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Strong Medicine
La Salle Lays the Groundwork for Generations of Doctors
Lasallian Values:

Blending Soul and Science

Editor’s Note: William F. Haynes Jr., M.D., FACC, Th.M., ’01, is a retired physician living in Princeton, N.J. He was in private practice in the areas of internal medicine and cardiology for over 38 years. In an effort to bridge the gap between the physical healing of the patient through medicine and emotional or spiritual healing, he authored two books on the subject. Dr. Haynes graduated from La Salle’s Graduate Religion program in 2001 at age 75, receiving the program’s Outstanding Student Award. Today, the famed doctor is a well-respected author and lecturer on the blending of soul and science in medicine and is a Third Order Franciscan. He has been an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine for the past 30 years.

I have been interested in prayer as an adjunct to standard medical treatment in the practice of medicine for over 20 years.

The first 20 years I considered myself trained as a “scientist” and felt quite at home in treating heart attacks and other common medical problems. But should someone be suffering from false guilt, a lack of reconciliation, or other symptoms suggesting a need for inner healing, my response was likely to be a referral to a psychologist, a prescription for Valium, or a pat on the back. No one ever mentioned God or prayer during my training.

Initially I felt I wasn’t “certified” to pray with a patient. (Doctors have to be certified for everything.) But, in short, I had a personal loss in 1980 where prayers by patients, friends, pastors, priests, nuns, and retreats were all much needed and most welcome.

Prayers were answered; God had never left me, even during the healing time spent in my own “desert.” The obvious conclusion for me was that if an inner healing can happen to this formerly zipped-up scientist, why not bring prayer to my patients? So that is what happened and continues to this day.

Prayers are answered. Healings will always occur. Even terminally ill cancer patients will have some healings though a cure is unlikely. Physician-patient bonding occurs and leads to better relationships. Recent studies suggest prayer can lead to more favorable medical outcomes. Imagine the joy of hearing the first words uttered by a number of long-standing “prayer partners” as they enter the office: “Don’t forget, before I leave, we have to pray together!”

I enrolled at La Salle with the hope of getting a better underpinning in theology. The time spent in pursuing this was beyond my expectations.
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This issue of *La Salle Magazine* is a tribute to the vast number of medical doctors who got their start at La Salle. Most were biology majors as undergraduates who went on to earn degrees from some of the most prestigious medical schools in the country. Others began as education, psychology, and all other types of majors, and decided to pursue a career in medicine later in life. Some have distinguished themselves as leaders in their fields, while others have made significant contributions to the community through their humanitarian efforts. Whatever the case may be, the stories that fill the following pages capture just a glimpse of the scores of doctors who have made their alma mater proud.

We’re sure that you’ll be impressed by the high caliber of physicians, dentists, surgeons, veterinarians, and medical researchers who have walked the halls of the University. We’re even more sure that there are countless other accomplished doctors we have failed to recognize due to space and time constraints. We welcome you to share these stories with us for publication in future issues.

As always, we invite any questions or comments you have through our Website at www.lasalle.edu/alumni, or by mail at: *La Salle Magazine*, 1900 W. Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141.
When I enrolled at La Salle University (then still a College) in 1962, I really had no idea what I wanted to do. Basically interested in science rather than business or the arts, I declared a biology major, largely because several of my close friends who had physicians in their family were headed in that direction—hardly the story of the boy who wanted to be a doctor all of his life.

Little did I know the passion for medicine that I would acquire over the ensuing years. Inspired by now-legendary teachers in the Biology Department (such as Dr. John Penny, ’37, and Father John Bogacz), I managed to earn entrance into Temple University Medical School and, still not knowing what I wanted to specialize in, went on to do a rotating internship at Abington Memorial Hospital.

Upon completion of my internship, I enrolled in the Indian Health Service and served on Indian reservations in Arizona for two years. The diversity of this experience caring for Native Americans lit the light bulb: What about pursuing the developing field of emergency medicine?

When I enrolled in the emergency medicine residency at the Los Angeles County Hospital, it was only one of five in the country at the time (there are currently 126). Upon completing the residency and establishing a practice in Van Nuys, Calif. (my ER group was the first to be all emergency medicine-trained in the United States), I soon grew restless and started developing emergency medicine-related projects to fill my spare time.

I was a slow starter, but once I found my passion for emergency medicine, I never looked back. It has been an extraordinary adventure.

I just wanted to update you on what I am doing and how La Salle started me on my way. I am currently working part-time as part of a group practice here in Rochester, N.Y., employed by the Strong Health System. I am a family practitioner and also a clinical instructor in the medical school, and I have students and residents rotating with me through our office. I love my job! I can work and be home for three children after school.

I had a number of inspiring teachers at La Salle that I still remember fondly. I attribute much of my openness to another point of view to Dr. Joseph Devlin of the Religion Department. He really encouraged me to think. I would apply what I was learning to music I heard and movies I saw. My freshman English professor, Marjorie Allen, would not let me rest on my high school laurels. She really taught me how to write. What can I say about Norbert Belzer, ’64? I loved every class he taught. His enthusiasm for even Botany (yes, Botany!) was contagious. Leo Rudnitzky, ’58, was an excellent German teacher. Bert Strieb was the BEST teacher I had at La Salle. He made Physics fun, and I still think about his science and technology class.

What I learned at La Salle was more than a bunch of facts and figures. I learned to look at my surroundings and see how everything is integrated in a meaningful way, whether it is be related to work, the arts, or relationships in general.

Thanks!

Diana Herrmann, M.D., ’87
Creatures Great and Small

Editor’s Note: Christopher Bukata, V.M.D., ’76, is a partner at Murray Hill Veterinary Associates in New Providence, N.J., where he divides his practice between small animal surgery and medicine (mammals only!) with special interests in ophthalmology and oncology.

I remember the Junior class meeting with former Biology Department Chairman Brother James Muldoon, ’55. He was discussing the rigorous academic requirements necessary for medical school admission. When he added that it had been quite a while since a La Salle graduate had been accepted to a school of veterinary medicine, I felt he had directed a personal challenge to me to gain admission to the Veterinary School at the University of Pennsylvania. I had always had a keen interest in animals, science, and medicine, and Br. James’ reference to the arduous admissions process galvanized my aspirations. With his help, along with Dr. Norbert Belzer’s (’64) Biology and Genetics courses, Dr. John Penny’s (’37) Histology, and Br. Richard Hawley’s Anatomy class (and having survived the winnowing process delivered by Drs. Stephen Longo, ’65, and Thomas Straub), I was accepted at Penn. I soon found that my background at La Salle was a distinct advantage in vet school, where much of what I was taught my first year had already been covered in my undergraduate studies.

For the last 22 years. I have found that veterinary medicine is never boring. I have started the morning working on 1,100-pound thoroughbred racehorses, then moved down the weight scale to repairing a fractured leg on a 100-pound German Shepherd, then ending the day performing an ovariohysterectomy on a two-pound ferret. As specialization has entered our field, I now primarily do medicine and surgery on companion animals, but I still vividly remember being chased by two Emus (flightless South American birds with a WICKED ability to kick) at a local zoo.

Vital Signs

Walter J. Rogan, M.D., ’71

Education:
B.A. in Biology from La Salle, ’71
M.D. from the University of California, San Francisco, ’75
M.P.H. in Biostatistics from the University of California Berkeley, ’75

Title:
Senior Investigator, Epidemiological Branch, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, (NIEHS)—one of the National Institutes of Health

Field of Study:
Environmental Chemicals and Pediatrics

Dr. Rogan’s research attempts to understand and prevent childhood poisoning, such as lead poisoning and the effects of pesticide residue in breast milk.

Work Experience:
Started working at NIEHS as a Staff Associate in 1976. He was Medical Officer in the Epidemiology Branch until 1986, Chief of Epidemiology until 1991, Associate Director of the Division of Biometry and Risk Assessment through 1993, and Acting Clinical Director in the Division of Intramural Research until 1997, after which he returned to the Epidemiology Branch as Senior Investigator.

Last Word:
“A professor of mine at La Salle, C.B. Wurtz, needed cheap labor for the work he was doing regarding the environmental impact of mines and power plants. Working for him was my first experience with the environmental health field. Because of this, I got a job as a Staff Associate at the NIEHS—that was in 1976—and I never left.”
MASS MEDIA AND MEDICINE

BY JON CAROULIS

While taking notes in Brother James Muldoon's ('55) biochemistry class, Brian McDonough, M.D., '80, heard his teacher explain how the information could be applied when doctors were treating patients.

"Something struck me and I thought, 'Wow, it made a connection,'" said McDonough, now a doctor who is well-known in the Philadelphia region for his health reports on WTX-TV and KYW NewsRadio.

At the time, McDonough was majoring in both biology and English, and wasn't sure of his plans. But after seeing how what he learned could be used to help people, he leaned toward a career in medicine.

He attended La Salle on a Christian Brothers Scholarship, but he saw that he would get a larger scholarship if he majored in English, so he completed a double major. The English came much easier: "I'd study four hours a night," he said. "I spent 75 percent of the time on the science courses. The English came more naturally."

After graduating from La Salle, he went on to Temple University's School of Medicine.

His communication skills have served him as well as his science background, even though he had to learn the language of broadcasting.

After McDonough's first appearance on TV, sportscaster Howard Eskin said, "Easy, huh?"

PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS

BY JON CAROULIS

"I always said I wanted to be a doctor, but I didn't have a clue what it meant," said Walter P. Lomax Jr., M.D., '53. He said it wasn't until he started studying with other pre-med students that he began to understand what it meant to be a physician.

After finishing his medical education, Lomax unknowingly started a second education—learning how to operate a business. He opened a solo practice at 18th and Wharton Streets, around the corner from where he grew up. It grew, so he acquired an adjacent property. "I was able to attract three physicians to come into the inner city to practice. That was unheard of at the time," he recalled.

Eventually, Lomax opened six healthcare clinics in the region, managing 22 doctors. In 1984, he obtained a contract to provide healthcare services at prisons, eventually overseeing 70 facilities in 15 states. He then ventured into the HMO field as a co-founder of AmeriChoice, which was sold several months ago.

As for his entrepreneurial education, it was a trial and error method: "I learned (business) as I went along. You need a good memory, so you can memorize the mistakes you made, so you won't repeat them," he said.

Today, Lomax is still involved with La Salle as a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

Letters...

I am proud of my La Salle education and in retrospect, can more fully appreciate how it contributed to my lifetime achievements. (My father and two brothers graduated from La Salle and my nephew is a freshman this year.)

I attended Jefferson Medical College, completed my Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency at the University of Pennsylvania, and received my M.B.A. from Johns Hopkins in 2000. My private practice is in Annapolis, Md. I integrate traditional musculoskeletal healthcare with science-based medical nutrition interventions to support individuals in sustainable lifestyle change that optimizes their medical treatments and health. As an extension of this and my M.B.A., I developed a service that meets the challenge of providing comprehensive health promotion services in the workplace. This is an integrated tool that provides the support for workers to enhance workers' health, thereby enhancing productivity and maintaining competitiveness in the global economy. The program also supports the organization with a robust online database tool that measures outcomes and meets the needs of management to demonstrate the return on their investment.

Many La Salle professors, both in and out of the science department, greatly contributed to my education. However, there are several that I recall with great fondness. Brother James Mulldoon, '55, facilitated a research project when I was a senior in high school. It was a successful adventure and I received a great deal of recognition for this, which certainly helped my CV. He took a chance with me being in his lab, and I sincerely appreciate that opportunity. I'll never forget his warning when I was being instructed on the safe use of the ultracentrifuge and how, unbalanced, could summarily destroy the lab. I was continuously in awe of Dr. John S. Penny, '37. The depth of his learning and acuity of memory were simply brilliant. Lastly, I fondly recall my lunches with Dr. Roland Holroyd, who provided great encouragement, and perspective during my years at La Salle.

Frederick J. Satter, M.D., M.B.A., '77
A Family Legacy

By Jon Caroulis

Denise Markmann, ’98, is following in some very well-worn footsteps.

The young doctor in training is carrying on a long La Salle connection between the school and her family, as the second generation to go into medicine, and the third generation to graduate from La Salle.

Her father, William, ’70, is an orthopedic surgeon at Jeannes Hospital in Philadelphia. Her uncles, Daniel, ’85, and James, ’83, are plastic and transplant surgeons, respectively, in the Baltimore and Philadelphia areas. Her three aunts were graduated from La Salle’s School of Nursing. Her grandfather, Joseph, ’49, was a long-time accounting professor at the University. Denise is in her final year at Jefferson Medical College (and helped her father as part of her education).

When William Markmann, M.D., entered La Salle, he wasn’t sure of what he wanted to do.

“I asked what the top programs were and I was told accounting and pre-med,” he says. “I took pre-med and got interested in it.”

He says his studies at La Salle prepared him very well for the rigors of medical school: “In my first year we used three of the same texts we read at La Salle. It made life easier,” he says with a chuckle.

By the time Daniel Markmann, M.D., was in La Salle College High School, he knew he wanted a career in medicine. One of his favorite high school teachers was Brother Tom McPhillips, ’72, who then joined the University’s faculty and taught Daniel again. “He was excellent,” says Daniel, adding that, “Brother James Muldoon, ’55, was incredible, very inspiring. And Ann Mickle was very good.”

James Markmann, M.D., became interested in a medical career in high school. He majored in biology at La Salle (and served on the school’s judicial board). While at La Salle he had the opportunity to do research at the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Medicine, and became interested in transplant operations. Today, he is a surgeon in that area and part of a transplant team at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center—one of the 10 busiest in the nation for transplanting kidneys and livers.

“I had a great time at La Salle,” he says. “My goals and interests became more clearly defined there.”

Vital Signs

John W. Becher, D.O., ’65

Education: B.S. in Biology/Secondary Education from La Salle, ’65; D.O. from PCOM, ’70.

Title: Professor and Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at PCOM since 1981; Chairman, Emergency Services Department, Atlantic City Medical Center in Atlantic City, N.J.; Adjunct Professor of Surgery (Emergency Medicine) at Thomas Jefferson University since 2000.

Accomplishments: Founded the Department of Emergency Medicine at PCOM in 1978. Launched an Emergency Medicine Residency Program—the first of its kind in the osteopathic profession—at PCOM in 1979, and served as the program’s first director until 1989.


Noteworthy: Part of a national movement among emergency department physicians to receive recognition of emergency medicine as a specialty, particularly in the osteopathic profession, in the early 70s.

Last Word: “There’s a certain amount of satisfaction you get out of helping people when results are often seen right away. If someone dislocates a shoulder, we relocate it for them. If they have an asthma attack, we help to improve their breathing. Working in the emergency room is very rewarding.”
A RESEARCHER REMEMBERS
BY KIMBERLY DUGAN

John T. Potts, M.D., '53, has learned from many throughout his long and distinguished career. Despite the many teachers he had along the way, the first and foremost on his mind is from La Salle.

"The most impressive teacher I have ever had anywhere in my life was Claude Koch, '40," Potts said. "He was truly a great teacher and a stimulator of original thought. I spent as much time studying English and poetry at La Salle as I did the sciences because of him."

"The broad education at La Salle — the combining of literature and science — was really important, especially for someone who wants to become a physician. Medicine is much more than merely science," Potts said.

"Dr. Roland Holroyd (Professor of Biology) and Dr. John Penny, '37, (Professor of Biology) also come to mind when thinking back to my La Salle days," Potts recalled. "Dr. Holroyd was a remarkable force and Dr. Penny was equally impressive. I was always impressed with La Salle's high standards and quality teachers."

After earning his B.A. in Biology from La Salle, Potts went on to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He interned and did his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and then proceeded to work for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and worked with Nobel Laureate Christian Anfinsen in protein chemistry. He remained at NIH until 1968, when he returned to MGH as Chief of the Endocrine Unit. He later served as Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Physician-in-Chief. He is currently MGH's Director of Research and is the Jackson Distinguished Professor of Medicine at Harvard.

In his current role as Director of Research, Potts is responsible for helping develop policies and strategies for preserving and strengthening the extensive scientific research effort at MGH. His basic research interests are in parathyroid hormone and calcium and bone metabolism. His clinical work is on disorders of calcium metabolism and osteoporosis. He is an author of 400 scientific and medical publications in his field.

"My hospital role is to strengthen the research base of science within our institution. I am trying to better connect scientists with philanthropic and industrial sources to build up our research endowment and support," said Potts, who is recognized internationally as a premier academic.

La Salle selected Potts as a Holroyd Lecturer in 1981 and as the Holroyd Award recipient in 2000. (The Holroyd Award recognizes distinguished contributions by an alumnus in the medical profession while the lecture provides an opportunity to hear an expert in the field address a topic of timely importance.)

"I was very honored by both," Potts said. "I remember giving the lecture fondly because Dr. Holroyd was still alive then and I had a great time reconnecting with him."

HOLROYD AWARD RECIPIENTS

'02 John M. Draganescu, M.D., FACP, '79
'01 C. Jules Rominger, M.D., '46
'00 John T. Potts Jr., M.D., '53
'99 William J. Daly, M.D., '72
'98 Harry T. Chugani, M.D., '72
'97 Warren E. Smith, M.D., '54
'96 Joseph C. Flanagan, M.D., '59
'95 Joseph F. Majdian, M.D., '71
'94 John M. Daly, M.D., '69
'94 John F. Carabello, D.M.D., '62
'93 Br. James Muldoon, F.S.C., Ph.D., '55
'92 G. Russell Reiss, M.D., '53
'91 Charles J. Wolf III, M.D., '65
'90 Br. Paul Sprissler, F.S.C., Ph.D.
'89 Br. Richard Hawley, F.S.C.
'88 Edward J. Stemmler, M.D., '50
'87 Henry G. DeVincent, M.D., '56
'86 Ralph Tekel, Ph.D.
'85 Br. Claude Demitrus, F.S.C., Ph.D., '53
'85 In Memoriam
Roland Holroyd, Ph.D.
'84 Br. F. Christopher, F.S.C., Ph.D.
'83 John J. Helwig Jr., M.D., '50
'82 Francis H. Sterling, M.D., '56
'81 Francis J. Braceland, M.D., '26
'80 John S. Penny, Ph.D., '37
LEARNING FROM THE PROS

BY JON CAROULIS

Sometimes the answer is in your own backyard. When Dr. Geri Seitchik was trying to find physician mentors for students in La Salle’s Pre-Health Program, she realized there was a great resource nearby: the Albert Einstein Medical Center, a mere six blocks from the University.

Two years ago, Seitchik teamed up with Dr. John Handel, an orthopedic surgeon at Einstein, to develop the Shadow Program in which students in La Salle’s Pre-Health Program can follow residents and fellows at Einstein, observing their routines and interaction with patients. It’s strictly observational, but the students get to see doctors “in action” for four hours a day, once a week.

Last semester, 16 students were paired with doctors in three areas: orthopedics, emergency medicine, and nephrology. Some students even had the chance to observe in the operating room.

“Students are evaluated by the residents or fellows, and the evaluations have been glowing,” Seitchik remarked. “They say our students are curious about everything and very motivated.”

Fanta Waterman, ’04, a student in the program, was paired with Dr. Conchitina Crissostomo, a resident in nephrology at Einstein. In the time they spent together, she said she’s learned the difference between studying medicine and practicing medicine.

“Shadowing definitely puts into perspective what a doctor should be,” said Waterman, an Integrated Science, Business and Technology major. “I’ve learned that there needs to be strong communication between doctors and patients.”

GIVING BACK

BY JON CAROULIS

It wasn’t so long ago that Mark Angelo, M.D., ’93, was a Biology major at La Salle, so he finds it intriguing when he treats current students at the University’s health center, where he works two days a week.

“It’s interesting being on the other side,” he said. “I enjoyed my time at La Salle, and I wanted to give something back.”

He also practices at the Germantown Medical Center (close to campus), Albert Einstein Hospital, and in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia—serving two different populations that need different types of care, “I find the mix to be very rewarding,” he said. “In Germantown you deal with an inner city population, and Chestnut Hill tends to be suburbia. Each population has its own set of problems, and I enjoy taking care of the variety (of conditions) offered by both.”

Angelo said he was “very well prepared” by his La Salle teachers for the “massive amount” of information he had to learn in medical school. In addition to his practices, he is also an educator, teaching medical students and residents at Einstein and Chestnut Hill hospitals.

Vital Signs

Edward J. Stemmler, M.D., ’50

Education:
B.A. in Biology from La Salle, ’50
M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, ’50

Work Experience:
Held several positions at the University of Pennsylvania, among them are the Robert G. Dunlop Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Medical Outpatient Department, Chief of Medicine in the University Medical Service at the VA Hospital, Dean of the School of Medicine, and Executive Vice-President of the Penn Medical Center. He was named Dean Emeritus in 1989. In 1990, he left Penn and became the Executive Vice President of the Association of American Medical Colleges, from which he retired in 1994.

Noteworthy:
First recipient of the Robert G. Dunlop Professorship in 1981. In 1986, he was named Executive Vice President charged to create a new University entity, the Penn Medical Center. He organized this entity to include the Medical School, the University Hospital, and Clinical Practices. He served as the head of the Medical Center until 1994.

Last Word:
“I wasn’t sure I wanted to be a doctor so I didn’t apply to medical school immediately after graduating from La Salle. After graduation, I was in a small Intelligence Unit in the Korean War and when I came home I sold car parts for a while, I always had a sense of wanting to help others, so when I really thought about it becoming a doctor was one way to do that, so I applied to medical school six years after graduation and was lucky enough to be able to fulfill my sense of duty to community.”
A Call to Service
BY KIMBERLY DUGAN

“We..."I knew I wanted to be a doctor from the time I was in eighth grade," said Ronald A. Codario, M.D., '69. "I went to La Salle High School and La Salle College and the Christian Brothers’ commitment to community service really had an impact on me.”

Codario means it when he says the Christian Brothers’ call to service truly left an impression on him. Today, he serves as the Medical Director of Stand Down, a massive humanitarian effort to provide outreach and medical care to homeless veterans. Originating in 1994, this volunteer program has screened over 500 homeless veterans on an annual basis and has been instrumental in getting many veterans the guidance needed to refocus their lives.

"It’s a huge effort that takes place every year the first weekend after Labor Day at an 11-acre lot at Front and Erie Streets right across from Children’s Hospital,” Codario said. "We provide free physical examinations and resources to help people get back on their feet."

In addition to his humanitarian service, Codario has been in private practice, medical education, and clinical research for 27 years. He has also published several articles on various topics of medicine, has co-authored three medical information booklets for the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and is a recognized international authority on the effects of Agent Orange in Vietnam veterans.

La Salle honored Codario in 1983 for his humanitarian service with the Signum Fidei Award, and again in 1987, with the La Salle Student Government Association Community Service Award.

"During that time, I was doing work for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange," Codario said. "I examined 1,500 veterans for free, helping to establish a link between their exposure and various medical problems, including several different types of cancers.”

Codario became the chief medical expert for the veterans exposed to the dangerous chemical during a class action suit that took place.

"My research was able to add validity to the veterans’ claims and get them some much-needed acknowledgement from the government,” he said.

After he received his B.A. in Biology from La Salle, Codario earned his M.D. from Hahnemann Medical College in 1973.

"Academically, I was so well-prepared for medical school,” he said. "Much of my first year was repetitious because of the rigorousness of La Salle’s program. To do well in La Salle’s program, you really had to keep up with your studies. The professors were demanding and had very high standards.”

"I was influenced by many of my professors,” Codario continued. "Brother James Muldoon, ’55, was a mentor of mine. Dr. John Penny, ’37, Dr. Roland Holroyd, and Brother Gregorian Paul, also immediately came to mind. Their work ethic and professionalism really showed me what it means to be dedicated. They showed me that my profession was special and that I had the power to make a positive difference in the world.” L.

M.D. Trustees
A significant number of doctors serve the University in various capacities. Below are just a few examples of those who graciously give of themselves to help lead our University.

Henry De Vincent, M.D., ’56, was appointed to the Board of Trustees in May of 1986. Now retired, he spent most of his career at Holy Redeemer Hospital in Meadowbrook, Pa., as Chief of Orthopedic Surgery. A star baseball player at La Salle from 1953-56, he is the namesake of the University’s baseball field and the first player to have his number (8) retired.

Walter P. Lomax Jr., M.D., ’53, is the Chairman and C.E.O. of The Lomax Companies in Chalfont, Pa. He also serves as Executive Vice President of Health Affairs at AmeriChoice Corporation, which owns HMOs that manage the healthcare of Medicaid and Medicare recipients in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. He has been a trustee since October of 1992.

Morton Stanley Mandell, M.D., is a physician and cardiologist. He has served on the Boards of Temple Adath Israel, the Anti-Defamation League, Delaware Valley College, Gratz College, and the Philadelphia Geriatric Center. He has been serving on La Salle’s Board of Trustees since October of 1980.
Redirecting a Dream

By Katie Esposito, '02

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Jules Rominger, M.D., FACP, '44, didn’t always dream of being a doctor. “I wanted to be a chemical engineer until I met Dr. (Roland) Holroyd. He got me interested in medicine so I started taking Biology classes,” said Rominger, who received the 2001 Holroyd Award from La Salle University.

After completing three years of undergraduate studies in just two, Rominger went on to Jefferson Medical College and graduated in 1948.

“I was very well-prepared for medical school. La Salle has always had a good success rate with students being accepted into great schools.”

Following service in the United States Army, Rominger became a radiologist at Misericordia Hospital in 1954. Five years later, he was named Director of the Radiology Department.

Rominger has served as the Medical Director of the Radiation Therapy Technology Program at Gwynedd-Mercy College, and as Chairman of the Department of Radiation Therapy of Mercy Catholic Medical Center from 1972 through 1991. He has also served as President of the Philadelphia Roentgen Ray Society, the Greater New York Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, the Pennsylvania Radiological Society, the Philadelphia Division of the American Cancer Society, and the Keystone Area Society of Radiation Oncologists. He has authored or co-authored nearly 100 papers and poster exhibits.

He is currently working at Mercy Fitzgerald in Darby, Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia, and Norristown Regional Cancer Center in radiation oncology. Rominger and his wife, Martina, have five children and 16 grandchildren.

Martina and Dr. C. Jules Rominger, '44

Explorer Club Docs

The Explorer Club is the official fund development and booster organization for La Salle Athletics. It provides financial support for La Salle’s 23 intercollegiate sports programs through the generosity of its members. Below are the names of the alumni doctors who currently participate in the Club.

Mark Augello, D.C., '89
Wade Brosius, D.O., '88
Gerald Burke, M.D., '75
John Carabello, D.M.D., '62
Augustine Chialastri, D.D.S., '44
Paul Coady, M.D., '77
Michael Contorno, D.D.S., '70

Henry De Vincent, M.D., '56
Robin Gallagher, D.M.D., '72
William Markmann, M.D., '70
Joseph McMenamin, D.O., '48
Paul Simon, D.O., '78
Eugene Whitaker, D.M.D., '70
J. Michael Whitaker, M.D., '72

Vital Signs

Harry T. Chugani, M.D., '72

Education:
B.S. in Biology from La Salle, '72;
M.D. from Georgetown University School of Medicine

Title:
Professor and Chief of Pediatric Neurology, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University

Work history:
Joined the faculty at UCLA in 1981 and later became Professor. Stayed at UCLA for 12 years until he was recruited to Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University to head the Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Center, where he continues to work today.

Noteworthy:
Published extensively in the areas of brain development, childhood epilepsy, brain plasticity, and imaging of brain function using PET. Runs an active program in epilepsy surgery and has published over 100 peer-reviewed research articles.

Accolades:
Invited by President and Mrs. Clinton to the White House to participate in a conference on brain development and has been asked to testify in Congress on the subject. Has made appearances on “Good Morning America,” “Prime Time Live,” “The Today Show,” “20/20,” “World News Tonight with Peter Jennings,” and “McNeil-Lehrer Hour,” among others.

Last Word:
“I have always had a burning interest on how the brain works, and how disease processes can disrupt normal brain development. This interaction of pediatric neurological disorders with normal brain maturation is particularly challenging and fuels my interest. I have a special interest in epilepsy and autism, both of which have fascinated me over the years.”
What was it about La Salle University's Biology program that made Dana Buchanan, '99, move across the country to attend?

"Their track record," said Buchanan, a California native. "I had applied to Santa Clara University in California, but hardly anyone from that program got into medical school. They even offered me a bigger scholarship than La Salle, but with such an impressive track record, I had to come to La Salle."

An impressive track record indeed. For the past 20 years, roughly 98 percent of La Salle's students who applied to medical school got accepted.

Buchanan is in her fourth year of medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). She has recently completed a two-month rotation in emergency medicine and is currently interviewing for a residency in that field.

Buchanan was not always sure she wanted to be a doctor. She debated between going to medical school and earning a Ph.D. in Biology. She decided to leave it up to fate.

"I decided to take the MCAT and if I scored well enough, I would go to medical school, and if I didn't, then I would go on for my Ph.D.," she said.

"When I got my results, I thought I had scored 10 points lower than I actually did. I was crushed, and that is when it hit me that I really wanted to go to medical school. When I realized I actually scored higher, I was really happy and excited."

"I used to coach junior high volleyball and basketball, and if someone got hurt, I would be the one to stop coaching and take care of the kid with the sprained ankle," she recalled. "I think I always had a calling."

During her time at La Salle, Buchanan became an expert at using a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM). She was so skilled that Dr. Annette O'Connor, Associate Professor of Biology, asked her to write a simplified lab manual for other students.

A research project Buchanan joined at PCOM called for the use of an SEM. Buchanan knew La Salle had the equipment, which led to a partnering of the two schools.

"Dr. O'Connor and Dr. (Henry) Bart (Professor of Geology and Physics) helped me out a lot with my research and the use of the SEM," Buchanan said. "Dr. O'Connor has practically adopted me. I talk to her all the time. She has become a personal friend and one of my biggest influences."

"La Salle's program gave me the foundation I needed to expand upon in medical school," Buchanan said. "I have recommended La Salle to people who want to go to medical school—not only because of its track record, but the small class size and personal attention really make all the difference. The liberal arts component of the program also makes you really well-rounded, and that is what medical schools are looking for in their students."
In order to be happiest in life, Dr. Robert F. Gallagher, D.D.S., ‘48, believes you must decide on your own what it is that you really want to do and then commit yourself to making it happen. He decided more than 50 years ago that he wanted to save people’s teeth. He’s delighted that his oldest son, Robin, decided for himself that he wanted to do the same.

The root of it all

It was December of 1942 when an 18-year-old Robert decided he wanted to join the Navy to fight in World War II as a bomber pilot. The only problem was that they wouldn’t take him because of his overbite—saying that he needed good occlusion when dive-bombing or ear problems would develop.

Refusing to be discouraged by this setback, he enlisted in the Army instead. “They’ll take anybody,” he said with a smile. But only on one condition: He had to have eight diseased teeth pulled first.

“It was standard practice then,” Robert explained. “They didn’t want to send you overseas with teeth that might need care. It was quick and cheap to just pull them.”

Eventually, the young soldier received his long-awaited pilot training and joined the Army Air Corps. When he left the service two years later, in January of 1946, he set his sights on a new goal.

“This matter of teeth kept coming into my life,” he recalled. “I didn’t know anything about how to become a dentist at that point, but I knew that I wanted to save people’s teeth.”

So he enrolled in La Salle’s pre-dental program that February and went on to the University of Pennsylvania to earn his D.D.S. When his first son was born during his second year of dental school, he had no idea that he would later choose to follow in his footsteps.

Like father, like son

After graduating from La Salle with a psychology degree in 1972, Robin Gallagher was doing well for himself. He moved from Chestnut Hill to Miami, got married, and was earning a substantial amount of money working for Combustion Engineering. He was happy in his career, but something was missing.

“I had dreams about helping people who were in discomfort and I knew there was something else for me to do in life,” said Robin, who wrote to the president of his company requesting a year’s leave of absence. He used that time to decide what it is he wanted to do.

The next year, he was back at home attending the University of Pennsylvania’s Dental School.

“At first, I didn’t want to do what my dad was doing. I sort of had this complex about doing my own thing,” recalled the younger Gallagher, who said his father’s story of having his teeth extracted in the war always stuck with him. “But I guess subconsciously, I knew it was the right thing for me.”

A family legacy

After earning his D.M.D. from Penn, Robin joined his father’s practice in 1980. Ten years later, he became his partner. Together with three associates, they make up the Chestnut Hill Dental Group.

The office they share today on East Chestnut Hill Avenue is the same place that the elder Gallagher has practiced out of since 1960. Only then, it was their home, and he worked out of the downstairs until the family eventually moved and it was converted.

“I remember when my dad practiced downstairs and I always went down and saw him working on patients,” said Robin. “I never thought it’d be me.”

Robert is thrilled that his son shares his passion for dentistry, but was careful not to push him. “I’m just glad that Robin made the decision on his own. That’s what you have to do in order be happiest in life.”

With six generations of Gallaghers in the Chestnut Hill area, the father and son duo hope to have started a family tradition. “We’d love to get another generation out of them,” remarked Robert, who celebrated a milestone 50 years in practice this past October.
Healing the Community

BY KIMBERLY DUGAN

One of the first African Americans to graduate from La Salle's Pre-Med program in 1954, Smith was a selfless humanitarian and distinguished member of the medical profession. He dedicated his life to the underserved of his community to ensure that they received the best care possible.

"Warren truly cared about people. He had a love and deep concern for the underprivileged," his wife recalled. "He really wanted to make the world a better place."

After earning his M.D. from Hahnemann Medical College in 1957, Smith originally worked as a family physician. Through his family practice, he found that many of his patients' physical ailments stemmed from emotional roots. This discovery motivated him to specialize in psychiatry.

In addition to his private practice, Smith served as La Salle's psychiatrist for 15 years before retiring in 1984. His efforts are so highly regarded by the University community that the Warren E. Smith, M.D., '54, Award is presented every year to an African American who has demonstrated success in his or her field, made significant contributions to the community, and shown commitment to Lasallian values.

The City of Philadelphia has also recognized his work by naming almost a dozen treatment centers in his honor.

"Warren had very real and deep relationships with many of the faculty and staff at La Salle. He felt that they cared about him and the goals he set for himself," Mrs. Smith said. "The University offered him considerable support."

Smith is survived by his wife of 42 years—who retired in 1990 after 12 years as coordinator of La Salle's Academic Discovery Program, daughters Joy and Robin, '83, son Damian, and several grandchildren.
A Successful Experiment
BY Jon Carouls
Between his sophomore and junior years at La Salle, John Daly saw a flyer in the administration building announcing an opportunity to work with a medical researcher at the University of Pennsylvania during the summer. A Biology major, Daly thought it might be fun to try it out. He was accepted into the summer program, where, as part of his research, he came in contact with patients at the university’s hospital.

“There was a lot of access to patients, and I began to fall in love with taking care of patients,” he said. Daly went on to become a noted cancer surgeon, and is returning home to Philadelphia as the Dean of Temple University’s School of Medicine.

As a surgeon, Daly worked at some of the world’s leading cancer treatment centers, such as the Sloane-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Despite working against a deadly disease, Daly said that he has treated patients for several years “and I get to know them and their families. Some doctors take care of a patient and never see them again.”

One principle he hopes to teach future medical students is something he gleaned from his La Salle teachers: “Learning doesn’t end with medical school. Your whole career is a learning process.”

The Business Side of Medicine
BY Jon Carouls
Just because you’re not a doctor doesn’t mean you can’t be involved with medicine. Or work in a hospital.

Walter W. (Bill) Noce, ’67, had thought about being a doctor, but discovered “laboratory science wasn’t for me.” Upon the advice of a Christian Brother at La Salle, he visited Germantown Hospital to speak with one of its administrators, who happened to be a doctor and a La Salle graduate.

“He said I could still have a career in healthcare, that it’s management driven,” said Noce, “so I went to UCLA for a Master’s in Public Health and I’ve been here ever since.”

For the past seven years, he has been President and C.E.O. of Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. As a healthcare executive, Noce has to find the right balance between providing healthcare and maintaining fiscal health for the institution. “Medicine is more a challenge now,” he said. “You have to realize the different points of view: what the patient expects, what science allows, and what resources are available.”

Yet running an institution dedicated to caring for seriously ill children provides one economic advantage: “When trying to raise funds, people find it hard to say no when it’s for a sick child.”
Alive and Coaching

By Kimberly Dugan

Ralph Lewis, '85, was speechless when a La Salle Magazine staffer called to alert him that his name was mistakenly listed in the "In Memoriam" section of the latest issue. It was quite a shock to him because not only is he alive, but he is also on the verge of living out a life-long dream.

Growing up, Lewis, a former basketball star at La Salle, always wanted to make it to the National Basketball Association (NBA) as a player and then as a coach. After already playing in the NBA, he is ready to achieve his goal of becoming a head coach.

Lewis was recently named head coach of the Huntsville Flight, a part of the National Basketball Development League. In its second year of existence, the National Basketball Development League is a source for future NBA players, coaches, and staff.

"Last year was the league's inaugural season," Lewis said. "It was created by the NBA to develop players, coaches, and staff for NBA action."

Lewis is no stranger to NBA action. He was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 1985 and played in the NBA until 1992. During his time in the NBA, he also played with the Detroit Pistons and Charlotte Hornets.

"It was a great time. My first year with the Pistons, we went to the finals," he said. "We lost in the seventh game to the (Los Angeles) Lakers."

After playing for the NBA, Lewis played internationally for France and then for Canada.

In addition to playing in the NBA, Lewis also has some coaching experience. He was the Assistant Coach for the Sacramento Kings from 1997-98. And that is where he wants to be again—coaching in the NBA—but this time as a head coach.

"Playing and then coaching has always been the plan," he said. "I hope to be back in the NBA as an assistant coach within the next year or two. I would expect to be an assistant coach for three to five years, and hopefully by that time I will have put myself in a situation to be interviewed for a head coaching position."

As a walk-on to La Salle's basketball team back in 1981, Lewis had to work hard to make a name for himself.

"I had originally planned to go to Duquesne on a scholarship, but that fell through and I decided to stay home for school. I met Sam Rines, La Salle's assistant coach at the time, and he asked me to work out with the team," Lewis said. "I wasn't a big name coming out of high school or anything like that so I had to work really hard to get noticed."

His hard work paid off; Lewis earned a starting position at small forward midway through his freshman year. The rewards from his hard work kept coming throughout his basketball career at La Salle as he was named Honorable Mention All-American, Big Five MVP, and is in the Big Five Hall of Fame.

"Having to prove myself during my college career helped me to establish a work ethic. It is the reason why I am in the position I am in today," Lewis said. "I set goals for myself and work until I reach them."
Lasallian Leadership Institute
REDISCOVERING OUR ROOTS

Editor’s Note: Raymond A. Ricci, ’67, Vice President of Enrollment Services, recently finished a three-year program—the Lasallian Leadership Institute—designed to help laypeople who work at Lasallian institutions understand the defining goals and values of the Christian Brothers. In this essay, he explains how the institute has changed him, and why participation today is so important.

Not long ago on these pages was a wonderful feature article about “the Good Teacher” with plenty of heartwarming examples of the greatness on this campus. It brought to mind memories of the countless times that I’ve seen teachers here take a personal interest in students, particularly those who seem to be the La Salle staple: ones who underestimate their own abilities. In a larger, more impersonal school, such students might never encounter a teacher who takes the time to see what their students are truly capable of being, let alone take steps to help them see it too. Here, students come upon such people regularly. I asked myself what it is in this culture that fosters such commitment on the part of the faculty and others. I think I have part of the answer.

More than a century after the Jesuits first published their curriculum for secondary education, Ratio Studiorum, St. John Baptist de La Salle published The Conduct of Schools, the first curriculum and method for the management of elementary schools. The curriculum, with whole-class recitation as a favored method of instruction, and St. La Salle’s view that teaching is a faith-filled, communal exercise conducted in places where values and relationships are nurtured, revolutionized education in its day. That achievement is an important part of the heritage of this university, and my appreciation of it grows every day.

Between St. La Salle’s founding of his first school in Reims, France, to this moment, the world has been the beneficiary of his vision and courage. For La Salle University, it has influenced what our students learn, what they are able to do, how they are treated here, and how they, in turn, are expected to contribute to their communities and the world.

Even though I was educated in Brothers schools and have worked here for 35 years, the fact that I know about St. La Salle’s great gift at all is a direct result of the Lasallian Leadership Institute. The L.L.I., as it has come to be known, is a national formation program begun just five years ago for teachers and administrators working in Lasallian schools (the term we now use for “Brothers schools” for those of you who are of my generation). The L.L.I. wants to preserve Lasallian traditions and strengthen the longstanding partnership between layperson and Brother. Before you can be full partners, you first need to know the full story. So, the L.L.I. begins with a powerful story of a 17th century priest who saw injustice and started a movement to redress it. Hearing that story gave me a context for the values and beliefs that have been so evident to me in my daily work life over many years.

The L.L.I. is quietly helping to create a network of relationships between and among individuals and schools. The organizers see this as an essential step if St. La Salle’s ideas about providing a quality education and respecting the unique worth of the individual student are to be preserved. Vince Kling, ’68 (Professor of English), and I were the first La Salle University staff to complete the three-year program. We were advantaged tremendously by the fact that one of the designers of the program and its first director was our own Geff Kelly, ’54 (Professor and Chair of La Salle’s Religion Department). As director, Geff shepherded more than 100 Lasalians from across the nation through the program. As participants, Vince and I heard the story and rediscovered its relevance on our campus and in the world. Since then, we have tried to put into practice what we have learned.

The L.L.I. has three broad themes—spiritual, educational, and managerial leadership—that combine general concepts with the lived experiences of presenters and participants. It makes for an interesting blend of theory and practice, the very union that has become one of the hallmarks of a Lasallian education. The program is now in its second cycle. The University presently has six more members participating, including the Provost and the Dean of Students.

The program means a great deal to me. It affirmed for me that many of the deepest values that I have seen here are not the simple byproduct of random and individual good will. We weren’t just lucky to have found good teachers and administrators who were also good-hearted people who reached out to students. No, if the L.L.I. taught me anything, it is that St. La Salle’s vision has guided this community for many years. For almost all of our history, the reason for that has been the faith and dogged persistence of the Christian Brothers. With fewer of their number here now, we lay partners need to be equally aware, vocal, and committed.

Why is all of this so important? All institutions are buffeted by changing circumstances that have the potential for making a founding purpose and a way of doing things irrelevant. La Salle University is certainly no exception. Institutions that endure, let alone succeed, are fueled by an understanding of what lies at the heart of the enterprise. The L.L.I. has the potential to teach that, and it comes at just the right moment in our corporate life.
Br. Daniel Burke Named Lasallian Distinguished Educator

If you’re going to teach art history, reasoned Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., you should have an art collection. More than a quarter of a century after first thinking that, Br. Daniel is now Director of La Salle University Art Museum, which hundreds of students from a variety of classes and many art lovers from around the region visit each year.

It was for this dedication to his students and teaching that earned him the 2002 Lasallian Distinguished Educator Award at the start of the semester.

“Brother Daniel’s selection was an easy and obvious choice,” said Ray Ricci, ’67, Vice President of Enrollment Services at La Salle and a member of the selection committee. “When the selection committee received word that the theme for this year’s award was Arts Education and the Lasallian mission, it became immediately apparent who our winner would be,” said Ricci. “Brother has been a living example of good judgment and good taste for the rest of us for as far back as I can remember. The Art Museum is a visible and overwhelming example of what I mean by that. Through sheer persistence, skill and devotion, he has created a magnificent gift for all of us to share, so that we can see the potential and goodness possible in the human spirit. We have been truly blessed by his giving so much to so many people.”

Br. Daniel first joined the La Salle community as a member of the English faculty. He later became Vice President for Academic Affairs. It was then that the school began collecting art for its classes. He was La Salle’s President from 1969 to 1976 and founded the University’s Art Museum in 1976.

He secured space for the museum in the ground floor of Olney Hall, a classroom building. The atmosphere, however, is anything but a basement, thanks to the materials he and students salvaged from a Tudor-style mansion designated for destruction.

With the assistance of curator Caroline Wistar, the museum’s collection totals 300 paintings and 4,000 prints, ranging from wood sculptures to works by Philadelphia artist Thomas Eakins to an ink drawing by Picasso.

New Chaircouple Named—Cathy and Dan Lawson of Chester Springs, Pa., are the new Chaircouple for the La Salle Parents’ Association. Cathy and Dan are the parents of Adam, a high school junior, and Daniel, a member of the Class of 2005 and an Integrated Science, Business and Technology major. Cathy and Dan will serve a two-year term as Chaircouple. For more information about the Parents’ Association, please check out the Website at www.lasalle.edu/parents.

Daniel Whelan, former President and C.E.O. of Verizon Pennsylvania, center, received the 2002 Communication Award from La Salle’s Department of Communication, given annually to a person working in the media who makes a significant contribution. Whelan is also the recipient of La Salle’s Leadership Award, to be presented at the 11th Annual Charter Dinner, March 2003. Presenting the Communication award are, left, Br. Gerry Molynex, F.S.C., ’58, Chair of the Communication Department, and, right, Br. Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., ’70, La Salle’s President.

Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C.
Butler Receives Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Award

Advancing and guiding students is as important to La Salle English professor James Butler, ‘67, as teaching them. It was this dedication, in and out of the classroom, that earned him the 2002 Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Award, an honor presented to a teacher who embodies the spirit of the University.

“Jim Butler is an inspiring teacher, a dedicated advisor and established scholar. For more than 30 years he has selflessly given time and effort to working with and teaching our students, and I can think of no better example for the award,” said Richard Nigro, Provost of La Salle.

He received the award at La Salle’s Freshman Convocation at the start of the semester.

“If there is any difference between past and present for me, I owe it to La Salle’s family members, who from the start treated me (and all of us) as valuable and unique, who took the time to help me—individually and personally, who became my mentors and inspirations. Some of these people, four decades later, are still associated with La Salle, and it pleases me more than I can say to thank them.” Butler said.

“To you, members of the Class of 2006, I want to say that your time at La Salle is amply populated by the same kind of faculty members who taught me.”

After earning his Ph.D., Butler joined the La Salle faculty in 1971.

Now considered one of the leading scholars on Wordsworth, Butler has edited several volumes and written many articles about the poet. He is also associate editor of the Cornell University Wordsworth Series, which has been called “one of the great scholarly enterprises of our time.”

In addition, he is now an authority on Philadelphia writer Owen Wister, who wrote the first western novel, The Virginian, in 1902. Butler became interested in Wister because the writer grew up near La Salle’s campus. (He met his wife in a building that is now the University’s fine arts studio.) Recently, Butler won accolades for his editing work on a long-lost Wister manuscript, Romney, which he uncovered in The Library of Congress.

More than 200 alumni, parents, and friends of La Salle University attended the President’s Reception and De La Salle Society induction ceremony Sept. 15, held at the Hamilton Rooftop Garden at The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia. Robert N. Masucci, ‘61, John L. McHale, ‘49, Carmen V. Romeo, ‘65, and Dorothy and John W. Turner Jr., ’69, were inducted into the De La Salle Society (honoring those who have contributed $100,000 or more cumulatively to the University). Above, Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., ’70, presents plaques of recognition to the Turners (top) and Masucci (bottom).

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, student-athletes from La Salle University teamed up with Corporate Partners, Albert Einstein Health Network, to sponsor Youth Day. The day’s activities combined a Sports Clinic, and important information about health. Head Men’s Basketball Coach Billy Hahn got the crowd fired up, and student-athletes carried the momentum throughout the afternoon with sports demonstrations, food, and a La Salle football game.
Future Diplomat Earns 2002 Courtney Political Science Scholarship

"I've always dreamed of being a diplomat. I want to make the world a better place to live," says Svitlana Gorbova, a Philadelphia student attending La Salle University. As the recipient of this year's Courtney Scholarship, an award given to a senior political science major, Gorbova is on her way to making her goal a reality.

Since her freshman year, Gorbova has been a moderator at La Salle's Diplomat-in-Residence Program, which brings diplomats, policy analysts, and professors together to discuss international issues.

As the new editor of La Salle's Student Political Awareness Magazine (LaSPAM), Gorbova put the magazine back into circulation last spring after it had not been published for several semesters.

This past summer, Gorbova interned in the press office at the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Washington, D.C, where she edited and proofread the embassy's newsletter, cataloged English publications, and assisted with official visits of dignitaries from Cyprus. She also did a research project on Cyprus' accession to the European Union.

"She revived the German Club and even taught a few classes for me last week," said Dr. Bernhardt Blumenthal, '59, Chairman of La Salle's Foreign Languages Department.

"She is just an extraordinary talent whose life and career will certainly be a credit to those of us who had an opportunity to work with her in these formative years."

Gorbova and her parents came to Philadelphia from the Ukraine in 1999. "It is totally different from what I expected," says Gorbova, whose idea of life in the U.S. was based on movies. "Europe and the U.S. are so different, there is no way to compare the two."

The Courtney Scholarship is named for the late Robert J. Courtney, a political science professor who taught at La Salle for more than 45 years.

For La Salle Student, "Youth For Life" Has Special Meaning

Four years ago, Fanta Waterman, '04, became interested in organ donation when her father received a "new" liver after his body went into total shutdown. Now, the La Salle University student wants to educate people about how they can save lives by pledging to donate their organs and tissue.

"I was looking for some more community service work and I ran into this," said Waterman, who organized a rally to promote awareness for organ donation on October 10, at La Salle. She is working with "Youth for Life: Remembering Walter Payton," a foundation dedicated to organ donation education.

"I appreciate how technology and medicine can allow organs to be placed in a different body, and how that can help sustain somebody's life," said Waterman, who has started shadowing doctors in the Nephrology Department at the Albert Einstein Medical Center to learn more about transplants.

"Youth for Life" was founded by Brittnay Payton, whose father, football great Walter Payton, died of liver disease in 1999, after being on the waiting list for a new organ for three years. In 2001, Brittnay Payton and three friends began "Youth for Life" to help people who need transplants.

A New York City native, Waterman has performed community service since high school. She currently volunteers in a soup kitchen at St. Vincent's Church in Germantown and participates in La Salle's Foster Care Tutoring program. She also volunteers at her church in New York. Waterman is a Dean's List student, majoring in La Salle's Integrated Science, Business and Technology program (a sponsor of the event).
For Author Cronin, the Awards Keep Coming

For the third time since his novel, *Mary and O’Neil*, was published, La Salle English professor and writer-in-residence Justin Cronin has won another prestigious award.

The Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation recently named Cronin as one of 10 recipients of the 2002 Whiting Writers’ Awards. The awards, which are $35,000 each, totaling $350,000, have been given annually since 1985 to emerging writers of exceptional talent and promise.

Now in its 18th year, the program has awarded more than $5 million to 180 poets, fiction, and nonfiction writers, and playwrights. Among the past recipients who have later achieved prominence in their field are Mona Simpson, David Foster Wallace, and Jonathan Franzen.

Cronin’s debut work, *Mary and O’Neil* (Dial Press, 2001), is a novel-in-stories about familial love and loss. To date, Cronin has won the PEN/Hemingway Award for best debut work of fiction and the Stephen Crane Prize from the Book of the Month Club. He also received a 2001 Pew Fellowship in the Arts, based on an excerpt from the book.

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Dangerous Spaces

Taking a closer look at what is familiar can arouse a sense of the unknown in a way that unnerves and disturbs what you thought to be reality.

For example, something as peaceful as a moonlit walk also has the potential to be a dark and dangerous path.

Duality and contrast is a theme in *Vista*, a 16-minute video by Elizabeth Leister, a Digital Arts and Multimedia Design professor at La Salle University. Her piece was showcased in the Time/Travel Exhibit at the Philadelphia Art Museum from September 16 to October 6, 2002. *Vista*, a dreamlike video in three parts, explores the coexistence of fear and possibility, beauty and darkness, and the familiar and unfamiliar.

After a shocking double rape occurred on her bucolic Hudson Valley college campus several years ago, Leister said the incident made her start to think that all spaces aren't what they seem. “Maybe they aren’t so open and free to enter despite their beauty. It made me start to look at familiar places and spaces and re-examine them,” she said. The result was this haunting work.

In addition to her art, Leister also enjoys her teaching position at La Salle where she began her second year this fall. She teaches several classes, among them Creating Multimedia.
Curley’s Career Honored

Tom Curley, ’70, president and publisher of USA Today, recently received the Allen H. Neuharth Award for Excellence in Journalism during a program at The University of South Dakota (USD). This will be the 14th annual presentation of the Neuharth award, which is part of the Dakota Days homecoming festivities at USD.

Curley is the 15th recipient of the annual award, which is named for USA Today and Freedom Forum founder Al Neuharth and honors lifetime achievement in journalism. The university and the Freedom Forum created the award in 1989 after they also jointly established the Neuharth Center for Excellence in Journalism. Neuharth is a 1950 graduate of USD.

Curley is the original news staffer on the project that led to the creation of USA Today in September 1982. Curley was assigned in 1979 by then Gannett Company Chairman Al Neuharth to study the feasibility of a national newspaper. He later worked in every department of the newspaper.

Curley received his B.A. in Political Science from La Salle, and was editor of the Collegian student newspaper while here. He has served on the University’s Board of Trustees since 1992.

La Salle’s Explorer Club (fund development and booster organization) held its first Autumn Reception and Auction, on Friday, Sept. 27, as part of the festivities on Parents’ Weekend. The reception was a kick-off event for all athletic teams, marking the beginning of the academic year. During the reception, senior student-athletes recognized John Carabello, D.M.D., ’62, who is completing his final year as Explorer Club President. Above, is Carabello, with blue and gold tie, with senior student-athletes.

Welcome Parents—Parents came out in large numbers for Parents’ Weekend in September, sampling a few days in the life of their student-children and attending special events held in their honor. People filled the stands of McCarthy Stadium to watch the Explorers take on Siena.
Link to Learn

A new computer laboratory on the fourth floor of College Hall is the direct result of a grant from the State of Pennsylvania called "Link to Learn."

The La Salle School of Business Administration application for the grant cited the need for additional facilities for Management Information Science (MIS) courses. The lab will enhance the hands-on aspects of the MIS curriculum.

The laboratory will be used for classroom instruction with priority given to MIS courses. The lab on the main floor will continue to give priority to SAP-related courses as well as serve as a lab for individual student work. With the presence of both of these labs, the pressure for lab space for courses should be alleviated in the Business School.

Risk Management

For a second consecutive year, the Spencer Foundation of the Risk and Insurance Management Society awarded La Salle’s Risk Management and Insurance Program a $3,500 grant. This grant helps support The Risk Manager in Residence Program, providing an opportunity for a professional risk manager to visit La Salle and interact with students, faculty, administrators, and alumni, providing insight into the most current issues related to risk management practice. Susan Meltzer, A.V.P. of Insurance and Risk Management—Sun Life Assurance Company, recently participated in the program. Kathleen S. McNichol, ’75, M.B.A. ’81, La Salle Assistant Professor of Finance and Risk Management, reflected on the program’s success saying “it reinforces the appeal of a career in Risk Management to those students who are currently minoring in Risk Management, and more importantly, introduces the discipline in a very positive light to those who are unfamiliar with it.”

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La Salle Welcomes Fellow of the American Council on Education

Sister Ellen Dauwer, S.C., of the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, N.J., is spending this academic year at La Salle University as a Fellow of the American Council on Education (A.C.E.). Sister Ellen will be working with various faculty and administrative departments to learn more about higher education administration, particularly in the areas of technology, distance learning, financial management, and institutional advancement.

“I wanted to come to an urban campus, with a diverse city and a diverse student body,” said Sister Ellen, who was one of 36 educators selected for an A.C.E. Fellowship. “I also wanted to be placed at a Catholic university.” She was most recently the Associate Dean of Continuing Studies at the College of St. Elizabeth and plans to work in distance learning education programs when she returns.

“I think it’s a good match for me,” she said about coming to La Salle. “There are similarities between the College of St. Elizabeth and La Salle, but the differences will stretch me into new areas.”

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Another Penn Relays has come and gone with all the pageantry, pomp and circumstance befitting one of the world's great track and field competitions. But as the runners, jumpers, and throwers ran, jumped, and threw their way into the sunset the last weekend in April, we were reminded, once again, that this spring classic was devoid of one of its key fixtures.

For the second time since his passing on Nov. 29, 2000, the Penn Relays went on without the great coach, organizer, and person, Jim Tuppeny. “Tupp” remains one of the most heralded and respected track coaches of all time and a man who will always be synonymous with this showcase of outstanding talent.

“Tupp” touched the lives of many athletes and his legacy will always be attached to the programs at Villanova, where he served under the immortal “Jumbo” Elliott, and then to the University of Pennsylvania as head coach. But let us not forget that the great Jim Tuppeny was one of La Salle's own—an innovator, trendsetter, and icon from the class of ’50, after being taught in high school by the Christian Brothers at West Catholic.

One of Tuppeny's most gratifying achievements was running the Penn Relays, which he had first attended as a fan with his brother, Chuck, in 1935.

From 1970 to 1989, he ran the show—gathering thousands of the world's best athletes, planning the
entire week's events, and of course, coaching his own performers. Innovations? He introduced women to the Penn Relays—or vice versa. And today, the women—of school, college, and Olympic Development experience—are an integral part of this tremendous outpouring of talent.

Dave Johnson, the current director of the Penn Relays, still marvels at Tuppeny’s contribution to the world of track and field, and not just the Penn Relays.

"Tupp was a workaholic, both as a coach and an organizer," he said, and pointed to the Philadelphia Bi-Centennial celebration in 1976 as an example.

All he did in that historic year was coach the Penn Quakers to the Heptagonal Championship, host the NCAA and IC4A championships, and conduct the Philadelphia Indoor Track Meet, run the Philadelphia Track Classic, the Philadelphia Metropolitan Meet, the Delaware Valley High School Championships and, as usual, the Penn Relays.

Longtime friend and fellow La Salle Hall of Athletes inductee Al Cantello, '55, knows about those Penn Relays and admires what Tuppeny put into them.

"Tupp remains one of the most heralded and respected track coaches of all time and a man who will always be synonymous with this showcase of outstanding talent."

"The Penn Relays is a profession in itself," said Cantello in a La Salle Magazine article by Jim DeStefano in 1987.

And how about Tuppeny as an athlete? In that same article, Cantello, now head cross country coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, said:

"One of the reasons for his success as a coach...is that he never was a great, great athlete. He was a harbinger of the decathlon, he could do several events well...and he had a desire to excel. And he went on to be a great coach."

In 1980, when president Jimmy Carter ordered a boycott of the Moscow Olympics, Tuppeny received a call from the White House.

"It was President Carter, asking if Tuppeny could put on an international track meet at Penn—within 10 days. Carter sent dozens of assistants and a bulging budget, and athletes from 44 countries took part in what was really a world-class track meet."

In 1987, Tupp moved on, out of the coaching ranks and into the Philadelphia Sports Congress as executive director of the organization that attracts major sporting events to Philadelphia.

Three years later, responding to the lure of the cinder-path, he got back into coaching at Haverford High. It was inevitable he would return to the college ranks, which he did when Villanova coach Marty Stern enticed him back into the Wildcats’ fold.

The emphasis on his coaching and organizational skills has nudged into the background that he was an outstanding athlete, at West Catholic High and La Salle. He was inducted into the La Salle Hall of Athletes in 1964 after a track career that saw him set school records in the pole vault (he was unbeaten in four years of dual and triangular meets). He captured AAU titles in the pole vault and high hurdles.

More Than a Helping Hand
La Salle University Student-Athlete Donates Kidney to Save Cousin

Some people might call Jackson Oliver a hero. Some people might call him a savior. But the La Salle University senior says he was just doing the right thing when he donated a kidney to save his cousin Austin Sandell.

"He really needed it," said Oliver, who lives in Haddon Heights, N.J. "A lot of people made a big deal about it, and it made me kind of uncomfortable. I did not want people to start viewing me differently."

A finance major, Oliver was a sophomore at La Salle when he learned that his cousin was gravely ill. Although Sandell was born with kidney problems, his condition in 2000 was serious—serious enough to require hours of dialysis every week.

At the time, Oliver played on the La Salle Explorers football team. The fact that he was playing a sport did not stop him, however, from helping out a family member in need.

The sons of sisters who grew up a few blocks from each other in Haddon Heights, Oliver and Sandell saw each other frequently and their two families vacationed together at the New Jersey shore every summer.

Jackson grew up watching Sandell cope with his condition, which virtually destroyed his bladder and damaged his kidneys. As he grew older, his condition worsened. His health caused him to drop out of college, and he barely had the energy to walk. "I had to shuffle my feet to keep moving," Sandell, who is now 29, says. He had worked as a bartender and had to give that up, too.

As Oliver watched his cousin grow weaker, he thought it over for a while, then decided to have himself continued
tested to see if he and his cousin were compatible for a transplant. Doctors gave Oliver an extensive set of tests, from blood work to a urine sample, to determine if he and Austin were a close enough match.

They were, and Oliver spoke with his cousin. “Jack came in and told me himself, and I broke down,” says Sandell. “I didn’t know what to say. It was overwhelming.”

But because of problems with his bladder, doctors had to wait until Sandell was ready to deal with the transplant. The operation, originally scheduled for July of 2001, was postponed several times.

“It was kind of a weird time,” said Oliver. “The surgery kept on getting moved back. I was always thinking about it.” Oliver continued to play football throughout the spring and fall of 2000, playing at linebacker and punter as well as special teams.

In September of 2001, Oliver finally received word of a definite date of the surgery. At that time, his cousin was in dire need of the transplant. He was hunched over in pain, says Oliver. Austin said his dialysis treatments were not effective, and while his physical condition was precarious, the doctors and his family were worried that he was becoming depressed. Then, he was cleared for the procedure, which took place November 27, 2001 at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore.

The night before, Oliver and his entire family drove down to Maryland and stayed at a hotel near the university. Oliver made sure he got plenty of sleep, because he knew he would need a lot of energy for the process.

On the morning of the surgery, Oliver drove with his girlfriend, Nancy Hughes, also a La Salle student, and his mother and father to the operating room.

At 7 a.m., nurses gave Oliver his first IV, and the next thing he knew he was waking up in a recovery room in the middle of the afternoon.

The doctors used a relatively new procedure, a laser-based operation that dramatically reduces recovery time. There were only three small incisions made in Oliver’s abdomen.

When he got home from the hospital, he was on prescription pain killers for a several days. For nearly three weeks he was confined to a couch in his living room, unable to lie on his back or his stomach because of the pain. Gradually he began to recover.

By last Christmas, he felt “really good.” By the middle of January he considered himself completely recovered.

Amazingly, Oliver did not miss any class time because of the surgery. His La Salle professors allowed him to take final exams for the fall semester a week early, and by the time the spring semester began, he was feeling great.

Although the operation necessitated Oliver giving up football, he is still able to participate in some physical activities. He is still a javelin thrower on the La Salle track team and recently hiked 30 miles of the Appalachian Trail.

Sandell says the difference in his health is “like night and day,” since the operation.

Three months after the operation he went snowboarding. Six months after the surgery he went surfing. “I wanted to do something on the anniversary dates,” he says. Doctors have told him to take things easy, so he has not returned to work, but he hopes to do that and possibly finish his education. He does ride an exercise bike to build up his strength.

Oliver has heard many compliments from people who have heard his story, but to him, it is no big deal. “I don’t regret at all,” he said. “It was something that helped out my cousin and my family. I don’t see any difference in myself before the surgery and now.”
A 20-year tradition continued this past fall when a group of alums met at the home of Peter DiBattiste, M.D., '78, (standing at grill) for a barbecue, along with English professor Dr. John Seydow, '65, (in striped shirt, rear). The alums met and studied with each other first as students at La Salle College High School, and then later at the University in the Honors Program and in the Students' Government Association. Seydow taught many of them in their freshman year, and served as a mentor and friend, helping them with applications to medical, law, and graduate school.

**Corrections to the 2002 President’s Report**

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**Other:**
Hugh Albright, F.S.C., Ph.D., Thomas J. George, '68, and Ralph Lewis, '85, were incorrectly listed as deceased. We are happy to report that Br. Hugh, Mr. George, and Mr. Lewis are very much still alive!
GMAC, La Salle Take Homeownership to the Local Neighborhood and Beyond

GMAC Mortgage and La Salle University have joined forces to create homeownership opportunities for approximately 55,000 consumers, which include La Salle University faculty and staff, students and parents, alumni and area residents. The purpose of La Salle University’s Explorer Homestead Program is two-fold: (1) to help strengthen the neighborhood surrounding La Salle University by enabling La Salle to serve as an engine for community development, and (2) to add a significant benefit for those who work, attend, or have attended La Salle University through homeownership. The Explorer Homestead Program, which was officially announced in September, addresses common barriers to homeownership through a series of free educational seminars on homeownership scheduled on the La Salle University campus. Representatives from GMAC Mortgage will be present at all relevant University functions to provide information on the program, one-on-one counseling, free credit reviews, loan pre-qualifications and information on a down payment assistance program (The HomeStretch Plan) offered exclusively through GMAC Mortgage.

In addition to homeownership opportunities, GMAC Mortgage will provide a La Salle student with an internship that will expose them to the mortgage finance industry. One La Salle intern has already completed a summer internship.

Alumni Directory Update

We are currently in the final stages of collecting and editing the biographical information reported to us over the past several months. We want to thank the nearly 10,000 alumni who sent in an update for inclusion in the directory. The directory will be completed in Spring 2003.

Eleventh Annual Charter Dinner and Leadership Award

Honoring Daniel J. Whelan, former President and C.E.O.,
Verizon Pennsylvania
March 22, 2003
Union League of Philadelphia
1948 | Edward R. Barber (B.A.) of Albuquerque, N.M., reports that he and classmate Tom O’Neill (B.S.) were both with the 8AF 445 BG in Tiberham, England, during World War II, but neither of them knew the other was there at the time.

1953 | Judge Joseph T. Doyle (B.S.) recently joined Saul Ewing, L.L.P., as special counsel in the litigation department of its Chesterbrook, Pa., office. His practice focuses on matters involving state agencies, appeals, and mediation. Prior to his current appointment, he was a judge on the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania for 21 years, including a three-year term as President Judge.

Paul McGinnis, Ph.D. (B.A.) edited The British Union, a unique early seventeenth-century tract that urged the fusion of the Scottish and English kingdoms into a new British commonwealth with a radically new British identity. It was published by Ashgate in August 2002.

1955 | Francis H. Sterling, M.D. (B.S.) recently received the Brother G. John Owens Award from West Philadelphia Catholic High School’s Alumni Association. Joseph W. Suchinsky (B.S.) is retired from 12 years with St. Mary’s County Government in Southern Maryland. After earning his M.B.A. from the University of Miami at Coral Gables, he worked for various airlines in Miami for over 25 years. He currently resides in Pinex Point, Md.

1957 | Donald M. Kelly (B.S.) of Absecon, N.J., was elected chairman of the Greater Atlantic City Region Tourism Council and was appointed to the New Jersey Travel Industry Association Board of Directors.

1958 | Charles J. Lamb (B.A.) of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., recently received the Brother Edwin Anselm Award from West Philadelphia Catholic High School’s Alumni Association.

Charles J. Reinhardt (B.S.) of Harker Heights, Texas, was sworn in as a member of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature by the Secretary of State in the Capitol of Austin Chambers on July 9, 2002.

1959 | Joseph A. Margay (B.S.) is a realtor with Century 21 Alliance in Newtown, Pa. He also specializes in “mature makeovers” in Bucks County, Pa.


1964 | Father Emmett Gavin, O. Carm. (B.A.) was elected third provincial councilor this past June in Darien, Ill. The four elected councilors, along with the provincial, become the highest internal body governing the Province and its members. He will serve a three-year term.

Dennis Metrick, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Phoenix, Ariz., was recently appointed Operation Director for the 23 justice courts in Maricopa County.

Ronald J. Zeller, Esq. (B.S.) of Wellington, Fla., recently served as a member of the Ecumenical Review Panel for the Diocese of Palm Beach, Fla., charged with reviewing alleged cases of sexual abuse in the Diocese, and revising policies and procedures to prevent occurrences in the future. Zeller, a business lawyer and litigator, was chairman of the Communications Subcommittee for the panel and delivered the panel’s final report to the Diocese, parishioners, and local media.

1965 | Nicholas Giordano (B.S.), former La Salle Interim President and current Trustee, has been named to the Board of the American College in Rome, one of La Salle’s study-abroad partners.

Edward McCafferty (B.A.) of Milltown, N.J., recently celebrated 37 years of service with Bristol-Myers Squibb. He is currently Director of QC/QA for the Latin American region. His daughter, Tara (B.S. ’94) has worked two years with the same corporation.

1966 | Michael P. Malloy (B.A.) of Levittown, Pa., retired after 36 years as Assistant Commissioner—Income Security Programs of the New Jersey Department of Labor. He is now devoting full time to his business, M.P. Malloy Accounting, Tax & Financial Services.

Norm Grekin, ’53, Honored for Hoops Ability

The late Norm Grekin, ’53, former La Salle University basketball star, was inducted into the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in November, 2002.

“In my opinion, Norm was the nicest person, and one of the best players at La Salle,” says Charles “Buddy” Donnelly, ’52. 1952 basketball Captain, who accepted on behalf of Grekin. “Nobody disliked Norm Grekin, and that’s a fact. He was a good friend, a good man, and a good father.”

In 1952, Grekin’s junior year, La Salle won the National Invitation Tournament (N.I.T.) and Grekin was voted the tournament’s M.V.P. along with Tom Gola. At that time, the N.I.T. was considered as important as the NCAA championship. Freshmen were ineligible to play for the varsity squad, yet Grekin played in the N.I.T. from his sophomore to senior years at La Salle.

Grekin scored 1,243 points, averaging 14.1 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. In the three seasons Grekin played, La Salle’s record was 72-17.

Grekin was inducted into La Salle’s Hall of Athletes in 1967, while the entire 1952 team was inducted in 2002. He passed away in 1981.
Tim Tilson, ’94: Voice of Conscience, Voice of Caring

When Tim Tilson was six years old, his grandmother would take him along when she visited friends in a nursing home. The young boy found he enjoyed carrying glasses of water to the residents in their rooms, and a lifelong commitment to volunteerism was born.

Now his commitment has been honored by the Aetna Foundation, which recently awarded Tim, an educator and field sales trainer in Blue Bell, Pa., with its prestigious Voice of Conscience Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region. While honoring Tilson, Aetna also made a financial contribution to the charitable organizations where he volunteers.

Today Tilson is a busy employee, the head of the Blue Bell Aetna Volunteer Council, a husband and the father of one beautiful daughter with another on the way—enough to occupy all of the waking hours of most people. But somehow he expands the reaches of his life to make room for so much more.

This summer, for example, he will once again take a week of his vacation time to serve as camp counselor at Camp Can Do, an annual event for children with cancer. For one special week, the children are surrounded by other kids dealing with the same issues they are—nausea, weakness, baldness, missing limbs. More important, though, is that all these children are focused on one thing. They are there to have fun.

Tilson spends time year-round on the executive planning committee for Camp Can Do, then serves as a cabin counselor, magician, emcee and the happy target of the kids’ jokes during camp.

John F. Reilly (B.S.) of Newtown, Pa., recently acquired the designation of Senior Professional in Human Resources in his position as Director of Human Resources at the Dunmore Corp. in Bristol, Pa. Michael R. Tyler (B.A.) of Lewes, Del., retired from DuPont Co. 10 years ago after almost 30 years there. He also retired from the bed and breakfast business after eight seasons in historic Lewes. He’s a member of the Lewes Planning Committee and Program Director of the Lewes Historical Society. Tyler says he graduated from La Salle’s Evening Division third in his class, but points out there were only three B.A. degrees given in 1966.

1967 | Bob Dunn (B.S.) of Beach Haven, N.J., owns his own charter fishing business, Moon Shadow Charters. In July, he won the 33rd annual Beach Haven White Marlin Invitational—one of the oldest tournaments in the U.S. He beat 65 boats, many of which were professional company boats.

1969 | Bill Bradshaw (B.A.) of Radnor, Pa., has been named Director of Athletics at Temple University in Philadelphia.

1971 | Richard E. Kreipe, M.D. (B.A.), a pediatrician, is an acknowledged leader in the field of adolescent eating disorders. He is Chief of Adolescent Medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

1972 | George F. Hayhoe, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Macon, Ga., was recently appointed Professor of Technical Communication and Director of the Master of Science program in Technical Communication Management at Mercer University’s School of Engineering in Macon, Ga.

1973 | Thomas A. O’Brien, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Lebanon, N.J., recently joined Ortho Biotech Products, L.P., a Johnson & Johnson company, as Director of Project Planning. He is responsible for the development, implementation, and management of new processes and technologies used to run the clinical trials of the company’s drug products.

1974 | Ed Hitzel (B.A.) of Mays Landing, N.J., reports his Ed Hitzel Enterprises has won the annual New Jersey Restaurant Association “Spirit” Award for excellence with his quarterly magazine, monthly newsletter, and weekly radio show; all are food-related.

1975 | Paul “Quincy” Juska Sr. (B.A.) of Little Silver, N.J., is a manager at Dow Jones, Inc., in Princeton, N.J.

1976 | Gary H. Oberlender, M.D. (B.A.) of Roanoke, Va., is a practicing internist/geriatrician in Roanoke. He recently joined Mediation and Arbitration Services of Virginia as a medical mediator.

1977 | Raymond L. Bond (B.S.) of Lumberton, Pa., retired from Verizon Telephone Co. in December 2001 after more than 35 years of service, enjoying every moment. He also recently celebrated the birth of his seventh grandchild, Brian, born Aug. 14, 2002.

1978 | Donald L. Levick, M.D. M.B.A. (B.A.) of Allentown, Pa., works part-time as the physician liaison for the Information Services

in elementary/special education.
Department of Lehigh Valley Hospital. He has been the project leader of a computer physician order entry project and is involved in several other I.S. projects. He was recently named President-Elect of the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital and will be presenting at the national HIMSS Conference in San Diego, Calif., in February.

1982 | Leslie Wilson Farrell (B.A.) and his wife, Mary K. Morrow-Farrell (M.A., '95) live in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. They have two children, Cathy, 17, and Virginia, 12, whom they have home-schooled since 1995. Cathy is a student of Kokikai Aikido Martial Arts and Virginia dances with the Wissahickon Dance Academy of Germantown and the International Ballet Exchange. Mr. Farrell is currently self-employed and Mrs. Farrell works at La Salle University's Art Museum. J. Patrick O'Grady (B.S.) was admitted as a partner in KPMG L.L.P. Previously, he was a partner with Andersen. He and his wife Alicia (B.S.) live in Lancaster, Pa., with their three children, Bridget, Colleen, and Patrick.

1983 | Steven L. Davis, M.D. (B.A.) of Springfield, Pa., is a cosmetic and reconstructive surgeon in Cherry Hill, N.J. A former La Salle tennis player and one-time professional player on the satellite circuit, Dr. Davis has coached the South Jersey Maccabi tennis team for six years. (The Maccabi Games is an Olympic-style sporting event featuring Jewish athletes from around the world.) Catherine M. McBride (B.A.) married John R. Schmehl Sr. in January of 1996. The couple had their first son, John Robert Schmehl Jr., in December of 1996 and recently celebrated the birth of their twins, George Edward and Gabrielle Elizabeth.

1984 | Michael E. Gallo Sr. (B.A.) of Lansdale, Pa., has been a real estate broker and owner of Advantage Real Estate, Inc., in Red Hill, Pa., since 1988. He and his wife Joyce have four children: Corinne, 16; Sophia, 14; Gabriella, 9; and Michael Jr., 6.

James Patrick Murphy, D.M.D. (B.A.) is a pediatric dentist with offices in Doylestown and Philadelphia, Pa. He and his wife Patty welcomed their seventh child, Marcus Antony, on January 15, 2002. The couple has two girls and five boys.


Richard L. Duszak Jr., M.D. (B.A.) is the associate editor of Radiology, the largest circulation peer-reviewed publication worldwide in the field of radiology. He is also a peer reviewer for three other medical journals, and has received several distinguished reviewer awards from those journals. Among his many affiliations are his position as founding chairman of the Medicare Carrier Advisory Network for the Society of Interventional Radiology.

Donnamarie Panebianco Maguire (B.S.) is a senior financial analyst with Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, N.J. She and her husband Michael have a 5-year-old son named Michael, and a one-year-old daughter named Madison.

1986 | William G. Dotzman, D.O. (B.A.) of Jersey City, N.J., is an emergency room physician at Passaic Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic, N.J.

1989 | Joanie Alston Lovelace (B.S.N.) of Upper Darby, Pa., is an administrator for Correctional Medical Services in West Trenton, N.J.

Br. Robert Schaefer, F.S.C. (B.A., M.A. '95) recently received a Master of Arts in Catholic School Administration from Seton Hall University.

1990 | Michael Blash (B.A.) has been promoted to Product Manager, Migraine Franchise (MAXALT, Worldwide Human Health Marketing (WWHH), a division of Merck in Whitehouse Station, N.J.

Scott Dill (B.A.) is working as a newscast producer at Texas Cable News, a 24-hour regional news channel based in Dallas. He previously worked for CBS News and at television stations in Philadelphia, New York, and Miami.

Br. Francis X. Eells, F.S.C. (B.A., M.A. '93) is the principal at the newly established San Miguel School, Washington, D.C. He made his final vows in a ceremony at St. Louis Church, in Yeadon, Pa.

Emily Fauser-Thomas (B.A.) has invented the Shade Pocket, a window shade or window shade accessory which incorporates a transparent slide pocket to allow educational posters and similar items to be inserted for display. The patent is pending on this product.

Paul V. Possinger (B.A.) has joined the Chicago office of the law firm of Jenner & Block as a partner in its corporate restructuring and bankruptcy department.

Christopher Selgrath, D.O. (B.A.) was named Chief Resident in Orthopedic Surgery at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and has accepted a fellowship in Adult Total Joint Replacement at the Medical College of Virginia.

1991 | Robert B. Fry (B.S.) received his M.B.A. from St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia.

Kimberly O'Keefe Stabilito (B.A.) and husband James, both of Scottsdale, Ariz., adopted their daughter, Emily O'Keefe, born on September 8, 2001, in Inchon, South Korea. They welcomed her home February 20, 2002.

1992 | Shannon Conrad (B.A.) of Philadelphia recently won the Ganzman Award for 2002. The award is given to an outstanding graduating medical resident who demonstrates a commitment to family, medicine, and community.


Robert E. Fischer III (M.A.) was elected to the 3rd Division of the 53rd Ward of Philadelphia as Democratic Committee Person. He was elected during the May 2002 primary elections and his term will run for four years.

Joy Giamvittorio, M.D. (B.A.) graduated from Temple University School of Medicine in 1997 and completed her family practice residency in Williamsport, Pa., in 2000, where she was part of a team of doctors in charge of the Little League World Series. She now practices in Chesapeake, Va., for a military clinic.

1994 | Nicholas J. Caputo, D.O. (B.A.) recently became engaged to Karen A. Tillman of Ambler, Pa. He is also enjoying a busy hospital practice with fellow alumnus Derek Sott (B.A.) at Desert Samaritan Hospital in Arizona.

Maura Daly (B.A.) is teaching 7th grade learning support. She
and her 6-year-old son, Colin, live in Wyomissing, Pa.

Br. Daniel Gardner, F.S.C. (B.A., M.A. '96) is the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft, N.J., and was perpetually professed at St. Catherine's Church, in Holmdel, N.J.

Charles M. Maier (B.A.) graduated in May 2002 with the following degrees from Villanova University: M.A. in Political Science and M.P.A. (Master of Science in Public Administration).

Frank S. Spera (B.A.) of Holland, Pa., was named the 2001 “Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year” by the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Law Enforcement.

1995 | Ronald DeLuca (B.A.) of DeBary, Fla., earned an M.B.A. from Nova Southeastern University.

Daniel Rakowski, M.D., Lt., M.C., U.S.N.R. (B.A. '95) graduated from MCP/Hahnemann School of Medicine in 1999 and completed his internal medicine residency at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va., in 2002, where he currently serves as Chief of Residents. He is planning some time with the U.S. Navy over the next few years and hopes to receive a fellowship in nephrology.

1996 | Maria Beeman-Ryalski (B.A.) received Master of Science degree from St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, with certification as a reading specialist.

1997 | Lori DeLuca (B.A.) of DeBary, Fla., earned a Master's Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. CPT Jennifer L. Newhouse (B.A.) is currently serving as the Construction Officer in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in support of the war on terrorism.


Thomas J. Sinclair Jr., M.D. (B.A.) was one of 219 graduates who received a Doctor of Medicine degree in June 2002 from Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, in Philadelphia.

1999 | Erin Hammigan (B.A.) of Somerville, Mass., received two lab certifications: N.C.A. and A.S.C.P., both in microbiology, after attending the graduate school program at Northeastern University in Boston and now works in the microbiology department at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Roger Hoyle (B.A.) is pursuing his M.F.A. in filmmaking at The Academy of Art College in San Francisco, Calif.

Steven Lindsay (B.A.) and his wife Mary Shannon (Koren) Lindsay (B.A.) have two sons. Steven is 13 months old and Andrew is their new addition. Mary Shannon has also recently graduated from Temple Law School and is now with the firm Dion & Goldberger on Market Street in Philadelphia. Steven is a Producer for KYW-3 in Philadelphia.

2000 | Cheryl Giannattasio (B.A.) of Shrewsbury, Pa., is the new Media Relations Specialist for the Maryland Institute College of Art.

Devin Holmes (B.A.) has moved from KVTV, Laredo, Texas, to WJCL-TV, Savannah, Ga., where he is a news reporter for the ABC affiliate.

Víctor Nieves (B.S.) of Camden, N.J., graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Master's degree in Accounting in 2001. He is going to serve a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Washington state. He will return in September 2004.

2001 | Leon C. Jurgill Jr. (M.B.A.) of Frackville, Pa., recently earned certification as a Value Based Six Sigma Black Belt. He is also Chairman of the ITT Energy Council. On July 1, 2002 he was elected President of the Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as Chairman of the Schuylkill County Redevelopment Authority and is a board member of the Schuylkill Economic Development Co. and Ashland-area Chamber of Commerce.

Peter J. Pecoraro (B.A.) of New Rochelle, N.Y., left Wall Street and is now employed as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Bristol-Myers Squibb in New York.

David F. Rajakovich (B.A.) of Fort Bliss, Texas, graduated as an officer in the United States Army in June 2002. He is currently a second lieutenant.

Barbara Ward (B.S.N.), after 11 years of experience in critical care and emergency medicine, has joined the faculty at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia.

Births


1984 | A son, Marcus Anthony, to Patricia and James Murphy, D.M.D. (B.A.).


1987 | A daughter, Margaret Lucia, to Brian and Lisa Gallagher Dougherty (B.A., M.A. '94).


1990 | A son, Andrew, to Drew Maginnis (B.S. '91) and Eileen King Maginnis (B.S.): a daughter, Alexandra Paige, to Gary and Virginia Freitas-Melitzer (B.S.).

1991 | A daughter, Cassandra Rose, to Jennifer Kane Genovese (B.S.) and Frank J. Genovese (B.A. '92); a son, Cyril, to Joseph Hainthaler (B.A.) and Mary Ann (Buschka) Hainthaler (B.A. '92).

1992 | A son, Joseph Robert, to Joe Hohenleitner (B.S. '93) and Sue Schwab Hohenleitner (B.S.); a son, to Rodney Jefferson (B.A.) and Allyson (Miller) Jefferson (B.A. '95); a son, James Michael III, to Stephanie and James M. Kepp Jr. (B.S.):
1997 | A daughter, Kaylee, to Holly and Michael Colbert (M.A.); a son, Jackson Edward, to Ray and Kristen (Biddle) Jenkins (B.S.).

2000 | A son, Nathan Lorent, to Steven and Natalie A. Gustafson (B.A.).

Marriages
1973 | Donald Miller (B.S.) to Elizabeth Sue Bolger.
1983 | Joy Faber (B.A.) to Steven Sier.
1987 | Jennifer A. Swanton (B.A.) to Bruce A. Murray.
1988 | Joan Marie Hinderliter (M.A.) to Robert Darnell.
1995 | Danielle DeSimone (B.A.) to Kenneth Klein.
1998 | Michele Ventura (B.S.) to Joseph Kollar; Linda Warner (B.A.) to Rocco Wack.

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Joseph D. Swoyer, ’42
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Edward P. Geisz, ’49
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Martin J. Smith, ’50
John J. Connell, ’51
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William J. Fechner, ’60
William J. Gerstle, ’60
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James F. Mallon, ’64
John J. (Jack) McNally, C.P.A., ’64
Gerald J. DeAcetis, ’68
Ronald K. Washington, ’70
Joseph V. Russell Jr., ’75
Joseph E. McEntee, ’77
Frederick A. Brown, ’78
Susan M. Kraske, ’78
Donna L. DiPasquale, ’82
Timothy P. Mahon, ’84
Frances Theresa (Terry) Larkins, ’87, ’94
Kristine Rogacz Taylor, ’89
Linda C. Ward, ’89
Vincent R. Siciliano, ’91
Elizabeth Ewing Imperato, ’02

Faculty
Lawrence J. Dondero, ’46, former economics professor
Br. Jerome Benway, ’68, former assistant track coach

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