spirit and Franciscan values, then nothing does."

Crowley isn’t naive. He doesn’t expect RC crowds of 4,000 when the season tips off in November. He just hopes his team’s efforts haven’t been merely a bandwagon moment.

“"It’s a hard egg to crack,” he said. “There’s a perception about women’s basketball. Hopefully, something special like this will turn people’s heads, that people will realize it’s just good basketball. Period. If we could just get half that many students to come out for our games, it would mean so much. Other teams wouldn’t know how to deal with that."

On the night the Bonnies learned of their WNIT bid, four women sat on the university’s Quick Center stage, telling tales of their days as coeds in the late ’50s and early ’60s when the campus was predominately male. Pat Dunn, ’62, spoke of one of their great accomplishments as pioneers — Bona women: going into the president’s office in 1959 to demand access to Butler Gym. They succeeded, earning an hour of gym time — per week.

Fifty years later, 14 women demanded, by their actions on and off the court, that people notice them, too.

"I had a chance to meet the Stith brothers — Bona basketball legends Tom and Sam — at this year’s (preseason) gala and I had a chance to ask them, ‘What brought you to St. Bonaventure?’ said Priscilla Edwards.

“They simply said, ‘To make history.’

"I wasn’t too sure after my first couple of years because we weren’t doing too well, but it worked out in the end. That’s what I’d like to leave my teammates. Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do something, because as you can see, we made history.”
Dear fellow alumni and friends,

You know the expression “Time flies when you are having fun.” These two years as your alumni board president have sure flown by and they have been a lot of fun. In fact, the goal I announced for the National Alumni Association Board (NAAB) two years ago was to make a difference and have fun doing it. I believe our dedicated members have made a difference as they have:

- led the annual Bonaventure Fund fundraising effort;
- helped with freshman recruiting through the SHAPE Program;
- staffed the Bona’s booth at high school college fairs;
- met with current junior and senior students at the “Mix and Mingle” career networking social events;
- attended local alumni chapter activities and hosted Universal Bonaventure Celebrations in 26 cities (see story page 34).

The NAAB members’ dedication is also shown by the fact that they made the “good journey” to our campus three times each year for meetings. This year, they developed our new Strategic Plan, which will be the road map for the future — one that elevates the NAAB from an advisory board to a contributing board. Last October, the NAAB hosted a joint meeting of our Board of Trustees to review and discuss the new plan. I express my appreciation to all members of the NAAB for their contributions. Now, let’s review a little of some of the other fun times:

October 2007: Our fall meeting was held on the weekend that SBUs dedicated the new Bob Lanier Court. What a great night. Bob spoke with such passion to our current students about his love of Bona’s. He also told a funny story how he went canoeing on Cuba Lake with his teammates. His canoe tipped over and Bob thought he was going to drown. Billy Kalbaugh, back already on shore, yelled out, “Stand up, Bob!” He was in 4 feet of water!

March-April 2008: Bona’s began celebrating its 150th Anniversary with a beautiful concert in the Quick Center. It featured world-renowned tenor Kenneth Riegel, who sang with the ensemble Antonies in performing the world premiere of “The Cantiello of Creation,” written especially for our anniversary. The Anniversary Convocation paid homage to the University’s founders, Nicholas and Mary Devereux and Fr. Raphael of Magliano, by welcoming members of their respective families to campus. More than 300 members of the senior class were presented with 150th Anniversary medals. It was a terrific kickoff to our celebration.

June 2008: The 150th Alumni Reunion Weekend was very special. Members of the Class of 1958, the Centennial Class, were honored.

Their classmate John Miecz received the William F. “Star” McCarthy Alumnus of the Year award. Also recognized at the banquet were the ladies of the Class of 1968 — true pioneers who were the last female students to reside at St. Elizabeth Academy. John said everyone knew he had a great time, despite a record heat wave in Olean.

October 2008: Feast of St. Francis weekend, President S. Margaret Carney, O.F.S., led a candlelight procession to Bonaventure Cemetery where flowers were placed at the graves of all former SBUs friars. It was a very moving ceremony remembering Fr. Genovese, H. Francis, Fr. Cornelius, Fr. Quentin, Fr. Ireneus, and many others. Bill Swan was also remembered. Saturday saw a feast of activities and then a creole picnic dinner and New Orleans Jazz Tribute Concert honoring Bona’s students, faculty, and staff who contributed to hurricane relief in the Gulf states.

The evening concluded with an exciting fireworks display and a trip to the Burton. Need I say more?

February 2009: The NAAB met Homecoming Weekend and was rewarded with a victory by our men’s basketball team, a 72-67 win over La Salle. The next day our women’s team beat St. Joe’s in Philly, 64-52. Congratulations to both teams on successful seasons.

May 1: 150th Anniversary Gaudete Award. What a fantastic celebration honoring one of the greatest Bonaventure friars of all time — your alumni chaplain Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M. Gaude in means rejoice, and everyone rejoiced in Fr. Dan’s so very much deserved award.

May 14: 15th Annual Candlelight Induction Ceremony. I was honored to welcome the senior class into the St. Bonaventure Alumni Association. They were extraordinary students and will make extraordinary alums.

These are just some of the highlights of a wonderful two years as your president. There is so much positive energy at Bona’s under the dedicated leadership of S. Margaret and Barbara Messina and chair Jack McGinnis. The campus has been revitalized with many exciting renovations. They have also led the 150th Anniversary Campaign, which has raised more than $95 million. I offer thanks to all alumni who have contributed to this campaign. During this difficult economic period, it is even more important that you remember Bona’s alumnae.

In closing, I would like to welcome new NAAB President Lynda (Goldstein) Wilhelm, ‘86, ‘88. Lynda is well qualified as she has served as president of the Charlotte Chapter, co-chair of the Bonaventure Fund, first vice president of the NAAB, and has led our Strategic Planning effort. I know she will do a terrific job. Thank you for the opportunity to be your president. It has been a privilege and a ton of fun.

Mark Stocker
’65

A Message from the National Alumni Association Board President

National Alumni Association Updates

1952 — Pat Fanegra received the Britannia Fellowship award for her performance he did for Kiwanis “ Lyme Disease” project in conjunction with honoring him for a 50-year membership in Kiwanis International Civic Service.

1955 — Richard A. Fells, M.D., retired after 45 years of ophthalmology practice as a founding partner of the Northern Virginia Eye Group, a medical facility at Georgetown University Eye Department. He continues to serve on the Board of the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation and donates time at the Lions clinic at Fairfax Hospital. He and his wife, Joan, recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

1956 — Martin T. Gleason retired from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and New York State Insurance Fund. Gleason enjoyed a 30-year career in radio, television and newspapers. He and his wife, Jewell Ann, have four daughters, a son, 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

1958 — Robert E. Nesslin received the 1958 Alumni Gaudete Award. So many congratulations to both teams on successful seasons.


1971 — Dr. Denise Benner-Littlefield is an administrator at the Bureau of Credentialing for the New Hampshire Department of Education in Concord, N.H. Jim Bonnes was nominated to a senior level position in the U.S. Army as the deputy director of the Counterintelligence. Human Intelligence and Combating Terrorism Center.

1972 — Col. Dan Bolas retired from the U.S. Army veteran, McIntyre is committed to the New Hampshire Department of Employment & Training in Upper Darby, Pa., also named to “Who’s Who for Executives and Professionals.”

1977 — Edward W. McIntyre has been a member of the SBU Board of Trustees for 25 years of community service. His name was among 11 others engraved on a bronze plaque on the Springfield volunteer Memorial Wall. Col. McIntyre, administration manager of the Delaware County Office of Employment & Training in Upper Darby, Pa., also named to “Who’s Who for Executives and Professionals.”

1979 — Fred E. Steel Jr. retired from practicing law in Akron, Ohio, and retired from serving as a U.S. Army colonel in the JAG (Judge Advocate General’s) Corps.

1980 — Dave Hazen retired from the U.S. Army.

1985 — Louis Marquardt retired in August after 41 years with the New Jersey judiciary.

1988 — Carl Paladino, chief executive officer of Eliott Development Company, was named 2008 Executive of the Year by Buffalo Niagara Sales and Marketing Executives. Know as a lifelong advocate for the city of Buffalo, Paladino was honored for championing strategic ideas and plans to bring new life to the city and region. The largest private landlord in downtown Buffalo, Paladino’s Eliott Development Co. manages more than 2 million square feet of office space. He also shares his leadership expertise with many organizations, including as a director of Buffalo Trace Inc., a trustee of Bishop TimonSt. Jude High School, and as a member of the Executive Board of the Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

1989 — Elaine (Hruby) Coppola, librarian for government information, political science and international relations in the Social Sciences and Area Studies Department at Syracuse University Library, received the 2008 Syracuse University Library Distinguished Service Award. Peter White has been teaching at The University of New Mexico (UNM) since graduate school and has developed a new project, which he is directing at UNM. This project reengages the Franciscan traditions and teaches violin-making to students.

1990 — Michael W. Wickert, Ph.D., received the Brittany Press. Among his other works are a chapbook, “All the Weight of the Still Midnight.” (Outriders, 1972), and three self-published collections, “Since When” (1988), “Since When: Second Series” (1990), and “No Cartoons” (2009).


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struggling with state or federal benefits appeals.

1974 — During the 2008-09 academic year, John Stevens, a visiting professor at St. Bonaventure, taught the Spring/Spring IVA class, a course in the School of Business in the Department of Manage- ment Sciences. He also owns his own con- suitng business, 3-Stone Executive Solutions. Jim Van Develde was elected Northeast vice president of the National School Public Relations Association. The associa- tion represents more than 1,900 profes- sional school communicators through the United States and Canada. Van Develde is in his 25th year in school communications with the Lakeland Central School District in Shrub Oak, N.Y.

1975 — Danielle Bergan heads up Kilikia Employers, a new Lahaina office in Hawaii. Bergan, formerly the director of sales for the Maui Chamber of Commerce, is a 31- year resident of Maui. She is using her sales and marketing background to expand Kilikia’s services into the West Maui area. Joe Gosiewski retired to North Myrtle Beach, S.C., after 30 years with National Insurance.

BonAlumnus Updates

Upcoming Alumni Events

June 19 — Minor League Baseball Binghamton June 21 — Griggs Open Golf Warsaw June 29 — Little Three Golf Buffalo June 30 — Harbor Cruise Buffalo

For additional details: Go to Bon’s Online. http://alumni.sbu.edu, or e-mail alumni@sbu.edu.

1979 — Dr. Doug Villella graduated from the Finger Lakes Times news- paper, second vice president of the New York State Associated Press Association Board and a 2008 recipient of Rotary International’s Paul Harris Award.

1980 — Anne (Haggerty) Shulie is man- aging editor of the Finger Lakes Times newspaper, second vice president of the New York State Associated Press Association Board and a 2008 recipient of Rotary International’s Paul Harris Award.

1981 — Margarette C. (McDonald) Garrison has served as the director for pro- motion in Multi-National Forces-Iraq, Tasked Joint Operations since August 2008. Her husband, twins and daughter are living in Springfield, Va., eagerly awaiting her return. Her e-mail address is margarette.garrison@us.army.mil. Elmer Ploetz is assistant professor in journalism at the State University of New York College at Potsdam, where he’s helping start a journal- ism program in the Department of Communication. He recently left the Buffalo News, where he was a reporter and copy ed- itor for 23 years. He continues to freelance arts reviews and features for the paper. Ploetz also released a CD with his band, the Demo Daddies, in the fall and is near completion of a video history of the early years of Buffalo punk rock. Ploetz, who received his master’s in American studies at the University at Buffalo, lives in Eden, N.Y., with his wife, Sandi, and their three daughters. Sae Rocque, director of athletic sports medicine at the University at Buffalo, was honored by the Newman Center at UB for outstanding service. Debbie (Shajla) Webster earned a master’s degree in human services from Capella University. She is a mental health pro- gram manager; she develops, implements and monitors services for adults with mental illness across North Carolina. She and her husband, Ots, have three children.

1982 — Colleen Lester is the principal of the Jansen Avenue Elementary School in Johnstown, N.Y., after 15 years as a social studies teacher at Chenango N.Y. Middle School. She lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Col. Fran Machina retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service. He and his wife, Ann Marie (Faieo), ’85, and their four children live in Valrico, Fla. His e-mail address is fam1220@yahop.com. David Snyder is a marketing professor at Canisius College. He spent one week in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in May 2008 on behalf of the Royal Education at the Saigon Trade Center. Afterward, he spent several days on a Chinese junk boat in the United Nations World Heritage (Halong Bay). He returned to teach for two weeks at a time in January and May. His wife, Karen (KII), ’86 MBA, is the pas- tor of the Brockport United Methodist Church. They live in Brockport, N.Y.

1983 — Patricia A. (Perryman) Carlson is director of corporate communications at Savogel Company in Solon, Ohio. Carlson has more than 20 years of corporate and agency experience. Her e-mail address is carlson.patricia@savogel.com. After two years as managing editor to The North Atlantic Review, a literary magazine in Stony Brook, N.Y., John Stevens, 25th year in school communications with the University, Southern Illinois University-Crossett, and the University of Maryland—Baltimore, became the executive director for the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce. Rita Romano is director of environmental services at St. Joseph’s Health Center in Syracuse, where she is responsible for the hospital’s care initiatives and housekeeping. Romano has served as manager of environmental services for St. Joseph’s health and safety for St. Joseph’s since 2006. Prior to that, she managed laboratories for the Laboratory Corporation of America and a private OBGYN practice. St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center (www.sjhsyr.org) is a non-prof- it, 431-bed hospital and health care network providing services to patients from Onondaga and 15 surrounding counties. Lisa Sullivan started Write Away, Inc., a marketing and PR firm that also works with an SEO company in New York City. She and her husband, Brian, live in Westerly, N.C.

1988 — Liz Manning returned home to the Colorado area after living in Seattle for 12 years. She is the executive director for the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce. Rita Romano is director of environmental services at St. Joseph’s Health Center in Syracuse, where she is responsible for the hospital’s care initiatives and housekeeping. Romano has served as manager of environmental services for St. Joseph’s health and safety for St. Joseph’s since 2006. Prior to that, she managed laboratories for the Laboratory Corporation of America and a private OBGYN practice. St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center (www.sjhsyr.org) is a non-profit, 431-bed hospital and health care network providing services to patients from Onondaga and 15 surrounding counties. Lisa Sullivan started Write Away, Inc., a marketing and PR firm that also works with an SEO company in New York City. She and her husband, Brian, live in Westerly, N.C.

1989 — Brian DiFonzo, after 18 years in almost all facets of the newspaper industry (editorial, business, and management), has taken a position as the director of Printing and Graphics Express Services (PAGES) on the campus of Clarkson (Pa.) University. PAGES is a full-service printing and publicity facility, which produces all of Clarkson’s promotional material, including newsletters, brochures, specialty advertising and renovating ads. DiFonzo is responsible for ensuring publica- tions for outside campus distribution meet the university’s publications policies. DiFonzo supervises four full-time employees and 11 student workers. Grace Ann Gollnick has been living among the remains of a medical billing account representative for the past nine years. Special Agent Timothy McMahon was appointed recruitment coordi- nator for the Dearborn Federal Administration’s New Jersey Division.

1990 — Charles E. Mailey III is senior vice president of Insurance Operations at Merchants Insurance Group of Buffalo. He began his career with Merchants in 1996 as an account executive and most recently served as vice presi- dent and regional manager of the com- pany’s division in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mailey and his family live in Orchard Park. Hank Russell is public relations director for Public Relations & Marketing Group (PRMG), Inc. in Patchogue, N.Y. He writes press releases, contacts media outlets about upcoming events, writes and edits The Patchogue-Medford News and main- tains the www.PatchMedNews.com. He previously worked for Suffolk Life Newspapers in Riverhead, N.Y., as a freelance writer for Enterprise Imaging & Therapeutic Radiology Management magazine in King of Prussia, Pa., and as a contribut- ing editor to The North Atlantic Review, a literary magazine in Stony Brook, N.Y.

1991 — Dean Huya was promoted to senior vice president of Special Assets and Workouts at Southwest Savings Bank. He oversees collections, restruc-
Luongo wins rowing medal

Dr. Fred Luongo, '75, (pictured above in the yellow jersey) won a silver medal in the Canadian National Indoor Rowing Championships’ Lightweight 55-59 Division. The event was featured on many of the Canadian gold medal winners from the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

Luongo achieved the Million Meters Rowed Club last year. His 30-year r...
Hohlian’s good journey takes her to Peru
The Peruvian Andes are a world away from urban life, but that suits Debbie Hohlian, ’75, just fine. Hohlian has been living in the steep valley of Pamapornos, Peru, since October 2008, when she arrived for mission work at St. James the Apostle Parish.

Her mission duties include keeping the parish books, helping students prepare for confirmation, and organizing prayer groups in several of the many small farming villages that are part of the parish.

Hohlian and her parish colleagues were featur- ed in a Catholic News Service story in December, when she shared how her jour-

By Jocelyn Thomas

Hohlian’s mission work has led her to a remote valley in the central Peruvian Andes. As the Vicar of St. Bonaventure Parish in her home town of Wilmington, Del., as a Franciscan volunteer, she then at a community services center before

“Just you have to live your faith, walk your faith and be who you are,” she said. “Your actions speak louder than words.” Follow Hohlian’s experiences on her blog, http://pperu.blogspot.com/.

UBCs draw together 1,200 alumni and friends

Pictured at the Central Jersey UBC are: Susan Pamparoma of Peru, since October 2008, when she arrived for mission work at St. James the Apostle Parish.

UBCs offered several different elements — the showing of a video about the history of the university and an SBU update by a guest speaker. According to Joe Flanagan, ’74, director of Alumni Services, who said more than 1,200 alumni and friends participated in the series.

Many participants enjoyed perusing the list of 83 “Things you can do to help St. Bonaventure University,” produced by the NAAB, and displays of SBU memorabilia. Guests left each celebration with a colorful wall calendar created by the campus Photography Club, a prayer card and a warm feeling about the university. Scenes and facts from the move are, no doubt, now part of their collective SBU memories.

Plans for a similar series of alumni events are being considered for the future, said Ranagan. “The university wants to continue to capture the enthusiasm of the SBU commu- nity.”

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Alumni deaths

Rogel E. Johnson, ’60
James F. Ohanlon, ’80
John M. Brannan, ’61
Paul D. Burns, ’82
George Knipe Worthing, ’82
Joseph Lapp, ’63
Francis I. Malley, ’63
Patrick J. Cano, ’64
Raynard B. Cantin, ’64
Edward E. Kieszek, ’65
St. Karen Burns, O.S.F., ’65
Dennis M. Duffy, ’65
Kenneth J. Joross, ’65
Douglas W. Delpe, ’66
Joseph S. Bartlett, ’67
Dean B. Sholt, ’67
Barbara M. (Robb) Murney, ’68
Margaret Schlagl O’Connor, ’68
Robert W. Banos, ’69
St. James Giribelli, C.S.J., ’69
Patrick J. Kaucic, ’70
Bruce V. Taggart, ’70
Nicholas J. Varatano, ’70
Tenace M. O’Keefe McKiernan, ’72
Eugene M. Rigud, ’72
Linda C. Claseen, ’74
Robert P. Curry, ’74
Gerald Duff, ’74 (MEd)
Catherine M. Malley, ’78
Ursula M. (Gnanasekaran) Naik, ’78
Francois A. Ryan, ’78
Kim L. Genusa Kowalski, ’81
William C. McDermott, ’82
Janet E. Bald, ’87 (MEd)

In Memoriam

Dr. Leslie Badanes, a longtime professor of German at the university, died March 24, 2009. Badanes taught at St. Bonaventure from 1968 until 1994 and was active in Olean Community Theater.

Dr. Daniel V. Brislane, a longtime faculty member in the Department of English, died March 6, 2009. Brislane began his employment at St. Bonaventure in the 1960s as an associate professor of English literature with a specialty in 18th Century British literature. His love of theater led him to take many student groups to plays in the region, and he participated in many ways with the operation of the university swim team.

Gregory Pavone, ’51, died April 1, 2009, in Olean. After retiring from Dresser Clark in 1986, he enjoyed working as manager of the St. Bonaventure Golf Course Caddy Shack for more than 20 years.

Cheryl L. Peters, former of the University’s Bona Express office, died Jan. 15, 2009, in Olean. Peters had been employed at St. Bonaventure since 1981.

Fr. Evank Banks, O.F.M.,

Fr. Evank Banks, O.F.M., who served for almost 20 years in several roles at St. Bonaventure, died March 21, 2009.

He was received into the Order of Friars Minor in Holy Holy Name Province on Aug. 12, 1943, at St. Bonaventure Friary in Patterson, N.J. He professed his first vows there Aug. 14, 1945, before Fr. Bertrand Campbell, O.F.M. Upon completion of theological studies, he taught at Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo from 1951 to 1954. He then joined the faculty of St. Bonaventure as instructor of theology. He was also director of student activities from 1958 to 1963. In 1963, he enlisted as chaplain in the United States Air Force. Four years later, he was reassigned to St. Bonaventure, where he served as guardian of the friary until 1973.

Fr. Evan then began an extensive ministry at the Franciscan parishes in northern New Jersey. He last actively served as parochial vicar at St. Anne’s Parish in Fair Lawn from 1991 to 2004. In August 2008, Fr. Evan retired to St. Anthony Friary.

Fr. Alcin C. Coyne, O.F.M.

Fr. Alcin C. Coyne, O.F.M., ’51, ’54, a pro- fessor franciscan for 59 years and a priest for 54, died Dec. 4, 2008. He was promi- nent in theological education for four decades.

From 1963 to 1970, he was professor of canon law at the Christ the King Seminary, the School of Theology of St. Bonaventure University, becoming vice rector in 1964 and academic dean in 1968. From 1965 to 1975, he also chaired the Department of Sacred Science at the universi- ty, while serving on the Presidential Advisory Board (1963 to 1970) and the Graduate Council (1965 to 1975).

From 1970 to 1979, he held a number of posts at Washington Theological Union in Silver Spring, Md., before being named in 1981 as president of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

In 1985, he was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Church on West 31st Street in New York City, where he developed the largest adult education program within the Archdiocese of New York. He co-authored “The Church Under Tension” and wrote articles in professional theological journals.

In 2006, he received an honorary degree from St. Bonaventure, in recognition of his contributions to the Franciscan intellectual life. Fr. Alcin was received into the Order of Friars Minor in Holy Holy Name Province on Aug. 12, 1948, at St. Bonaventure Friary in Patterson, N.J., with the religious name of Alcin. He professed simple vows there Aug. 13, 1949, before Fr. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M.
BonAlumnus Weddings

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Susan Leahy, ’86, and Pete Kinsella
Colleen Mayo, ’06, and Patrick Carr, ’05
Maureen Madden, ’94, and Lewis Desatnik
Kieran Conaty, ’97, and Savannah Slocombe
Karen Breen, ’00, and Brian Musdak
Hilary Schuler, ’01, and Chriss Cabodi
Danielle Lepper, ’05, and Andy Schoeneman, ’05
David Pat, ’04, and Annette Ackley
Shane Liebler, ’03, and Taylor Wilson, ’04
Amanda Potter, ’98, and Andrew Jordan
Jennifer Liebel, ’04, and Daniel Cooper
Terry Neidl, ’04, and Stephanie Counts
Maureen O’Hara, ’07, and David Patello, ’07
Colin Fitzpatrick, ’95, and Melissa Moore
Capt. Adam McCully, ’99, and Capt. Ellen Jackman
Amalie Donius, ’08, and Steve Oroho, ’08

Spring/Sumer ’09

Additional Wedding Announcements

Brian Carey, ’89 and Amy Mizialko
Grace Ann DeMarco, ’89, and Charles Gollnick
Mary Moser, ’96, and Charles Sims
Amy Burkleon, ’98, and Michael Sullivan
Raymond Pearles, ’99, and Danielle Moreau
Laura Schmalzbauer, ’03, and Jonathan Robbins
Maria Costa, ’06, and Lane Quinelli
Courtney Lee, ’08, and Trevor Lasher
Bridget Frazis, ’08, and Alex Querns

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• mail to F.O. Box 2509,
  St. Bonaventure University,
  St. Bonaventure, NY 14778

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Don’t forget to notify us of your new name or address! Update your information at Bon’s Online at http://alumni.sbu.edu.
Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Christopher Nicholas to Wendy and John "Mark" Lippert, ’74
Thomas Richard to Cecilia and Rich Mullin, ’81
Liam to Krista and David Donovan, ’84
Victoria Rose to Michael and Jacqueline (George) Bollinger, ’87
Maximillian Bartholomew to David and Mary Beth (Lynch) Hogan, ’88
Asher Gao to Vincent Alamo and Susan Lenni, ’88
Emily and Sarah to Daniel Lerner and Jennifer Carrow, ’89
Shay Katherine and Sidney Ann to Caroline and George J. Trepel, ’89
Katharine Mary to John and Margaret (Geuswein) Wainwright, ’89
Alina Sloan to Deborah Lee and Kevin Gellaher, ’90
William Donovan to Kerry (Donovan), ’93, and Sean Byrnes, ’91
Liam Robert to Carolyn and James Chave, ’91
Timothy Ignatius to Suzanne (Meeney), ’90, and Joseph Gannon, ’91
Lily Grace to Heather and Brian Maher, ’91
Benjamin David to Linda (Fawls), ’92, and B. David Myles, ’91
Marc Edouard and Michael Victor to Edbrood and Karen (Roll) Trabuls, ’91
Casey James to Jennifer and Christopher Krakay, ’92
Henry Cadden to Steve and Carolyn (Burns) Peloquin, ’92
Laya Morgan to Fred and Jennifer (Creighton) Stanberry, ’92
Luke Thomas and Aidan James to Karen (Becker), ’94, and John Hynes, ’93
Alexa Delia and Madison Nora to Brett and Christa (Schultz) Karschner, ’93
Caroline Rose to Stephanie (Berglund), ’96, and John Mordat, ’93
Ryan Mary to Israel and Kellene (Kennedy) Morris, ’93
Liam Seamus to Steven Cooley and Kelly Rohan, ’93
Henry Tegh to Mark and Jennifer (Palczewski) Bickerstaff, ’94
Sophia Grace to Patrick and Christy (Clemente) Condon, ’94
Margaret Jean Ying Hui to Lisa Milbrand, ’94, and Michael Dabaie, ’94
Luke Francis to Julie and Mark Salman, ’94
Daniela Ava to Anthony and Erin Evans DiMartino, ’95
Gabriel James to Ariel Pereira and Susan Gaffney, ’95
Sarah Rose to Erik and Ann McCauley Johnson, ’95
Brady Francis and Colin Joseph to Jennifer (Fleming), ’95, and Timothy Londergan, ’95
Emmet Charles to Jeff and Heather (Weidner) Stiltely, ’95
Kalen Teresa to Keith and Monica (Carbo) Zdimal, ’95
Joshua James to Kevin and Michele (Roll) Marks, ’96
Sydney Anne to John and Tracy (Kilbride) McGulloch, ’96
Taya Kate to Leandra and Joshua Sweet, ’96
Liam Maurice to Steve and Donna (Rockey) Trailln, ’96
Ala Anne to Michael and Katie (Matrone) DeVagno, ’97
Conrad Jack to Stacey (Goodspeed), ’99, and Tim Denniston, ’97
Madeleine Clare to Kimberly (Balthazer), ’96, and Francis Kayiwa, ’97
Juliana Elizabeth to Susan and Joseph Gonsiorz, ’98
Brandon Hunter to Eric and Danielle (Kneile) Kretzer, ’98
Madeline Rose to Maureen (Freyer), ’98, and Michael Wren, ’98
Mary Clare to Gregory and Angela (Defantino) Coogan, ’99
Ashley Belle to Nick and Karin (Neumann) Gianforti, ’99
Alexander Collier to Shannan (Collier) ’98, and Andrei Krasnikowski, ’99
Siena Ann to Amy and Joseph Rogalski, ’99
Mia Paige to Stephanie (LaMarca), ’98, and Jerrold Whelan, ’99
Charlotte Bryce to Michael and Michele (Cornish) Alberti, ’00
Andrew Edward to Jeremy and Michelle (Edwards) Brown, ’00
Lillian Grace to Heather (Lyon), ’00, and Jason Fulminas, ’00
Giana Rose to Gina (DeBergalis), ’01, and Michael Cimini, ’01
Kaelyn Marie to Eric and Kristin (Miller) Hall, ’00, ’01
John David to Penny (Soto), ’02, and Jonathan Myler, ’01
Baley Anne to Melissa (Bertollo), ’02, and David Pietrocola, ’01
Grace Meredith to Tobor and Kate (Lewis) Torok, ’01
Taya Rose to Catherine (Chappell), ’03, and Martin DeBock, ’02
Nathaniel George to Joy (Knerl), ’00, and Lucas Fink, ’02
Grant Emerson to Melissa (Keilholz), ’02, and Luke LePage, ’02
Thomas Fitzpatrick to Kerry ( Fitzpatrick), ’02, and Ryan Enright, ’03
Ashley Marie to Kimberly (Pohlman), ’03, and Justin Keller, ’02, ’03
Avery Alexander and Cameron Ava to Adam Camody and Sandra Listie, ’04
Ashley Marie to Diana (Polotti), ’06, and Bradley Owens, ’05, ’06

With his induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame Feb. 14, Fr. Gerald McGaffrey, O.F.M., became the fifth friar to be heralded with the honor. Fr. Gerald, who in 2008 commemorated 50 years of priesthood, was based at St. Bonaventure from 1953-1970. During that time, he served as the university’s vice president of student affairs, athletic department chaplain, moderator of athletics, and math professor.

Fr. Gerald was a fixture at many athletic events and, for many student-athletes, was the Franciscan heart and face of St. Bonaventure University.
This year marks a significant double anniversary for Bonas Semester in Spain program: the 30th anniversary of the Seville program itself and the 25th anniversary of St. Bonaventures partnership in it. To understand why the Semester in Spain program has flourished here for 25 years, talk to program participants, said Alice Sayegh, director of International Studies.

"My time in Seville was the greatest time of my life," said Kari Tarnowski, 09 (at left). "I met some of the most interesting people from throughout the United States and the world."

Eileen Snyder Finn, 95, who teaches Spanish at Allegany-Limestone Central School, said her experience in Spain "became the cornerstone of my teaching career. The semester abroad provided more experiences and opportunities than imaginable."

"Seville became my second home" this year.

St. Bonaventure has been the portal through which many students in the U.S. have entered the program. Franklinville native Jane Watson Joy graduated from Quincy University in Quincy, Ill., and attended the Semester in Spain program through St. Bonaventure. "It was truly the highlight of my college career," she said. "I can remember thinking to myself that all college students who have the opportunity to study abroad should take advantage of it."

The program is offered through the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS). St. Bonaventure joined the CCIS in 1984 and became a key cosponsor of the Semester in Spain program, enabling University of Seville courses to be approved by a four-year partner institution.

Sayegh said SBU has one of its largest summer and fall groups studying abroad next semester. "Students have become 'shopper savvy' and with good advisement, we have been able to find great locations that will satisfy students' financial and academic needs," she said. Students will be heading to Japan, China, Czech Republic, Ireland, England, Australia, and Greece in the coming months.

Ready, set, blog

• Two students share their opportunities at http://bonniesblogabroad.blogspot.com/. Amelia Diamond, J/MC, just returned from the Gold Coast of Australia at Bond University and Brian Walsh, a history major, is studying in Ireland at the National University of Ireland at Galway.
• Dr. Michael Chiariello blogs about the Franciscan Heritage Program in Perugia, Italy: http://perugiajournal.blogspot.com/.