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A Perfect Union

The Special Bond Married Alums Share with Their Alma Mater
Finding Just the Right Fit

BY TERRY JACKSON, ’79

IN REFLECTING UPON THE RELATIONSHIP WITH MY SPOUSE, Larry Byrnes, ’77, every discussion for us begins in the same place … how did we wind up at La Salle?

As a first-generation college student graduating from a public high school in Delaware County, La Salle College wasn’t even on my radar screen. I wanted to be a teacher, which meant I would attend the state “teachers’ college” where everyone who was fortunate enough to go to college went. Decision made.

However, we had a family friend, Pete Tozer, ’71, who graduated from La Salle. During my senior year in high school, Pete made it his personal mission to sell me on La Salle. One evening, Pete was showing me around campus and we ran into Brother Anthony Wallace, F.S.C., the Education Department Chair at the time. Br. Anthony seemed to know everyone in education and talked to me about what made La Salle special. There was something about that first casual meeting that took up residence in my heart and soul, and I suddenly understood what Pete had seen and had been trying to tell me—La Salle fit, and I belonged here.

Larry’s path to La Salle was different. His father, brother, and uncle had all gone to St. Joseph’s College. Since he was attending St. Joseph’s Prep, “the college” seemed to be in his future. However, his favorite teacher at the Prep, Jerry Taylor, suggested he might consider La Salle and its Honors Program. After sending in an application, he received the call from John Grady, the late Director of the Honors Program, offering him a scholarship and inviting him to visit campus.

Larry still remembers the office in the basement of McShain Hall and the tour of campus. It was that visit that made all the difference: The people were incredibly warm and seemed to love the place. He felt at home at the intimate campus. That one phone call, that one visit, and La Salle had won.

Our meeting was somewhat random. A mutual acquaintance thought that Larry, the psychology major, and I, an education major, shared a similar sense of humor. We all happened to be in the cafeteria at the same time, and she introduced us. I was a smart-aleck sophomore and made some crack about something, and Larry, the sophisticated senior, took it all too seriously. Some sense of humor, I thought! But then we started seeing each other around campus, and short conversations turned into hours-long talks. There was a spark. We never had a class together, but our worlds kept intersecting, and we became friends.

Larry was graduating that year and was heading off to law school at Yale, so it seemed that our paths were diverging. But, somehow, we kept finding ways to stay together, even though our lives were starting out in different places. In the days before Skype and cell phones, we spent a small fortune on phone calls and train tickets. One evening, Larry drove four hours from New Haven, Conn., to surprise me at the Villanova-La Salle game at the Palestra.

So many things in life are about fit. Even though it took us a while to figure it out, everyone who knew Larry and me were sure we belonged together. You know when something is right and is where you belong. That’s what happens when you are part of a community. You find home.

For all of us who found a spouse here, there was that moment when some small thing took up residence in our hearts and souls. And life has never been quite the same.

Terry Jackson, ’79, returned to work at La Salle in 2001 and is currently the Director of Graduate and Adult Programs. Larry Byrnes, ’77, is Assistant General Counsel at Unisys Corporation in Blue Bell, Pa. The couple has been married since 1991 and live in Flourtown, Pa. They are proud godparents of Will Allen, ’14, son of Anna and Chuck Allen, profiled on page 4.
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A Perfect Union

The Special Bond Married Alums Share with Their Alma Mater

For generations, students have chosen to attend La Salle for its quality education, Catholic values, athletics, social opportunities, and cultural connections. Beyond the books, sports, and activities, some Explorers have had the added benefit of finding true love. In the following pages, read the tales of several Explorers who met their mates at La Salle and eventually married. Through their personal relationships, these couples also discovered a deepening love of their alma mater, La Salle University, the place that made it all happen.
Forging Lifelong Friendships

KEITH ANDERSON, AN INCOMING FRESHMAN FROM Sicklerville, N.J., was late to his orientation session on class schedules. He grabbed the last open seat, which just happened to be next to Tracy Reynolds, a native of Coatesville, Pa. Tracy couldn’t stop glancing over at Keith—because his stomach was growling. The Christian Brother leading the session advised the incoming freshmen in the room who had significant others to not get too attached to them. “You never know,” he said, “the person sitting next to you could just be the person you marry.” Keith, who was happy with his current girlfriend, couldn’t help glancing over at Tracy and thinking, “Well, that wouldn’t be too bad!”

Six years later, what the Christian Brother had prophesized became a reality—Keith and Tracy wed with that orientation day, July 20, 1998, inscribed inside their wedding bands.

But it wasn’t just the Andersons who caught the La Salle love bug. Two of Tracy’s roommates, Maureen Keys and Alison McGrath, would end up marrying two of Keith’s St. George floor mates, Andy Metzger and Matt York, respectively. The Class of 2002 grads are thankful not only for meeting their significant others at La Salle, but also for the friendship they all share.

Like Keith and Tracy, Matt and Alison also met at an orientation event. Matt sat behind Alison and started a conversation with her. When it was time to do an icebreaker for the session, Alison decided to volunteer Matt. “I went up and made a fool of myself,” Matt said. “I told her she owed me one and asked her to meet up later at another event.”

The pair hit it off, and, within a month, they were a couple. Matt, a communication major from Harrisburg, Pa., moved to Pittsburgh and then back to Harrisburg after graduation, while Alison, who graduated with a degree in mathematics, stayed in her native Philadelphia. All the while, they stayed together. When Matt moved back to Philly, the pair married in 2006. Matt is the General Manager of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services Inc.’s New York office, and Alison is transitioning from being a therapist at Cora Services to staying at home with their infant son, Luke. The youngest York recently showed off his blue and gold by attending his first Explorers basketball game.

“La Salle means so much to us. Every single memory we have there is with each other,” Alison said. “It was such a great environment to learn about ourselves and us as a couple, and to make great friends,” said Matt, a current member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. “It’s an institution of higher learning and a matchmaker service,” he joked.

Indeed, La Salle was a backdrop for romance when Keith sent Tracy a formal invitation in the mail for their first Valentine’s Day together—a dinner of ramen noodles and a movie in his St. George dorm room. “When we look back, we wondered what would have happened if we had gone to another college,” Tracy said. “But there was something that always told me I should be at La Salle. Now I know that God had a plan for me to meet Keith there.”

They were both communication majors with English minors, and they are now living in Manchester, Conn. Keith works as the video coordinator for the women’s basketball team at the University of Connecticut, while Tracy does marketing and publicity for the Career Services Department there. They are parents to 3-year-old Chase and 8-month-old Claire.

“La Salle means so much to us. Every single memory we have there is with each other.”

—Alison McGrath York, ’02
Tag-along Love

WHEN SENIOR WILLIAM ALLEN, ‘77, and freshman Anna Melnyk, ‘80, M.A. ’02, met in the cafeteria at La Salle in the fall of 1976, they had each decided to tag along with a friend in pursuit of a warm meal. Who knew that this would be the beginning of a long, beautiful life together?

After a few years of intentional reunions and random gatherings, one could say fate brought these two Lasallians together unexpectedly. It was during the fall of 1981, while crossing the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, that a New Jersey-bound Anna and William found themselves in the same toll lane, in separate cars. “One followed the other out for a quick drink, and from there, our friendship just blossomed,” Anna said. By the spring of 1982, Anna and William were happily engaged.

William and Anna, known affectionately by friends as Chuck and Nush, have truly made La Salle a family affair. Not only did William’s father and Anna’s brother and brothers-in-law attend La Salle, but their two children, Sara, ’08, and Will, ’14, also chose La Salle. “Being on La Salle’s campus connected me with a place where my father lived and studied,” William said. “My children get to walk in those same places—some physical, but some I hope are more than that.”

Day by day, Anna’s bond with the University is continuously strengthened, as she has worked at La Salle for more than 31 years and currently serves as the Associate Dean of Students. “Because of my daily involvement, I have been able to grow a connection back to the faculty, administration, and, therefore, the school at large, that exceeded one that I would have ordinarily had,” Anna said.

While Anna chose to pursue a career with the University, William has utilized his La Salle education by managing two teams of software developers at The Vanguard Group.

As married alumni, Anna and William’s experiences with La Salle have made a significant impact on their lives, and they remain active alumni. They said they feel blessed to be able to call so many alumni dear friends, and they appreciate their time spent on campus.

“I have spent more time on this campus now than any other place on Earth, and I am glad about that fact,” Anna said. As they continue to attend various University events, William and Anna are mindful that, if not for La Salle, there just might not have been a Chuck and Nush.
Love at La Salle
BY JANINE (STEVENS) MONICO, ’07

“I FELL IN LOVE WITH HER THE FIRST TIME I SAW HER,” BOB Spires, ’75, said of his wife, Judy (Reyers) Spires, ’75, MBA ’09, who met during their freshman year at La Salle. “I always knew she was the one.”

As far as Judy knew, they were just friends; but their senior year, while student teaching at Widener University, their friendship blossomed into romance.

“Every morning he would bring me coffee,” Judy said. “His eyes sparkled when he smiled and said, ‘Good morning, Ms. Reyers.’ He was so cute, smart, and well dressed. He was irresistible.”

La Salle’s campus offered a variety of dating options for the couple. “We went to $2 movie night in the student union and went to plays all the time,” Judy said. They also ventured off campus to local spots, such as Rexy’s, a popular hangout for the Philadelphia Flyers at that time, and the Wooden Nickel.

“We were out one night at the Wooden Nickel, having a nice evening just the two of us,” Bob said. “I just knew it was meant to be, and I felt that she felt the same way.” He proposed that night in 1974 while they were both seniors at La Salle.

“She didn’t hesitate. She didn’t even blink,” Bob said.

That was a big year for Bob and Judy. They graduated from college, got married, and bought their first home.

Graduation did not part them from La Salle, though. Judy earned her MBA at La Salle, became a professor in the MBA program, and sits on the Board of Trustees. In 2008, she received La Salle’s Leadership Award during the annual Charter Dinner.

The Spires continue to stay involved with La Salle because “that’s where it all began,” Judy said. “La Salle taught me to be an independent thinker and to have confidence in myself. When I walked out of there, I felt I could be anything I wanted to be.”

That’s exactly what she did. During her undergraduate time at La Salle, Judy worked part time as a cashier at Acme. In 2006, she became President of Acme Markets, overseeing 130 Acme stores in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Today, Judy is CEO of AG Supermarket Holdings.

Bob is the President and CEO of Inspire Inc., a full-service human resources and labor relations company he opened in 2007, specializing in family-run businesses.

When Bob proposed, they talked about seeing the world together. Although they have traveled across the country and internationally, this year the pair will finally visit New Orleans, a destination they’ve dreamed of seeing together since 1975.

Today, the Spires live in North Jersey, but, like true Philadelphians, they maintain a shore house in Ocean City, N.J.
Written in the Stars
BY CARA T. SCHIAVO, ’03, M.A. ’11

IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT LOVE WORKS in mysterious ways. Whether it’s fate or pure chemistry that brings two people together, romance can unfold when you least expect it. It was in a delicious instant when Rich Prall, ’07, realized he was head-over-heels in love with Kelly Minnich, ’07, while they were on their way to their very first date.

“It was Valentine’s Day, and neither one of us had dates for the special day,” Rich said. While ice skating at the River Rink in Penn’s Landing, Cupid’s arrow pierced Rich’s heart and a new love bloomed.

Rich and Kelly met during a freshman religion class at La Salle and made a quick connection. The boy from Doylestown, Pa., who was recruited to play baseball, and the girl from Palmerton, Pa., who wanted to experience the city but remain close enough to family, were referred to by their Lasallian friends as being “written in the stars.”

“I had a hunch before we even started dating that I would fall in love with Rich because our friends said it was ‘in the stars,’” Kelly said.

From that point forward, sparks began to fly, and these two sweethearts were smitten. Between having mutual friends and living close to each other on La Salle’s cozy campus, they spent their entire college career together.

“In an act of adoration, Rich proposed to Kelly almost one year after they began dating, and they tied the knot in 2009. As married alumni, they enjoy participating in alumni events, including sports and Homecoming.

“When we visit campus, we love picking up new La Salle gear in the bookstore to keep the memories alive,” Rich said. “Sometimes we will visit the Union during baseball games to pick up some of our college favorites.”

Although Rich was drafted in 2007 by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 33rd round, he only played one season with the Williamsport (Pa.) Crosscutters. Currently, he is putting his La Salle degree to good use by pursuing a sales and management career at Health Advocate in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Kelly is utilizing her nutrition degree as a lead oncology nutritionist at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia.

La Salle continues to act as a cornerstone in Rich and Kelly’s daily lives. Their time spent at the University has not only knitted their hearts together forever, but it also allowed them to form lifelong friendships.

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—Kelly Minnich Prall, ’07

“Most of the memories we have of the college years were spent together, including birthdays and holidays,” Rich said.

Rich, ’07, and Kelly Minnich, ’07, Prall
Going the Distance  BY JANINE (STEVENS) MONICO, ’07

THOUGH THEIR FRIENDS JOKE THAT MARC ROSTANT, ’05, MBA ’06, FOLLOWED Laura (Bernard) Rostant, ’04, to La Salle, “that is not the case,” Marc said. Marc and Laura grew up on the same street on the southern Caribbean island of Trinidad. They had a brief flirtation as children, but Marc and Laura did not rekindle their romance until they were sophomores at La Salle, 2,000 miles away from where they grew up. They shared their second first kiss in the courtyard of St. Theresa Court.

After graduating in 2004, Laura returned to Trinidad. Marc stayed at La Salle and earned his MBA in 2006. They kept their relationship alive despite the distance, and when Marc returned to Trinidad in 2006, he proposed.

“Marc took me to dinner at Crew’s Inn, a restaurant on the waterfront,” Laura recalled. “I could tell something was going on, as he was very nervous throughout the dinner. He actually did not eat anything he ordered!”

Following dinner, Marc invited Laura to take a walk by the boats. “I handed her a fake gift certificate for dance lessons, and at the very bottom it read ‘Only if you say yes,’” he said. They got married on April 28, 2007.

“It’s easy when you find your perfect match,” Marc said. “We are very different, and we are passionate about different things, but I think the opposites make us attract.”

They have a 2-year-old daughter, Sophie Marie. Marc works as the operations manager for the short-term car rental brands at Neal and Massy Automotive Limited, the largest new vehicle dealer on the island, and Laura works as a portfolio manager at a local bank.

The pair still stays involved with La Salle today, all the way from Trinidad, by attending local college fairs to recruit new students. “Last October we hosted a La Salle dinner at our home,” Laura said. “We invited former students and parents of current La Salle students.”

“Without La Salle, I don’t think we’d be married today,” Marc said. “Without our education and the friends we made, I don’t think our lives would ever be the same.”

“We are very different, and we are passionate about different things, but I think the opposites make us attract.”

—Marc Rostant, ’05, MBA ’06
CHOOSING THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY IS daunting enough, but doing so while trying not to hurt a loving relationship is much more difficult.

As high school students dating in the mid-1980s, John, ’89, and Andrea (Schwind), ’89, Schwab took on this challenge with an impressive level of maturity and respect for each other.

“We evaluated college separately … each of us took an academic look as well as athletic,” John said. “We were playing our relationship by ear. She made the first choice, so I did know where she was going, but mine had less to do with her there.”

“There,” of course, was La Salle, where the Schwabs both attended on athletic scholarships, studied accounting, and ran cross country and track.

“We never talked about it; it just kind of happened,” Andrea said. “We never really thought about it; it just always worked out.”

John and Andrea met growing up in the Philadelphia suburbs and started dating at Lansdale Catholic High School, where Andrea remembered he was always around—in a good way. The couple sat next to each other in alphabetical order in most of their classes because of Andrea’s maiden name, Schwind.

“We were both scholar-athletes and involved in a number of sports,” John said. “She played softball as well and I played baseball. Our futures seemed to be aligned.”

The Schwabs credit La Salle’s close-knit community of professors, Christian Brothers, and students for how their relationship strengthened.

“From the academics, athletics, and social activities we met a lot of really good people who are still good friends today,” John said. “Those relationships allowed us to grow and enjoy time spent around good people, sharing great times, and having a lot of fun.”

Andrea particularly enjoyed attending basketball games with John and hanging out with their cross country teammates, but she also made time for roommates and friends in her business classes.

“We tried not to take classes together, because in high school we had every class together,” she said. “Also, I started as marketing major and we were really competitive about grades.”

The Schwabs obviously had their moments together at La Salle as well. John remembers fondly their favorite spot, the former Wister House, where John lived with teammates for a few years.

“We had tremendous times ourselves there in that historic house,” he said. “That’s where we have a majority of memories and experiences.”

The Schwabs married a few years after graduating from La Salle. At that time, John was an auditor for the former accounting firm Arthur Andersen, and Andrea was an auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Not surprisingly, they made respectable decisions to work at different firms because of their competitiveness and to avoid potential awkwardness in the workplace.

John is now Executive Vice President of Strategy at NCO Group in Horsham, Pa. Andrea is an adjunct accounting professor at La Salle.

The couple lives in Haddonfield, N.J., with their three children, Jack, 16, Alex, 13, and M.J., 10.
A Strong Connection Rooted in Friendship

BY LARRY ATKINS, '83

GREG, '86, AND JUDY (GALLAGHER), '86, BRAUN STARTED out as competitors, became friends, lived in the same student apartment complex, went to the same college parties, and eventually fell in love. The couple met at La Salle while running against each other for senator positions in student government at the end of freshman year.

“I can remember eyeing up my competition and thinking, ‘She’s going to give me a run for my money,’” Greg said.

However, it turned out well for both of them.

“We both won positions and became friends from that point,” said Judy. “The falling in love part was a bit more complicated.”

Judy said she liked Greg very much and loved him as a friend all through college. They went to events and formals together as friends. They remained good friends while Judy completed medical school and even vacationed together in the Poconos with a group of friends from La Salle.

Greg, Judy, and their nearly two dozen La Salle alumni friends remained close and continued to head down the shore, go to parties, attend concerts, and vacation together. But it wasn’t until years later that Judy and Greg’s relationship became more serious.

“The other La Salle friends were beginning to get married, but we continued to travel together,” Judy said. “On a trip to Puerto Vallarta in 1995 with a group of 14 others, romance blossomed nine years after graduation and we began to date. We joked that we couldn’t break up with each other because who would get the friends if we separated, so we might as well get married.”

Both Judy and Greg value the time they spent at La Salle and the lifelong friendships they developed. “The friendships and relationships that I developed at La Salle were the glue that held us together after college,” Judy said.

“We had a great core of friends that to this day remain friends,” Greg added.

The Brauns remain connected to La Salle and involved as alumni, especially with the Communication Department, which Greg serves as a member of its advisory board.

“Both Judy and I were active at La Salle. We feel a strong connection to give back, especially since Judy received a full scholarship to the University,” said Greg, who is Director of Sales and Marketing at Today’s Graphics Inc.

The couple comes back often to La Salle for Communication Department events, reunions, and sporting events. And it’s possible that more Brauns will be coming to La Salle in the future.

“When we return to La Salle, we walk around and talk about the changes but also the things that haven’t changed,” said Judy, who is now an ear, nose, and throat doctor in Langhorne, Pa. “When we have come to Homecoming with the kids (Robert, Katherine, and Alexandra), they roll their eyes when we get excited about something at the school. Our oldest is in sixth grade, but he already knows that he must apply to La Salle when the time comes.”
Wrong Place at the Right Time

BY CARA T. SCHIAVO, ’03, M.A. ’11

WHEN VINCE FALCHETTA, ’83, MBA ’91, REALIZED HE HAD BEEN SITTING IN THE wrong class during the fall semester of 1980, he couldn’t have been happier. It was on the very first night of his personnel and labor relations course that he noticed Eileen (Yanak) Falchetta, A.A. ’85, sitting catty-corner from him. As the course continued, Vince proceeded to angle himself closer to where Eileen was seated and struck up a conversation.

“After the first four classes, I realized this class was similar to a previous class I had, and the instructor told me they had changed the name of the course,” Vince said. “I wasn’t supposed to be in that class, but it was definitely fate!”

Lucky for Vince, he was in the wrong place at the right time.

Lucky for Eileen, Vince’s romantic interest in her was unyielding, and he was persistent. At first, Eileen was satisfied with making a new friend; however, after numerous invitations from Vince to accompany him on a date, she finally warmed to the idea and accepted. “I am so glad I did because he is a wonderful person,” Eileen said. From that point forward, their relationship matured and spiraled into love.

On the first day of spring in 1982, Vince toted a ring with him to his evening class. “I would always walk her to her car, which she parked in the faculty parking lot,” Vince recalled. “Since we met at La Salle, I felt it only appropriate to be engaged there.”

With a spring in his step, he walked the path to the faculty parking lot, as he had many times before with Eileen in tow, but this time was been different. Upon reaching Eileen’s car, Vince popped the question, and these two Lasallian sweethearts tied the knot in September 1983.

Twenty-eight years and three children later, La Salle has become the common denominator in their family equation. For the Falchetts, La Salle has not only been a place to remember affectionately, but it’s also a place they are still actively involved in as alumni, as their three children, Eileen, ’07, Vince, ’11, and Joseph, ’13, have all attended the University.

To boot, Eileen chose La Salle as her academic destination because her uncle, Brother Emery Mollenhauer, F.S.C., Ph.D., associate professor of English and one of the first deans of La Salle’s Evening Division, was an icon at the University. Although Eileen left after the spring semester in 1985 because she was expecting her first child, she earned her associate’s degree in business and continues to attend Homecoming, reunions, and basketball games with her family.

Vince and Eileen agree that meeting each other at La Salle and watching their children graduate from the University have been the best moments of their lives.

Passing Down Lasallian Values

BY LARRY ATKINS, ’83

MIKE, ’86, AND LISA (MARINO), ’86, Hallowell met in the fall of 1984 when Lisa transferred to La Salle from Manor Junior College. They knew each other as friends, but it wasn’t until the fall of 1985, when Mike invited her to join him at a coffee house in the St. Edward and St. Francis Hall lounge, that the romance began.

“It was not love at first sight, but I had a bunch of friends that had assigned Mike the name of ‘Joe Cutie,’” Lisa said. “I guess I wanted to know why he got the name ‘Cutie,’ so initially it was curiosity.”

They dated for more than a year but eventually broke up in their senior year at La Salle.

“For me, there was a deep attraction with Lisa and I felt a love I had never experienced before. But I was also not ready to enter into a serious relation-
“We probably didn’t realize it at the time, but (Lasallian) values became the basis for our family and life choices.”

—Mike Hallowell, ’86

ship while trying to navigate my way through college and all of the other parts of life on campus and growing up,” Mike said.

After graduation, Mike and Lisa rarely saw each other as they lived in different cities and were each starting their own careers. In 1987, Mike moved overseas to Australia to fulfill a lifelong dream of living abroad. Despite the distance, Lisa and Mike always stayed connected through mutual friends.

“Toward the end of my year in Australia, I began writing to her and uncovered that we still had feelings for each other,” Mike said.

Upon returning from Australia in the spring of 1988, Mike and Lisa attended a Communication Department alumni reunion on campus, and, from that night on, their pen pal relationship became something deeper. La Salle continued to play a role in their relationship right up to the day of their wedding, when they celebrated with many La Salle friends. Brother Gerry Molyneaux, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’58, former Communication Department Chair and moderator of Sigma Phi Lambda, presented the homily.

“Brother Gerry has always been such a huge part of our lives—as a friend, mentor, and teacher, so we couldn’t imagine our wedding day without him,” Mike said. “He lived up to the hype with a brilliant homily that had us laughing and crying and reminded us of how La Salle had become such an integral part of our relationship and adult lives.”

Today, the Hallowells, who have adopted three children from Russia and live in Horsham, Pa., return to La Salle for Homecoming, attend basketball games, and have been involved in the Communication Department’s Shining Star events. Mike, a sales and marketing executive, indicates that their education developed the Lasallian values that guide them through their relationship, career, and family lives.

“These core values were instilled by our parents but nurtured at La Salle and continue to play a role in our lives today,” he said. “We probably didn’t realize it at the time, but these values became the basis for our family and life choices. Our greatest goal for parenthood is to instill these same values in our children, while giving them the freedom and life experiences to make good choices and enjoy their education as much as we did.”
FINANCIAL AID PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN BOTH DEREK, ’96, and Staci (Wilhelm), ’95, Lorancas’ decisions to attend La Salle University, where, in addition to a quality Catholic education, the two also found love.

Derek, a management information systems major with minors in history and criminal justice, looked for a Catholic school with small class sizes and personal attention. Staci also wanted an education rooted in Catholic values that had a strong accounting program and business school. The two said they each received generous financial aid that sealed the deal and led them to be Explorers.

While a student, Derek played the trumpet and valve trombone in the jazz and pep bands, hosted a show on WEXP, and played in the pit orchestra for The Masque. Staci participated in Campus Ministry and the Accounting Association. But it was their fraternity and sorority involvement that led to their initial meeting.

Staci was a member of Phi Gamma Nu, and Derek was in the fourth pledge class of the new Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity chapter and was elected President of the Interfraternity-Sorority Council (IFSC). “I met Staci while I was Sig Ep’s representative to the IFSC and she was the Vice President. It kind of took off from there,” Derek said.

Derek and Staci fondly recalled memorable moments at La Salle with a number of people who helped them grow into the adults they are today. “There is an atmosphere of caring that is evident, and I think that’s why I always refer to it as part of Lasallian education,” Derek said.

“The memorable moments were the connections you made with people who were genuine and vested in our growth as individuals,” Staci added.

Together, the two now-married alums built an even stronger relationship with their alma mater. “We will always have La Salle in common,” Derek said. “While we are individuals, we are also linked together by our partnership, and that partnership started at La Salle almost 20 years ago.”

That strong bond has kept the couple connected to La Salle. As alumni, they are involved in Bankers Day through the School of Business and participated in the pilot Lasallian Interview program through the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Staci served as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. At one point, Derek was even “roped in” by Brother Tom McPhillips, F.S.C., ’72, to reprise his trumpet part with the pep band for a home game two years ago. Even though he hadn’t played in nearly 10 years, Derek said he couldn’t say no to Br. Tom and the Pep Band.

“For us, it’s important to stay involved to help ensure that La Salle remains a strong and vibrant university for generations to come.”
—Derek Loranca, ’96

In addition, the Lorancas are sure to return the favor they received as incoming students by donating regularly to the La Salle Fund. It was due to the generous donations of other alumni that Derek and Staci were able to afford to attend La Salle. Now, they encourage other alumni to take a similar approach and pay it forward. “Now that we’re alumni, it’s up to us to help the next generation of Lasallians,” Staci said. “Do you want your children to have the chance to experience La Salle? Then donating, even a little bit each year, helps to preserve that chance.”
Firebird
BY JACK MCDEVITT, '57

Ace Books, 2011; 375 pp.; $24.95

Dr. Christopher Robin was a renowned physicist whose science theories about life after death and the existence of the multiverse earned him both admirers and enemies. Forty-one years ago, he vanished during an earthquake. When Robin’s widow dies, Alex Benedict is asked to handle the auction of the physicist’s artifacts—leading again to speculation on Robin’s mysterious disappearance. Did he die in the quake? Was he murdered to protect certain corporate interests? Did he finally find the door between parallel universes? Or was it something else entirely?

Jack McDevitt, '57, a Philadelphia native, holds degrees from La Salle and Wesleyan. He has been a naval officer, an English teacher, a customs officer, and a Philadelphia taxi driver. He has received the Southeastern Science Fiction Achievement Award, the John W. Campbell Memorial Award, and the Nebula Award. McDevitt and his wife live in Brunswick, Ga.

Apocalypse on the Set: Nine Disastrous Film Productions
BY BEN TAYLOR, '08

Overlook Press, 2012; 272 pp.; $27.95

With sky-high budgets and oversized egos, almost any film production has the potential for disaster. But some turn into full-fledged nightmares. Some films even become an albatross their directors can never shake off. Still others turn into terrible tragedies like those that befell The Twilight Zone: The Movie and The Crow, each losing a leading actor to a freak—yet preventable—accident. Such bizarre production mishaps often prove more interesting than the films that came out of these. These stories and more offer a rare glimpse of Hollywood filmmaking.

Ben Taylor, '08, is a frequent writer for DamInteresting.com, a weekly online publication with 400,000 visitors a month, and contributed to its volume, ALIEN HAND SYNDROME. He lives outside of Philadelphia.

A Pinch of Love
BY ALICIA BESSETTE, '97

Plume, 2011; 320 pp.; $15

With a little bit of flour and a pinch of love, anything is possible. Rose-Elleen “Zell” Carmichael Roy doesn’t cook, but she wears her late husband Nick’s camoaplug apron every day. Zell can’t bring herself to move on since Nick’s tragic death during a post-Hurricane Katrina relief mission in New Orleans. Then, an error spurs her to enter a baking contest in the hopes of donating the grand prize to the hurricane survivors in Nick’s memory. After Zell’s first baking attempt goes awry, she meets Ingrid Knox, her motherless 9-year-old neighbor, and the two forge an unlikely friendship that will alter their lives.

Alicia Bessette, '97, earned her degree from La Salle. A Pinch of Love has become an international bestseller. She was born and raised in central Massachusetts. She and her husband, novelist Matthew Quick, live in New England.

Now You’re Thinking
BY JOHN MAKETA, M.A. ’99, ET. AL.

FT Press, 2011; 176 pp.; $22.99

Developed as a primer on critical thinking, the book begins with the story of a group of U.S. Marines who combine courage and perseverance with critical-thinking skills to face unbelievable challenges and save the life of a 2-year-old Iraqi girl. While most people won’t face a challenge of that magnitude in their lifetime, the example demonstrates how the power of effective thinking can move mountains and help to conquer seemingly insurmountable challenges.

John Maketa, M.A. ’99, is the Director of Strategic Partnerships for Pearson TalentLens. Maketa is a dynamic leader in enterprise growth, developing bold and creative strategic alliances that catapult global performance and profit. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Temple University’s Fox School of Business and a master’s degree in clinical-counseling psychology from La Salle. He lives in Perkasie, Pa.

Imagining Things
BY AARON VICTOR VAUGHN (THE PEN NAME OF ANTHONY BANKS, ’10)

Another Fate Publishing, LLC, 2011; 402 pp.; $3.95 e-book, $13.95 paperback on Amazon.com

Imagining Things is a novel about the rewards for following your intuition—and the punishments for ignoring it. Evil is not always obvious, but for the sake of Whisper’s younger brother, Christian, Whisper wishes it was. Christian is in denial about a bad premonition both he and his sister had just before the arrival of their best friend’s brother, Marcus. Whisper and Marcus square off, competing for influence over Christian, and Whisper must stop Marcus because Christian’s denial of the premonition could be fatal for someone. What you won’t know can hurt you.

Aaron Victor Vaughn was born in Philadelphia, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from La Salle University. His poems were selected for publication in La Salle’s Literary and Art magazine.

Of the People, By the People, For the People: A Documentary Record of Voting Rights and Electoral Reform
BY THOMAS J. BALDINO, ’71, AND KYLE L. KREIDER

Greenwood Press, 2010; Vol. 1, 276 pp., Vol 2, 691 pp.; $180

The two volumes trace the evolution and development of the laws, both federal and state, that regulate the franchise from the Colonial Period to the present: who votes and why, how and when the vote occurs, and conditions surrounding the vote. Original documents are followed by analytical essays that explain their contents and significance.

Thomas Baldino, ’71, is a professor of political science at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He has served as Chair of the Political Science Department and as Interim Dean of the College of Arts. His teaching and research interests include American government, Pennsylvania government, and politics. Baldino and Kreider also wrote U.S. Election Campaigns: A Documentary and Reference Guide.

“Book Notes” will be featured periodically in upcoming issues of this magazine. We invite you to let us know if there’s a book written by an alum that might be highlighted by e-mailing Liz Vargo at vargo@lasalle.edu.
FOR MOST PEOPLE, GETTING A CALL FROM PRESIDENT Barack Obama is a funny dream you tell to your friends. But for Cheryl Reeve, ’88, MBA ’90, it was reality. The President was calling to congratulate her on being named the WNBA’s Coach of the Year and for leading her team, the Minnesota Lynx, to win the championship.

“The President’s phone call was a great thrill,” Reeve recalled. “I felt both humbled and honored that he took the time to recognize our great accomplishment. I was impressed with his knowledge of not only the WNBA and its players, but the details of our wins versus Atlanta in the finals.”

But Reeve’s life has been filled with many great accomplishments, whether on the court as a player, on its sidelines as a coach, or in the classroom as a student. Reeve was a crucial member of the women’s basketball team at La Salle, leading the Explorers to a 25-5 record in 1987–1988. Not only was she an All-Big 5 selection as a senior and named All-Metro Atlantic Conference, but she also currently holds the school record for starting in 110 games. In addition, the Washington Township, N.J., native was a Rhodes Scholar nominee and received a MAAC Scholar-Athlete Post Graduate Award and a NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship in 1988. She graduated with a degree in computer science and management information systems and went back to La Salle to earn her MBA.

“My time at La Salle as a student-athlete fostered the traits that my parents instilled in my two brothers and me as kids—commitment to discipline, hard work, and attention to detail,” Reeve said. “The professors I had at La Salle, along with coaches Speedy Morris and John Miller, challenged me in many ways and largely shaped the person and the professional I am today.”

Before her senior year, Reeve had an internship with the IRS related to her majors, and she also served as a counselor at Cathy Rush Camps, where she coached young girls on the fundamentals of basketball. “It was through these experiences that I learned my passion was basketball,” she said. Feeling sad once her college career was over, she knew in order to fulfill her love of the game she should pursue coaching. She started off as a graduate assistant coach for the Explorers while she was completing her master’s degree. She moved on to serve as an assistant coach at George Washington for five seasons before becoming the head coach at Indiana State for four years. Soon, she entered the WNBA, serving as an assistant coach for the Charlotte Sting, the Cleveland Rockers, and the Detroit Shock before making her debut as a head coach for the Lynx in 2009.

Reeve helped the Lynx with a major improvement to their record. The team finished the 2011 season with
a league-best record of 27-7, the second largest turnaround in WNBA history.

This season, she was overwhelmingly chosen as the WNBA Coach of the Year, winning the vast majority of the votes, but Reeve humbly noted that her staff and players helped her win the award. “No Coach of the Year has ever earned the honor by himself or herself, and I am no exception,” she said. “My experience as a WNBA head coach has been challenging, exciting, and fulfilling. I love waking up every day as head coach of the Minnesota Lynx and feel extremely blessed.”

With that award and the championship under her belt this past season, Reeve looks back positively on the year. “We had a super group of players who are tremendous people as well. Every championship team talks about having chemistry, and boy, were we special in this area,” Reeve said. “We were talented, tough-minded, and selfless—this made us very difficult to play against.”

But she knows she wouldn’t be where she is today without the time spent honing her skills and passion for basketball at her alma mater. “I have such fond memories of my days at La Salle. It’s largely where it all started for me,” she said. “During this time, I grew from being a shy kid from South Jersey to finding a foundation for who I wanted to be as a person and as a professional.”
A Note From ... Nutrition

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU ADD a cup of flour, a pinch of sugar, a dash of salt, and a lot of teamwork? The Food Laboratory and Community Kitchen, La Salle’s newest facilities for the Nutrition Program on West Campus.

The Nutrition Program, which began in 1999, has been cooking up plans for the new lab for the past 10 years. According to Program Director Jule Anne Henstenburg, the facilities are standard for colleges and universities with this curriculum.

“We needed a food lab for experiential learning,” Henstenburg said. “The level of facility we’ve been able to build will allow us to do a lot more.”

The lab, which is located on the ground floor of St. Benilde Tower, was made possible through a Health Resources and Services Administration grant that provided $142,000 for equipment. Within the lab are four teaching pods, each including a stove, hood, food preparation area, sink, counter, storage, and refrigerator. The lab can accommodate 12 to 16 students at a time, Henstenburg said. Additional equipment includes storage space, refrigerators, and a pot-washing area used for disinfecting.

“The students are learning many skills by using this brand-new, top-of-the-line institutional food service equipment, including cooking skills, time management and production skills in the food lab, understanding the relationship between recipes, cooking and baking techniques, and food safety techniques,” said Susan Adams, assistant professor of nutrition. “Many of these skills are reinforced and come alive to the students when they are accomplished in a controlled laboratory setting. The students learn by doing and understanding how ingredients and techniques come together to result in a superior finished product.”

This spring, students used the food lab for a food science course as well as a food and culture course. Food science focuses on the chemical and physical properties of food, the principles of food selection and consumer trends, meal planning, food preparation, menu development, and food safety. Food and culture considers the history of features

Senior nutrition majors (from left) Brendan Lyman and Marc Schoch try out the new food lab facilities.
The goal is to provide cooking classes to the local community that focus on vegetables, fruits, legumes, and nuts. Henstenburg also hopes to focus on therapeutic diets that will teach participants who suffer from chronic conditions, such as excess weight, hypertension, or heart disease, how to prepare appropriate meals. As an example, Henstenburg said they hope to partner with a Penn State Cooperative Extension Program called “Dining with Diabetes,” which covers food preparation and testing as well as diabetes education.

Maya Jalil, ’11, a nutrition major who is completing the Coordinated Program in Dietetics, said she went into the field of nutrition to help others. “It would be great to have cooking demonstrations and classes given to the community. If people can eat healthier on a smaller budget, what can they lose?” she said.

An additional space will provide an opportunity for nutrition counseling with members of the community, said Meg McFadden, ’11, a nutrition major who also is completing the Coordinated Program in Dietetics. “The nutrition students will gain very beneficial counseling experiences while helping members of the community,” she said.

Both the hands-on coursework and the opportunity to work with the local community will give students an advantage, Henstenburg said. “It’s very beneficial right now to offer students service learning, internships, and work experience. It will add to their education and employability,” she said. “This will help students show that they can develop and carry out a project.”

Susan Adams, assistant professor of nutrition (center), teaches Meg McFadden, ’11 (left), and Megan O’Neill, a senior, in the food lab.
Jamie Malanowski, ’75, has been exposing the truth behind the start of America’s bloodiest conflict in his latest literary venture.

In Disunion, an award-winning online New York Times series marking the Civil War sesquicentennial, Malanowski has uncovered the drama, politics, and manipulation that caused initially strong pro-union states, such as Virginia and Tennessee, to secede.

The online project has chronicled the nitty-gritty period while Congress was at an impasse and tensions were running high between the North and South from November 1860 to April 1861. Malanowski has provided play-by-play of how and why the South seceded, and Civil War scholars have provided commentary. This series inspired Malanowski’s critically acclaimed historical book And the War Came: The Six Months That Tore America Apart.

As Malanowski puts it, President James Buchanan was “waiting for a ton of bricks to fall on his head,” and Abraham Lincoln was in the wings to provide much-needed leadership.

“A lot of people didn’t know the ins and outs of how a lot of small decisions changed the path of this devastating, terrible outcome,” Malanowski said. “The lesson for today is pay attention and think things through to avoid disaster.”

Renowned documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, as well as authors Walter Isaacson and Kurt Anderson, praise And the War Came as an essential read with untold insights.
“This is an extraordinary collection, a hugely important deep-dive into the difficult waters of Civil War studies, done with provocative insight, great scholarship, and truly original thinking,” Burns said. “As we confront the hard truths and persistent relevance of the most important event in American history, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, it’s comforting to have And the War Came as a guide and a goad.”

Malanowski became a Civil War buff at age 8, growing up in Baltimore at the time of the centennial, when newspapers and magazines offered tons of coverage and when his parents took him on day trips to Gettysburg and Bull Run. His Civil War series and book are proud accomplishments in an overall enviable writing and editing career.

Malanowski moved with his wife, Virginia Jackson, ’75, to New York City, after earning a bachelor’s in political science from La Salle, where he grew inspired by professors Michael Dillon, Minna Weinstein, and Brother Edward Sheehy, F.S.C. He earned a master’s in political science from the University of Pennsylvania. In New York, he worked for local political campaigns and in city government before pursuing a writing career.

His satirical bend and humorous writing style landed him a member of Spy Magazine’s founding staff in 1986, where his legacy is as a major contributor. More serious journalism, he says, followed at US, Esquire, and Time magazines, at which he served two-year senior editor stints. By 2004, he had freelanced and networked his way to Playboy’s managing editor post, which he admits isn’t as sexy as it sounds.

“You’d think something would leap to mind, but it wasn’t that kind of experience,” he recalled, noting his best memory was in 2007 when his coworkers celebrated the publishing of his novel The Coup.

“The magazine threw a publication party for me at Elaine’s, the famous literary hangout in Manhattan,” he said. “I can’t claim anything near the critical or commercial success that her more famous patrons achieved, but I had my party!”

Malanowski was eventually laid off during the 2008 nationwide slashing of staff journalist positions. He says while he’d prefer to be working for a magazine, he realizes the industry doesn’t have much of a market for someone with his experience level. He’s not uncomfortable as a freelancer and author. He’s now working on a memoir detailing the relationship between Johnny Carson and Carson’s attorney.

Malanowski lives with his wife in Westchester County, N.Y. They have two children in college.

And the War Came can be purchased as an e-book at http://byliner.com/originals/and-the-war-came or as a paperback at www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/2374441.
THIS SUMMER WILL OFFICIALLY KICK OFF LA SALLE University’s 150th anniversary celebration, with several events slated for the 2012–2013 school year and others on the horizon. La Salle’s sesquicentennial will observe the University’s founding in 1863 and commemorate La Salle’s proud history as a Catholic and Lasallian institution.

Part of that proud history is La Salle’s strong commitment to service in the community. On Sept. 29, 2012, students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends will collaborate to volunteer their time with a number of organizations locally, nationally, and internationally during the Lasallian Day of Service.

“Part of our Lasallian heritage is about faith, service, and community. As a campus community, we pride ourselves on the service we do,” said Brother Bob Kinzler, F.S.C., ’77, Director of University Ministry and Service.

In recent years, La Salle students have contributed more than 50,000 hours of service annually to the local community. The Day of Service will highlight what La Salle students do on a regular basis and enable the La Salle community to share that gift in a different way, Kinzler said.

“It’s a chance to get the whole community involved,” he said.

The Day of Service will be a wide-scale organized effort for students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends to volunteer at more than 45 local sites as well as alumni clubs in Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery counties, South Jersey, Washington, D.C., New York, N.Y., St. Louis, Mo., Chicago, Ill., San Francisco, Calif., Boston, Mass., and Yakima, Wash. Other sites will be added in the coming weeks. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for a location on the 150th anniversary Web site, www.lasalle.edu/150.

“Alumni from clubs and chapters across the U.S. and overseas will volunteer for the Day of Service by participating in painting, landscaping, working with children or elderly, and helping to renovate schools,” said Trey Ulrich, ’99, MBA ’02,
www.lasalle.edu/150

Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations. “There are plenty of activities for people to get involved in, and it will be a great opportunity for alumni and students to work together in the community.”

Prior to the Day of Service is the first of many anniversary events. La Salle Music Theatre will commemorate 50 years with a celebration on June 23, 2012. Former performers will return to entertain guests in the Dan Rodden Theatre.

“This event will appeal to anyone who had anything to do with our Music Theatre, whether as a participant or attendee,” said Anna Allen, ’80, M.A. ’02, Associate Dean of Students and former La Salle Music Theatre member. “At the time in Philadelphia, this was one of the premier music theaters and drew in a lot of well-known talent.”

Other confirmed events include Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter speaking at La Salle’s Opening Convocation Aug. 23, 2012, and Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput accepting an honorary degree during Honors Convocation on Oct. 7, 2012. At the Alumni Awards Dinner on Nov. 16, 2012, Sean Callahan, Executive Vice President for Overseas Operations for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will accept the Signum Fidei Medal on behalf of CRS for its work in advancing humanitarian principles. Later, on March 21, 2013, during La Salle’s Heritage Days celebration, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, Ph.D., will present “Civil War and Philadelphia.”

These events and others will bring speakers and organizations to La Salle that celebrate the positive impact the University and its alumni have had and continue to have on the City of Philadelphia, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and beyond, said Brian Elderton, Vice President of University Advancement and co-Chair of the 150th Anniversary Committee along with Julie Morrison, Director of University Events. The 150th anniversary events highlight La Salle’s academic strengths and celebrate the University’s distinctiveness, he said.

“La Salle alumni have become some of our region’s and our nation’s most accomplished professionals, assuming leadership roles in whatever corporate, academic, volunteer, religious or cultural community in which they are engaged,” Elderton said. “Our alumni are living the promise through successful lives imbued with the Lasallian ethic that calls them to be attentive to the needs of others.”

As events are confirmed, further details will appear on the 150th anniversary Web site. The Web site also will include an extensive section on La Salle’s history.

Flat Explorer Adventures

As one way to participate in La Salle’s 150th anniversary, alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends are encouraged to travel with the Flat Explorer, printed on the inside back cover of this magazine. Photograph your adventures with the Explorer during your everyday activities or unusual journeys and upload the pictures to the 150th Web site.

Relive the Glory Days

Share your stories and photos from your time at La Salle through a “Share Your Memories” link on the 150th Web site. A wide range of memories are welcome. Consider contributing stories about a favorite professor, the origins of friendships and relationships, a historical event, a teachable moment, sports stories, funny anecdotes, or a special event.

The groundbreaking ceremony for College Hall on Feb. 29, 1928.
Authority on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Speaks at Economic Outlook Forum

William C. Dunkelberg, Ph.D., a nationally known authority on small business, entrepreneurship, consumer behavior, and consumer credit and government policy, was the featured speaker at La Salle’s 11th Annual Economic Outlook Forum, held at the Union League.

Dunkelberg has presented expert testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate on consumer credit, inflation, tax reform, the minimum wage, small business, electronic funds transfer systems, energy efficiency standards, health care, and monetary and fiscal policy. He is a professor of economics in the College of Literature and Arts at Temple University.

“In his talk at the Economic Outlook event, Bill Dunkelberg combined technical research with a seasoned overview of the economy, and he identified the drivers that produce economic growth,” said Paul Brazina, Dean of the School of Business. “With the upcoming political debates, Dr. Dunkelberg set the stage for understanding key issues facing our nation.”

Dunkelberg is a past president and a fellow of the National Association for Business Economics (NABE). He is an elected member of the Conference of Business Economists (serving as Chair in 2003) and the National Business Economic Issues Council.

LA SALLE HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:

- Independence Blue Cross Foundation: $102,731 for scholarships for graduate and undergraduate nursing students
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, Act 101 Program: $62,938 for the Academic Discovery Program
- Green Tree Community Health Foundation: $15,085 for the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center

Hall of Athletes Honors Coach, Players

Three former athletes and a head coach have been inducted into the La Salle University Hall of Athletes. Honorees include the late men’s and women’s cross country and track and field coach Charles Torpey and athletes Jenna Darcy, ’05, Bob Moore, ’66, and Karo Isajan, ’07.

Torpey won 16 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year honors, including 13 in cross country, and led his teams to 15 Atlantic 10 Championships during his illustrious 17-year tenure at La Salle. In cross country, Torpey’s teams captured 13 A-10 Championships. His men’s team won four straight titles from 2001 to 2004 and added titles in 1999, 2006, and 2007. On the women’s side, the Explorers won four consecutive championships from 2004 to 2007 and additional titles in 2001 and 2002. In track and field, the Explorers won a pair of A-10 Championships. Torpey, who passed away in 2011, was inducted into the Hall of Athletes posthumously.

Jenna Darcy, ’04, won 11 Atlantic 10 championships in track and field, including seven individual titles. The 2005 Atlantic 10 Indoor Track Performer of the Year and Student-Athlete of the Year, Darcy set school records in the indoor 5,000 meters and outdoor 10,000 meters and still holds records as a member of two relay teams. In cross country, Darcy was a three-time all-Atlantic 10 performer and helped the Explorers to four consecutive Atlantic 10 Championships.

Bob Moore, ’66, won the 200-yard butterfly at the 1966 NCAA Championships and also earned All-America honors in the 100-yard butterfly that season. A Middle Atlantic Conference champion in the 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard butterfly, 400-yard freestyle relay, and 400-yard medley relay, Moore helped the Explorers finish third at the NCAA Championships in 1964 and fifth in 1965 and 1966.

Karo Isajan, ’07, was the four-time Atlantic 10 Diver of the Year from 2004 to 2007 and, as a senior, was the first Explorer in 20 years to qualify for the NCAA Diving Championship. He holds the school record in the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard events and the Kirk Pool record in the 1-meter event, and he set the Atlantic 10 Championship record while winning the 3-meter springboard diving event in 2007.
Goldberg Honored by Pennsylvania State Nursing Association

Earl Goldberg, Ed.D., APRN, B.C., ’83, recently received the Courage, Commitment, and Compassion Award from the Pennsylvania State Nursing Association (PSNA) for his career achievements, which have included treating military personnel and prisoners of war and providing services for the aged.

“Dr. Goldberg has touched many lives through his exceptional display of professionalism and care,” said Betsy Snook, M.Ed., BSN, R.N., PSNA’s CEO “He is a nurse who championed the needs of men and women in our military, caring for both their physical and mental injuries. His unwavering commitment to the profession inspires him to explore the next hurdle of health-care needs—social gerontology. His groundbreaking, evidence-based practice research spans the spectrum of controlling chronic pain in the elderly, elder abuse, and meeting the challenge of elder mistreatment.”

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Price Receives National Honor

The Brothers of the Christian Schools of the U.S./Toronto Region recently recognized William Price, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and biochemistry and Chair of the Chemistry Department, as one of seven national Distinguished Lasallian Educators during the annual Huether Lasallian Conference in Washington, D.C.

The award is given to an individual who honors the ideals of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

“It is humbling yet refreshing to belong to such a community that acknowledges the values of both faith and reason—one that has international scope and understands the importance of the shared mission of stepping up and giving back as we search for answers,” Price said. “No words can articulate how humbled, honored, and uplifted I feel at being recognized both at La Salle and on a national level.”

Price was nominated for the award after receiving the honor of Distinguished Lasallian Educator at La Salle. He was recognized nationally for the passion and humanity he shows through his work as well as his concern for the world and our place in it.

Weaver New Palopoli Professor

La Salle University integrated science, business, and technology professor William Weaver, Ph.D., has received the 2012 Frank P. Palopoli Professorship, which fosters science faculty research in education.

The Palopoli Professorship was established in 2009 by Frank C. Palopoli, ’69, a University Trustee, and John J. Palopoli, M.D., ’70, to honor the scientific accomplishments of their father, Frank P. Palopoli, who helped to develop the fertility drug Clomid.

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In keeping with the University’s “Explorer” mindset, Weaver said the endeavor will be referred to as the Algorithmic Perception Expedition, or APEX. “In addition to the scientific and technical details of the research, APEX will build upon our undergraduates’ facility with the tenets of collaborative project development and social media,” he said. “APEX will maintain an online log of activities and post numeric results and audiovisual demonstrations of the expedition’s progress.”

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LA SALLE FANS WERE GREETED WITH A PLEASANT SURPRISE when they walked into Tom Gola Arena for an early December men’s basketball contest against Army.

A pair of brand-new video boards hung in two corners of the court, each measuring 7 feet, 9 inches high by 13 feet, 9 inches wide and featuring LED lights. The boards will heighten the fan experience at Tom Gola Arena for years to come.

This is just one of the many technological improvements that the Athletic Department has made over the past year. Other new features include high-definition streaming of many athletic contests and feature videos, text message score updates, the unveiling of a new Web site, and an increased presence on social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook.

“We have made a concerted effort to really use technology to advance the promotion and publicity of our student-athletes and teams,” said Kevin Bonner, Assistant Athletic Director for Communications and Promotions. “Our video initiatives and social media platforms have allowed fans to get even closer to their favorite programs.”

The video boards, a gift from John Glaser, ’62, feature cutting-edge LED technology that can project a wide variety of live and recorded video, statistics, information graphics, animations, and sponsor information.

During a normal game, fans are treated to a live pre-game show complete with highlights from the previous contest, a pump-up video before player introductions, and in-game highlights, in addition to live video during timeouts.

“We are excited to equip Gola Arena with state-of-the-art video boards,” said Tom Brennan, Ed.D., Director of Athletics. “A special thanks goes to John Glaser for his generous gift.”

Those fans who cannot attend home games also are benefiting from new Athletic Department initiatives. With the purchase of state-of-the-art video production equipment and several HD cameras last summer, fans can now watch a multi-camera video stream of many athletic events.

Every home men’s and women’s basketball game is streamed in crisp, high-quality form. Volleyball, soccer, swimming and diving, and lacrosse are other events regularly broadcast online. In addition, field hockey was streamed for the first time during the fall. A subscription to the GoExplorers.tv package can be purchased through the Athletics Web site.

Additionally, video segments featuring teams, as well as individual coaches and athletes, have been produced. For example, “The Journey” followed the women’s soccer team’s run to the NCAA Tournament with highlights, insider footage, and interviews with coaches and players.

“We feel as though GoExplorers.tv is among the best in the conference in terms of quality and quantity in both live and produced content,” Bonner said.

Fans can also receive updates about their favorite Explorer teams delivered right to their cell phones free of charge. Text message alerts will update fans of the final score at the conclusion of a game, meet, or match. Sign up for this free service at goexplorers.com/textalerts.

Powered by Sidearm Sports, GoExplorers.com got a new look this summer. Schedules, video highlights, Student-Athlete of the Week award winners, and sponsorship information can be found on the front page.

In terms of social media, fans can now follow along with in-game tweets during most of La Salle’s home athletic contests, as well as selected road events. Tweeting allows fans to get a better sense for the flow of the game and read all the highlights. It is also an interactive platform, letting fans ask questions and leave comments from their own Twitter accounts.

Liking the Explorers’ Facebook page allows fans to showcase their pride for La Salle athletics. The page also provides updates on final scores and is the place to find out about special athletic promotions.

Follow the Explorers on Twitter @GoExplorers_com and on Facebook under La Salle Athletics.
Janine (Stevens) Monico, '07, and Dave Monico, a student in the Master of Public Health program at La Salle, were married on Nov. 12, 2011, in Newtown, Pa., with several La Salle graduates in attendance. (Back row, from left) Chris McKeever, '07, Bill Smart, '07, Kevin Gianfortune, '07, Julie Pompizzi, '05, and Anthony Machamer, '07. (Front row, from left) Colleen Kane, '07, Caitlin Byrne, '06, bride Janine (Stevens) Monico, '07, groom Dave Monico, Jen Mattioli, '07, Beth Reilly, '07, and Kevin Forik, '06.

Marriages

2001  Roseanne R. Capaccio (B.A.) to Joseph A. Mangoni (B.A.).

Edward J. Conway III, CPA (B.S., MBA ’05) to Kelly McAndrew.

2002  Jami Wilus (B.A.) to Trystan C. Behm.

2003  Sean M. Sabol (B.S.) to Megan L. Conklin.


2005  Joseph W. Bridgeman (B.A.) to Kaylin Morrissey (B.A. ’07).


2006  Alejandra Marroquin (BSN) to David A. Moore (B.A. ’07, M.A. ’11).


2008  Irena A. Burgos (M.A.) to Sean Fischer.

Melissa A. Matyjasik (BSN) to Thaddeus P. Kavanagh (B.A. ’09).

2009  Erin A. Canaday (M.S.) to Michael M. DeVault.

Thaddeus P. Kavanagh (B.A.) to Melissa A. Matyjasik (BSN ’08).

1953  Walter P. Lomax Jr., M.D. (B.S.) of Hilltown, Pa., was honored with a Star Alumnus EDDY award from the Philadelphia Education Fund for excellence in his profession and for being an inspiration to his community.

1957  ★ REUNION YEAR

1958  H. Richard Noon (B.A.) of Leawood, Kan., celebrated 53 years of marriage with his wife, Doris.

1962  ★ REUNION YEAR  Owen L. Green III (B.S.) of Christianburg, Va., welcomed his first grandchild, Mason Paul Malcolm, in February 2011.

1963  John P. McMenamin (B.A.) of Mobile, Ala., won two gold medals and a silver medal in the mile, half-mile, and quarter-mile track and field events at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Games in Long Beach, Miss.

1965  Timothy O. Tobin (B.S.) of Voorhees, N.J., published a short story, The Triplets, in the December 2011 issue of Separate Worlds. He also published a story, Thunder and Lightning, and a poem, Fury So Hot, Hate So Black, on Rope and Wire, a Western-themed Web site.

1967  ★ REUNION YEAR

1968  James W. Giamotti (B.S.) of Wernersville, Pa., retired from Caron Treatment Centers.

George W. Luther III, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Rehoboth Beach, Del., was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

1969  Joseph M. Marquart (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., is a member of the English Department at Bishop Eustace Prep School in Pennsauken, N.J. He has worked at the school for more than 43 years.

1970  Alfred C. Giovetti, Ph.D., CPA (B.S.) of Catonsville, Md., completed four years as Governor and two years as Senior Governor of the Board of Governors of the National Society of Accountants (NSA), representing Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. He is the only governor of NSA to serve two elected terms as Senior Governor.

1969  Joseph M. Mottola (B.A.) of Stratford, N.J., retired from the Voorhees Township public schools after 37 years of service.

Thomas N. Pappas (B.S.) of Radnor, Pa., was present at the Benson Table luncheon at the Union League of Philadelphia, at which State Treasurer Rob McCord was the guest speaker. Pappas is the former President of the Union League.

William C. Walsh (B.A.) of Washington, D.C., was selected as a member of the State Department’s Religion and Foreign Policy Working Group to advise the Secretary of State on ways...
Building on a Dream: The Bucks County Children’s Museum

In 1999, while taking a leave of absence from her full-time teaching position to raise three children, Kelly (Mullen) Krumenacker, ’90, struggled to find age-appropriate activities in which to involve her children. She dreamed of creating a place where children of all abilities could engage in educational activities while having fun.

This would not be just a dream, Krumenacker decided, so she took action.

Krumenacker sought the opinion of Preston Feden, Ed.D., professor of education and Assistant Director of the Honors Program, since it was in his classroom that Kelly first learned about using a multi-sensory approach in teaching. She also took the idea to business owners and community leaders.

“The idea was received with a lot of enthusiasm,” she said. Krumenacker spent the next several years building a board of directors, searching for a location, and fundraising. “Just to get the momentum behind the project took several years,” she said

In February 2007, the founding board of directors was assembled and the Bucks County Children’s Museum received 501(c)3 nonprofit status a month later.

Twelve years after Krumenacker conceived this project, the Bucks County Children’s Museum opened its doors on Nov. 1, 2011, in New Hope, Pa.

The 5,000-square-foot museum features eight exhibit areas, each focusing on some aspect of Bucks County.

“We wanted to give the children a sense of place so that they learn to respect what a jewel we have in this region.” Krumenacker said. The artifact dig, for example, gives children the opportunity to unearth Bucks County’s treasures buried under recycled rubber mulch while making connections with historical events that shaped the community.

“When children pick up a hammer and rebuild the interior of our covered bridge exhibit, they are learning about preservation and the fundamentals of engineering,” she said. “It’s all about fun, but we sneak in the learning.”

Though the Bucks County Children’s Museum was Krumenacker’s brainchild, it boasts many additional ties to La Salle. David Wetzel, Ph.D., former Director of Student Life, is the Chair of the Board of Directors, and Mandee Kuenzle, the museum’s Director of Communication, is completing her graduate degree in communication at La Salle.

Krumenacker’s husband, Paul Krumenacker, graduated from La Salle in 1988. “If it wasn’t for his patience and absolute belief in me, this wouldn’t be possible,” Krumenacker said. The two married in 1991 and have three children, Casey, 18, Matthew, 15, and Riley, 10.

As Krumenacker and her team continue to develop the museum, she hopes to put together lesson plans for teachers, visitation guides for parents, and continue to change the museum based on how the children utilize the exhibits. “We want to accommodate them,” she said. “There’s always something new to add and something to change.”

Learn more about the museum at buckskids.org

—Janine (Stevens) Monico, ’07
to improve international religious freedom and tolerance. He is a partner at Biscceglie and Walsh law offices in Washington, D.C., practicing international human rights law, specializing in religious freedom.

1971 Peter C. Colella Jr. (B.S.) of Pottstown, Pa., assumed the position of COO for Tridon Industries, an installer of insulation and fireproofing products. He is also the Founder, Chair, and Chief Executive Officer of the Colmen Group, a private business services provider that specializes in investment banking.

Gary L. Crawford, Esq. (B.A.) of Fort Worth, Texas, retired from the District Court of Maryland and has relocated to Texas.

1972 ★ REUNION YEAR Stephen L. McGonigle (B.S., MBA ’83) of Doylestown, Pa., was appointed Executive Director of the Career and Employment Services Center at La Salle University. He is a past president of the University’s Alumni Association and received the 1994 John W. Finley, ’24, Award.

1973 John F. Mencer, Esq. (B.A.) of Littleton, Colo., was named Executive for the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership by the Board of Directors.

Michael T. Sellers, Esq. (B.A.) of Newtown, Pa., is a Newtown Borough Council member, a past Chair of the Newtown Borough Planning Commission, a co-Founder of the Newtown Creek Coalition, and a municipal solicitor.

1974 Joseph M. Taylor Jr. (B.A.) of Monroe Township, Pa., the CEO of Panasonic, was featured on MSNBC’s Morning Joe during the “Becoming a Transformative Brand” segment on Nov. 15, 2011.

1975 William K. Istone, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Washingtonville, N.Y., was promoted to adjunct associate professor of science, engineering, and architecture at Orange County Community College.

1976 George F. Beppel, CPA (B.S.) of Ambler, Pa., was elected to the Board of Directors of Liberty Bell Bank. He is a shareholder in the firm of Ragone, Lacatena, Fairchild & Beppel, P.C., certified public accountants.

Stephan J. Kosmorsky, D.O. (B.S.) of Yardley, Pa., was elected to the Pennsby Board of School Directors for a four-year term.

Albert Thorp III, CPA (B.S., MBA ’79) of Ocean City, N.J., was named Chief Financial Officer for Storeroom Solutions Inc.

In Memoriam: Robert J. Schaefer, ’54

Robert J. Schaefer, ’54, La Salle’s former Director of Public Information and editor of the alumni magazine, died at his home on Jan. 8, 2012, of a heart attack. He was 79.

Born in North Philadelphia, Schaefer graduated from Roman Catholic High School and went on to La Salle College, graduating in 1954 with a B.S. in marketing. He paid for his tuition by joining the college’s ROTC program, and he was the first in his family to graduate from college.

After serving in Korea and working at Lever Brothers, a soap company in Scranton, Pa., he returned to La Salle in 1957 to become Director of Public Information, later Director of Public Relations, and editor of La Salle Magazine.

He later worked at RCA, the Heart Association of Southeast Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Hospital, Hahnemann Hospital and College, McGraw-Hill, and Reed Elsevier medical group.

Schaefer was a devoted and active alumnus of La Salle University, where he served on its Board of Trustees and as President of its Alumni Association. He and his wife, Celeste, were chair couple of the Parents’ Association for 1989–1990. A season-ticket holder to the men’s basketball team, Schaefer also served as Chair of La Salle’s Hall of Athletes Selection Committee.

In addition to his wife and seven children, Schaefer is survived by a sister and 18 grandchildren. Schaefer met his wife at La Salle, and five of their children earned degrees from La Salle. Their eldest son, Robert, became a Christian Brother.

—Jon Carolis

1977 ★ REUNION YEAR

1978 Frank D. Giardini (B.S.) of Downingtown, Pa., was admitted as a tax partner with Grant Thornton LLP. He is the not-for-profit and health-care tax leader for the firm’s mid-Atlantic region.

1979 Col. Julie (Trego) Manta, Ret. (B.A.) of Mount Holly Springs, Pa., retired after 32 years of military service with the U.S. Army. She was named the U.S. Army War College’s Associate Dean for Academic Programs with oversight of senior civilian students throughout the U.S. government.

James P. McClain, Esq. (B.A.) of Mays Landing, N.J., was appointed First Assistant Prosecutor for Atlantic County.

Vincent J. Spadafora, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Apex, N.C., was promoted to Head of Global Product Development for Arysta LifeScience. He is responsible for building a global product development team that will drive global development.

1980 David P. Smeltzer, CPA (B.S.) of Ambler, Pa., was appointed Executive Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer for Aqua America. He is a 25-year veteran of Aqua America’s financial manage-
Taking Global Responsibility

Jen Abraczinskas, ’07, lives the mission she learned from La Salle every day. “What I learned from being at La Salle was that we’re all responsible for each other, and there are really good ways to serve our community and the world,” she said.

In 2009, Abraczinskas began volunteering with Power Up Gambia (PUG), a nonprofit, grassroots organization aimed at bringing solar energy to under-resourced clinics in The Gambia in West Africa. Before PUG, unreliable diesel-powered generators provided clinics with sporadic electricity. Without electricity, clinics had no constant refrigeration, no continuous oxygen machines, and no incubators. Since the generators also powered the water pump, clinics often had no running water.

“In the United States, emergency c-sections happen within minutes, without a second thought given to light and sterilization,” Abraczinskas said. “In The Gambia, babies are being born by candlelight.”

For their first undertaking at the Sulayman Junkung General Hospital (SJGH), PUG raised $300,000 to install solar panels, a water pump, and a tracking system. They also upgraded the electrical distribution system. Now, SJGH has a steady influx of patients receiving quality care.

With the success of the project at SJGH, PUG was approached by another clinic in desperate need of the same solution. Abraczinskas joined PUG Founder Kathryn Hall and the PUG team to expand the mission from a one-time project into a full-scale nonprofit organization dedicated to providing reliable electricity and water to healthcare facilities through solar energy.

Abraczinskas worked to launch more chapters of PUG to get students at other schools involved. “I feel really lucky to have interacted with people who are passionate about these global issues,” she said. “We are excited to work for people worlds away who we’ve never met to try to make their lives easier.”

Continuing her mission in public health, Abraczinskas stepped down from the PUG Board in June 2011 to take up a full-time volunteer position with the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers. Dedicated to serving the health needs of the residents of Camden, N.J., the Coalition works to increase the capacity, quality, and access of care in the city. Through data mining and statistical analysis, the Coalition maps health-care use and expenses, helping hundreds of Camden residents to better navigate the health-care system.

The Coalition found that 1 percent of patients account for a third of the city’s medical costs, so with the help of the city’s doctors, they identified the neediest patients, and the Coalition works to figure out why they keep getting sick. “We are working to revolutionize the health-care system,” Abraczinskas said.


—Janine (Stevens) Monaco, ’07

Notes

Births and Adoptions


2003 A son, Sullivan Brent, to Sarah M. Mulholland Starr (B.A.) and Lorne D. Starr (B.A.).

2008 A daughter, Evey Helen, to Brooke and Nathan E. Starr (M.A.).


1982 Reunion Year

1985 Ralph A. Citino (B.S.) of Wilmington, Del., joined Royal Bank of America as the Senior Vice President, Small Business Lending.

Edward J. Reitmeyer (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., resumed his career in public accounting as the Managing Director for CBIZ MHM, LLC & Mayer Hoffman McCann, P.C., an independent certified public accounting firm.

Mark G. Tressel (B.S.) of Marlton, N.J., was named Treasurer of the Board of Directors for Durand Academy and Community Services, a nonprofit that serves children and adults with special needs throughout South Jersey.

1986 Thomas F. Keenan (B.A.) of West Chester, Pa., was named Manager for a business analyst and system tester group at DBS Bank and served as the department manager and team leader.

1988 Glenn T. Massa (B.S.) of Lititz, Pa., joined Royal Bank of America as a Senior Management Analyst.

1989 Mary-Jo Beth Smith (B.A.) of Housecroft, Pa., joined Royal Bank of America as an Account Director.

1990 Joseph E. Herron (B.S.) of Wickliffe, Ohio, joined Royal Bank of America as a Senior Management Analyst.

1991 John W. Killion (B.S.) of Mechanicsburg, Pa., joined Royal Bank of America as a Senior Management Analyst.

1992 Robert A. Staats (B.A.) of York, Pa., joined Royal Bank of America as a Senior Management Analyst.

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1994 Anthony J. Catterson (B.S.) of Wyomissing, Pa., joined Royal Bank of America as a Senior Management Analyst.

1995 Andrew D. Trout (B.S.) of Allentown, Pa., joined Royal Bank of America as a Senior Management Analyst.

1996 Thomas P. Costello (B.S.) of Lebanon, Pa., joined Royal Bank of America as a Senior Management Analyst.

1997 Donald J. Betsinger (B.S.) of Lebanon, Pa., joined Royal Bank of America as a Senior Management Analyst.

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1987  ★ REUNION YEAR Michael J. Jacobs, CPA (MBA) of Harleysville, Pa., was appointed Chief Executive Officer for Harrison Senior Living by the Board of Directors. He is a fellow of the Health Care Financial Management Association and a certified health-care professional and certified aging services professional.

Kateryna A. (Rudnytzky) Schray, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Huntington, W.Va., ranked third on a national top-25 list of best professors at RateMyProfessors.com. She is a full professor of English at Marshall University in Huntington.

1988  Paul L. Boger, DMD (B.A.) of Warren, Pa., spent a week working in the International Health Emissaries children’s dental clinic in Guatemala, a program designed to ensure continuing care to indigent children.

David P. McShane (B.A.) of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., was awarded the Center City mural project to highlight the history of the Philadelphia Phillies. He is an award-winning Philadelphia Mural Arts Program artist and lifelong Phillies fan.

Thomas J. Palmer (B.S.) of Cumming, Ga., was named Senior Vice President of Sales for United Concordia, a national dental insurer.

1990  Scott G. Roper (B.S.) of Baltimore, Md., retired from the Baltimore City Police Department after 20 years of service and is working for the Maryland Emergency Number Systems Board.

1992  ★ REUNION YEAR Christopher J. Barbier, CPA (B.S.) of Springfield, Pa., is the Director of Technology Services in Smart Devine’s Business Advisory practice, providing a full range of accounting, advisory, tax, and investigative forensic accounting services to companies across a variety of industries.

Jennifer A. (Ask) Levy (B.A.) of Upper Darby, Pa., is a course developer for the health and human services vertical in the Product Development Group of Laureate Education Inc.

Anthony P. Wilson (B.S.) of Ocean City, N.J., won the City Council seat representing the Third Ward in Ocean City, N.J., which was vacated early. He will serve six months until the May 2012 election is held for a full four-year term.

Howard L. Hannum, ’48, a retired professor of English at La Salle, died of cancer at his home in North Wales, Pa., on Dec. 2, 2011. He was 86.

A resident of Philadelphia’s Germantown section, Hannum graduated from La Salle College High School and joined the staff of the Germantown Courier, then one of the largest weekly newspapers in the country. He was promoted to sports editor when he was 20, but he was later drafted into the Army in World War II.

Following the war, he enrolled at La Salle and graduated in 1948 with degrees in English and education. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1964. He taught at La Salle College, then left to work as a writer for SmithKline Pharmaceuticals. There he met his wife, Jane, and they married in 1957. Hannum returned to teaching at Villanova in 1958, and he rejoined the faculty at La Salle in 1962 and taught there until he retired in 1995.

“His student evaluations acknowledged his being a demanding but fair and kind teacher,” said Kevin Harty, Ph.D., Chair of La Salle’s English Department. “In his retirement, Professor Hannum went on to become a Hemingway scholar of note, publishing a series of articles on the great American writer. Dr. Hannum was, in short, the model teacher-scholar in the Lasallian tradition.”

In addition to his wife, Hannum is survived by three sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren. A daughter, Joan, passed away several years ago.

—Jon Caroulis

In Memoriam: Howard L. Hannum, ’48
In Memoriam: Mark Ratkus, Ph.D., ’69, M.A. ’05

Mark Ratkus, Ph.D., ’69, M.A. ’05, assistant professor of economics at La Salle for nearly 40 years, died on Feb. 14, 2012, after a long battle from the effects of a stroke.

A native of Pittsburgh, Ratkus graduated from Central Catholic High School. He earned a B.A. from La Salle in 1969 and joined the faculty in 1973. He earned his graduate degrees in economics from the University of Notre Dame.

Ratkus was instrumental in developing a new major, economics and international studies, in 1994. He later felt it was unfair to require his students to take a foreign language without having done so himself, so he chose to take Spanish. He subsequently enrolled in and graduated from the University’s master’s program in Bilingual/Bicultural Studies.

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Stephen J. Waltrich (MBA) of Glenside, Pa., received the Platinum Mission Award at Turner Investments as the employee who best exemplifies the principles of the company’s mission statement on and off the job. He is the Director of Operations, Institutional Accounts, for Turner Investments, an employee-owned investment-management firm.

In 1993 Crescenda L. Jones (MBA) of Hazlet, N.J., was awarded a plaque for her dedication and service as the 2011 President of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey.

Christopher S. Parisi, Esq. (B.A.) of Downingtown, Pa., was named Vice President, Governance, for Armstrong World Industries Inc. in Lancaster, Pa.

In 1996 Matthew M. Quick (B.A.) of Holden, Mass., is the author of the novel *The Silver Linings Playbook*, which is being made into a movie. The movie is being shot mainly in the suburbs of Philadelphia, including Ridley Park and Conshohocken, and stars Robert DeNiro, Jennifer Lawrence, Julia Stiles, and Bradley Cooper.

In 1997 REUNION YEAR Kennedy K. Odzafi (M.A.) of Silver Spring, Md., celebrated his silver anniversary as a pastor in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He serves as Pastor at the Ewe Church of America in Silver Spring, Md., and is a psychiatry rehabilitation counselor with Threshold Services.

In 1998 Stephanie (Parkinson) Gambone (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was named to the 2011 MS Leadership Class by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She will partner with well-known and highly respected members of the business community to increase awareness of and fundraising capacity for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In 2000 Cheryl L. (Giannattasio) Knauer (B.A.) of Parkville, Md., was named Director of Media Relations at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md. She is responsible for the development and implementation of the college’s media relations program at the local, regional, and national levels.

In 2001 Zoe M. Rodriguez Mazzoni (MBA) of Atco, N.J., was named a 2011 Prominent Hispanic of Camden County for her many accomplishments and valuable participation in improving the quality of life for all Camden County residents. She is the Corporate Director of Pathology and Laboratory Services with the Kennedy Health System in southern New Jersey.

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Ratkus lived in High Point, N.C. He is survived by a sister, sister-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

Hispanic of Camden County for her many accomplishments and valuable participation in improving the quality of life for all Camden County residents. She is the Corporate Director of Pathology and Laboratory Services with the Kennedy Health System in southern New Jersey.

Stephen J. Waltrich (MBA) of Glenside, Pa., received the Platinum Mission Award at Turner Investments as the employee who best exemplifies the principles of the company’s mission statement on and off the job. He is the Director of Operations, Institutional Accounts, for Turner Investments, an employee-owned investment-management firm.
building capacity for growth, and developing and managing integrated work plans.

Frank P. Cervone, Esq. (M.A.) of Hartsville, Pa., was awarded the Andrew Hamilton Award by the Philadelphia Bar Association in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments as a public interest attorney who has shown dedication and commitment to ensuring equal access to justice.

Joseph W. Bridgeman (B.A.) of Stone Harbor, N.J., is a fifth grade elementary school teacher in southern New Jersey and is pursuing a master's degree in special education.

In Memoriam

1950 Richard H. Becker (B.A.) of Gwynedd, Pa., on Sept. 6, 2011.
1951 John J. Bolton (B.A.) of Pennsauken, N.J., on Nov. 25, 2011.
Louis N. Fanelli (B.A.) of Wayne, Pa., on April 23, 2011.
Charles F. Kiley (B.S.) of San Diego, Calif., on Oct. 25, 2011.
Thomas F. Quigley (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., on Dec. 1, 2011.
John E. Klaiber (B.S.) of Maple Glen, Pa., on Oct. 11, 2011.
John D. Dugery (B.A.) of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., on Oct. 1, 2011.
Harold J. Stinson (B.S.) of Warminster, Pa., on Nov. 17, 2011.
H. James Brophy (B.S.) of West Chester, Pa., on Feb. 13, 2011.
Louis M. Melasecca (B.S.) of Jeffersonville, Pa., on Dec. 6, 2011.
Daniel F.X. Powell of King of Prussia, Pa., on Aug. 31, 2011.
L. Thomas Campbell IV (B.S.) of Yardley, Pa., on March 26, 2011.
James J. Groome (B.S.) of Princeton, N.J., on Nov. 8, 2011.
Max G. Starke (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 6, 2011.
Christopher Economos (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on March 6, 2011.
Daniel J. McNeff (B.S.) of Ardsley, Pa., on Oct. 8, 2011.
Richard A. Flanagan III (B.S.) of East Norriton, Pa., on July 9, 2011.
Herbert J. Davies (B.A.) of Ambler, Pa., on April 25, 2011.
Richard J. Heaney (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on July 6, 2011.
George W. Hippman (B.S.) of Miami, Fla., on April 23, 2011.
Joseph M. Pinckney (B.S.) of Savannah, Ga., on Oct. 21, 2011.
of Arts and Sciences at Drexel University and is responsible for oversight of all fundraising activities for the College, including capital fundraising for Drexel’s new Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building.

Mathew N. Carleton (B.S.) of Warminster, Pa., is engaged to Amy Palilonis. They are planning a May 2012 wedding.

2006 Benjamin R. Rosehart (B.A.) of Bettendorf, Iowa, is a sports reporter and weekend anchor at KWQC-TV, the NBC affiliate in the Quad Cities market of Iowa-Illinois. He was previously a sports reporter at KQWN-TV in Cheyenne, Wyo.

2007 ★ REUNION YEAR

2008 Richard J. Barca, J.D. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., earned a juris doctorate degree from Rutgers University School of Law. He is engaged to Amy M. Berger, J.D. (B.A.), and they are planning a 2013 wedding.

Erin A. Brodbeck (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is engaged to Eric Jaen (B.S.). A November 2012 wedding is being planned.

Jessica L. Runyen, CPA (B.S.) of Conshohocken, Pa., joined the Hayden Real Estate Investment firm as an accounting manager.

Lori A. Schwanhausser (M.A., Psy.D. ’11) of Gainesville, Fla., earned her doctor of psychology degree in clinical psychology with a concentration in sport and performance psychology from La Salle University.

2009 Jeffrey J. Long (B.S.) of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in August 2011. He is pursuing a law degree at Rutgers University in Camden, N.J.

Stephanie W. Turzanski (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., has accepted the position of Marketing Director for CoreStates Capital Advisors, LLC, a wealth management and institutional investment firm headquartered in Newtown, Pa. She is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia.

2010 Regina Miller (M.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., launched Origin Photo, a photography business that focuses on children’s portraits.

2011 Daniel T. Anderson Jr. (B.S.) of Shavertown, Pa., was presented with a white coat during the ceremony welcoming members of the entering class of 2011 at the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey.

Jessica A. Carbin-Sievers (B.A.) of Haverford, Pa., is the assistant swim coach at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa.
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Oh, the places an Explorer will go!

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE EXPLORER?

To celebrate La Salle’s 150th anniversary, the Explorer is going places. Find your own Flat Explorer, as well as details on this project and instructions for sharing your adventures with the La Salle community, on the inside back cover of this magazine.

The Explorer visited the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with Leen Khalifa, ’00.