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Staff members from the Fred Rogers Center prepare for a day of service with Father Paul Taylor, O.S.B., president. From left are Kate Luchini, Simple Interactions project assistant; Dr. Annie White, senior research associate; Theresa Noel, office coordinator; Emily Uhrin, archivist; Father Paul; Dr. Dana Winters, executive director; Shelly Grooms, senior program associate and Anita Cohen, senior program associate.



Dear Alumni, Friends and Families,

As we continue in this fall 2021 semester, we do so under the direction of a new strategic plan, which was approved at the Saint Vincent College Board of Directors meeting on Sept. 10, 2021. The Strategic Plan for Saint Vincent: 2021-26 is built upon four pillars: Mission Integration, Academic Excellence, Student Success and Institutional Sustainability.

These pillars each contain priority and action items that will guide our efforts through the next five years. We are grateful for the work of our Strategic Planning committee, which was led by Board member Ms. Bibiana Boerio as well as our faculty, administrators and students who participated in campus-wide listening sessions and other group work during the past two years. We invite you to read more about **The Strategic Plan for Saint Vincent College 2021-26** on our website, www.stvincent.edu, and in the next President's Report, which will be arriving in your mailboxes around the start of the new year.

This semester has also seen a return to a sense of normalcy amid the ongoing pandemic. Classrooms are at regular capacity, instruction is fully in-person and both outdoor and indoor events are again taking place on campus. And while we are excited to again be operating in this manner, we continue to take the necessary health and safety measures to protect our entire campus community by following all state and CDC guidelines, including wearing masks in all indoor spaces on campus.

For the first time in two years, we celebrated Homecoming and Fall Family Weekend on-campus from October 1-3. Welcoming alumni, friends and families back to campus was refreshing and energizing as we celebrated friendship and a shared love for Saint Vincent.

Finally, this year's Founders Day events celebrated the culmination of Saint Vincent's 175th year. As we reflect on these 175 years, we call to mind the words of our founder Archabbot Boniface Wimmer in 1854 when he wrote: "To those who knock, the door is opened."

We continue to move forward in this manner. When we are together to live, learn, worship, play, compete and grow, our community thrives. Thank you for all that you have done to contribute to the success of Saint Vincent and for the ways in which you remain part of this community and our mission.

Looking Forward,

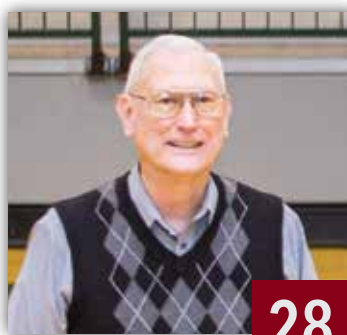
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Dr. Carl T. Hasselman shows students from left, Michael Cella, Emily Prencipe; Madison Hill and Lauren Dvorchak the structure of a foot on the anatomage table at Saint Vincent in the Ralph H. Liberatore Human Anatomy Suite.

Photo by Alex Byers.



Madison Hill, Dr. Gregory Bisignani, MacKenzie Ursiny, Emily Prencipe and Michael Cella examine a structure on the Anatomage table in the Ralph H. Liberatore Human Anatomy Suite at Saint Vincent.

Anatomage Table Helps Students Visualize Anatomy

By Michael Hustava

Maintaining a standard of academic excellence and rigor requires a commitment from all areas of Saint Vincent College—faculty, students, administrators, monks, alumni and friends.

This commitment exists in various forms through curricula, student and faculty research, experiential learning and internships, forums, and lectures. Additionally, the facilities that support each of these aspects enhance the student experience while providing an opportunity for exposure to unique, transformational educative tools.

The recently completed “Forward, Always Forward” comprehensive campaign served to bolster the facilities on campus in a number of ways, including the expansion of the Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion in 2017 to include the James F. Will Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Hall. Housed within the Will building is the Ralph H. Liberatore Human Anatomy Suite: an expansive, state-of-the-art laboratory

space suitable for medical training sessions for physicians and surgeons.

Equipped with six surgical stations for anatomical research, the anatomy suite received an exciting addition late in the spring 2021 semester with the arrival of an Anatomage table—a computerized, three-dimensional cadaver model that enhances the classroom experience and provides vast opportunities for instruction, hands-on learning, demonstrations, and research.

The table allows those using it to “visualize anatomy exactly as they would on a fresh cadaver. Individual structures are reconstructed in accurate 3D, resulting in an unprecedented level of real accurate anatomy, dissectible in 3D,” according to anatomage.com.

The figures on each diagram can be viewed at every level of anatomy, from the skin all the way down to the bone and every layer in between. With touchscreen technology, users can zoom in and out, rotate the diagrams to view the images at various angles, and perform dissections—all with the swipe of a finger. Scans, such as CT and MRI, can also be replicated to provide an interactive visual of what is seen in professional medical settings. Moreover, the table’s cadavers are not limited to human anatomy: the table also has hundreds of images and scans of animals for use in pre-veterinary programs.

When combined with the facilities already in place, Saint Vincent is setting itself apart with what it provides at the undergraduate level for students who are pursuing careers in the health and medical fields. “While other institutions may have an Anatomage table, far fewer are

able to complement it with the quality of facilities that we have in the Liberatore Human Anatomy Suite,” Dr. Stephen Jodis, dean of the Boyer school, said. “It deepens the learning and understanding of what our faculty and students experience in our human anatomy and comparative anatomy labs.”

Students and faculty members alike have been impressed by the interactive technology and the array of options available. Krista Jobe, who manages the human anatomy lab, has witnessed the excitement firsthand and knows that faculty members are looking for innovative ways to use the table.

“There is excitement and anticipation among the faculty to integrate it into their curriculum,” Jobe said. “Thus far, the table has been used in human anatomy and physiology and comparative anatomy courses. We may also use it for evolution, due to the many animal scans, and I am working with other faculty members to incorporate its use into general biology, human biology, neuroscience, mammalian physiology, the new health and physical education program, and possibly the nursing program. There may also be opportunities to incorporate it into our medical illustration courses as an interdisciplinary tool.”

Dr. Michael Rhodes, associate professor of biology, teaches the comparative anatomy courses and is using the table to continue providing students with a comprehensive learning experience.

“While our students have always dissected a variety of specimens in the comparative anatomy laboratory, a major goal of the course is the comparison of the anatomy of those specimens to human anatomy,” Rhodes explained. “The table provides a wonderful mechanism for comparison, thus accentuating the ‘comparative’ in my anatomy course. In my experiences with the table so far, it is a very effective tool that increases student engagement and allows students to visualize, compare and contrast structures beyond the text or dissected specimen.”

To this point in the semester, the students in Rhodes’ classes have used the table to “intensively study skeletal and muscular anatomy.” He plans to expand that to all organ systems moving forward and use the table as an assessment tool for lab exams.

In addition to the time spent using the table in class, students can also reserve blocks of time to utilize the table outside of class for studying and review. While Jobe is continuing to further her understanding of the equipment and train others, the table also comes with detailed instructions for pre-planned activities, which have made it easy for students to follow along as they use the table. In his interactions with students, Jodis explains that their enthusiasm is palpable.

“Recently, I was meeting with a group of students and I asked them about the table,” Jodis said. “Their expressions exploded with joy and many of them spoke at once that they were about to go to lab and use the table for the first time that day. Their enthusiasm to get to lab was undeniable and indicates what a wonderful addition this tool is to our courses in health-related programs and the fundamental sciences.”

Alaina Dorazio and Adam Harbert are both senior biology majors and biological psychology minors who plan to attend medical school after graduating in May. They also serve in work-study roles alongside Jobe in the anatomy lab, meaning they were among the first people at Saint Vincent to work with the table and are now enjoying what it brings to their work in the classroom.

“Having the Anatomage table has really added to my experience by providing both a unique and interactive way to study anatomy and physiology,” Dorazio said. “In class, working on the table consists of identifying, isolating, and studying different structures. We use the table to take a closer look at structures and study their interactions and role within the body. Working for Krista [Jobe], I show students how to use the table and isolate structures relevant to what is being studied in lab that day. I have also recently started making quizzes on the table for the Comparative Anatomy Lab.”

Harbert added, “This table provides a different perspective than that of a human cadaver with being able to manipulate it in ways that you cannot do with a real body. Being able to work with the table makes learning about the body an interactive experience.”

Dorazio appreciates how this integration of technology and healthcare is preparation for the ways in which the field continues to evolve.

“The table is incredible preparation for what’s in store for me after Saint Vincent,”

she said. “I plan on attending medical school in the near future, and with how technological and interactive health care is becoming, being able to use the Anatomage table has been a huge insight into the future of medicine.”

Harbert feels that having been able to use the table and the many other resources at Saint Vincent will give him an advantage in medical school.

“I have already been able to interact with human anatomy both through the table and with human cadavers. Many pre-medical undergraduate students never get to interact with a human cadaver in a virtual setting like with the table, let alone physically like I have been able to do here at Saint Vincent,” he said. “I think this will help put me ahead of my peers and give me a starting edge in medical school.”

Like many of the outstanding features of Saint Vincent, this Anatomage table was made possible by the support of alumni and friends who are invested, both financially and spiritually, in the mission of Saint Vincent College and the success of its students.

“I am tremendously grateful to those who had this vision of an Anatomage table at Saint Vincent, and for all who contributed to make the purchase of this table a reality,” Jodis said. “The total time between the idea that we might have the table to the day that it was ordered was very short. This strong level of commitment demonstrates to me the deep love our supporters have for Saint Vincent and their desire to see the next generation of Saint Vincent students have the best tools and equipment available.”



Mary Anand, C'21, operates a touch screen menu on the Anatomage table in the James F. Will Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Hall, as, from left, Adam Harbert, Dr. Gregory Bisignani and Madeline Mutinelli observe.

A Saint Vincent Legacy

By Morgan Stout

There's just something about Saint Vincent.

For some, it might be the picturesque campus that from far away looks like it could either be a castle nestled in the mountains of Bavaria or an unexplored part of the grounds of Hogwarts. For others, it could be the monastic community, rich in history and a strong Benedictine tradition. Or, perhaps it could be the 90+ programs to choose from, the opportunities for service and experiential learning and the support system every student has of faculty members, staff members and peers.

For a select few, it's that Saint Vincent's a family affair.

On August 30, the college welcomed 377 freshmen. Of those, 330 are residents and 47 are commuters. These freshmen come from 17 states including Pennsylvania (and those from the Keystone State represent 34 counties). The college has even welcomed one student from Egypt and one student from Guatemala.

But, one kind of special marker for the freshman class is the number of legacy students who matriculated this fall.

"Being from Maryland, I most likely would not have looked at this college if not for the fact that my parents went here," said Lauren Kozera. "Growing up we had visited the college a few times while passing by on family vacations; so, the campus naturally felt like home when I first toured it my sophomore year of high school." Lauren comes from a whole family of Bearcats: her older sister, Madison, is a sophomore English major and Benedictine Leadership Studies Fellow, and her aunt, Danielle, graduated from Saint Vincent just a few years prior to her parents.

Lauren's mother, Mary, and father, Gregory, studied psychology and sociology, respectively. The two met at the Graffiti Dance, a time-honored tradition to ring in the new school year, on their first day at Saint Vincent.

A Greensburg native, Rheagan Smith was never too far from campus and has aspired to attend Saint Vincent for years. "I always knew since I was very young that I wanted to attend Saint Vincent College. When I found out both my parents went here, it made me

want to attend even more."

Rheagan's mother, Jeanean, who now owns Jioio's Restaurant, studied political science, while her father, Kory, majored in liberal arts.

"My favorite part of SVC is the vast amount of extracurriculars offered, especially equestrian club and all the activities campus ministry puts together for us," said Lauren. A communication major, she has plans to train horses after college.

Rheagan is currently enrolled in the nursing program with the hope of becoming a pediatric nurse after college. As she makes the transition from high school senior to college freshman, she's especially enjoyed the support system she's found on campus. "I think it is a beautiful campus," said Rheagan, "and everyone is so nice and so helpful!"

Lauren and Rheagan are just two of the five students with two



Lauren Kozera, left, and Rheagan Smith.

parents who are alumni: Sophia Dobransky's mother, Michelle, and father, Stephen, graduated in 1993 and 1990, respectively; Ethan McClain's parents, Sean and Tonya, are both 1996 grads; and John, C'95, and Ruth, C'97, the parents of Noah Straub, are both graduates of the Herbert W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computing.

Fifteen other students are also legacies, having at least one parent who is a Saint Vincent alumnus:

- Annika Barnes (Dr. Elizabeth Seymour, C'92)
- Giovanni Cicala (John Cicala, C'88)
- Shannon Dalton (Timothy Dalton, C'94)
- Julianne Fetter (Dennis Fetter, Jr., C'00)
- Leah Gerstnecker (Melanie Sumney-Gerstnecker, V.M., C'91)
- Alexandra Gray (Joshua Gray, Esq., C'98)
- Matthew Green (Kelly Malone, G'11)
- Caroline Konieczny (Brian Konieczny, C'88)
- Andrew Lentz (Kirk Lentz, C'96)
- Noah Lukowsky (John Lukowsky, Jr., C'93)
- Jacqueline Moon (James Moon, C'88)
- Lucy Nichols (Amy Gilbert, C'93)
- Joseph Pacelli (James Pacelli, C'88)
- Anna Pilla (Shawn Pilla, C'88)
- Mark Varley, Jr. (Mark Varley, C'80)

Whether it's the beautiful campus, the dedication to the Benedictine Hallmarks or the family ties, one thing is certain: once you're here, you're home.



SISTERS STUDYING AT SAINT VINCENT BRING HOPE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

From left, Sister Yosari Menjivar, Sister Donatha Gerard, Sister Maria Hoa and Sister Maria Yen Cao

By Kim Metzgar

Each fall new students eagerly arrive on campus, anxious to begin studies that will change the course of their lives, and those of many others. This year, there are four sisters from three different religious communities among the new arrivals. They will complete their educations here and return to all parts of the globe—Asia, Africa, South America—to do critically important ministry within their religious and local communities.

“What I am learning at Saint Vincent will allow me to better serve the Lord and my religious community when I return to my congregation in Vietnam upon graduating from Saint Vincent College with a bachelor’s degree in education,” said Sister Maria Yen Cao, of Vietnam, who has been a member of the Sisters of Divine Providence since 2003. “I plan to become an instructor in the sisters’ formation program, which also includes students from other schools who live in our dormitories, and serve where there are many ethnic minority groups in the Western Highlands of Vietnam.”

The others’ stories are similar, and are as inspiring as their journeys to get to where they are today. Sister Donatha Gerard belongs to the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Bernadette (FSSB). A native of Tanzania, she made her first vows to her community in 2009 and her final vows in 2017. Sister Maria Hoa is also a member of the Sisters of Divine Providence in Vietnam. Sister Yosari Menjivar is a member of the Oblates Mother of the Orphans community in El Salvador, Central America.

All four sisters are living on campus. Sister Yosari is studying elementary education and provides a Campus Ministry presence in Bonaventure Hall. Sister Donatha is studying accounting and provides a Campus Ministry presence in Rooney Hall. Sister Maria Yen is studying middle school education and provides a Campus Ministry presence in Saint Benedict Hall. Sister Maria Hoa is studying psychology and provides a Campus Ministry presence in Wimmer Hall.

While their work here is important, the work they will do when they return home will be even more crucial. Sister Yosari said that while serving in Guatemala in 2010, her superior gave her the opportunity to work in the orphan home, taking care of a group of 16 girls from ages four to nine.

“It happened that when I was introduced to them, they called me ‘mami’ (mom) and when I heard their sweet voices at one choir calling me like that, my heart was so impressed that I could not believe how much love they were giving me, in calling me their mother. They were so kind and sweet that I



From top to bottom; walking with students; playing corn hole; at Wolf Rocks; and in the student chapel.

really loved and took care of them as my own daughters.”

Sister Maria Hoa grew up in Vietnam in a devout Catholic family, so “to be a religious sister was my tremendous dream. While I was in high school I was blessed with the opportunity to visit the poor and the sick around our village, where I then came to recognize that I love helping people and feel good about sharing my time and energy.”

Sister Maria Yen grew up the second one of four sisters and two brothers in Vietnam and entered her congregation in 2003, making first profession in 2009 and final profession in 2016. She graduated high school from a Catholic school run by sisters, and said that “after three years living with the sisters, something quietly was happening in my heart... Before leaving the school I had this wanting feeling of becoming a sister. And I decided to enter the convent right after high school, and I knew, as my love for God grew stronger, that I wanted to become a Sister to serve the Lord and Church.”

Choosing to be a member of the Divine Providence Congregation, Sister Maria Hoa learned four fundamental virtues: simplicity, poverty, charity and abandonment to Providence. She wanted to share in their “deep love for Jesus, their outreach to the poor, and the sick as well as their works of mercy.”

Sister Maria Yen wanted to help those in need. She said that “I thought community could help me identify the needs, and then after prayer and contemplation, with one common voice we could do something about it. I so much love being part of the Divine Providence family: sisters, associates, volunteers, the young, the old, the faithful, the playful, the wise, all part of it.”

After making first vows, Sister Donatha was sent to a catechetical training center in Tanzania to “learn the skills of preaching the Gospel because the purpose of my community is to preach the Good News through teaching religion to people. After my two years of training, I went to Uganda to study since I had not studied high school before joining my community. I studied in Uganda for six years. While studying both in Uganda and at the Catechetical training center, I worked as a sacristan and I was in school choir. During my vacations, I would teach aspirants (candidates) in my community mathematics and English.”

For Sister Maria Hoa, she had worked in several parishes, “where people often sought support from me as a spiritual minister. I tried my best to deal with their personal issues and offer them wise solution and positive action.” Her superior directed her to study psychology, and she said she felt drawn to Saint Vincent College. “I found it fit into my purpose and then went on applying for it. I found it fascinating to relate to my brother, who is also one of the Benedictine Brothers in Vietnam.”

Sister Maria Yen tells a similar story. “The sisters in my former school were helping and guided me to apply to Saint Vincent.”

“I feel unworthy to be here,” said Sister Donatha. “The campus is extremely beautiful. Never in my life did I ever think I would be in a place like this with wonderful and generous people. The students are very good and welcoming. They are very kind, willing to help any time, and very united. I feel at home. Everyone here at Saint Vincent College makes me feel a strong sense of belonging.”

“Saint Vincent College nurtures an environment that has given me the courage to reach out to others,” said Sister Maria Hoa. “The motto ‘Together We Grow’ of the College is evident in each and every student who has filled our lives with joy, peace, and enthusiasm in this ‘second family.’ I believe that the community of Saint Vincent College will help me gain an in-depth knowledge of practical psychology and ministry needed to equip myself before returning home and fulfilling my mission and ministry in Vietnam.”

In addition to their impact on Campus Ministry, said Father Paul Taylor, O.S.B., College president, the sisters prioritize their academics. The discipline they demonstrate in their studies is also inspiring to their fellow students.

Their work here is also important, said Father Maximilian Maxwell, director of Campus Ministry. “The sisters have been a wonderful addition to our College ‘parish’ to be with us in the dorms and to play an active role in Campus Ministry.”

“I would say it is being really amazing,” said Sister Maria Yen. “Everyone on campus ... is nice and friendly, making me feel at home. I am so happy to be a part of Saint Vincent.”



FATHER MAX IS BACK!

FATHER MAX is back!

That was the word this fall when Father Maximilian Maxwell, O.S.B., C'07, S'14, returned from Savannah to take on the role of director of Campus Ministry as Father Killian Loch, O.S.B., who served in that role for the past 10 years, was named prior of Saint Vincent Archabbey.

Father Max, of Philadelphia, was assistant campus minister for athletics as a junior monk. He was named associate director of vocations for the Archab-

bey following his ordination in 2013. He became assistant director of vocations for the Archabbey in 2014, serving in that role until 2020. He had a variety of other roles at the Archabbey until his assignment to serve as subprior at Benedictine Military School, Savannah, in 2020, and was a member of the faculty at the school, which is run by the Saint Vincent Benedictines.

“I have been out of Campus Ministry for ten years,” Father Max said, “so it has been a bit of a learning curve getting to know

everyone. I am enjoying getting to know the faculty, staff, administration and students.”

Noting that he was grateful to Archabbot Martin de Porres Bartel, O.S.B., and to Father Paul Taylor, O.S.B., president, for the assignment, Father Max said the program has been in good hands thanks to Father Killian.

He also credits his staff, Brother Francisco Whittaker, O.S.B., and Brother José Rosa, O.S.B., as well as the new sisters working in Campus Ministry, with making the transition easy.



“It definitely is more open now, and the lighting is very different. It just took on an overall more modern look, which is really cool for the campus, similar to how the new library looks. So we’re continuing things with our renovations. It seems like they’ve brought back a lot of [food], and it looks like they’re going to be adding stuff. They have a sign that says, ‘Rotisserie coming soon,’ so that’s kind of cool.”

—*Olivia Emmonds, junior biology major*



“It’s beautiful. I like it. It’s more modern, very spacious. I know it’s not done yet, but it looks great so far. The biggest thing that I like about the new caf is actually that you pretty much serve yourself. So, I think that’s a great bonus too. The overall atmosphere has also changed with how the new lighting and new open space transformed the environment.”

—*Dwight Collins, junior communication major*

Students Enjoying Dining Hall Improvements

While the “Forward, Always Forward” comprehensive campaign was officially completed on June 30, 2020, the work continues for various projects that were supported by the campaign. The Student Life and Hospitality Hub is among those projects that were identified during the campaign as critical to enhancing the Saint Vincent experience for students, guests and all members of the community.

Now, a little more than a year since construction began, Phase 1 of this project has neared completion, and Phase 2 is underway. Phase 1 was comprised of the construction of Amil and MaryAnn DiPadova Hall, which is the new dining space for seminarians and will also serve as a dining and event space for the thousands of visitors who come to Saint Vincent each year. Phase 1 also included renovating and upgrading kitchen equipment and mechanical systems to improve efficiency and better assist in food preparation. Perhaps most exciting for students, though, are the changes they have seen in the Community Dining Center. When students returned this fall for their first meals of the semester, there were noticeable differences from what they had seen last spring. Modernized food service areas and a reconfigured layout have added more space for eating with friends and classmates—with more exciting changes to come.

Phase 2 will complete the renovation and upgrades to the kitchen as well as to the dining rooms and meeting spaces throughout Anselm Hall. Through this phase, a second floor has been added,

restoring Anselm Hall to the scale it had been prior to the Saint Vincent fire of 1963. Phase 2 will also complete the remaining upgrades and finish work for the main cafeteria, provide all-new furniture for the dining spaces and transform this central point of campus into a true hub of hospitality and thriving student life.

Work will continue during the upcoming semester breaks, including the completion of a new covering above the glass roof, new flooring, permanent lighting, new furniture and aesthetic improvements on the new walls, with completion of this phase of the project scheduled for fall 2022.



ROUND TABLE OF SCHOLARS FORMED WITH ENDOWED FACULTY CHAIRS

By Michael Hustava

In **The Strategic Plan for Saint Vincent College: 2021-26**, which was approved by the Board of Directors on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, one of the pillars is Academic Excellence, and with that, a “commitment to the rigorous search for truth. This pursuit of truth serves our community, contributing to all members’ pursuits of their vocation in harmony with the common good.”

To advance the efforts of the plan, College President Father Paul Taylor, O.S.B., Ph.D., established a Round Table of Scholars composed of 12 endowed faculty chairs. In this manner, these faculty will work to promote and enhance collaboration in their scholarship and academic research across the College’s academic community.

In forming this Round Table of Scholars, Father Paul drew inspiration from the ways in which Saint Vincent founder Archbishop Boniface Wimmer was educated at Ludwig-Maximilian

University of Munich.

“Wimmer first studied law and then theology. King Ludwig I, in moving the university to Munich and then renaming it after his father and him, also created a Department of Theology that rivaled, and some say exceeded, those in Rome,” Father Paul explained. “He brought in scholars from around Europe and endowed their positions to create ‘The Round Table’ of professors, whose scholarship and research was published and taught to the many students who came to LMU just to ‘sit at the feet’ of these teachers.”

Now, Father Paul is excited to have this opportunity to create a similar experience for current and future Saint Vincent students and faculty members, while also working to support the academic rigor and standards of the College.

“Saint Vincent has been blessed by a faculty of excellence since its founding 175 years ago,” Father Paul said. “Today’s faculty are experts and leaders in dozens of academic disciplines with educational experience and degrees from around the world.”

While these endowed professorships have been in place for some time, the Round Table of Scholars formalizes these efforts in scholarship, research, teaching and service, while also recognizing the support of alumni and friends who have made these professorships possible.

“Saint Vincent College has also been blessed by generous alumni and friends who have also placed a priority on scholarly research and teaching. They have articulated that priority in generous financial commitments to endow faculty positions at Saint Vincent,” Father Paul said.

The first endowed professor at Saint Vincent, Bradley C.S. Watson, Ph.D., professor of politics, holds the Philip M. McKenna Endowed Chair in American and Western Political Thought and has been appointed as convener of the Round Table with a charge to bring together this group as they work to advance scholarly activity for the campus.

“As we begin, our focus will be on scholarly engagement, aca-

ENDOWED PROFESSORS

• **Stacy Birmingham, Ph.D.**, professor of engineering sciences, holding the James F. Will Endowed Chair of Engineering.

• **Jerome Foss, Ph.D.**, associate professor of politics, holding the Endowed Director of the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture.

• **Rabbi Jamie Gibson**, lecturer in theology, holding the Rabbi Jason Edelstein Endowed Chair in

Catholic Jewish Dialogue.

• **Andrew Herr, Ph.D.**, associate professor of economics, holding the Br. Norman W. Hipps, O.S.B., Endowed Chair in Economics and Business.

• **Matthias P. Hühn, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of business, holding the Mary S. Carey Endowed Chair in Ethics and Catholic Social Thought.

• **Brother David Kelly, O.S.B.**, The Roderick Director of Libraries.

• **Jason King, Ph.D.**, professor of theology, holding the Irene S. Taylor Endowed Chair for Catholic Family Studies.

• **Rev. Rene Kollar, O.S.B.**, professor of history, holding the Boniface Wimmer Endowed Chair in Monastic Studies.

• **Brother Nicholas Koss, O.S.B.**, holding the James and Margaret Tseng Loe Professorship Chair.

• **Bradley C.S. Watson, Ph.D.**, professor of politics,

holding the Philip M. McKenna Endowed Chair in American and Western Political Thought.

• **Dana Winters, Ph.D.**, holding the Rita McGinley Endowed Executive Director of the Fred M. Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children’s Media.

To be filled: Rita McGinley Endowed Chair for Early Learning and Children’s Media at the Fred M. Rogers Center.

democratic excellence, and their role in a Benedictine, liberal arts institution. In these discussions, we will also focus on how we support the sense of community built around the world of ideas and scholarly topics in which we engage,” Watson said. “We want to make it clear through our voices and the voices of our faculty colleagues that Saint Vincent College is engaging students in a rigorous academic experience and why that work is important.”

As the Round Table of Scholars continues to grow, so too will opportunities for lectures, forums, colloquia and publications that highlight the work of these endowed professors and spur conversations about the serious scholarly work that takes place at Saint Vincent.

THE JAMES F. WILL ENDOWED CHAIR OF ENGINEERING HELD BY STACY BIRMINGHAM, PH.D.

The James F. Will Endowed Chair of Engineering is named in honor of Saint Vincent College President Emeritus James F. Will, C’60, who served from 2000-06 as the College’s 16th president. The first lay president in the history of Saint Vincent College, President Emeritus Will presided over a period of great growth, overseeing more than \$40 million in campus improvements, a 40 percent increase in student enrollment and a \$75 million comprehensive capital campaign. President Emeritus Will studied mathematics at Saint Vincent College and completed a bachelor of science in electrical engineering through its 3/2 cooperative engineering program with Penn State University before earning his M.B.A. from Duquesne University. Prior to his employment at Saint Vincent College, President Emeritus Will held leadership positions at United States Steel, Pressley Ridge School, Miami Industries, Kaiser Steel Corp., Cyclops Industries and Armco Inc., where he was chair, president and chief executive officer. The director of Saint Vincent College’s Engineering Department, Stacy Birmingham, Ph.D., joined the faculty of the Herbert

W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computing in 2018. Prior to Saint Vincent, Birmingham served as dean of science, engineering and mathematics at Grove City College and on the faculty at the University of Michigan. She earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.



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THE ENDOWED DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT AND CULTURE HELD BY JEROME FOSS, PH.D.

The Saint Vincent College Center for Catholic Thought and Culture launched in 2019 as an interdisciplinary academic institute that advances the mission of Saint Vincent College, promoting

scholarship in the areas of theology, philosophy, marriage and family, politics, economics, rhetoric, fine arts and science. In Oct. 2020, the Center was named an Oasis of Excellence by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. A faculty member in Saint Vincent



College’s Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government since 2011, Jerome Foss, Ph.D., serves as the director of the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture. An associate professor of politics, Foss teaches courses in Catholic and American political thought, political philosophy and

literature and politics, while also overseeing the senior capstone of SVC’s Benedictine Leadership Studies program.

THE RABBI JASON EDELSTEIN ENDOWED CHAIR IN CATHOLIC JEWISH DIALOGUE HELD BY RABBI JAMIE GIBSON, M.H.L.

Named in honor of the late Rabbi Jason Edelstein, a longtime faculty member in the Saint Vincent College Department of Theology, the Rabbi Jason Edelstein Endowed Chair in Catholic Jewish Dialogue was established to advance a mission of Saint Vincent College as expressed in the Declaration of the Second Vatican Council *Nostra Aetate*, “Since Christians and Jews have such a common spiritual heritage, this Second Council wishes to encourage and further mutual understanding and appreciation.” Rabbi Jamie Gibson, M.H.L., served as the rabbi at Temple Sinai in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh for 32 years. In addition to leading the congregation of more than 700 families, Rabbi Gibson also became a leader in building

interfaith and interracial ties throughout the religious communities of the Pittsburgh region. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Rabbi Gibson earned a master’s degree from Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, studying at its programs in Jerusalem and Cincinnati. At Saint Vincent College, Rabbi Gibson has carried on the legacy of Rabbi Edelstein, teaching courses on Judaism and Catholic-Jewish dialogue.



**THE BR. NORMAN W. HIPPS, O.S.B., ENDOWED CHAIR
IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS HELD BY ANDREW HERR, PH.D.**

The Br. Norman W. Hipps, O.S.B., Endowed Chair in Economics and Business is named in honor of the 17th president of Saint Vincent College, who led the College from 2010-19. Prior to his time as president, Br. Norman held the roles of executive vice president, dean of the Herbert W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computing, provost, academic dean and Opportunity Program director, while also serving as a professor of mathematics, a role in which he continues today. Andrew Herr, Ph.D., has served on the faculty of the Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government for more than 20 years, teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced courses in economics, game theory and public finance. The 2007 winner of Saint Vincent College's Boniface Wimmer Faculty Award for distinguished achievement and loyal service to the College, Herr has refereed publications in the *Journal of Development Economics*, *The Economic Journal*, *Games and Economic Behavior* and the *Journal of Catholic Higher Education*, while he has delivered numerous lectures and participated in several seminars at national conferences and universities across the U.S.



**THE MARY S. CAREY ENDOWED CHAIR IN ETHICS AND
CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT HELD BY MATTHIAS P. HÜHN, PH.D.**

In conjunction with the creation of Saint Vincent College's Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, the endowed Mary S. Carey Chair in Ethics and Catholic Social Thought was established to further explore the intersection of science and technology with the liberal arts and business by focusing on the evolution of ethics in an increasingly technological world. Matthias P. Hühn, Ph.D., joined the faculty of the Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government as professor of business in 2019. Hühn's research



focuses on the philosophical foundations, both epistemic and ethical, of management and economics. His work has been published in the *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Philosophy of Management*, *Journal of Management Development* and others. He has taught courses in strategy, leadership management, ethics and other subjects at several universities, serving as tenured professor in the School of Business and Economics at the University of Navarra, chair of general and strategic management at German University in Cairo, professor and head of business administration at British University in Egypt, and chair of business at American University of Paris.

**THE RODERICK DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES
HELD BY BR. DAVID KELLY, O.S.B.**

David Milton Roderick was a close friend of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Seminary and College for many years. The former CEO of U.S. Steel, Mr. Roderick was an ardent supporter of Saint Vincent and its mission. In his memory, an endowed position, the Roderick Director of Libraries, has been established and is currently held by Brother David Kelly, O.S.B. Brother David joined Saint Vincent College as a lecturer in the Religious Students Department in 1974 and held a number faculty and director positions for the College and Archabbey, including director of religious education, instructor in religious studies and political science, assistant director and director of the Opportunity Program. In 1998, Brother David was named associate director of Saint Vincent Libraries, serving in that capacity until 2001, when he was named director. Now, he oversees all aspects of the newly-renovated Dale P. Latimer Library in addition to teaching in the Seminary. From 2005-2010 he also served as archivist of the Fred M. Rogers Center. A native of Pittsburgh, Brother David earned a bachelor's degree in English from Saint Joseph College and master's degrees in religious studies, political science, canon law and information science from Providence College, Georgetown University, University of Ottawa and University of Pittsburgh, respectively. He holds a licentiate in canon law from Saint Paul University.



**THE IRENE S. TAYLOR ENDOWED CHAIR FOR CATHOLIC FAMILY STUDIES
HELD BY JASON KING, PH.D.**

Named in honor of the late Mrs. Irene S. Taylor, mother of Saint Vincent College President Father Paul R. Taylor, O.S.B., who was a devout Catholic, an accomplished and respected nurse, and a loving mother, the Irene S. Taylor Endowed Chair for Catholic and Family Studies was established to support and advance Catholic values to strengthen families in response to the challenges of contemporary

society. When asked about the keys to raising a strong and loving family, she was confident in saying: "Love them. Feed them. And want them around." That commitment lives on through this professorship and is reflective of the mission of Saint Vincent College.

A member of the Saint Vincent College faculty since 2005, Jason King, Ph.D., teaches a full complement of courses in Catholic and family studies, including Catholic Marriage, Ethics of Aquinas, Theology of Children and God, Work and Money.

King, the 2020 recipient of Saint Vincent College's Thoburn Excellence in Teaching Award, is also the author of two books,

Faith with Benefits: Hookup Culture on Catholic Campuses and *God has Begun a Great Work in Us: The Embodiment of Love in Contemporary Consecrated Life and Ecclesial Movements*, and serves as editor of the *Journal of Moral Theology* in addition to frequently contributing to the *Journal of Catholic Higher Education*.

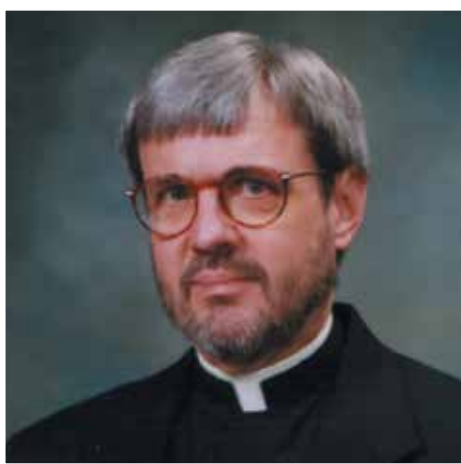


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THE BONIFACE WIMMER ENDOWED CHAIR IN MONASTIC STUDIES HELD BY REV. RENE KOLLAR, O.S.B., PH.D.

The Boniface Wimmer Endowed Chair in Monastic Studies is named in honor of Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B., the founder of Saint Vincent College and Monastery. A native of Bavaria, Wimmer set sail for the U.S. in 1846 as a missionary to help the nation's German, Catholic immigrants. Upon arriving in the U.S., Wimmer was appointed pastor of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Saint Vincent Parish and would work diligently to establish there the United States' first Benedictine monastery and college. Under his leadership, the monastery and college would blossom, while he would also go on to establish nine additional Benedictine Abbeys and more than 150 Roman Catholic parishes across the country. In 1855, Saint Vincent was elevated to the status of Abbey, with Wimmer being appointed the first abbot, before he was granted the title of Archabbot by Pope Leo XIII in 1883, the first Archabbot in Saint Vincent history. A 1970 graduate of Saint Vincent College and a 1973 graduate of

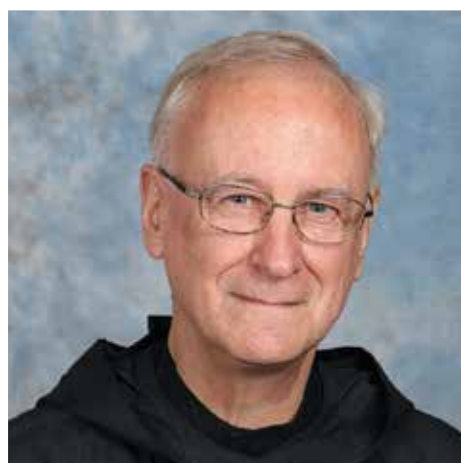


A 1970 graduate of Saint Vincent College and a 1973 graduate of

Saint Vincent Seminary, Father Rene Kollar, O.S.B., Ph.D., joined the College's history faculty in 1981. He currently serves as professor of history and previously held the role of dean of the former School of Humanities and Fine Arts from 2004-18. A renowned expert on English history and Ecclesiastical history, Father Rene has authored six books and has edited eight, while he has contributed more than 180 articles, book chapters and book reviews and presented at conferences in the U.S., England and Wales. In addition to his role in the Saint Vincent College history department, Father Rene also teaches in Saint Vincent Seminary, and serves on the editorial board for *The American Benedictine Review*.

THE JAMES AND MARGARET TSENG LOE PROFESSORSHIP CHAIR HELD BY BR. NICHOLAS KOSS, O.S.B., PH.D.

The James and Margaret Tseng Loe Professorship Chair pays tribute to Saint Vincent College's long history of involvement in education in China, dating back to the 1920s. The Loe Professor Chair is a generous gift from Dr. Barbara Loe, with support of her sisters Mrs. Gertrude Loe Tai, Mrs. Lucy Loe Lee, Mrs. Agnes P. Loe Li and Mrs. Mary Jean Loe Wong, to honor their parents Professor James Loe and Mrs. Margaret Tseng Loe's desire for them and others to obtain a higher education. With inspiration from Dr. Barbara Loe, Saint Vincent College began the Loe China Studies Center in 2001 and has been able to increase enrollment in Chinese language courses, add a new minor in Chinese language and enhance student participation in cultural programs. Brother Nicholas Koss, O.S.B., will return to the faculty at Saint Vincent College in spring 2022 and will teach courses in the Loe China Studies Center. Brother Nicholas earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College and studied Chinese at Chabanel Language Institute in Taiwan. He holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Indiana University, Bloomington, and is a retired distinguished professor of comparative literature at Peking University. He is currently chair professor at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei. He was one of the founding members of the Taiwan Association for Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Studies and served as its first president (2006-2010). He is also an international consultant for the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Zhejiang University, and is now doing research on the image of China in 16th- and 17th-century England, a subject about which he has published numerous articles.



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**THE PHILIP M. MCKENNA ENDOWED CHAIR IN
AMERICAN AND WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
HELD BY BRADLEY C.S. WATSON, PH.D.**

In 1938, the late Philip M. McKenna founded the McKenna Metals Company in Latrobe after creating a tungsten-titanium carbide alloy that proved to be a breakthrough in the machining of steel. Soon renamed Kennametal, the corporation has become a world leader in the metalworking industry and remains headquartered in Latrobe. Following his corporate success, McKenna became a noted philanthropist and established the Philip M. McKenna Foundation, aimed to support the advancement of a free, prosperous and well-ordered society based upon U.S. civic principles, private enterprise and the cultural heritage of Western civilization. Its support is directed toward research and educational programs with a long-term focus, as well as public policy programs focused on more immediate concerns. Bradley C.S. Watson, Ph.D., is a



professor of politics and co-director of Saint Vincent College's Center for Political and Economic Thought. An expert on political philosophy and American political thought and institutions, Watson has had visiting faculty appointments at Claremont McKenna College and Princeton University and

was a visiting scholar at the Social Philosophy and Policy Center at Bowling Green State University and at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Watson, who holds degrees in economics, law, philosophy and political science, has written or edited more than a dozen books and has contributed to a number of professional journals and anthologies.

**THE RITA MCGINLEY ENDOWED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRED
M. ROGERS CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDREN'S MEDIA
HELD BY DANA WINTERS, PH.D.**

The Rita McGinley Endowed Executive Director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media is named in honor of the late Rita M. McGinley, philanthropist, children's educator and longtime friend of Saint Vincent College. In 2011, Saint Vincent College awarded McGinley a doctorate of human letters *honoris causa* for her lifelong commitment to education and the well-being of children and families. A 2006 Saint Vincent College graduate, Dana Winters, Ph.D., joined the Rogers Center in 2015. Along with



serving as director of the Center's Simple Interactions and Academic Programs, Winters has served as co-principal investigator and program evaluator for NSF-funded early childhood research and intervention projects concerning early literacy,

social-emotional development and mathematical learning, and has led numerous foundation and government project grants to improve early childhood systems and family engagement practices. As the Rita McGinley Endowed Director of the Fred M. Rogers Center, Winters will continue to oversee these initiatives while also implementing other areas of the Center's strategic plan, focusing on expanding and developing programs for families and educators and enhancing the use of the vast Fred Rogers Archives.

**HERMAN DUPRE, C'53, H'98, INDUCTED
INTO SKI, SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME**

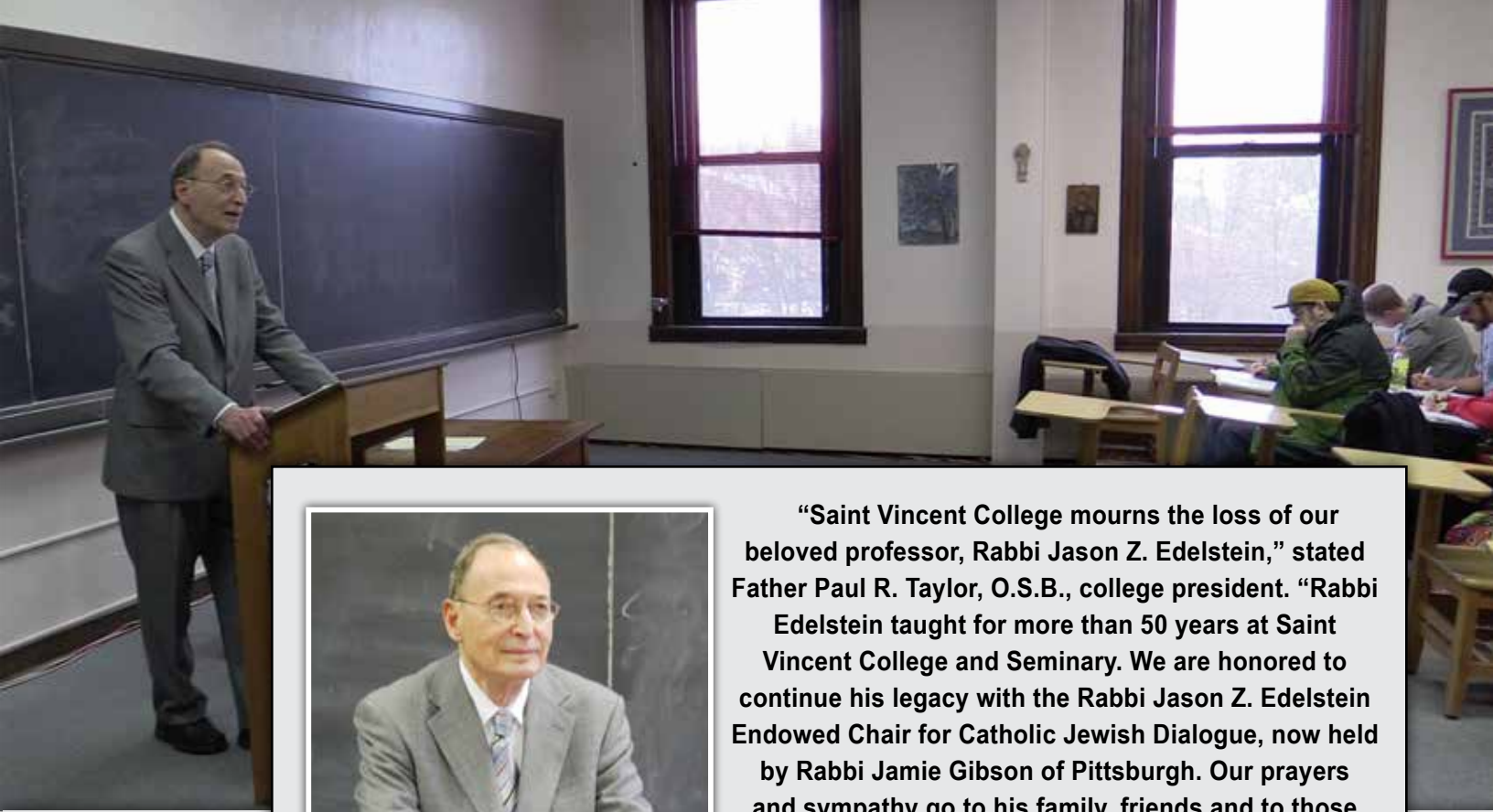
Eight legends have been inducted into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame this year, headlined by Pennsylvania resort and snowmaking icon Herman Dupré.

Herman Dupré began making snow using garden hoses in the 1950s while also working to build rope tows and eventually chairlifts at his family farm, which became Seven Springs Resort in Champion. Among his many achievements in snowmaking was the invention of the low-e tower snow gun.

Others include plastic boot inventor and ski gear innovator Sven Coomer; ballet skiing protégé and freestyle skiing legend Alan Schoenberger; retail geniuses Renie and Dave Gorsuch; the voice of Nordic and cross-country skiing, Peter Graves; ski movie star and backcountry guru Mike Hattrup; extreme and big mountain touring pro Jan Reynolds; and James Bond skiing stunt double and Bogner Fire and Ice star John Eaves.

"This is another incredible class of well-deserving stars who have committed their lives and careers to the betterment of skiing and snowboarding in America," said David Ingemie, board chairman for the Hall of Fame. Due to the pandemic, formal induction ceremonies for this year's class will take place in the spring of 2023.





“Saint Vincent College mourns the loss of our beloved professor, Rabbi Jason Z. Edelstein,” stated Father Paul R. Taylor, O.S.B., college president. “Rabbi Edelstein taught for more than 50 years at Saint Vincent College and Seminary. We are honored to continue his legacy with the Rabbi Jason Z. Edelstein Endowed Chair for Catholic Jewish Dialogue, now held by Rabbi Jamie Gibson of Pittsburgh. Our prayers and sympathy go to his family, friends and to those to whom he ministered over these decades. May his memory be a blessing.”

—Father Paul R. Taylor, O.S.B., College president

College Community Mourns Passing OF Rabbi Jason Z. Edelstein

By Dr. Christopher McMahon, Professor of Theology

The Saint Vincent community mourns the loss of Rabbi Jason Z. Edelstein, who passed away on Saturday, September 4, 2021.

Rabbi Edelstein taught courses to largely Roman Catholic students at Saint Vincent College on Jewish theology and history, the Holocaust and on Catholic-Jewish dialogue. For more than two decades, he also made use of his training as a clinical psychologist and his decades of service as a rabbi to train Saint Vincent seminarians in pastoral counseling, creating a relationship as unique and cherished as Rabbi Edelstein’s character.

Teaching well into his ninth decade, Rabbi Edelstein was a joyful, tireless and engaging teacher, who brought his tremendous intellectual acumen, his pastoral training and his good sense to the classroom every day, and generations of Saint Vincent students and seminarians have been blessed because of him.

Rabbi Edelstein came to Saint Vincent at the invitation of Father Campion Gavalier, O.S.B., who was chair of the Theol-

ogy Department in 1968. In the wake of the Second Vatican Council and its emphasis on healing relationships between Catholics and Jews, Saint Vincent had hosted a major conference on the interfaith dialogue. Father Campion Gavalier, O.S.B., building on that momentum, hired Rabbi Edelstein to teach a course on Catholic-Jewish dialogue in the college. The result of this brave experiment was a commitment to mutual enrichment between Rabbi Edelstein and the students of Saint Vincent, where both came to know their respective faiths in a different and brighter light.

The creation of the endowed chair in Rabbi Edelstein’s honor was announced in 2015, in part to mark the 50th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, the landmark Vatican document from the Second Vatican Council that called for dialogue between Roman Catholicism and other faiths. The chair was made possible through a major gift from the family of Rabbi Edelstein, and the current holder of the chair is Rabbi Jamie Gibson, rabbi emeritus of Temple David and a close friend and colleague of Rabbi Edelstein.

Three Join College Board Of Directors

Three new members have joined the Saint Vincent College Board of Directors including both a College alumna and a Seminary alumnus.

Dr. Ivan Lamourt is the senior associate headmaster of psychological services and behavior at Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, New Jersey. In this role, Lamourt administers psychological and cognitive assessments for students in grades 7-12 by facilitating treatment plans, initiating case management and communicating with community mental health agencies. Additionally, Lamourt serves as the chief staff advisor for clinical counseling interns, licensed clinical psychologists and counselors.

Lamourt has previously served in a number of other positions at Saint Benedict's, including assistant headmaster, school operations; director, Leahy House; co-founder, Behavior Modification Residence Program; psychology instructor and facilitator of the Unknown Sons Group, among others. Lamourt has shown a commitment to providing counseling, resources, therapy groups and mental health services to students. His work was featured in a documentary called, *The Rule*. He has also worked to develop relationships with psychology departments at colleges and universities, including Saint Vincent College, to provide practical experience for undergraduate and graduate students. He has received numerous awards and honors for his work.

He has held adjunct faculty positions at New Jersey City University and Montclair State University and also serves on



Dr. Ivan Lamourt

the board of trustees at Saint Anselm College. He was a member of the Newark (NJ) Public Schools Advisory Board.

He earned a bachelor of arts in criminal justice from Saint Anselm College, a master of arts in counseling and professional diploma in school psychology from New Jersey City University, and a doctorate in psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Amanda Cecconi, C'87, is the founder and chief executive officer of Punching Nun Group, Tennessee. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in finance and strategic marketing to the board, having held numerous leadership roles during her more than 25 years in corporate finance and healthcare strategic marketing.

Punching Nun Group (PNG), is a healthcare industry-specific consulting practice that emphasizes effectiveness and affordability in marketing implementation. Since the founding of PNG in 2012, she has led public relations, lead generation, digital marketing, and re-branding support for more than 85 venture-backed health IT and service companies.

Prior to the founding of her creative agency, Cecconi worked for Ascension Health, one of the largest not-for-profit healthcare systems in the nation, where she



Amanda Cecconi, C'87

focused on the alignment of services for women's overall health. It was during her time working for Ascension that Cecconi developed relationships with the nuns in senior management.

"They were humble, focused, patient-centered and mission driven, making them invaluable servant-leaders," Cecconi says on the PNG website.

From that experience, she drew inspiration for the namesake of her consulting practice, taking the opportunity to pay tribute to the nuns she had gotten to know so well, while also putting her own spin on her new business.

During her career, Cecconi has also spent time as the chief marketing officer for Change Healthcare; vice president of marketing for Cybera, Inc.; vice president of marketing for Evidence Based Medicine Solutions; director of marketing for Covad Communications; with the Cendant Strategic Marketing Group; and as a product manager and senior analyst with Ford Motor Company.

Cecconi serves on numerous charitable and education boards, including the Hope Clinic for Women, GEAR Foundation, and Saint Vincent College's Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government. She is a ministry leader for Celebrate



Rev. Matthew Lambert, O.S.B.

Recovery, Grace Chapel (TN).

She earned a bachelor of science degree in economics from Saint Vincent College and a master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University. She currently resides in Franklin, Tennessee.

Father Matthew Lambert, O.S.B., earned a bachelor of science degree in English literature from Florida State University. He made final vows as a Benedictine monk on July 11, 2013 and was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 2016. He earned the master of divinity degree, *magna cum laude*, from Saint Vincent Seminary, and the baccalaureate of sacred theology degree, *magna cum laude*, conferred through the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant' Anselmo, Rome, in 2016.

Father Matthew attended Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome to earn a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Notre Dame while also living in Heidelberg, Germany and attending Heidelberg University as a visiting research student. The focus of his dissertation work revolves around the narrative of the Tabernacle's construction in Exodus 25-40 and the related events that follow it. Upon completion of his doctorate, he will return to Saint Vincent to teach.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Former President, Longtime P.R. Director Pass

As this issue of *Saint Vincent Magazine* was going to press, we learned of the passing of former College President Father Augustine Flood, O.S.B., as well as longtime Public Relations Director Donald A. Orlando, who died on October 28, 2021.

Father Gus, as he was known, died Thursday, November 11, 2021. He was born May 29, 1938 in Hollywood, California, a son of the late James J. Flood and Lucile (Fleischer) Flood. He was the last surviving of his siblings among their four children, including Jacqueline Flood Truesdale, Marguerite V. Young and James J. Flood, Jr. Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He attended Saint Paul the Apostle Parochial School, West Los Angeles, and was a 1955 graduate of Loyola High School, Los Angeles, California. In 1959, he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Saint John's College, Camarillo, and he received a licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant' Anselmo, Rome, Italy, in 1964. As a monk of Saint Andrew's Priory Valyermo, he made his first profession of vows in 1960, and was ordained a priest on July 25, 1964, by Bishop John J. Ward of Los Angeles.

Pursuing further studies at the University of Munich, Germany, and the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Father Augustine completed his doctorate of philosophy degree in 1975 at Claremont Graduate School. While in Germany, he served as pastor of the American Military Chapel, Dachau (1965-1967). He then was director of Saint Andrew's Retreat House, Valyermo (1967-1970) and associate pastor



Rev. Augustine Flood, O.S.B.

in residence at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Claremont (1969-1973) and Catholic chaplain at Wayside Honor Rancho, Saugus, California (1974).

Coming to Saint Vincent in 1974, Father Augustine served as college chaplain, director of the Liberal Arts Program; dorm moderator (1975-1980); director of continuing education and summer sessions (1980-1982); associate professor of religious studies at Saint Vincent College (1975-1980) and associate professor of systematic theology at Saint Vincent Seminary (1975-1980). In June, 1982, he was named the twelfth president of Saint Vincent College, and he served until March, 1985. While president he continued as a theology faculty member. He served at Wimmer Priory, Taiwan, a mission of Saint Vincent Archabbey (1985-1989); was named parochial vicar (1990-1991), then administrator of Saint Boniface Parish (1991-1994). He was appointed administrator of Saint Bartholomew Parish, Crabtree, in 1994, where he served until 2002.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benedictine Health and Welfare Fund at Saint Vincent Archabbey, 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650.



Donald A. Orlando

Donald A. "Don" Orlando, 71, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Excelsa Health Frick Hospital. Born August 10, 1950, in Connellsville, he was the son of Eddie and Rita Prestia Orlando. He grew up in Vanderbilt near his family's grocery store. Don graduated from Connellsville Area High School in 1968 and earned a degree in economics from Saint Vincent College in 1972. During college, Don worked at *The Daily Courier* in Connellsville. He and his brother, Lawrence, C'69, also started a photography business, Orlando Photo Service and spent the summers photographing weddings and reunions. After college, Don worked at *The New Edition* in Latrobe. It was during that time he had the good fortune of being set up on a blind date with his future wife, Joanie. Don and Joanie were married May 22, 1976, at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Scottdale. Don spent more than 40 years as the director of public relations at Saint Vincent.

He was rarely seen without a suit, tie and crisp white shirt. He was passionate about Saint Vincent Summer Theatre. He also enjoyed bringing world class speakers to campus as part of the

Threshold Series. Don especially loved working with the media and placing Saint Vincent in both local and national headlines. Don never stopped looking for ways to advance the image of Saint Vincent College.

Don was a longtime member of the Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of the Board of Directors in the years leading up to his retirement. He was a past board chairman at the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau and served on countless other boards and committees all aimed at elevating the image of Saint Vincent and Latrobe. One event he particularly enjoyed was the annual Great American Banana Split Celebration. Don was also involved in numerous professional organizations including Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and College & University Public Relations and Associated Professionals (CUPRAP). He regularly attended Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) conferences and received several national awards for publications.

Don was a member of Saint Pius X Parish in Mt. Pleasant. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joanie, daughter, Trina Orlando Brooks, C06, (Jarmon), and grandchildren, Arabella (3.5), Teddy (2) and twins, Sofia and Barron Donald (9 months). He is also survived by his brother, Larry Orlando (Marge); nieces, Margo Orlando Littell and Molly Orlando; and nephews, Greg Jaworski, Jeremy Lizza and Justin Lizza. Don was preceded in death by his parents, sister Joanne Orlando Lizza, parents-in-law, Frank and Mary Kuzar and sister-in-law, Patty Jaworski.

Dr. Elaine Bennett Named Dean Of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences

President Father Paul R. Taylor, O.S.B., has announced the appointment of Dr. Elaine Bennett as dean of the College's School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS). Bennett has been a member of the faculty since 2011 and currently serves as chair of the College's anthropology, public health and global engagement programs.

"I am honored and humbled to be selected for this role," stated Bennett. "I look forward to helping coordinate and facilitate the work of our dedicated faculty so that we can best serve our students and provide them with a meaningful educational experience."

"For more than a decade, Dr. Bennett has been an extremely dedicated and valuable part of our Saint Vincent community," said Father Paul. "She is universally respected by her students and colleagues alike, and I am confident that she will excel as dean of the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. I look forward to working with her in this new role."

Bennett joined the Saint Vincent faculty as a visiting professor of anthropology in January 2010 before being elevated to assistant professor of anthropology in August 2010 and associate professor of anthropology in 2016. The 2013 recipient of Saint Vincent College's Quentin Schaut Faculty Award, which recognizes the contributions, leadership and achievement of a junior faculty member to the curriculum and life of the College, Bennett will continue to teach throughout her

tenure as dean.

An applied medical anthropologist, Bennett's scholarly work focuses on child health and nutrition in indigenous populations in Guatemala and she works with community-based organizations to develop, improve and evaluate maternal and child health programs. She has actively involved Saint Vincent students from a variety of programs in these projects and also carries out applied research projects with student research teams in collaboration with Saint Vincent College offices.

Along with overseeing the College's anthropology program and launching both its public health minor program and the global engagement certificate program, Bennett has served in a number of roles within the College and was named chair of the Forward Together Advisory Committee, the advisory board for the Saint Vincent community for policies and procedures pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bennett serves as adviser to the College's Public Health Club, Anime Club and its chapter of the Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society and sits on the Academic Leadership Committee and the Scholarly Affairs Committee. Her previous committee service at SVC included the Educational Policies Committee, the Dale P. Latimer Library Planning Committee, the Academic Conference Committee, the First-Year Seminar Taskforce and the Catholic Relief Services Taskforce. She is also active in the Society for Applied Anthropology, currently serving as Associate Program Chair for the SfAA Annual Meeting. Bennett has also been active in writing and administering grants for



Dr. Elaine Bennett

curricular and program development from the US Department of Education and the Council of Independent Colleges.

"I have had the opportunity to work with so many colleagues across departments and across different offices of the College over the last several years," said Bennett, "and I really enjoy that kind of work. I enjoy facilitating moving people's ideas forward, and this is a great opportunity to continue to do so while serving the college, serving our programs and serving our students."

In her new role as dean, Bennett looks forward to working with faculty and administration in advancing all of the programs offered by the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and successfully integrating them into the College's new core curriculum model.

"These programs represent some of the best kinds of holistic opportunities that Saint Vincent provides for its students," she said. "I plan to work to promote these programs and work with our different departments to make sure that our really exciting, dynamic interdisciplinary

programs are well-mapped into the core so that they can contribute to our students' well-rounded development.

"I hope that in this capacity, my capabilities can serve the needs of the school, our faculty and our students. It's very exciting."

Bennett holds bachelor of arts degrees in both anthropology and philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh, graduating *magna cum laude*. She went on to earn a master of public health degree from Southern Connecticut University, earning its Outstanding M.P.H. Student Award, before earning a master of arts in anthropology at the University of Connecticut. In 2009, she completed her doctor of philosophy in anthropology from the University of Connecticut. Prior to joining the Saint Vincent faculty, Bennett served as a graduate teaching assistant and adjunct instructor in the University of Connecticut's Anthropology Department (2004-09) and as an adjunct instructor in public health at Southern Connecticut State (2005).

—Jim Berger

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN AHSS

Saint Vincent College added two new academic major programs in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for the fall 2021 semester

Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education

In June, Saint Vincent approved the addition of two new degree programs to the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences: the bachelor of science in health and physical education (HPE) and the bachelor of arts in digital humanities, sponsored by the Department of Education and the Department of History, respectively.

“The HPE major was always in the plans for the education department,” said Dr. Veronica Ent, Education Department chairperson, “However, under old core requirements the possibility of having the degree program was not possible. With the promise of a leaner core curriculum, the education department developed the program.”

Typically, HPE programs are only found at larger schools that offer Division 1 sports, not smaller colleges that only offer Division 3 sports, but Ent explained that this is something that is advantageous to the college: “Since Saint Vincent is in the Division 3 athletic division, there are many students who enjoy sports but are also interested in academics. This blend of athletics and academics make the HPE major a great choice for our students participating in Division 3 sports at a small college.”

To complete the major and receive both PreK-12 health education and physical education teacher certifications, students will need to complete 28 credits in health and administration and 21 credits in sports and wellness in addition to taking various education classes. Some of the new HPE courses available to students include HPE-120 Emergency Care and Prevention of Injury, HPE-325 Adaptive Physical Education, HPE-340 Customized Training and Assessment as well as several other courses that are dedicated to teaching two sports each (for example, Strength and Weight Lifting or Football and Rugby). “The goal for staffing these courses is to locate and secure the most qualified faculty member that understands the content and teaching,” Ent explained. Members of the college’s athletic staff, teachers from local schools and two full-time Education Department faculty members will teach the courses.

Ent explained that over the years, many students have asked for an HPE program and she anticipates enrolling 10 to 15 students each fall.

Bachelor of Arts in Digital Humanities

Designed to be taken in conjunction with another major of a student’s choosing, the new digital humanities major will serve students who wish to engage in humanist inquiry within the humanities and social sciences through the use of digital research tools and in-depth engagement with the theoretical questions raised by digital inquiry. Rather than being geared solely towards students with humanities majors, students from all disciplines may consider adding digital humanities as a second major. Be-

cause of the nature of the major, students will be able to work with their academic advisers to create a personally-devised program of study.

“The decision to produce a major rather than a minor was based on the idea that a minor would not give our students the type of background we felt they would need to successfully understand or work within digital humanities,” said Lauren Churilla, the driving force behind starting the new program.

Traditionally, digital humanities programs have only been offered at the graduate level, and of those programs, only a handful are offered at liberal arts institutions. Of the colleges and universities that do offer a digital humanities program, 30% maintain a center or lab dedicated to digital humanities. “An increasing number of these colleges and universities are offering coursework in digital humanities and similar fields for undergraduates,” explained Churilla, who is also a lecturer in the History Department as well as the curator for the Coverlet Gallery. “Still more are integrating digital tools and project development along with critiques of existing digital projects into their studies. The growth in such programs is resulting in greater numbers of employers seeking employees versed in these methods of problem solving and greater demand for inclusion of digital humanities studies connected to majors. Creation of the major in digital humanities will help create a center of exploration in these new methods and pedagogies and their applications at Saint Vincent.”

The digital humanities major has three key elements at its core: digital making, which refers to the application of new technologies to create places for disseminating information about the humanities; digital cultures, which refers to the finding of new places and ways to learn about the human experiences; and digital inquiry, which refers to the ability to use new technologies to ask and answer questions related to the human experience. To address these elements, students are required to follow a 34-credit curriculum. Many of the classes required for the major were already available to students, including classes in history, communications, computer science, art and anthropology, though three new classes were created specifically for the digital humanities major: DH-101 Introduction to Digital Humanities; DH-200 Digital Storytelling; and DH-300 Capstone in Digital Humanities.

Those graduating with a degree in digital humanities may find work in a variety of fields, including information technology, technical writing, digital publishing, archivism or technology development. Both new majors officially debuted in the 2021-2022 edition of *The Bulletin*, Saint Vincent’s course listing. Those wishing to learn more about either of the new majors can read about them at www.stvincent.edu.

—Morgan Stout

NEW PODCAST, EDITING STUDIO OPENS IN LIBRARY

By Madison Harry

A new podcast and editing studio room opened in the Dale P. Latimer Library during the 2021 fall semester, providing students in the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences an enriched educational experience and access to resources. The rooms feature podcasting microphones and recording equipment with an iMac editing lab.

David Safin, associate professor of communication and department chair, stated, “The initial intention of the rooms was for faculty to record lectures but for six months the rooms sat empty due to the pandemic, and it just so happened that I had purchased equipment to use for podcasting. The equipment and materials were pieced together to create this intimate, simple space for students to use.”

Students majoring in graphic design and communication now have access to technological resources to complete assignments and enhance their skills. Created to address student interests,



Communication students gain experience with the editing studio room located in the Dale P. Latimer Library.

the equipment and spaces can be utilized by students in all three schools with special permission.

“Having the extra space and ability to use the technology puts me at an advantage, knowing that this is my future as a graphic designer. One of the best impacts on my college career is being able to

enhance my abilities and knowledge in a comfortable space,” said Ashely Jimenez, senior digital art and media major.

“As a prospective graduate student, spending time in the podcast room will provide me with an early experience in broadcasting. This is an exciting addition

for students as they can record a podcast and go to an open room and start editing the material immediately,” said Zakiya Moses, senior communication major.

Brennan Valladares, junior sports and media major, noted that “this resource helps me prepare for my career in sports and media. Also, I have always had an interest in starting my own sports podcast. The most exciting part about this resource is the improved technology that will help with media-based classes.”

“I want to enter the world of media and content creation, so this resource will give me hands-on experience to aid in recording voice-overs for films I create,” said junior communication major Genevieve LaFosse. “The most exciting part about this resource is that I can explore and learn more in my own time and at my own pace.”



Genevieve LaFosse works on a podcast.

DR. BREID'S RESEARCH PAPER PUBLISHED

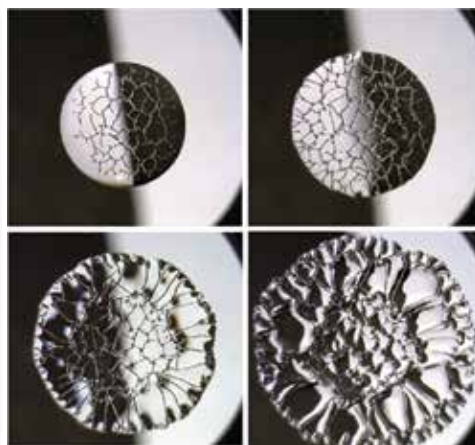
By **Madison Harry**

Dr. Derek Breid, associate professor of engineering, published a research paper on folding in soft elastic films on hard substrates over the summer with collaborators from the University of Pittsburgh.



“This research started when I was a post-doctoral researcher at Pitt, working for Dr. Sachin Velankar,” said Breid. “It was inspired by the camouflage of cephalopods like cuttlefish, squid and octopus—some species of which can quickly change the texture of their skin from flat to bumpy or ridged.”

The experiment involved creating a thin elastic film that was bound to a rigid substrate such as glass or acrylic. When a small drop of solvent was placed in the middle of the film, the solvent would swell the elastic, causing it to grow. Due to the constraint of the film on the substrate, it had only one way to grow: up,



forming sharp folds.

“We observed that the swollen film grew away from the surface in the form of sharp folds. The paper reports on the effects of things like drop size, film thickness and choice of solvent on the patterns that these folds can form. Also proposed was a model for how the folds

begin to form during the swelling process. However, unlike the cephalopod skin, the folds are unfortunately not reversible,” explained Breid.

Though they did not have part in the authorship of the paper, Dr. Velankar invited Saint Vincent College engineering students to accompany Breid during the summer to assist. The paper was published in the journal *Langmuir*, a publication by the American Chemical Society, and can be found at <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.langmuir.1c00520>.

BOYER SCHOOL OFFERS NEW CERTIFICATE

Saint Vincent College added new certificate program in the Boyer School for the fall 2021 semester

Science Foundations for Health Professions Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program

The Herbert W. Boyer School for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computing now offers a post-baccalaureate certificate program in science foundations for health professionals (SFHP). The program is designed for students who did not major in the sciences but would like to enter programs in medical, dental, optometry, veterinary, podiatry or chiropractic schools; nursing programs or physical therapy, pharmacy and physician assistant graduate programs; or occupational therapy programs.

“Generally, there are two types of post-baccalaureate certificate programs, one focusing on academic enhancement to boost a grade point average and one that focuses on career path changers,” said Jennifer Koehl, program director. “Our program was designed to not only meet the needs of students who change majors during their junior or senior year but those who want to change career paths and apply to health-based programs.”

The program allows students to take prerequisite courses needed for their program(s) of interest and prepare for entrance exams. Through the coursework, students will gain the scientific foundation they were not exposed to during their

undergraduate careers. Required courses for SFHP certificate candidates include general biology, chemistry and calculus courses in addition to earning 25 credits through other coursework, including three courses with a lab component. The 25 additional credits can be earned through courses in the Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Science, Physics, Psychological Science and Sociology Departments.

“This is an exciting opportunity to SVC, as there are very few small, liberal arts schools in Western Pennsylvania that offer a post-baccalaureate certificate in this manner,” said Koehl. “The program offers a flexibility and individualized approach based on the needs of the student.”

Each SFHP student, with assistance from the program director, will develop an individualized plan of courses and timeline pertinent to their desired health profession programs and career goals. The certificate program also provides students with the same opportunities and resources given to Saint Vincent College’s undergraduate students through letters of recommendation and interviews with faculty from the Pre-Allied Health Committee and Pre-professional Health Committee.

—Madison Harry

Students Conduct Summer Field Research In Sequoia NP

By **Jim Berger**

Under the guidance of Dr. Michelle Duennes, assistant professor of biology, a group of Saint Vincent College biology students spent a week of their summer vacation on an immersive research experience in California's Sequoia National Park.

Taylor Hatchet, C'21, of Reisterstown, Maryland, along with seniors Mary Andreola of Pittsburgh; Lauren Gailbraith of Greensburg; Adam Meneses of Pomona, California; Casey Moyer of Robinson; Yariana Pino Sanchez of Guyanabo, Puerto Rico, and Kelsey Tobin of Greensburg, spent June 21-27 in the mountains of California conducting field research for a number of projects.

"The trip was very productive," said Duennes. "Everything really went perfectly. The students were able to collect plenty of samples for their projects while we saw so many great sights."

Most of the students who traveled are in the midst of capstone projects that will be presented at the College's 2022 Academic Conference.

Andreola collected water samples from various streams and lakes, which will be analyzed to determine the types of insects that dwell in them. Tobin collected bumblebee samples from different field sites and will sequence the DNA in the pollen to identify the plant species bees are feeding on. Gailbraith and Moyer collected samples of different species of bees to identify and study both the beneficial and harmful microbes in their intestines and digestive systems, while Meneses, Pino Sanchez and Hatchet assisted Duennes in collecting bee samples for



her research project on bumblebee health funded by the USDA.

"I had seen the colonies that a previous student was using for their research," said Tobin, "and found the whole colony dynamic very interesting. I knew I didn't want to study colonies specifically, but I still wanted to study bees. Eventually, I landed on researching the pollen collected by bumble bees. I had planned with Dr. Duennes to do my research in California because I will be studying abroad for the fall semester. Since the research portion of our senior capstone takes place in the fall, I needed to complete it in the summer and Dr. Duennes was more than happy to accommodate."

Andreola had initially planned to just study waterways in western Pennsylvania, but inquired about moving her research to California after learning of Tobin's plans.

"I have always wanted to travel for research," said Tobin. "I was particularly excited to research

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in a national park, because I hope to work for the National Park Service someday. Luckily, Dr. Duennes said yes!”

The SVC group stayed each night at a base camp at the base of the Sierra Nevada in the park’s Mineral King section.

“I think my favorite moment of the trip was when we first arrived at Mineral King,” said Tobin. “The view of the mountains was breathtaking. It was easily the most beautiful place I’ve ever been.”

The group conducted research and collected samples at a variety of settings throughout the park, including a steep cliff along the roadside, the Lake Isabella reservoir, flowery meadows and in Sequoia National Forest. One of the highlights of the trip, however, occurred when they spotted an endangered species during a sightseeing venture.

“After three days of field work,” said Duennes, “we took a break and went to a frozen yogurt shop. It had a garden adjacent to it and I looked out up into a tree and saw a distinct bee with an orange rear end. It was the endangered *Bombus crotchii* species! We caught two queens and it was at the exact right time, because we went back three days later and all of the flowers on which we had spotted the bees were already dead and out of season. It was perfect timing.”

“The employees and other customers who were eating outside definitely thought we were crazy standing on tables with nets,” added Andreola, “but the shop’s native plant garden was a gold mine of bumblebees!”

Another highlight of the trip came on the last day, when the group visited the world’s largest tree, the General Sherman, which measures 275 feet high and 36 feet in diameter.

“It was mindboggling to see how huge it was,” said Andreola.

For the last two days of the excursion, the SVC contingent was joined by a group of tourists through Atlas Obscura, which provides non-scientists with authentic scientific research and field experience. Saint Vincent’s researchers

were joined by a group of eight from the Atlas Obscura group, ranging from two men in their 70s to a mother and her teenage son.

“I really didn’t know what to expect from the vacationers,” said Tobin, “but I was surprised to find that most of them had hobbies or jobs that revolved around nature or biology in some way. They were all very eager to learn about the collection process and our research.”

Added Andreola, “They were all so kind and I had a lot of fun working with them.

It was cool to hear about all of their diverse life experiences and backgrounds, and what

led them to their interest in bumblebees and scientific research. We had a lot of fun teaching them field work techniques as well as just hanging out with them.”

With their field work complete, the group will now begin to analyze their research. The Jonah Ventures lab in Boulder, Colorado, will use DNA extraction to identify the bacterial microbes in Galbraith’s and Moyer’s samples, the plant species in Tobin’s samples and the aquatic invertebrates in Andreola’s samples.

Duennes said that she plans to lead another student excursion to Sequoia National Park with Atlas Obscura in the summer of 2022 and has begun to raise money for her students and their projects through her online Teespring store and Etsy store, for which she designed a coloring book that will be available for purchase soon.

“I had so much fun on this trip with the students,” she said. “I really couldn’t have asked for a better group to go with me! It’s rare that students get to experience such intensive, immersive fieldwork as undergraduates, and I feel so lucky to have been able to provide an opportunity to do that for my students.

“In terms of benefit to our research, this was by far the most productive field expedition I’ve been on, and I’ve been on a lot of them. I hope that the students got a lot out of it, too.”



Dr. Eric Kocian to Chair Criminology, Law and Society Program

By Michael Hustava

Since its inception in 2011, the Criminology, Law and Society program at Saint Vincent College has grown to become one of the College's more popular majors. During that time, the program has been chaired by Professor Bruce Antkowiak, J.D., C'74, who also serves as General Counsel for the College. That changed for the first time this fall, as Dr. Eric Kocian was appointed the department's chair, effective the first day of classes of the semester, August 30, 2021.

"Over ten years ago, I was honored to be asked to return home to Saint Vincent to help direct the new program in criminology. Having been a part



of Saint Vincent in various capacities for the greater part of my life, I readily embraced this challenge," Antkowiak

said. "One of the first and most important decisions we made was to bring Dr. Eric Kocian on as a full-time pro-

fessor. The wisdom of that decision has been reaffirmed regularly over time. Eric is a leader who embodies the true spirit of Saint Vincent and is a hero to our students. His leadership will take our department to new heights and will serve to bring justice to so many. I will be proud to work with him and our other professors as we continue to make our department a source of pride for the entire Saint Vincent community."

Kocian, who began teaching at Saint Vincent in 2012, was honored and humbled by the appointment.

"Under Dr. Antkowiak's leadership, we have developed a strong program and team of faculty who are deeply committed to our students. His dedication and hard work are why this program

NEW MAJOR IN MCKENNA SCHOOL THIS FALL

Saint Vincent College added new major in the McKenna School for the fall 2021 semester

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Starting with the fall 2021 semester, Saint Vincent College began offering a new bachelor of science in business administration as part of the Business Department in the Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government. With a requirement of only 51 credits, the business administration program is designed to be a generalist business curriculum that gives students the opportunity to pursue other academic interests in the Herbert W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computing and the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. The program will encourage students to minor or double major in other academic areas.

"The credit requirement integrates the College's Catholic, Benedictine and liberal arts missions with an in-depth background in business, while still satisfying the 12-business core functional components required by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) for the McKenna School's accreditation," said Dr. Jeff Godwin, McKenna School

chair and program coordinator. "The primary objective of the major is to prepare students for career positions while allowing the flexibility to customize their educational experience."

The business administration major highlights a comprehensive business curriculum with courses covering topics such as accounting, finance, marketing, management and international business. Students will be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge in key functional areas applicable to business, non-profit or government organizations while integrated with the liberal arts and major or minor program courses. Specifically, upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to develop strategic plans and demonstrate ethical decision-making.

"The major was introduced to address a shift in society where customization is becoming more increasingly desired," said Godwin. "Students who have a broader liberal arts background coupled with strong business training will be well prepared for a wide variety of organizational job opportunities."

—Madison Harry

began and has succeeded,” Kocian said. “I cannot thank him enough for his kindness and guidance and for initially giving me the opportunity to teach at Saint Vincent. This is an exciting challenge and one that I look forward to undertaking alongside my colleagues.”

As department chair, Kocian’s goal is to continue growing the program. Be it through expanding existing partnerships or working with various law enforcement organizations and legal entities to create new opportunities for students, Kocian understands how much students benefit when classroom instruction can be applied through first-hand experiences.

“Our program is unique in that it covers a broad-range of topics in the field of criminology and is not solely

a criminal justice program,” Kocian explained. “Our students aspire to pursue a wide array of career paths, so the more that we can educate them on this field as a whole and the more we can provide experiential learning opportunities, either through classwork or internships, the more prepared they will be upon graduating.”

In his time at Saint Vincent, Kocian has been actively involved with students both in and out of the classroom. His research on addiction and recovery has provided valuable real-world experiences for students with interviewing subjects, analytical research and presentation skills.

Kocian has presented at the local, regional and state levels on various topics, including the opioid crisis, addiction and recovery, policing in

America, hate crimes, and school violence. He is also currently serving as a consultant for the Heroin Outreach Program and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the FBI’s Pittsburgh office, and his expertise has been sought on ways to reduce overdose deaths in Westmoreland County.

Since 2013, Kocian has served as the ROTC coordinator and veteran’s resources at SVC as well as the criminology club faculty adviser. In 2018, Kocian was honored with the Quentin Schaut faculty award, which recognizes the contributions, leadership and achievements of a junior faculty member to the curriculum and life of the College.

Prior to joining Saint Vincent, Kocian served as an instructor at both Indiana University of Pennsylvania

(IUP) (2006-21) and Slippery Rock University (2011-12). He earned both his Ph.D. and master’s degrees from IUP in criminology and earned bachelor’s degrees in psychology and administration of justice from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

After completing his doctoral studies, Kocian attended special agent training with the FBI before returning to teaching full-time. Kocian served in the United States Marines Corps Reserves as a member of the Military Police Unit in North Versailles, PA, and he was honorably discharged in August of 1998. He has also graduated from the Citizens Academies for both the FBI (2018) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (2016).

Dr. Andrew Herr Now Chairs Economics Department

By Madison Harry

Effective the first day of classes, Dr. Andrew Herr was appointed chair of the economics department in the Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government. Prior to Herr’s appointment, Dr. Gary Quinlivan, dean of the McKenna School, served as the department chair. In the spring of 2021, the economics department met and collectively decided to appoint a new chair and realign the focus of the department and duties.

“I am excited to have a stronger voice and role in scheduling, the Core curriculum and future direction of the department,” said Herr. “I was pleased and honored to hear that I had been appointed to this chair position.”

Herr joined Saint Vincent College in 1996 as an assistant professor and was appointed to associate professor in 2001. He has held the Br. Norman W. Hipps, O.S.B., Endowed Chair in Economics and Business since 2020. Endowed professorships at Saint Vincent are held by faculty members recognized for excellence in the areas of teaching, research and service. In 2007, he was awarded the Boniface Wimmer Faculty Award, which recognizes a senior faculty member who has demonstrated sustained excellence.

In addition to teaching at Saint Vincent, he has also taught at Indiana University (1992-95), Carnegie Mellon University (1996, 1999) and Duquesne University (2001). He earned his bachelor’s degree in mathematics education from North Carolina State



University, his master’s degree in mathematics from the Ohio State University and his Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University.

Aside from teaching, he has been extensively involved in research through planning conferences, attending seminars and publishing research, both for Saint Vincent College and in various scholarly publications including the *Journal of Catholic Higher Education* and the Allegheny Trail Alliance. Herr has also been involved with the men’s cross country and men’s track and field teams, serving as coach since 2003 and 2005, respectively.



Fred Rogers Center Hosts Inaugural Educators' Symposium

By Morgan Stout

The Fred Rogers Center hosted the inaugural Educators' Symposium online on July 20 and 21. The symposium was born out of a program that was started during the 2019-2020 school year called the Educators' Neighborhood, which is a community of educators who learn together and who garner inspiration for their instruction from the life and works of Fred Rogers and his approach to working with children.

Before the pandemic hit, the members of the Neighborhood—mostly educators working within the Pittsburgh Public School district—met regularly in-person to discuss how they were using the materials from Fred Rogers Archive and Fred's approaches in their classroom. They also hosted sharing sessions at a local Pittsburgh public library that usually had around 10 to 15 people in attendance. When the group was no longer able to meet in-person, meetings shifted to Zoom®.

"The meetings really came to be more of a support group for them," said Dr. Dana Winters, the Rita McGinley Endowed Executive Director of the Fred Rogers Center, through laughter, "but it showed us that we were able to reach people virtually in a way that we hadn't tried really before."

Winters went on to explain that the Center extended the

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Fred and Joanne Rogers' Pianos Together Again

By Morgan Stout

If you walked into Fred and Joanne Rogers' house, you would have seen two grand pianos facing each other, fit together like puzzle pieces, in their living room. And, if you were lucky, you probably would have seen them playing those pianos together.

In 1948, a 20-year-old Fred Rogers went on a campus visit to Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. He was considering a transfer from Dartmouth because he wanted to study music, and Dartmouth simply did not have a music program. It was on that very visit that Fred would meet a young woman, Sara Joanne Byrd, who was studying music performance. A few months later, Fred would matriculate at Rollins to study music composition, and the rest is, as they say, history.

"Piano was a big part of both of their lives," said Dr. Dana Winters, the Rita McGinley Endowed Executive Director of the Fred Rogers Center (FRC).

While Fred composed nearly all of the music for Mister Rogers Neighborhood, Joanne performed all over the world for most of her life, playing piano duos with her partner, Jeannine Morrison. Fred received his piano, which very well could be more well-traveled than many of the people who come to see the piano at the Center, as a gift from his grandmother when he was just a young boy. "It's made the journey from New York City and back and has been to a number of places," says Winters, "You can tell it's well-loved." Joanne's piano can be traced as far back as 1908, but even though it's over 100 years old, it doesn't look a day over 10.

When Joanne passed away in January, the estate left her piano to the Center so that it could be reunited with Fred's, which has been in the FRC's possession since shortly after it opened in 2003. Winters recalled that, after the estate was settled, the piano was delivered directly from Joanne's apartment and was carefully placed next to Fred's.

Despite their age and

significance, and because neither Fred nor Joanne would likely have it any other way, the pianos are not just for decoration: both are indeed playable, and, according to Winters, "sound wonderful." The pianos are serviced every six months or so; a specialist comes in to tune and clean them to keep them in peak condition.

"We don't get a lot of people here to play them," said Winters, "but we had a student a few years back, Faith Brake, who would write her own compositions and every Friday would just play [Fred's piano], and it was wonderful." Right now, the pianos are only played when the Center has visitors who are musicians or by Winters' children, who both play piano and are probably two of the only children who get to say, "I practice piano on Mr. Rogers' piano."

So, if you walk into the Fred Rogers Center, you'll see two grand pianos facing each other, fit together like two puzzle pieces, in a little, almost hidden, sitting room: Fred and Joanne, together again.

Fred Rogers Scholars Inducts Four New Members

By Madison Harry

Saint Vincent College announced four new members for the 2021-2022 academic year inducted into the Fred Rogers Scholars (FRS) Program on Nov. 12. Additionally, the induction ceremony included five 2020-2021 students as a ceremony was unable to be held in the fall of 2020 due to the pandemic. The FRS Program at SVC is a four-year, merit-based scholarship program available for first-year incoming students that encourages interdisciplinary work toward the continued advancement of the legacy and philosophy of Fred Rogers.

As a Fred Rogers Scholar, each student receives a \$2,500 scholarship each year at Saint Vincent, along with opportunities to network with scholars and industry professionals

while being introduced to the legacy and work of Fred Rogers. The FRS Program encourages interdisciplinary work, welcoming students from any major to apply.

“The Fred Rogers Scholars Program welcomes those across the disciplines and is not limited to child-serving careers. It is a place where collaboration and communication can occur in the support of learning and serving,” said Dr. Dana Winters, executive director of the Fred Rogers Center for early learning and children’s media and coordinator of the Fred Rogers Scholars Program. “Our students leave the program with confidence and foundation to serve in their desired careers.”

Throughout their four years, students work together to complete research and group projects and have op-

portunities to work in different areas of the Fred Rogers Center. The FRS Program also provides experiences for students to outreach with the local and SVC community through events such as Fred Forever Week and service projects, establishing a thorough foundation and education by their last year.

“I think students come out of the program not only understanding the impact of Fred Rogers and his approach to the world but also how those values can be applied in many different places,” said Winters. “We are able to show how impactful that can be, and students are able to see that alongside staff in the field. Students are able to internalize these learnings and reflect on the type of person they want to be or the work they want to accomplish.”

The newly inducted include first-year, class of 2025 students: Gina Beneccio, an early childhood education major from West Newton; Erin Brody, an English major from West Homestead; William Fiejdasz, an undeclared major from Pittsburgh; and Olivia Matha, a marketing major from Ridgway.

Inductees also included class of 2024 students: Elizabeth DelSignore, an English major from Beaver; Keely Hagofsky, an early childhood education major from Greensburg; Scott Andrew Root, a history major from New Cumberland; Joseph Sarraino, a physics major from Pittsburgh; and Abigail Skundrich, an early childhood education major from Wexford.

Educators’ Symposium

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Educators’ Neighborhood meetings to a larger, virtual community of educators and engaged with about 60 teachers, but when the sharing sessions were moved to a virtual platform, the Center was consistently engaging with 300+ people from around the world.

“We had been asked a lot, ‘Well, what else can I do? How can I learn more?’ and so we had the idea of, ‘Let’s do a symposium,’” said Winters. So, six weeks and a big social media push later, 175 people from 33 states and five countries attended the inaugural two-day, Fred Rogers Center Educators’ Symposium. The backgrounds



of the attendees ranged from early childhood education to community organizers, as the Center broadly defines educator as all helpers who work in the service of children’s learning and care and not just those working in a traditional classroom setting.

The symposium included sessions on topics connecting Fred Rogers and *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* to a variety of learning contexts, including a session from Fred Rogers Center archivist, Emily Uhrin

and the Simple Interactions team; a panel of educators sharing how Fred Rogers and *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* impacts practice with children, families and educators; an opening keynote given by Hedda Sharapan, child development expert and former associate producer of *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* and a closing keynote given by Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski, authors of *When You Wonder, You’re Learning: Mister Rogers’ Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids*.

The cost to attend both days of the symposium was \$143; “143” was Mr. Rogers’ favorite number, as the numbers 1, 4 and 3 represent the number of letters in “I love you.” Though

attendees did receive a small thank-you gift from the Center, the fee will, in large part, support the continued growth of the symposium. Winters and the Center were able to create this year’s symposium thanks to a donor gift in honor of Joanne after her passing.

“We’re already planning to do it again next year and have it again virtual, [but] we’re thinking about how we can supplement that with some in-person days [at the Fred Rogers Center],” explained Winters. The Educators’ Neighborhood is now up to 127 members, including educators and educational leaders, and the hope is to have some of the members of the Neighborhood also present during the symposia to come.

Green & Gold Club to Support Athletics



Father Myron Kirsch, O.S.B., athletic director.

By Jim Berger

The Saint Vincent College Department of Athletics and the College's Office of Institutional Advancement are excited to announce the establishment of the Green and Gold Club to support Bearcat athletics.

The financial support provided by the Green and Gold Club will aid and bolster all areas of Saint Vincent College athletics, including facility maintenance, additions and enhancements; personnel; equipment; travel; recruiting; fitness; nutrition; and educational and developmental programming for student-athletes.

"Establishing the Green and Gold Club is significant to our college community, and especially for our student-athletes," said Dr. Jeff Mallory, executive vice president and chief operating officer. "We pride ourselves in providing truly unique experiences for our student-athletes. The Green and Gold Club allows us to ensure that we keep our student-athletes and their needs at the forefront."

"The Green and Gold Club will be an important part of our Bearcat athletic family," said Father Myron Kirsch, O.S.B., athletic director. "We are thankful for the financial support the club provides to our athletes, programs and department as a whole. We value all of our relationships with our loyal alumni and friends and we look forward to seeing the Green and Gold Club continue to grow."

In his role as senior director of athletic advancement, D.P. Harris will oversee the Green and Gold Club. Having achieved considerable success while serving as the head men's basketball coach at SVC from 2003-19, Harris uniquely understands the significance and importance of athletics at Saint Vincent and is excited to see the support the Green and Gold Club garners.



"We champion the lessons our student-athletes have learned at Saint Vincent in our everyday lives," said Harris, "and look to pass them on to the next generation. As we kick off the Green and Gold Club, I look forward to seeing our alumni and friends share in the camaraderie and financial support for the future of Saint Vincent athletics."

Membership in the Green and Gold Club will provide vital assistance to a Saint Vincent College Athletic Department that prides itself on a long tradition of sportsmanship and a commitment to excellence.

"It's a critical time for intercollegiate athletics," said Mallory. "We know the needs of our student-athletes, and the landscape overall, are changing. The Green and Gold Club will allow us to both sustain and enhance our experience for student-athletes. As a community, we also want to welcome and encourage support from the many alumni and friends who have a great interest in pushing us forward."

The Green and Gold Club will host a number of events throughout the year to connect former student-athletes and friends of the College with the current Bearcat coaching staff, student-athletes and athletic administration, including a winter social with the Athletic Department's coaches and administrators and cocktail socials with department personnel in both the spring and summer of 2022.

The Green and Gold Club has already been warmly received by Bearcat alumni, coaches and friends, with more than 200 attending the club's kickoff event in June and 150 taking part in a tent party held prior to the first Bearcat home football game on September 16.

The Green and Gold Club offers a number of different giving levels, each providing various benefits to members.

Members who participate at the Green giving level (\$120-\$999) will receive a special invitation to select club events.

Members at the Gold giving level (\$1,000-\$4,999) will receive all benefits of the Green level, plus an invitation to the winter sports social and to the spring outdoor sports Green and Gold Club tent party.

Members at the All-Conference giving level (\$5,000-\$9,999) will receive all benefits of the Green and Gold levels, plus annual recognition on a prominent list of sponsors in the Robert S. Carey Student Center, while those members at the All-American giving level (\$10,000+) will also receive special recognition at the annual Bearcat Open golf event.

"It's a tremendous and exciting time for our college community," said Mallory. "The establishment of the Green and Gold Club aligns with the vision we have set for the Department of Athletics and our student-athletes in particular. We are ensuring that we have the needed resources to not only sustain, but evolve, in all of our offerings related to athletics."

Gifts can be made to the Green and Gold Club online or via check to Saint Vincent College Office of Institutional Advancement, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa., 15650 (please note Green and Gold Club in the memo line). For more information, or for questions related to the Green and Gold Club, contact Harris at donpaul.harris@stvincent.edu or 724-787-4200 or visit athletics.stvincent.edu.

THE GREEN AND GOLD CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Deeply rooted in the Benedictine Hallmarks, particularly those of discipline, community and hospitality, the Green and Gold Club supports and enhances the needs of Saint Vincent College athletics by fostering camaraderie, sportsmanship and promoting school spirit. The Green and Gold Club intentionally connects former student-athletes and friends of the college to secure financial support for the future success of all athletic programs. The Green and Gold Club is critical to the long-term growth of athletic programs at Saint Vincent College.

KATE MCCAULEY, C'15, NAMED NEW MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH

By Jim Berger

Kate McCauley has been appointed as head coach of the men's volleyball team.

McCauley, a 2015 Saint Vincent College graduate, has extensive volleyball coaching experience at both the collegiate and high school levels, while she has worked in various roles within the Saint Vincent athletic department, including her current positions of manager of operations for the football team and assistant coach of the women's volleyball team.

"I am very excited to take over the men's volleyball program," said McCauley. "I know that I'm ready for it and I can't wait to see what the future holds for myself and the program. I can't thank the administration enough to not only allow me to stay with the football program, but to give me the opportunity to be a head coach of a sport I am very passionate about."

"Kate is a great addition to our head coaching staff," said Father Myron Kirsch, O.S.B., athletic director. "She's had success here as a player and she's had a lot of success coaching at the high school level. She's a hard worker who has always gone above and beyond in her previous roles within our department. I expect her to do well with our men's volleyball program."

McCauley is currently in her third season as an assistant coach of the Saint Vincent women's volleyball team, where she assists in conducting practices, game planning and recruiting while supervising the team's strength and conditioning program. As manager of operations for the Saint Vincent football team, McCauley coordinates all day-to-day operations including scheduling, budgeting and travel.



From 2018-20, McCauley served a two-year stint as assistant to the athletic director at Saint Vincent, funded through the NCAA's Ethnic Minority and Women's Grant. In this role, she served as the co-advisor of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), oversaw gameday management for football and men's and women's basketball, assisted the compliance director and assisted in all day-to-day operations of the Athletics Department.

Additionally, during her tenure as assistant to the athletic director, McCauley was the assistant tournament director of the 2019 NCAA Division III National Volleyball Championship Tournament, hosted by Saint Vincent College at

Duquesne University.

Prior to joining the Saint Vincent staff, McCauley served as head coach of the boys volleyball team at Gateway High School from 2016-18 and of the girls team at Greensburg Central Catholic from 2015-18. At GCC, she led the Centurions to the section, WPIAL and PIAA state championships in 2016, while the team was later named Westmoreland County's Team of the Decade by the Westmoreland Sports Network.

McCauley began her coaching career with the Westmoreland Elite Volleyball Club, coaching ages 14-18 from 2010-19.

McCauley graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology and earned certification as an addiction specialist. As an undergraduate, McCauley was a four-year member of the Bearcat women's volleyball team. A setter, she served as team captain during her 2014 senior season. After graduating she earned an M.A. in coaching and administration from Concordia University of Irvine. She is a native of North Huntingdon and graduate of Norwin High School.

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Fall Athletics Wrap-Up

With the beginning of a new semester came the beginning of a new season for 10 Saint Vincent College athletic teams.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Bearcat men's tennis team went a perfect 4-0 during its fall season, with wins over Washington & Jefferson, Waynesburg, Penn State-Altoona and Mount Aloysius. Sophomore David



Lynn (left, top) went 4-0 in singles, while he teamed with senior Mauricio Sanchez (left, bottom) to go 3-0 as a doubles tandem.



WOMEN'S TENNIS

Under head coach Brian Niemic, C'17, the Bearcat women's tennis team concluded the fall schedule with a 5-7 record and qualified for the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC)

Championship Tournament, where they dropped a 7-2 decision to Grove City College. Junior Angela Popovich (right, top) led the Bearcats with an 8-4 record, including a 6-1 mark against conference opponents. Popovich also teamed with senior Maura Skelley (right, bottom), a senior from Altoona, to go 7-4 in doubles play.



FOOTBALL

The Saint Vincent football team was 4-5 at press time, opening the season with a 34-14 win at Bluffton before earning conference victories over Thiel (41-7), Case Western Reserve (42-40) and Waynesburg (38-7). Senior



linebacker Cam Norris (right)

was named the PAC Defensive Player of the Week following the season-opening win at Bluffton, where he made five tackles, including 4.0 for loss and two sacks. The Bearcats have also seen two players earn PAC Rookie of the Week honors, with freshman Joanes Polynice (right, top) earning the recognition after making a game-high 12 tackles in the win over Thiel, before classmate Billy Beck (right, middle) was



honored a week later after rushing for 93 yards and two touchdowns in the Homecoming win over Case Western Reserve. In the 38-7 win at Waynesburg, the SVC defense made a team-record four interceptions, while junior quarterback Brady Walker (right, bottom) completed 24 passes for a career-high 371 yards and four touchdowns, increasing his career touchdown total to 31, tying current head coach Aaron Smetanka, C'12, for the team's all-time lead.



MEN'S GOLF

The Bearcat men's golf team took part in five events during the fall season. The squad opened the season at the Grove City Invitational, taking 10th out of 18 teams, and was led by



sophomore Brendan Urso (top, left), who carded an 82 to place 24th in the 95-player

field. The Bearcats then took fourth out of eight teams at their home invitational at Latrobe Country Club, with sophomore Colten McCutcheon (middle, left) shooting



78th to take fifth out of 54 competitors. Sophomore Zachary Summers (bottom, left) shot an 86 to lead the Bearcats at the Westminster Invitational, before the



fall closed with the first two rounds of the three-round PAC Championship. The Bearcats sit in seventh place after the fall championship event, with the PAC final round to be played in April.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The SVC women's golf team also competed in five fall events. At the season-opening Grove City Invitational, sophomore Alyson Frank (right) shot a career-best 91 to place sixth overall in a field of 62 golfers.



Frank would then add a 19th-place finish at the Thiel Invitational, shooting a round of 99, while freshman Caroline Konieczny (right) paced the Bearcats at



Sophomore wide receiver Kaelib McElroy of Hagerstown, Maryland, makes a one-handed catch against Geneva.

the SVC Invitational at Latrobe Country Club with a 15th-place finish.



Konieczny would again lead SVC at the first two PAC Championship events, shooting rounds of 95 and 87 to sit in 11th place.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Bearcat men's soccer team has struggled in the fall, with a record of 2-15 at press time, though nine of the losses came by a margin of just one or two goals. The highlight of the season came on September 16, when the Bearcats scored a 10-1 win over La Roche on the UPMC Turf. It was the team's highest single-game offensive output in nine seasons. Freshman Jesse Detweiler (left) scored four goals in the win, one of



seven players to score at least one goal in the game. Sophomore David

Rahaman (left) led the Bearcats with five goals and



11 points heading into the final week of the season, while classmate Joel Quiroz Mansilla (bottom) had a team-high five assists and seven points.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Bearcat women's

soccer finished the season with a 5-11 overall record. Sophomore Tanisha Grewal (large photo, right) blossomed into one of the top scorers in the nation, with 14 goals and 29 points heading into the final week of the season, leading the PAC in each category. Grewal was named the PAC Offensive Player of the Week on September 13 after netting a hat trick in a win over Rosemont. Senior Hannah Irvine (left) has chipped in 11 points on the season, with four goals and three assists.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Bearcat women's volleyball team entered the final week of the season with a 9-17 overall record. Junior Madie Marsico (right) earned PAC Defensive Player of the Week honors after the opening week of the season, before she would go on to set the team's single-match record with 45 digs on October 7 against Penn State-Altoona, including the 1,000th dig of her career. Junior Carly Augustine (left) twice recorded a rare triple-double, posting 13 kills, 18 assists and 12 digs in a



September 18 win over Bethany before going for 11 kills, 17 assists and 25 digs five days later against W&J. Augustine was named Second Team All-PAC,



Sophomore Tanisha Grewal is one of the top scorers in the nation.

while sophomore Luciana Polk earned Honorable Mention All-PAC accolades after averaging 2.15 kills and 4.41 digs. Junior Becca Miller was selected to the PAC's All-Sportsmanship Team.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Bearcat men's cross country team placed second at the 2021 PAC Championship, placing five runners in the top 13 of the 90-runner field and seven in the top-20. Sophomore Tim Patterson (top,



Aiden Jackson 13th.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Bearcat women's cross country team opened the season with a third-place team finish at the Westminster event, led by senior Sydney Green (right), who took sixth. Two weeks later at the SVC Invitational, the Bearcats placed first as a team, while Green placed first individually and sophomore Lauren Brennan fourth. Green would be named the PAC Runner of the Week after her win. At the Inter-Regional Rumble at Oberlin, Green again led the way, taking 38th out of 302 runners, while she earned First Team All-PAC honors with a fifth-place finish at the 2021 conference championship race.





Among those College, Seminary and Prep alumni who attended the Prep Reunion this summer were: First row, from left, Martin G. Mullen, P'65; Richard J. Schulte, P'64, C'68; John Hudock, P'50, C'54; Leo West, P'46, C'51; Maurice W. Rudiselle, P'51, C'56, S'60. Second row, from left, Ken Garris, P'63; Armand Policicchio, Ph.D., P'70, C'74; James Reilly, P'64; William Ruhl, P'56; Francis Murrman, P'57, C'61. Third row, from left, Brother Norman W. Hipps, P'61, C'66; S'69; Thaddeus Paulhamus, P'70, C'73; David Momper, P'70, C'74; William McLaughlin, P'71, C'75; Rich Stillwagon, P'65, C'69; Thomas Patts, P'57, S'61. Fourth row, from left, Douglas Heinrichs, P'68; John P. Owens, P'68, C'73; Michael A. Mueller, P'71, C'75; Michael A. Sweeney, P'71; George Martin, P'59; John E. Harvan Jr., P'59, C'66. Fifth row, from left, John P. Helfenstein Jr., P'60; Mark Jaroszewski, P'70; Edward G. Mulligan, P'70, C'74; David Stiteler, P'59.

PREP REUNION 2020 (2021)

By Ben Becze, CFRE

Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations

The Saint Vincent College Office of Alumni Relations was thrilled to welcome back The Saint Vincent Preparatory School alumni for their annual reunion. This marks the first time that "Prep" alumni had been able to gather since 2019 as no reunion was held in 2020 due to the pandemic. The gap in time between time together only made this reunion that more enjoyable for all those in attendance. A meal of Bavarian cuisine consisting of grilled weisswurst with apples and bacon, sauerbraten with gingersnap gravy, jagerschnitzel with mushroom gravy, sauteed kräuterspätzle in kraeuter, fried kohlrabi, roasted beets and parsnips and homemade soft pretzels helped transport these alumni back to their days at Prep. The Saint Vincent Prep School Reunion committee wishes to thank all who attended and to remind them to pencil the next reunion for June of 2022.

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HOMECOMING, FALL FAMILY WEEKEND

By Ben Becze, CFRE

Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations

October 1-3, 2021—*Welcome Home*. This sentiment was the overarching feeling surrounding the 2021 Homecoming and Fall Family Weekend.

After a “virtual homecoming” in 2020, the College was eager to welcome alumni, families and friends home to Saint Vincent. The community was blessed with terrific weather throughout the long weekend of celebration.

The weekend started with a luncheon for alumni from the classes of 1957-1962 at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and led into the evening’s Alumni of Distinction Dinner. Saturday featured affinity reunions, tailgates, the parade, a thrilling Bearcat football victory over PAC powerhouse Case Western Reserve University, celebration of our homecoming court, the Fall Fest Carnival and petting zoo and a concert by The Filharmonic (from NBC’s hit show *The Sing Off*). This year’s Homecoming and Fall Family Weekend had something for everyone.

Father Paul Taylor, O.S.B., and Father Maximillian Maxwell, O.S.B., concelebrated the alumni memorial mass in which the

names of the 117 alumni who’d passed away in the previous year were read aloud, providing a moment of reflection and remembrance for those classmates and family members in attendance. It was a terrific weekend in which all were welcomed, and the Saint Vincent College community was once again together, here at the campus called home.

Special congratulations to the classes celebrating milestone reunions this year:

C’61—60th Reunion

C’68—75th Birthday Reunion

C’70—51st Reunion

C’71—50th Reunion

C’81—40th Reunion

C’90—31st Reunion

C’91—30th Reunion

C’96—25th Reunion

C’10—11th Reunion

C’15—6th Reunion

C’16—5th Reunion

C’20—2nd Reunion

C’21—1st Reunion

Save the date for what will be a later-than-normal Homecoming and Fall Family Weekend next year: November 4-6, 2022.

If you are interested in serving as a class agent or helping with your class reunion in 2022 (for classes ending in 2 and 7), contact alumni@stvincent.edu.

CLASS OF 1960 HOLDS SUMMER REUNION

Members of the Saint Vincent College Class of 1960 gathered in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, for their Third Annual Summer Class Reunion. Hosted by Chuck, C’60, and Marti McIntyre at the beautiful Wyndam Garden State College, the group in attendance enjoyed the rekindling of friendships, delicious meals and activities such as golf and tours of the local attractions.

Joining the Class of 1960 were Father Paul Taylor, O.S.B., president; Dave Hollenbaugh, vice president of institutional advancement and Ben Becze, CFRE, senior director of development and alumni relations.

Jim Bendel, C’60, Saint Vincent’s planned giving officer, shared, “The third most recent gathering together of 23 members of the SVC Class of 1960 and their spouses was such a roaring success that plans are solidly in place for another event in June of 2022. The spirit of Saint Vincent was clearly alive over our two days together. Stories that had little meaning six decades ago suddenly were embellished to bring smiles to all in attendance.”



CLASS OF 1990



CLASS OF 1996



CLASS OF 1979



CLASS OF 1970



1957-1983



HOME COMING AND FALL FAMILY WEEKEND 2021

Homecoming and Fall Family Weekend was back in person on a gorgeous October 2 day that featured a Bearcat football 42-40 win over Case Western Reserve University. Class reunions were held from those celebrating anniversaries in 2020 and 2021. There was a large presence from the classes of 1990, 1996, 1970, 1971 and many others. Alumni of Distinction were honored from 2020 and 2021 as well. Alumni returned in athletics, such as lacrosse. This year's homecoming court and king and queen were also named, above, from left, Emma Andrasko, Kendra Smithbauer, Annie Trader, Abigail Uhrinek, queen Lauren Hartner, Vinny the Bearcat, king Peter Hirst, Rob Gigliotti, John Crocetti, Tyler Overmier and Wade Rashilla. Albums of the Saint Vincent Flickr page feature hundreds of photos by Grace Alverson, C'19, and student Yariana Pino Sanchez: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/saintvincentcollege/albums/>.



2021 Alumni Of Distinction Announced

The Alumni of Distinction were honored this year as part of Homecoming and Fall Family Weekend October 1, at the Fred M. Rogers Center.

The 2021 Alumni of Distinction were recognized for exemplary service, commitment and the ways in which their accomplishments, affiliations and careers have honored the legacy of Saint Vincent. The 2021 honorees include Eugene A. Dolecki, C'63, of Lakewood Ranch, Florida; Eileen K. Flinn, Esq., C'90, of Ligonier; Kristi L. Lengyel, C'96, of Los Angeles, California; Albert J. Novak, Jr. C'81, of Greensburg; and Gino F. Peluso, Esq., C'77, of Lower Burrell.

The 2020 Alumni of Distinction (Jeffery D. Ansell, C'90; Dr. William A. DiCucio, C'70; Mark W. Durishan, C'70; Paul P. Giunto, C'70; John P. McCann, C'70; and Dr. Paul F. Moersdorf, C'70) will also be recognized at the ceremony (see Winter

2021 issue for their photos and biographies).

Eugene A. Dolecki, C'63

After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, Eugene "Gene" Dolecki enrolled in the 3/2 engineering program at Saint Vincent College. Prior to graduating with high honors in 1963, Mr. Dolecki was named Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Mr. Dolecki attended graduate school at Penn State University, earning his BSME and MSME. Shortly after graduation in 1969, he was hired by the Transportation Systems Division of General Electric and served in a number of capacities before retiring as an executive brand engineering manager in 1997. While at GE, Mr. Dolecki traveled throughout the world to promote and support GE Transportation Products. Among his accomplishments at GE were spearheading the standardization of the Mine Locomotive Product Line and holding a key leadership role in the development of the first



Eugene A. Dolecki, C'63

computerized Freight Road Locomotive Product Line in the Americas.

In 2002, he came out of retirement for four years as a technical advisor to the CEO of Railpower Corporation before re-retiring to Florida. Mr. Dolecki has dedicated himself to service, including with the Diocese of Venice, Florida, on project development and to provide assistance to those whose need is greatest. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Sugar Bowl Project, a Catholic Charities initiative dedicated to assisting

families that find themselves in a temporary financial emergency, and is an organizer of their annual fundraiser, which generates \$70,000 annually to support the Sugar Bowl mission. Mr. Dolecki is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, holding numerous positions and recognitions.

He and his wife, Suzanne, have been married for 53 years and now reside in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, and are the parents of a son and a daughter.



Eileen K. Flinn, Esq., C'90

Eileen K. Flinn, Esq., C'90

Attorney Eileen K. Flinn graduated from Saint Vincent in 1990 with a bachelor of arts in political science before going on to earn her Juris Doctorate from the Duquesne University School of Law in 1998. Miss Flinn was very active in both the Saint Vincent and Duquesne communities as a student, participating in several sports and committees at SVC and writing for and editing news publications at both institutions. While at SVC, Miss Flinn was also named for the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Miss Flinn has held many prestigious legal positions before returning to SVC, where she currently serves as assistant general counsel, assistant vice president of Institutional Advancement,



The 2021 Saint Vincent College Alumni of Distinction, pictured with College President Father Paul R. Taylor, O.S.B., at right, include, from left, Albert J. Novak Jr., C'81; Eugene A. Dolecki, C'63; Eileen K. Flinn, Esq., C'90; Kristi L. Lengyel, C'96 and Gino F. Peluso, Esq., C'77.

and the Title IX coordinator. Prior to returning to SVC, Miss Flinn served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Administrations of Governors Tom Ridge, Mark Schweiker and Ed Rendell, as well as both caucuses of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Miss Flinn remains just as involved with the SVC community as she was as a student, being an active member of the Forward Together Advisory Committee, a group of faculty and administrators who have planned and continue to monitor the COVID-19 protocols for the College and Seminary, and serving on the Advisory Council for the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for the past 10 years.

Outside of work, Miss Flinn is dedicated to serving her community, including raising more than \$18,000 for Light of Life Ministries through the Dick's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Run for a Reason Charity Program during the past five years.



Kristi L. Lengyel, C'96

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A global leader in the pharmaceutical industry, Kristi Lengyel graduated from Saint Vincent College in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and later received her master of business administration from the University of

Chicago Booth School of Business in 2007.

With a special dedication to patient advocacy that has spanned her 24-year career, Ms. Lengyel has spoken at conferences and directed and developed strategic alliances with 80 advocacy organizations in her previous role as the head of U.S. Patient Advocacy with UCB, Inc; now as head of Healthcare System Strategy, she is charged to increase the treatment and diagnosis of osteoporosis. In addition to serving and chairing various organizations, she is the industry representative on the Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant and Lactating Women with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and has worked with both the American Gastroenterological Association and the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine to develop a clinical care pathway for women living with gastroenterological conditions who are pregnant or lactating, which has since been published in peer-reviewed journals.

Ms. Lengyel's Catholic faith has remained a large part of her life. In every community she has lived in, Ms. Lengyel has volunteered with the church

in a number of capacities as either RCIA instructor, lector, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, most recently serving as a care minister, ensuring that end of life care is compassionate and based on Catholic moral teaching.



Albert J. Novak Jr., C'81

Albert J. Novak, Jr., C'81

Albert J. Novak, Jr. graduated from Saint Vincent College in 1981 with a bachelor of arts in communication and later went on to receive his master's degree in public management from the H. John Heinz III College of Information Systems and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University.

Currently, Mr. Novak serves as the vice president and chief philanthropy officer of Excelsa

Health, a not-for-profit health system that is the leading provider of health care based in Greensburg. In this role, Mr. Novak is the lead fundraiser for Excelsa and the chief administrative officer for the system's supporting foundations, the Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation and the Westmoreland/Frick Hospital Foundation. In addition, he is an independent consulting vice president with Grenzebach, Glier + Associates.

In 1987, launching what would become a successful career in advancement and philanthropy, Mr. Novak became a development officer in the Annual Fund Office at Saint Vincent before serving as a special gift officer in the Campaign for Saint Vincent College. He then went on to serve in advancement and development roles at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh, including 14 years as the vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement at the University of Pittsburgh. While at the University of Pittsburgh, Mr. Novak and his colleagues planned and led the largest campaign in Western



The 2020 Saint Vincent College Alumni of Distinction, from left, Paul P. Giunto, C'70; Dr. William A. DiCuccio, C'70; Mark W. Durishan, C'70; John P. McCann, C'70. Not pictured are Jeffrey Ansell, C'90 and Paul Moersdorf, C'70.

Pennsylvania history, exceeding the original \$2 billion goal by reaching \$2.135 billion.

Mr. Novak is also active in his community, serving on the Board of Trustees for the Westmoreland Museum of American Art and the Westmoreland County Local Operating Board of the United Way. He is a past director of the Support America's Teachers Foundation, Dress for Success Pittsburgh and the Westmoreland Symphonic Winds, and he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Greensburg Salem High School in 2019. Mr. Novak makes his home in Greensburg with his wife, Sally Anne, and enjoys spending time with their children and grandchildren.



Gino F. Peluso, Esq., C'77

Gino F. Peluso, Esq., C'77

Attorney Gino F. Peluso is a 1977 graduate. He received a bachelor of arts degree in English with a minor in education and received his Juris Doctorate degree from the Duquesne University School of Law. During his time at SVC, Peluso

was elected as a student senator during his freshman year and was secretary to both the Student Faculty Administration Board and the president of Student Government. After graduating, he served as president of the Law Society of Saint Vincent College for six years. Peluso is celebrating his 40th year in the practice of law, which includes nine years as a prosecutor in the Westmoreland County District Court. In addition to running his own law practice, Peluso is an adjunct professor at Westmoreland County Community College. He is active in his community as a Fourth-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, member and former president of the Lower Burrell Lions Club, and previously as the long-time chairman of his congressional district's

Military Academy Selection Committee.

Attorney Peluso has received the Valley News Dispatch/Trib Total Media Readers' Choice Silver and Bronze Awards in the category of "Best Attorneys" and also represented Trib Total Media when he was selected to throw out the first pitch at a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game. Educated in Catholic Schools throughout his entire academic career, Attorney Peluso was selected to represent his alma mater, St. Joseph High School, during their centennial celebration. Attorney Peluso is a member of Mount Saint Peter Church in New Kensington and its Holy Name Society, and he has continued to follow the "time-honored traditions" of Saint Vincent College throughout his life.



PATRICIA YOUNG, C'13, NOW SISTER PATRICIA

Patricia Young, C'13, is now Sister Patricia, A.S.C.J., and is teaching freshman theology at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Connecticut, a college preparatory school founded by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She has a bachelor's

degree in mathematics from Saint Vincent, where she also studied history and secondary education. She previously worked in a Catholic high school in Tallahassee, Florida, for six years, teaching, coaching, and serving as the athletic director.

TOPGOLF EVENT HELD RECENTLY

More than 50 Saint Vincent College Alumni gathered at TopGolf Pittsburgh on August 22 for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and golf in support of the Father Gilbert J. Burke, O.S.B. Scholarship. Alumni council member Megan (Fitzgerald) Sigg, C'13 coordinated the event working alongside the staff of the alumni office which in the end, raised more than \$3,000 in support of the scholarship. The Alumni Council and Office look forward to hosting more events like this in the future. Thank you to all who attended and supported this event.



CLASS NOTES



FIRST VOWS

D.J. Hough, C'18, G'20, now Brother Bosco, and **James Rosa, C'20**, now Brother José, professed first vows as Benedictine monks on July 10, 2021.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are offered to:

John Conroy, C'79 on the passing of his wife, Alida Wiltse McKeon, on August 30, 2021.

Michael Horoschak, C'83 on the passing of his mother Elizabeth A. (Betty) Horoschak on December 8, 2020.

Dax Whittle, C'97, on the passing of his father, Waverly Vincent Little on June 1, 2021. He was 85 years old.

Crystal L. Crouse, C'05 on the passing of her father, Charles L. Crouse, on June 23, 2021.

DP Harris, C'13, senior director of athletic advancement, on the passing of his mother, Donna J. Zanke, on September 18, 2021.

Carol Riddle, retired marketing and communications staff member, on the passing of her sister, Sandra Green, on June 22, 2021.

Dr. Nancy Rottler, assistant vice president for student success and retention, on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Mary Lou Murtha Rottler, on July 26, 2021.

1960s

Leo West, P'46, C'51, just celebrated his 93rd birthday. He is an editor of *The Point*, which is a newsletter for social studies teachers



in Western Pennsylvania. He has presented during his "Vets Breakfast Club" program on his time in the Army tour in Austria, Italy and Casablanca.

Peter Juliano, C'63, an Alumnus of Distinction in 2018, is celebrating his 25th year of retirement from GE Corporate.

Albert Hagovsky, C'67, and his wife Colette celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 24, 2021, and moved to Florida Space Coast Area. They are expecting their second grandchild in December.

Larry Doperak, C'68, retired after 20 years as a counselor at the Community College of Allegheny County campus in Pittsburgh.



James Kaminsky, P'64, C'69, and his wife Cathey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 15, 2019.

1970s

Claude J. Nebel, Jr., C'75, was named a recipient of *Security Magazine's* 2021 Most Influential People in Security. He is the vice president and chief security officer, Global Security at Cargill.

John Dombrowski, C'76, retired in January 2021 after 37 years with the Pittsburgh EMS as an EMT and paramedic. He would like to thank his brothers Pat and Steve.

Dr. Kenneth Ferraro, C'76, was chosen as the national winner of the Robert W. Kleemeier Award for his work in gerontology.

1980s

Michael Horoschak, C'83, retired on May 31, 2019 after 35 years with the Department of the Navy.

Dan Lynch, C'89, founded and is the managing partner of the Lynch Law Group, LLC, which is a full-service law firm with offices located in Cranberry Township and Canonsburg, as well as



Fairfield, Connecticut. Lynch Law Group, LLC was ranked by *Pittsburgh Business Times* as the 34th largest law

firm in Pittsburgh. The firm was also ranked 39th on the list of fastest-growing privately held companies in Western Pennsylvania and was also included in 2021's Inc. 5000 List as the 4039th fastest-growing company in America.

1990s

Jackie (Smith) Kulfan, C'98, was recently promoted to portfolio manager for adhesives, sealants and specialty products at PPG within the company's architectural coatings business. She is having fun working with a great team to get new Liquid Nails® and Homax® products on the shelves at retailers across the U.S. and Canada.

Autumn (Coleman) Purdy, C'98, has an essay in the forthcoming anthology, *The Pandemic Midlife Crisis: Gen X Women on the Brink*. One



Three generations of Saint Vincent graduates gather together.

Robert J. Welsh, C'64; Kathleen M. Misterkiewicz, C'90; Michael E. Misterkiewicz, C'90, and Anamarie C. Misterkiewicz, C'21.

of her poems is featured online in Issue 67 of *Haiku Journal*. As a co-reviews editor for the online magazine, *Literary Mama*, she has written several book reviews and profiles recently: "A Review of Mother Mother by Jessica O'Dwyer," "A Review of What Kind of Woman: Poems by Kate Baer," "A Conversation with Chloe Yelena Miller," and "An Interview with Kyle Potvin." In April 2021, two of her nature photographs were published by *The Sunlight Press*.

2000s



Antoine D. Terrar, C'01, has been recently assigned to the Canadian Embassy in Ohman, Jordan as part of his duties with Global Affairs Canada.

Amanda Lucchino, C'04, CHMM, has been promoted to the environmental community of



practice lead at Arcadis U.S. Inc., Wexford, where she is a principal environmental scientist. She has been with Arcadis for over 16 years. Her technical focus is environmental, health and safety compliance, where she is the subject matter expert for regulated waste management and external hazardous material/dangerous goods transportation. Her degree was in liberal arts with an environmental science focus. She also has a master's degree in environmental science and management from Duquesne University. She has been a Certi-

fied Hazardous Material Manager (CHMM) since 2007 and a board member of the Three Rivers Chapter, Alliance of Hazardous Materials, since 2020. She also participates in the Arcadis Women's Network and the Arcadis STEM Learning Program.

Jamie Dunlap Coates, PT, DPT, C'06, was recently awarded the professional designation of board-certified clinical specialist in geriatric physical therapy by the



American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Specialist certification formally recognizes physical therapists who have demonstrated advanced clinical knowledge and skills in a specific area of physical therapist practice. Dr. Coates currently serves as the director of clinical education and assistant professor in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Seton Hill University.

2010s

Adam Hodnichak, C'11, passed the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) board examination for certification.

Dr. Diana Hricova, D.O., C'13, joined the family practice of Dr. Henry Holets in August 2021.

Marie (Alameda) Bernabei, C'18, works as a credit coordinator for Ferguson Enterprises, LLC and will be continuing her education at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania pursuing an MBA.



2020s

Ryan Shirley, C'21, accepted a new position as a database marketing analyst with "LIVE!" Casino Pittsburgh.

Thomas Syphan, C'21, completed his training in Conemaugh Health System's Mentoring in Medicine Program.

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DEATHS

Rev. John Petrarulo, S'53 on August 6, 2021.

Richard G. Fallon, P'46, C'54 on July 20, 2021.

Robert E. Gearing, Ph.D., C'54 on September 11, 2020.

Clemens F. "Kim" Schillinger, C'56, on September 15, 2021.

Robert Caulfield, C'57, on September 6, 2021.

John Hogan, C'61, on July 22, 2021.

Fred J. Moleck, C'61, on June 4, 2021.

Thomas A. Gorney, C'62, on July 19, 2021.

Robert G. Boyle, P'63, on May 22, 2021.

Dominic Romeo, C'64, on September 16, 2021.

John Prato, C'65, on September 1, 2021.

Stephen Hlavacik, C'68, on August 25, 2021.

Rodney J. McKim, C'68, on January 12, 2021.

Gerry Barna, C'70 on July 29, 2021.

Thomas R. Posney, C'72, on August 6, 2021.

Edward A. Gumm, M.D., C'75, on September 11, 2021.

John Horvatic, C'83, on September 10, 2021.

Laurie Lipniskis, C'88, on September 10, 2021.

Joseph Ryer, Professor of Philosophy and Religious studies from 1963-1978, on June 7, 2021.

BIRTHS



Christine (Bullock) Reisz, C'11, and **Joshua Reisz, C'11**, welcomed their second daughter, Emilia Kate Reisz, on June 27, 2020.



Michael, C'15, and **Rachel Fogel, C'17**, welcomed their first child, Andrew Fogel on March 19, 2021.



Amy (Lebair) Gray, C'13, and **Joseph Gray, C'13**, welcomed their third daughter, Teresa Emily Gray, on May 19, 2021. She is pictured with sisters Joan and Josie.



Annie, C'17, and **Adam Burgh, C'17**, welcomed their child Luca Vincent Burgh on May 11, 2021.

MARRIAGES



Christine Sundry, C'97, wed Kevin Goss at Butler Country Club on April 17, 2021. Joining them in the photo are their daughters, Gabriella and Kylee. Christine is a career counselor at Carnegie Mellon University and Kevin is a Pennsylvania state trooper.



Melissa McKamish, C'08, married Mike Oberst on July 24, 2021 at Saint Peter Church in Greensburg, with a reception at Heinz Field. In attendance were Bearcat basketball alumni **Janelle (Reed) Baudinet, C'09**; **Theresa (Adams) Schock, C'07**; **Kristin (Darrow) Stuker, C'07**, and **Caryn Glassbrenner, C'08**.



Joshua Vigna, C'12, was married to Alena Beasley on June 19, 2021, at Historic Jordan Springs Manor and Estate in Winchester, Virginia. In the wedding party were **Jake Smith, C'12**; **Armando Fortunato, C'12** and **Aaron Smetanka, C'12**.



Steve Janik C'15, and **Carly Meholic, C'15**, were united in marriage on July 9, 2021, at the Saint Vincent Basilica. Many Saint Vincent College alumni were in attendance.



Alison Maurer, C'15, and **Josh Thomas, C'14**, were married July 3, 2021, at Saint Katharine Drexel Church in Frederick, Maryland. The reception was at Holly Hills Country Club, also in Frederick. A number of alumni attended, including, front, from left, **Sara Maurer Wilkins, C'13**; **Sarah Robbins, C'15**; **Troy Linebaugh C'11**; middle, from left, **Molly McCloskey, C'15**; **Paige Pecora, C'15**; **Megan Samoriski, C'15**; **Alison Maurer Thomas, C'15**; **Joshua Thomas, C'14**; **Hayley Arnold, C'15**; **Kim Alexander Linebaugh, C'15**; **Casey Whittaker, C'13**; **Logan Dorminey, C'13**; back, from left, **Mekenleigh White, C'15**; **Michael Shelapinsky, C'14**; **Dave Roberts, C'15**; **Jay Donoghue, C'14**; **Camden Yandel, C'14**; **Chad Linebaugh, C'16**; **Matt Linebaugh, C'14** and **Jeff Williams, C'11**.

ENGAGED

Geri Ball-Pringle, C'20, and **Cara Geary, C'20**, announce their July 24 engagement. They look forward a 2023 wedding ceremony.

Verne Bergstrom, C'14, and **Lindsay Cable, C'10**, announce their engagement.



Dr. Emily Kukura, C'15, and Bob Martin were married on October 10, 2020. Four Bearcat Alumni were in attendance. From left are **Chelsey (Steer) Reau, C'15; Emily Kukura, C'15; Rachel Henigin, C'15** and **Alyssa (Martz) Rader, C'15**.



Hannah Galvin, C'17, G'18, wed Chandler Penn on April 10th, 2021, at Saint Bridget of Ireland Catholic Church in Berryville, Virginia. Rev. Thomas R. Gallagher officiated at the nuptials. Pictured are, front row, **Thomas McKee, C'17; Anna McKee, C'17; Chandler and Hannah Penn; Claire Galvin, C'20**; and **Alaina Robbins, C'17, G'19**; back row, Father Gallagher and **Timothy Robbins, C'17**.



Nick Pensyl, C'15, and **Lindsay Richardson, C'15**, were married on June 26, 2021, at Resurrection Church in Pittsburgh. Members of the bridal party included alumni **Jordan Richardson, C'12; Carly Richardson, C'13; Sister Patricia Young, C'13; Mary Brady, C'15; Lindsey Sullenberger, C'15; Charlie Russo, C'16**; and **Bryce Pasquariello, C'15**. Presiding at the ceremony was **Father Jean Luc Zadroga, O.S.B., C'13, S'00**.



William Derenge, C'19, and **Madison Dyer, C'18**, were united in marriage on May 29, 2021 at Saint Gregory Church. Presiding at the wedding was **Father Cassian Edwards, S'21**.



Juliette Pavlick, C'16, married Anthony Vespi on May 15, 2021 at Saint Bartholomew Church in Crabtree. Officiating at the nuptials was **Father Justin Matro, O.S.B., S'89**.



Anthony Spinosa, C'20, and **Claire Kenna, C'20**, were married on May 29, 2021.



Joe, C'84, and Marcy Scarpo



Loretti Scalzitti, C'83



Mandi Gaertner Downey, C'04, and Michael Downey, C'04, and children Mackenzie and Macklin

Simple Planning Now Makes A Big Difference Later

WHEN was the last time you thought about how many things in your life require you to plan ahead? For most days, it may be simple items, such as what clothes to wear tomorrow or what needs to be picked up at the grocery store. Sometimes extra planning is necessary if you have the chance to take a special vacation or if you are looking to buy a new vehicle or home for yourself and your family down the road. We are constantly making decisions about the future, be it for something simple or for the more complex items which may take place later today, next month or even in a few years.

While advanced planning may be exhausting, the effort is worthwhile in helping you accomplish the goals you set.

With this in mind, how often have you thought about the long-term goals of your estate, your will and your even greater lifetime legacy? It's never too late or too early to start these plans. If you're in your 40s, now is the time to start these conversations with your lawyer and financial planner. Planning for the future now by creating a will or estate plan are efforts that require little work but are significant in how your legacy continues after your passing for the benefit of your family and the organizations you care about.

We also know you may have questions about how this relates to Saint Vincent College. Here are a few common myths and truths around planned giving:

Saint Vincent College has long been a part of assisting individuals and families to continue their legacies here at the College they know, trust and love. The mission and values of the Benedictine tradition and providing a liberal arts education rooted in Catholic faith is one that has been steadfast for 175 years and is set to continue for long into the future.

Planning ahead now will make a difference in the lives of future Bearcats. If you would like to speak in confidence about your opportunities to support Saint Vincent College through your estate plan, please contact Jim Bendel, C'60, at 724-805-2948 or james.bendel@stvincent.edu. We would be happy to talk to you at no obligation. Also, please visit the wealth of information available to you at saintvincent.planmylegacy.org.

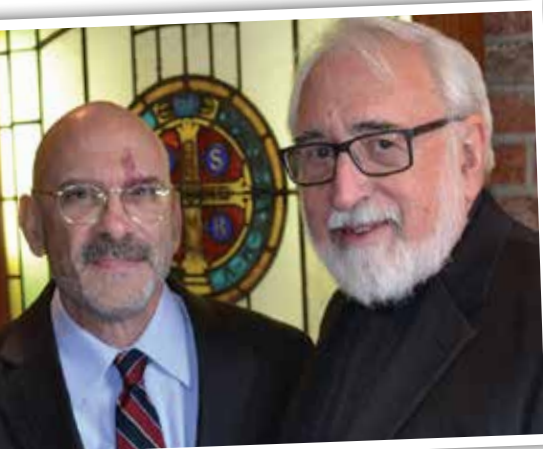
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Jerry Marsico, C'99, and his wife Jennifer



Dr. Richard Vernino, C'82, left, and Brother Norman Hipps, O.S.B., P'61, C'66, S'69



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