From the President

As an alumnus of the Class of 1972, a former Trustee, and now, as the president of Saint Joseph’s, I am honored to serve my alma mater, and to be a member of the extended community who hold this wonderful University in their hearts. It is humbling to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors, and it is a particular privilege to begin my tenure in the wake of the distinguished service of Interim President John W. Smithson and Presidents Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., and Nicholas S. Rashford, S.J. I am inspired by the gifts of leadership each man shared with the University and look forward to building on the foundation they helped to forge with dedication to our mission.

New leadership brings the opportunity for an institutional renaissance. The blueprint for our renaissance is outlined in *Seeking the Magis*, the academic strategic plan that was created by the University’s leadership in collaboration with the faculty. I feel fortunate that such strong groundwork is in place as we move forward to achieve great things, on behalf of our students and the global community they will serve.

Beginning my work as the 27th president of Saint Joseph’s — a place I know and love well — I am reminded of the words of Superior General Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., when, in April 2010, he addressed the leadership of more than 200 Jesuit colleges and universities from around the world. Fr. Nicolás challenged us to prepare an educational model that is global and networked with depth. He called on us to ignite the imaginations of our students with, as he termed it, a “profound engagement with the real,” inside and outside our classrooms, lecture halls, research laboratories, creative studios, and on our athletic fields and courts.

When the Class of 2016 converges on Hawk Hill this fall, Saint Joseph’s newest students will be energized with boundless enthusiasm for the promise of their future. I hope that each student will be in the midst of his or her own renaissance, and eager to engage deeply with the world, in authentic ways, through the fire of the intellect. St. Ignatius imagined this annual rite of passage into being long ago, when he and the early companions started the first Jesuit college during the Late Renaissance in 1548. I am thrilled to begin my presidency with these new Hawks, in this noble, Ignatian tradition, and I invite you, as treasured alumni and friends, to begin anew with us.

Sincerely,

C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72
President

Inauguration week is October 6-12, 2012. Please see page 40 for a list of events.
Faith and Friendship
By Nicole Katze ’11 (M.A.)
Students are discussing and developing their deeply held beliefs through Koinonia, a faith-sharing group that’s increasing in popularity.

The Long and Shorti of It
By Joseph N. DiStefano
Wawa President Chris Gheysens ’05 (M.B.A.) prepares to take the reins as CEO.

Sustaining Urban Catholic Education
By Dan Wisniewski ’08 (B.A.)
The first graduates of ACESJU’s two-year experience show their commitment to the future of urban Catholic education.

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Send editorial correspondence to University Communications, Saint Joseph’s University, 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131-1395 or sjumag@sju.edu.
I’ve always loved the library, any library. For me, the library represents a refuge, a place I can seek out a secret nook and disappear, find distraction in another world or a subject matter I haven’t yet explored, or simply escape from my unrelenting to-do list into a sea of silence.

When I was a student, I also used libraries for research, of course, and took advantage of the technology, mostly the computers. It’s a little different today for students — who have their own laptops, smart phones and iPads — so when I heard about the plan to expand Drexel Library, I wondered why. If students can access the Internet without getting out of bed, what’s going to entice them to come to the library, even if it has a few more computers?

Library Director Evelyn Minick set me straight, in the nicest of ways, when she toured me through the new John and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons. What students are looking for today, she explained, is collaborative learning. They need it — to meet with other students to share ideas and work on group projects, to have quiet areas to study and research, to use to high-end technology to create professional presentations and to have rooms to practice those presentations with each other, as well as access to all of the library’s paper and electronic resources. Now, Saint Joseph’s has these spaces, all in one place, and it’s also got quite a view. You can read — and see — more in our cover story, beginning on page 12.

Collaboration and personal interaction are critical parts of the learning process, even with advanced technology. ACESIU, the Alliance for Catholic Education at Saint Joseph’s University, is a perfect example. In this issue, Dan Wisniewski ’08 writes about the first cohort of 14 teaching fellows to earn their master’s degrees as part of the program. In this issue, Dan Wisniewski ’08 writes about the first cohort of 14 teaching fellows to earn their master’s degrees as part of the program.

No matter how sophisticated technology becomes, we’ll still need to work together to make our ideas really shine. And every now and then, we can steal a little time in a favorite nook, just for us, to disappear and reflect on all we’ve learned.

Molly Crossan Harty

From the Editor
VILLIGER HALL OPENS DOORS TO CLASS OF 2016

Along City Avenue, the shape of SJU is changing. In 2009, the completion of the James J. Maguire ‘58 Campus to the north added 14.5 acres of new athletic fields visible to passersby, in addition to renovated academic and administrative buildings. This fall, the changes extend to the other side of City Avenue with the official opening of Villiger Hall, a new residence hall at the corner of Cardinal and City avenues, which, along with the Maguire Campus, creates an eye-catching gateway to Hawk Hill from the south.

The five-story building features generous living, social and study spaces for incoming freshmen. With a focus on shared social lounges and interactive areas for work, the building was designed to foster a sense of community. The 400-bed residence features two wings, each with a connecting social lounge, as well as study spaces, a fitness center, laundry facilities, a shared kitchen and two guest rooms.

“We were very purposeful designing Villiger Hall to enhance the student experience,” said Cary Anderson, vice president for student life and associate provost. “As the plans developed, students provided very helpful input.”

The building’s namesake, Burchard Villiger, S.J., was Saint Joseph’s fifth president (1868-93) and a faculty member from the College’s earliest years. He is noted for believing in the aesthetics of a campus, stating, “You must show yourself above the fence, show yourself to the world and strike their senses with a decent appearance.”

Villiger Hall is located on the former Gest Lawn, part of the original Gest estate acquired by the University in 1965 at the death of Margaret Gest, a Philadelphia painter and rare book collector. The Gest estate comprised 10 acres of land along City Avenue and came to house an expanded Campion Student Center, and, in 1970, the Science Center; Gest’s home later became Wolfington Hall.

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2012 FRESHMAN CLASS FACTS

- Represents **15 countries and 24 states**, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico
- **53% female**
- **47% male**
- **52%** Haub School of Business
- **48%** College of Arts & Sciences
- **13% Students of color**
- **1,234 Residential Students**
- **38 Commuters**
- **15 International Students**
Among the many academic endorsements Saint Joseph’s students received last year, five of them garnered prestigious Fulbright awards for the 2012-13 academic year.

Fulbright Awards

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO COLOMBIA
■ Kerry Burns ’12, Medford, Mass.
Major: Spanish
Minors: Linguistics and Philosophy
Burns will teach English at a Colombian university while pursuing coursework in speech pathology and bilingual education. She has studied at Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Saint Joseph’s sister school in Santiago, Chile, and participated in the Appalachian Experience three times as well as in a winter immersion trip to El Paso, Texas. She served as an ESL tutor at the Sisters of Saint Joseph’s Welcome Center and was the community partner coordinator for the Special Olympics.

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO TURKEY
■ Margaret Myers ’12, Newtown Square, Pa.
Majors: International Relations and German
Myers will teach English at a new university in southeastern or eastern Turkey. She attended Ludwig-Maximillians Universität in Munich, Germany, for language study one summer and studied at the University of Nicosia in Cyprus for a semester. At Saint Joseph’s, she worked at the ELS Language Center where she provided orientation service to international students, tutored, and coordinated language exchange between visiting international students and full-time undergraduates.

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO PERU
■ Erin Butler ’12, Lansdale, Pa.
Majors: Spanish and Elementary Education, Latin American Studies
Minors: Secondary Education, Faith/Justice
Committed to bilingual education, Butler will travel to an English teacher-training college in one of Peru’s provinces. She has worked at North Philadelphia’s Centro Nueva Creacion and the Saint Francis Inn, has tutored children and adults at the Wynnefield Library and at Gompers Elementary School, and has taught Spanish immersion at Independence Charter School. She was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the international education honor society; Sigma Delta Pi, the international Hispanic honor society; and Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit international honor society. Butler also won an academic achievement award for women’s rowing.

FULBRIGHT STUDY GRANT TO DUISENBERG SCHOOL OF FINANCE, NETHERLANDS
■ Victor DiNoia ’12, Doylestown, Pa.
Majors: Economics and Finance
Minor: German
At the Duisenberg School, DiNoia will study behavioral finance within international banking. He is committed to promoting ethical practices to ensure sustainable financial policies at an international level. DiNoia has studied at Munich’s Ludwig-Maximillians Universität in Germany, funded by the Herta M. Stephenson Scholarship. He was inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society; Delta Phi Alpha, the national German honor society; and Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society. DiNoia has also earned the SJU and A-10 conference scholar-athlete award twice for track and field.

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO MALAYSIA
■ Kimberleigh Pulford ’12, Bethesda, Md.
Major: International Relations
Minors: Latin American Studies, Spanish and History
Pulford has spent time studying in Beijing, China, through the Beijing Center for Chinese Studies at the University of International Business and Economics and in Buenos Aires, Argentina, through the IFSA-Butler Program. She participated in weekly service through Saint Joseph’s and was inducted into Sigma Delta Pi, the international Hispanic honor society; Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science national honor society; and Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society.

Other Academic Awards

CMDR. GEORGE C. MCFARLAND SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE SAINT ANDREWS SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA JUNIOR YEAR OF STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
■ Alex Houpert ’14, West Hartford, Conn.
Majors: Latin and English, Secondary Teacher Certification
This $20,000 scholarship will fund Houpert’s junior year of study in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he plans to study Latin literature and grammar, as well as ancient Greek.

TEACH FOR AMERICA
■ Melanie Burgos ’12, Scranton, Pa.
Major: Sociology, Minor: Communications
Burgos will teach in an elementary school in Philadelphia while completing her teacher certification at the University of Pennsylvania.

Majors: Economics and French
Walsh will teach mathematics at Mount Pleasant High School in Providence, R.I., while completing her teacher certification at either Brown University or Providence College.
FARRELL ’88, ’98 RETURNS TO LEAD DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI

Martin F. Farrell ’88 (B.A.), ’98 (M.S.) is the University’s new vice president for development and alumni relations.

For Farrell, the post marks a return to Saint Joseph’s, where from 1993 to 2001 he worked in a variety of increasingly responsible advancement roles: associate director of alumni relations, associate director of annual giving, director of the Barbelin Society and assistant vice president for development. For the past 11 years, he has been vice president and executive director of development at Malvern Preparatory School in Malvern, Pa.

“Marty is coming back to his alma mater with an impressive record of professional accomplishments at Malvern Prep, including overseeing several successful fundraising campaigns,” noted John W. Smithson, senior vice president. “On a personal level, he is the perfect fit for Saint Joseph’s: His engaging manner, collaborative leadership style and Ignatian values mark him as a true Hawk.”

Farrell is a member of the board at Waldron Mercy Academy and the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, of the advisory board at St. Bernardette Parish Grade School and of the nonprofit advisory board of Penn Liberty Bank. He and his wife, Sue (Graham, B.S. ’88, M.S. ’94), reside in Drexel Hill, Pa., and have four children.

SJU BOARD WELCOMES THREE NEW TRUSTEES

The Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees welcomed three new members at its meeting in May:

- **Robert J. Bowman ’81 (B.A.)** is managing director for the Philadelphia Complex of Merrill Lynch, within the firm’s Global Wealth Management Business, where he directs offices in Philadelphia, Blue Bell, Bala Cynwyd, Doylestown, Elkins Park, Jenkintown and West Conshohocken. A Philadelphia native, he joined the company in 1983. Bowman is a member of the Haub School of Business Board of Visitors, the SJU Board of Trustees development committee, the Presidential Scholarship fundraising council and Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society. In addition, he has held leadership positions with civic organizations including United Way, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Handicrafters and Teach for America.


- **Dennis Durkin ’74 (B.S.),** senior vice president of brokerage for CBRE Philadelphia, has more than 20 years of commercial real estate experience and specializes in office leasing. Prior to working at CBRE, he served as senior vice president for Insignia/ESG in Philadelphia for 15 years. Durkin was honored with “Deal of the Year” by the Philadelphia Business Journal in 2002, was named Liberty Property Trust Broker of the Year in 2005, 2006 and 2008, and was in CBRE’s Top Ten in 2004 and 2005. Durkin is co-chair of SJU’s Real Estate and Construction Group and a development committee member of the Board of Trustees. He served on the National Alumni Board from 2009 to 2011.

The University is grateful for the service of Jamie Maguire ’84 (B.S.), Dennis R. Suplee, Esq., ’64 (B.S.) and Christine M. Wiseman, whose terms on the Board have ended.

SJU SCHOLARLY PRESS WINS AWARDS

Published in 2010 by the Saint Joseph’s University Press, *Metropolitan Paradise: The Struggle for Nature in the City, Philadelphia’s Wissahickon Valley 1620-2020*, by David R. Contosta and Carol Franklin, has received two awards: the 2011 Professional Award in Communications from the American Society of Landscape Architects and the 2010 David R. Coffin Publication Grant from the Foundation for Landscape Studies.

The 2011 Professional Awards jury called the book “encyclopedic and enthralling” and noted that “every city should do one of these.”

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SJU GRADUATES LARGEST CLASS

Last May, SJU celebrated its largest class ever, with 2,411 graduates crossing the stage on the James J. Maguire ’58 Campus. At the morning ceremony, 1,277 graduate and Professional and Liberal Studies students gathered to hear Gregory J. Boyle, S.J., founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries of Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention and re-entry program in the nation, before they received their degrees. Fr. Boyle received an honorary doctorate in Public Service for his work as an advocate for at-risk and gang-involved youth in Los Angeles, and around the world, for more than 50 years.

At the afternoon undergraduate ceremony on May 12, James J. Martin, S.J., author and culture editor of America, the national Catholic, Jesuit magazine, addressed an audience of 1,264 Haub School of Business and College of Arts and Sciences seniors. He was granted an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters.

“This year’s honorary degree recipients exemplify an engaged Jesuit spirituality in action, bringing hope to all whom they encounter,” said John W. Smithson, current senior vice president and interim president at the time of Commencement. “Both men are highly deserving of this recognition.”

Four faculty members received special recognition this year:
- Paul Angiolillo, Ph.D. ’78 (B.S.), associate professor of physics, Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching
- Samuel Smith, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, Tengelmann Award for Distinguished Teaching and Research
- Francis Graham Lee, Ph.D., professor of political science, Lifetime Service Award
- Paul Aspan, Ph.D., associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and associate professor of theology and religious studies, Bene Merenti, 25 years of service

SJU HOLDS FIRST WOMEN OF COLOR CONFERENCE

On Saturday, March 17, the Office of Institutional Diversity, SJU Women of Color Planning Committee and the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omega Omega Chapter, came together to host SJU’s first Women of Color Conference, titled “Empowerment and Leadership: Moving Through the Transitions of Our Lives.”

The conference featured keynote speakers Elaine Meryl Brown, Marsha Haygood and Rhonda Joy McLean, the authors of The Little Black Book of Success, Laws of Leadership for Black Women and founders of Leadership Excellence and Development Strategies, L.L.C. (L.E.A.D.S.). Women of all backgrounds were invited to learn about the issues that impact women of color through a daylong schedule of sessions that covered topics from career development to health and spirituality.


NEW ACADEMIC YEAR BRINGS FACULTY TRANSITION

Several faculty members have elected to participate in Saint Joseph’s tenure buy-out program and will no longer teach full-time in the coming academic year (from left): Patrick Samway, S.J., professor of English; George Dowdall, Ph.D., professor of sociology; Thomas Donahue, Ph.D., professor of French; Jonathan Hodgson, Ph.D., professor of computer science; Nicholas Robak, Ph.D., professor of decision and system sciences; Phillip Smith, Ph.D., professor of history; Joseph Dragonette, Ph.D., associate professor of economics; Spenser Gowdy, Ph.D., professor of mathematics; and Thomas McDuffie, Ed.D., professor of education.
DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES MASTER’S PROGRAM

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) has named Saint Joseph’s master’s program in special education one of nine university programs in the United States to meet the standards outlined in its Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading. The IDA standards provide the most thorough, research-supported documentation of what every teacher should know and demonstrate, whether they are teaching dyslexic students, other struggling readers or the general student population.

“There is an urgent need for qualified teachers who can both correctly diagnose learning problems and provide students with research-based instructional programs to meet specific needs,” said Cathy Spinelli, Ph.D., chair and professor of special education.

Employing the Teacher-Scholar Model in a unique partnership with AIM-Academy in Manayunk, master’s-level special education teachers are exposed to the most effective and innovative teaching strategies. They gain hands-on experience working with students with language-based learning difficulties.

The IDA standards emphasize the need for teachers to be trained more deeply in the structure of language, including the speech sound system, the writing system, the structure of sentences, the meaningful parts of words, relationships among words and their referents, and the organization of spoken and written discourse.

NEW GRANTS SUPPORT FACULTY SCHOLARLY RESEARCH

Ten faculty members received funding this spring to pursue scholarly research, thanks to a generous gift from Michael J. Morris ’56 (B.S.). Established as the Michael J. Morris Grants for Scholarly Research, the fund makes annual awards available to five faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences and five in the Haub School of Business.

In consultation with Provost Brice Wachterhauser, Ph.D., the deans select award recipients based on publication activity.

“We are thrilled and deeply grateful that Mike Morris has chosen to establish these grants to encourage and support our faculty in their pursuit of research and scholarship and to advance the academic distinction of the University,” said Wachterhauser. “We have had an enthusiastic response from faculty members applying for the grants.”

The 2012 recipients are: Gerald Beyer, Ph.D., associate professor of theology; Peter Clark, S.J. ’75 (B.A.), professor of theology and health administration and director of the Institute of Catholic Bioethics; Susan Fenton, M.F.A., associate professor of art; Lucy Ford, Ph.D., assistant professor of management; Altheir Lazar, Ph.D., professor of graduate teacher education; Amy Lipton, Ph.D., associate professor of finance; Jodi Mindell, Ph.D., professor of psychology and director of graduate psychology; John Neiva, Ph.D., assistant professor of management; W. Richard Sherman, J.D., professor of accounting; and John Yi, Ph.D., assistant professor of decision and system sciences.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

EMILY HAGE, PH.D.
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ART HISTORY

Sitting in a windowless conference room in a budget meeting for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, D.C., Emily Hage had a realization. “I saw that it was not for me,” she said, “so I picked up my bag and left.” It was then that she decided to focus on her passion — art history.

Today, she is Saint Joseph’s first full-time professor dedicated to art history. Her love of art stems from her upbringing in Washington, D.C., where she frequented the city’s many art museums and galleries.

Hage attended the University of Notre Dame, majoring in philosophy with a concentration in politics and economics. She believes her range of interests has been beneficial in teaching art history. “I tell my students that art history is fantastic because you don’t just learn about Van Gogh and Picasso,” she says. “You also learn about World War I and World War II, about the history of technology and the history of religion.”

Currently, she is researching an article about deceased artist Romare Bearden and his work in the 1960s when he created covers for Time, Fortune, and The New York Times Magazine, responding to civil rights issues of the time. “I’m trying to figure out why he said yes to these commissions, what relationship there is between the images he made and the content within,” said Hage.

Hage’s advanced study in art history was done at the University of Maryland (M.A.) and the University of Pennsylvania (Ph.D.). At Saint Joseph’s since 2008, she enjoys sharing her passion with students who have never studied art history. “I feel privileged to introduce them to certain artists and ideas, and the ideas they come back to me with are always a revelation,” she said.

— Kim Starr ’12 (B.A.)
HAUB SCHOOL DEVELOPS UNDERGRADUATE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A new program is teaching students about the Jesuit framework of leadership as they explore their own potential roles in business and their communities. All first-year undergraduates are eligible to apply to the four-year, co-curricular program.

Spearheaded by Ron Dufresne, Ph.D., associate professor of management, and Vana Zervanos ’07 (M.B.A.), associate dean of the Haub School of Business, the program is progressive in nature, with increasing demands and responsibilities. It features a formal mentor/mentee relationship, a teaching assistantship, service opportunities, workshops and speaker presentations.

EXTERNAL RECOGNITION GOES TO BUSINESS PROGRAMS AND ALUMNUS

Haub School of Business programs and alumni have been honored once again, this time earning top rankings from U.S. News & World Report and a recognition from Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS), the international business honor society.

In its 2013 edition of “America’s Best Graduate Schools” released in March, U.S. News named three graduate business disciplines in the Top 25 for 2013. Marketing, Finance, and Information Systems ranked at 14, 17 and 22, respectively.

Complementing the magazine ranking, BGS awarded a 2012 Medallion for Entrepreneurship to John R. Post ’60 (B.S.), president of Post Precision Castings, Inc. The award recognizes individuals who combine innovative business with service to humanity. The new John and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons, part of the John R. Post ’60 Academic Center, was named for Post and wife Maryanne, loyal and generous SJU benefactors.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH CRISTO REY

Saint Joseph’s has formed a partnership with the Cristo Rey Network to support its mission of ensuring that its graduates have access to the academic, social and financial supports they need to complete a college degree. The network comprises 24 high schools that provide a quality, Catholic college preparatory education to young people who live in urban communities with limited education options.

All Cristo Rey students participate in a corporate work-study program, going to school four days a week and gaining real-world job experience through an internship on the fifth day. The Saint Joseph’s partnership will help to ensure postsecondary access and success for Cristo Rey students.

“This partnership underscores our shared commitment to provide opportunity and access to a high-quality college experience for their graduates,” said Maureen Mathis, Saint Joseph’s executive director of undergraduate admissions and marketing.

Contributors: Nicole Katze ’11 (M.A.), Patricia Allen, Harriet Goodheart, Daisy Mesa ’12 (B.A.), Kim Starr ’12 (B.A.), Carolyn Steigleman ’10 (M.A.), Kelly Welsh ’05 (M.A.) and Marie Wozniak.
PROJECT HAITI WORKS TO STRENGTHEN HAITIAN SCHOOLS

In the devastating aftermath of the 7.0 scale earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010, humanitarian efforts to support the tiny country flowed from all corners of the world in the form of aid workers, food and charitable donations. At Saint Joseph’s University — where the student body was also working to collect basic necessities for donation — Patrick Samway, S.J., professor of English; Terrance Furin, Ph.D., director of international programs for the SJU education department; Joseph Cifelli, Ph.D., student teaching supervisor and director of teacher certification; and Aimée Terosky, Ph.D., assistant professor of educational leadership, saw an opportunity for large-scale reform of Haiti’s infrastructure, beginning with education. Their idea took shape in the form of a partnership between SJU Project Haiti and Foi et Joie Haiti, a Jesuit organization (whose name means ‘Faith and Joy’) that develops schools and the infrastructures that support them while providing professional teacher development.

Aligned with the Office of Mission and Identity, Project Haiti is working to foster a sustainable, long-term relationship with schools in Haiti. As part of the partnership, six Haitian educational leaders from Foi et Joie Haiti arrived on campus in March for a weeklong visit to observe local grade schools, learn about interactive pedagogy, and attend workshops given by the University’s education faculty.

“During the past 25 years or so, I have been going to Haiti on a regular basis,” said Fr. Samway. “During those years, the country has gone through many changes, though after the January 2010 earthquake in the region of Port-au-Prince, it is difficult to see how the country will transform itself so that it can move confidently into the future. Foi et Joie Haiti shows great promise as it educates Haitian youth intellectually, socially, morally and spiritually.”

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL INCLUDES SJU

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) recognized Saint Joseph’s as a member of the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the sixth consecutive year. Since 2006, colleges and universities have been selected for the distinction based on factors such as the range and innovation of service projects, the extent of the student body’s participation in service activities, and the incentives and service-learning courses offered.

Students at SJU have many diverse options to engage with the greater Philadelphia community, including opportunities to help persons with disabilities, the homeless and the elderly. Additionally, the University regularly sponsors a number of service-immersion trips, where students spend a week or more living and working in communities in need.

“Saint Joseph’s strives to be a community of ‘persons for and with others,’ and by providing ample outlets for community involvement and service learning, we hope to be getting a step closer toward achieving this goal,” said John Smithson, SJU senior vice president.

Each year, CNCS works in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education to sponsor the Honor Roll.
**DIANGELO ’70 SEEKS INNOVATION AS AACSB CHAIR**

Joseph A. DiAngelo, Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), dean of the Haub School of Business, was appointed chair of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the oldest and most prestigious accreditor of international business education. In his new role, DiAngelo is looking to embrace something many academicians fear — change.

“We need more passion for change in our industry — not change for change’s sake, but change that truly reflects the direction of the global market,” said DiAngelo.

Among his priorities is building the capacity of business schools in emerging economies, something he has witnessed firsthand during accreditation visits to Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. DiAngelo believes initiatives aimed at supporting schools in growing economies will diversify global business education while creating new jobs, strengthening existing industries and supporting economic development in these countries.

He would also like new accreditation standards for business schools to be more flexible to encourage innovation and creativity and to see undergraduate business programs provide students with more opportunities to study the liberal arts.

“At business schools, our job is not to produce ‘businesssorats’ who see the world in black and white,” he said. “Rather, we should graduate well-rounded professionals who have a solid foundation in business and a deep knowledge of the world around them.”

Since DiAngelo became dean in 2000, the Haub School of Business has experienced unprecedented growth. The school has doubled the size of its student body and is now the largest Jesuit business school in the United States. Prior to coming to Saint Joseph’s, DiAngelo served as business school dean at Widener University where he led the school to AACSB accreditation.

**VILLIGER DEBATE CLINCHES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

For the fourth consecutive year, SJU’s Villiger Debate team won the Pennsylvania State Championship, earning the distinction of “Overall Top Team in Pennsylvania.”

A student-run activity, the team is coached by volunteer alumni and led by its president, Dennis Feldman ’12 (B.A.). At the championship, Feldman took several individual honors, including “Overall Top Speaker State Champion,” first place in “After Dinner Speaking,” “Informative Speaking” and “Duo Interpretation,” and second place in “Poetry Interpretation,” “Prose Interpretation” and “Extemporaneous Speaking.”

**GUSTAFSON FAMILY FUNDS DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH FELLOWS PROGRAM**

Bioethics research and education gained support this year from the new Allen and Dolores Gustafson Distinguished Research Fellows Program, made possible with a $100,000 donation from Allen M. Gustafson, an SJU Institute of Catholic Bioethics board member, and his sister, Linnea Gustafson Rutkowski. The program, named for the donors’ parents, supports interdisciplinary bioethics research by both undergraduate and graduate students at Saint Joseph’s and SJU-affiliated institutions, under the guidance of a faculty member.

“The Gustafson family, who are longtime supporters of the Institute of Catholic Bioethics, wished to provide students research opportunities that would foster a lasting legacy for the institute and the bioethics field,” said Peter Clark, S.J. ’75 (B.A.), institute director and professor of theology and health services. “Everyone associated with the institute is deeply honored by their generosity.”

Funding will be given to two individuals or research groups each spring, amounting to a $4,000 research budget and $1,000 for the faculty mentor. With guidance from Fr. Clark, the inaugural recipients were members of two research groups:

- SJU students Daniel Maloney ’12 (B.A.), Alex DeBernardo ’14 and Dominic Gatta ’14, researching the removal of arsenic from water through Biosand filters and *Eichhornia crassipes* (water hyacinths).
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**BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTS CARROLL ’05**

Former SJU standout Pat Carroll ’05 (B.S.) was inducted into the Men’s Basketball Hall of Fame at the 57th annual Men’s Basketball Awards Banquet in April. One of the finest perimeter shooters in Saint Joseph’s history, he owns the school records for career 3-point field goals (294), 3-point percentage (44.5) and 3-point attempts (661), while setting the single-season marks in 2005 for 3-pointers (135) and attempts (311). He tallied 1,324 points in his career, ranking him 25th on SJU’s all-time list.

**DIANGELO ‘70 SEEKS INNOVATION AS AACSB CHAIR**

Joseph A. DiAngelo, Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), dean of the Haub School of Business, was appointed chair of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the oldest and most prestigious accreditor of international business education. In his new role, DiAngelo is looking to embrace something many academicians fear — change.

“We need more passion for change in our industry — not change for change’s sake, but change that truly reflects the direction of the global market,” said DiAngelo.

Among his priorities is building the capacity of business schools in emerging economies, something he has witnessed firsthand during accreditation visits to Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. DiAngelo believes initiatives aimed at supporting schools in growing economies will diversify global business education while creating new jobs, strengthening existing industries and supporting economic development in these countries.

He would also like new accreditation standards for business schools to be more flexible to encourage innovation and creativity and to see undergraduate business programs provide students with more opportunities to study the liberal arts.

“At business schools, our job is not to produce ‘businesssorats’ who see the world in black and white,” he said. “Rather, we should graduate well-rounded professionals who have a solid foundation in business and a deep knowledge of the world around them.”

Since DiAngelo became dean in 2000, the Haub School of Business has experienced unprecedented growth. The school has doubled the size of its student body and is now the largest Jesuit business school in the United States. Prior to coming to Saint Joseph’s, DiAngelo served as business school dean at Widener University where he led the school to AACSB accreditation.

**VILLIGER DEBATE CLINCHES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

For the fourth consecutive year, SJU’s Villiger Debate team won the Pennsylvania State Championship, earning the distinction of “Overall Top Team in Pennsylvania.”

A student-run activity, the team is coached by volunteer alumni and led by its president, Dennis Feldman ’12 (B.A.). At the championship, Feldman took several individual honors, including “Overall Top Speaker State Champion,” first place in “After Dinner Speaking,” “Informative Speaking” and “Duo Interpretation,” and second place in “Poetry Interpretation,” “Prose Interpretation” and “Extemporaneous Speaking.”

**GUSTAFSON FAMILY FUNDS DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH FELLOWS PROGRAM**

Bioethics research and education gained support this year from the new Allen and Dolores Gustafson Distinguished Research Fellows Program, made possible with a $100,000 donation from Allen M. Gustafson, an SJU Institute of Catholic Bioethics board member, and his sister, Linnea Gustafson Rutkowski. The program, named for the donors’ parents, supports interdisciplinary bioethics research by both undergraduate and graduate students at Saint Joseph’s and SJU-affiliated institutions, under the guidance of a faculty member.

“The Gustafson family, who are longtime supporters of the Institute of Catholic Bioethics, wished to provide students research opportunities that would foster a lasting legacy for the institute and the bioethics field,” said Peter Clark, S.J. ’75 (B.A.), institute director and professor of theology and health services. “Everyone associated with the institute is deeply honored by their generosity.”

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SJU RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETES

Erin Gallagher ’12 (B.S.), softball, and Kevin McDonnell ’12 (B.S.), cross country/track, were named Saint Joseph’s Outstanding Senior Student-Athletes at commencement and received the Class of 1950 Award for their academic and athletic performances.

Gallagher, a food marketing major from Abington, Pa., holds the record for single-season wins (24) and strikeouts (242). She set SJU career records for victories (63), strikeouts (614), appearances (134) and innings pitched (671.1). Gallagher helped Saint Joseph’s reach the Atlantic 10 Championship game twice in the last three years while also earning a spot on the league’s All-Tournament Team twice, and notching spots on the A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll and SJU Athletic Director’s Honor Roll.

McDonnell, a marketing major from Moorestown, N.J., had been the Hawks’ top distance runner for the past four years. His achievements rank among the best in school history. McDonnell is only the second SJU runner to qualify for the NCAA Cross Country Championships twice, where he earned All-Mid-Atlantic Regional Team honors both times. He was the runner-up twice at the Atlantic 10 Cross Country Championships and helped the Hawks to a third-place team finish this year. A member of the SJU Athletic Director’s Honor Roll, he has also excelled on the track, and won the University 5,000 meters at the Penn Relays last spring.

SJU HOSTS NATIONAL CAMPUS MINISTRY LEadership INSTITUTE

In June, Saint Joseph’s hosted the Campus Ministry Leadership Institute (CMLI), a five-day training and working program for student leaders and campus ministers from across the country. Sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the institute supports the successful implementation of Catholic campus ministry programs at national colleges by preparing effective leaders who work collaboratively to develop those programs.

“Hosting the CMLI is a way for Saint Joseph’s to be of service to the Church at a national level,” said Tom Sheibley, director of campus ministry.

CMLI 2012 featured two sessions, the first at SJU and the second at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The 2012 sessions mark the fifth and final year that SJU hosted the institute, with nearly 625 participants from 70 schools.

AFROTC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS AT SJU

A painting by Holly Colaguori ’12 (B.A.) commemorates the 60th anniversary of the AFROTC’s presence on SJU’s campus. Established at what was then Saint Joseph’s College in 1951, Detachment 750 is comprised of cadets from 23 area colleges and universities and is headquartered at SJU.

In May, five seniors of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 750 commissioned — one of them, Nicholas Worby, a 2012 Saint Joseph’s graduate — as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force. Three others commissioned separately in June.

Did you know?

SJU ATHLETES EXCEL ACADEMICALLY*:

• 13 STUDENT-ATHLETES HAD A PERFECT 4.0 GPA.
• THE CUMULATIVE GPA FOR ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES WAS 3.07.
• 16 OF 20 TEAMS HAD A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 3.0 OR BETTER.
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• 93 STUDENT-ATHLETES MADE THE A-10 COMMISSIONER’S HONOR ROLL WITH A 3.50 GPA OR BETTER.

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At a time when endless information is available with the push of a few keys on the laptop, a rapid tap-tap-tap across an iPad or a thumb dance on a smartphone, does anyone need to go to the library anymore? College students today can research topics and communicate with classmates and professors without leaving their bedrooms or favorite coffee shops. Why would they want to spend time in a building long known for dusty tomes, absolute silence and the availability of far too few computers?

Welcome to the future — it’s actually because of this advanced technology that the library on a college campus can become one of the most vital hubs of academic life.

When the doors to the John and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons at Drexel Library opened to students for the first time in March, the academic potential for Saint Joseph’s students changed dramatically. The soaring, light-filled building has been a center of student life on campus ever since.

“It’s been packed since the first day,” says Library Director Evelyn Minick, who oversaw the $16 million expansion and renovation of the Francis A. Drexel Library.
If I heard the word ‘awesome’ once, I heard it 100 times,” Minick says. “My very favorite comment is, ‘This place makes me feel smarter.’”

As well it should. The new facility provides space and atmosphere for every kind of learning: 150 study carrels for solitary studiers who need quiet; 20 group-study rooms for collaborative projects and presentations; and ample space for “social studiers” who alternate work with socializing.

“Everyone seems to find their niche — little microclimates with the right level of noise,” Minick says.

The 35,000-square-foot addition to and renovation of Drexel Library, together named the John R. Post ’60 Academic Center, doubled the amount of student seats to 1,100 in the combined buildings. High-tech tools to support student work are also abundant. Students can videotape and refine their class projects in the Presentation Practice Room; develop support materials in the audio/visual multimedia lab; and use computers with dual monitors, comprehensive research content and sophisticated software in the Digital Media Zone.

Along with cutting-edge technology, the Post Learning Commons incorporates progressive theory about collaborative learning. “Research over the last 10 years has shown that students learn as much from each other as from faculty,” Minick says. “This was an opportunity to create physical spaces that would let them do that.”

The building also accomplished another goal: to bring expertise to the students in one location. Service desks are staffed by research librarians, circulation and reserve staff, and technology aides; satellite offices of the Writing Center, Career Development Center and Learning Resource Center offer specialized knowledge in a central space.

“All the tools students need are in one place,” Minick says. “We’re not asking them to walk all over campus. This was designed around one-stop shopping and collaboration.”

And yes, there are books — 350,000 of them, as well as 3,700 electronic books, 5,000 DVD/video and audio books, 65,000 print and electronic journals, newspapers and magazines and 140 databases.

Equally as impressive as the breadth of resources is the striking architecture and its carefully composed vistas.

The seating was designed to allow students to see outdoors, to the new rock garden and plaza where they gather in good weather, from most locations. And, in a meaningful gesture, Becker Winston Architects designed a soaring atrium that connects the new Post Learning Commons with the invigorated Drexel Library and features stunning views of the University’s signature building.

“You get repeating views of Barbelin Tower, with the sun shining on it,” Minick says. “It’s very clever.”

On a bright spring afternoon, James Yul, who is completing his M.B.A. in international marketing, sat at a desk, hunched over his work.

“I think it’s great,” he says of the new facility. “I like how they didn’t tear down the old,” but incorporated it in the new, he says.

Other students shared their reactions to the changes on a rolling whiteboard at the entrance after the dedication: “Wonderful! Brilliant! Best addition ever!”

The Drexel Library has always been positioned at the middle of campus, geographically. Now, enhanced and part of the new John R. Post ’60 Academic Center, its central location is much more than a physical site. If student reaction is any indication, it has quickly become a vital hub of academic life at Saint Joseph’s University.
Anthony DelConte III, M.D. ’80 (B.S.), visiting assistant professor of pharmaceutical and healthcare marketing, believes the Presentation Practice Rooms, Digital Media Zone and other group study areas in the Post Learning Commons made a key difference in his students’ final presentations last spring.

Dr. DelConte’s students spend the semester working at a service site — in this case, Mercy Fitzgerald Wellness Center. At the end of the semester, teams of two to four present final reports of their work to hospital and University staff. This semester, students not only practiced their presentations at the Learning Commons, but also made their final presentations there.

“Setting up an environment that really facilitates collaboration can spark innovation and foster creativity,” he says. “I can see a lot of that in the presentations.”

The students benefited from working in dedicated spaces that were large enough to rehearse and refine their presentations, but the best aspect of the new facility for this class may have been the technology. After working together and creating videos in the Presentation Practice Rooms, students could also view and critique their work in the Digital Media Zone, making adjustments and improving their presentation skills before the big day.

“They could do things on the monitor as well as on the big screen and make changes and improvements on the fly as they were finalizing and polishing their presentations,” DelConte explains. “The Learning Commons is built for collaboration, and that’s very important for any of our classes where students are working as teams.”

In previous years, students presented their final reports in a conference room at the hospital site. “It wasn’t an optimal situation because connectivity wasn’t always consistent, and students didn’t get to practice or prep in the room where they’d ultimately be presenting,” DelConte says.

This time, they presented their final reports in the Wachterhauser Seminar Room, a space both intimate and grand, on the third floor of the Post Learning Commons.

“The student presentations were outstanding,” says DelConte. “I could tell they had all done their research and prepared their presentations well.”

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Rare and invaluable artifacts and historical records that have long been in the University’s possession are better prepared for the future now that they are stored and maintained according to prevailing standards of conservation — and ready to be properly displayed — because of new storage and exhibition space on the third floor of the Post Learning Commons.

“This is the first time the library has had any kind of environmentally controlled storage for rare and fragile materials, and real exhibit space so we can show off the collections we have,” says Marjorie Rathbone, director of resources management.

“There are collections coming to us now because we’ll be able to take care of them,” Rathbone says. “We have a lot of possibilities we never had before.”

Carmen Croce ’71 (A.B.), director of the University Press and curator of the University’s art collection, has been accumulating documents and art for more than 40 years. Before the Learning Commons opened, the collection could have been considered the University’s best-kept secret. Now, Croce can properly display these materials and offer a large and comfortable space for scholars to study them.

“We have art hanging all over campus, but to mount a curated exhibit is different,” he says. “We had no protected space. I couldn’t leave a case full of important objects in the middle of a corridor without security and temperature control.”

A gift from the Jesuit Community at Saint Joseph’s has established the Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., Special Collections Room, named for the esteemed 19th century Jesuit Victorian poet. The inaugural exhibit in this space is focused on Jesuit illustrated religious literature, part of the University’s Jesuitica collection of 600 16th to 20th century books, manuscripts and relics, some quite rare. Saint Joseph’s can now exhibit such valuable collections on a regular basis, and Croce is planning a schedule of at least two major exhibits each academic year.

Other collections include artifacts from Thomas Foglietta ’49 (B.S.), who donated his papers and furniture from Rome, where he served as U.S. Ambassador to Italy.

Most important, many of the records in the University’s possession will be digitized in the Digital Preservation Lab and eventually made available to the public.

That includes records from Old St. Joseph’s Church, Philadelphia’s first Catholic church — and the University’s birthplace — which are “among the oldest sacramental records in the entire United States,” Croce says. “Sacramental records include the Church’s official registry of the baptismal, matrimonial and burial records of the faithful. In addition to serving that canonical function, these records are invaluable to laymen as a genealogical archive.”

Less historical but equally important documents also will be digitized and made available, according to Chris Dixon, director of archival research. Dixon will be using an archival-quality upright book scanner and software in the Digital Preservation Lab to convert archival records to an electronic database, including yearbooks, historical documents, departmental papers, theater group photos, oral history interviews and other collections.

“Once the materials are scanned and we can make them available electronically, people will be able to look at them remotely,” Dixon says. “It’s gratifying.”
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David Wolfe ‘60 (B.S.) was a student at Saint Joseph’s in the 1950s when he walked by an art gallery in Philadelphia and saw something he liked. It was a foiled and embossed work on paper by Victor Vasarely. He walked in and bought it for $112, money the accounting major had earned giving music lessons.

That was the unlikely beginning of a lifetime spent collecting art during Wolfe’s world-traveling career as a fashion executive. He recently bequeathed the valuable collection, which represents the best of 20th century art, to his alma mater.

“St. Joe’s was my beginning point of exposure to the world, and from that, I figured this is my way of giving back to the school what it gave me to begin with,” says Wolfe, who lives most of the time in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Wolfe spent 25 years as an executive with Neiman Marcus, the high-end retailer, traveling the globe for work, and visiting galleries and buying pieces that fit one criterion: he liked it.

“I liked colors and forms and shape,” he says, adding that he never paid attention to the names of those who created the art. He acquired works by seminal artists such as Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, Henri Matisse, Paul Klee and others.

The artwork in Wolfe’s initial donation to the University — including the Vasarely — is framed in silver, matted in white and displayed in a defined pattern along the wall that greets patrons as they enter Drexel Library’s second floor. The rest of the collection, including the most valuable pieces, will come later.

He says he has no idea how much his collection is worth; he never had it appraised because he never wanted to sell it. Wolfe hopes his collection will inspire students to “make art part of their life.”

“It’s one aspect of life, but it’s an important one,” Wolfe says. “It’s one more part of the human experience.”

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Faith-sharing groups at SJU and across the country are on the rise as students take on hard questions and form lasting friendships.

Koinonia (koī·no·nia) noun GREEK
1: the Christian fellowship or body of believers
2: intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community
When they head off to college, first-year students know that many changes and choices lie before them. They know that the major they choose and the clubs they join will eventually fill out their first resume; that the internships and service activities they engage in may direct their future career path; that the people they meet and the friends they make will help shape the person they become. Still, many young students approach these moments as they arise, rather than with a plan.

For one group of recent graduates, the process of discovering themselves in college was a bit more purposeful. By joining a Koinonia faith-sharing group formed in conjunction with campus ministry, this seven-member circle ventured to grow and learn together, through their four years at Saint Joseph’s, by engaging in discussions of topics often reserved for the private, rather than public, sphere.

“It was important that we didn’t always agree with each other,” says Liz Teleha, a French major from Fort Washington, Pa. “It’s the fact that we were able to have those discussions that’s important. We weren’t trying to solve the problems of the world — we wanted to see how people’s past experiences affected them and how they came to mold the people they are today.”

In the past 10 years, faith-sharing groups in the United States — known on many campuses as Christian Life Communities — have grown from just a handful of participants to more than 2,000 students in 21 university-sponsored programs.

By definition, the Greek word koinonia (pronounced COY-NO-KNEE-A) embodies the ideas of sharing, relationships and community. Religiously, it appears in the New Testament in the form of fellowships and shared meals — such as the celebration of the Last Supper. For these SJU students, it represented a safe zone where they could comfortably express their beliefs and explore the subjects that inform those beliefs, with people from all sides of the debate. Not all members are Catholic, and there’s no requirement to be Christian. By bringing together students of many backgrounds, the hope is to inspire discussions that consider every side of a given question and allow students to more accurately determine just where they stand on the issues — a point Tom Elitz, an accounting major from Cinnaminson, N.J., says is invaluable.

“I was looking for an opportunity to continue to develop my faith and share my faith with others, and we’ve had some significant discussions and opened up our lives to each other in this group,” says Elitz. “Having these types of discussions allows you to step back and realize where you actually stand on your values and beliefs, and it’s those values and beliefs that can guide your path in life.”

This particular group came together as freshmen after attending ESCAPE, a retreat hosted by campus ministry and led by upper-class students to help with the transition to college life and teach how God calls students to live fuller and deeper lives. Guided by junior Jeff Wallin ’10 — in the beginning, 12 members strong — until his graduation; afterward, Mat Verghese, Alissa Giambrone, Gretchen Timer, Rich Allridge, Brenna McGonigle, Elitz and Teleha continued to meet weekly. Moving into their senior year, the tight-knit group decided that, in addition to talking about their challenges and questions of faith, they’d tackle faith-related or faith-driven social topics.

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“In many ways, students have wanted a place for these kinds of discussions for a long time,” says Tom Sheibley, director of campus ministry. He believes that faith-sharing groups like Koinonia fulfill a fundamental need for college-age students and isn’t surprised at the rise in college faith-sharing groups.

“There’s a lot of opportunity in the college environment for people to be superficial with each other,” he says. “It’s important for students to be asked to be real and authentic, and having an atmosphere where they can be honest about their experiences and pose questions and present doubts gives them the chance to grow. It gives them the freedom to speak openly and not be self-conscious.”

Dan Joyce, S.J. ’88 (B.A.), assistant to the vice president for mission and identity, adds, “Koinonia groups show a really thoughtful and intelligent approach to faith — which accomplishes one of the things we are trying to do here at SJU.”

Undoubtedly, Koinonia has created a stronger bond between the seven members of this group. McGonigle, who came from a public school and had a primarily historical understanding of faith in everyday life, says she learned that intentional relationships, formed on mutual respect and support, can flourish.

“Usually you meet friends based on proximity and what they do on the weekends,” says McGonigle, a political science major from Wayland, Mass. “If you start to form a really deep friendship, maybe then you start to discuss things like we do in Koinonia. It’s kind of cool that we did things backwards and worked our way from hard discussions to friendships.”

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Gheysens takes a shift behind the deli counter, building a Shorti Hoagie to order, the Wawa way. Gail Delguidiceis, fresh food manager at store 269 in Glen Mills, Pa., provides assistance.
Wawa President Chris Gheysens ’05 (M.B.A.) wakes up and smells the coffee every day, whether he’s rallying management and store associates, sifting new-product sales and cost analytics, or pairing breakfast with a fresh-brewed cup. Around Philadelphia, Wawa Inc. is as familiar as a tank of gas or your morning coffee. The 600-store, 400 million customers-a-year chain enjoys a cult following, which it feeds by cultivating its workforce of 18,000 — half of them shareholders — toward the corporate goal of being “the world’s most appetizing convenience retailer.” Boosting production with partners like Amoroso’s breads, Tastykake, J&J Snack Foods and PNC Bank’s automatic teller network, Wawa constantly tests new products and services: espresso machines, in-store baking, fancy-cut produce.

Charged with balancing the new and the familiar, connecting with repeat customers, plugging deeper into a national supply network, and extending the brand beyond its Philly-South Jersey core, is Wawa’s next chief executive officer, Chris Gheysens.

As a 35-year-old accountant-turned-financial analyst, Gheysens earned his Master of Business Administration at Saint Joseph’s. Degree in hand, he integrated his fellow accountants and analysts into a unified team employing enterprise resource planning (ERP) software from Newtown Square, Pa.-based SAP America. They focused company data to answer basic questions such as how to know, quickly, when a fancy new sandwich or shift-staffing plan works, or fails.

Tapped as a vice president, Gheysens rose to the company’s top management team, serving as chief financial officer and chief administrative officer before he was named CEO-designate last year, pending predecessor Howard Stoeckel’s retirement at the end of 2012.

As boss, Gheysens still pulls a twice-yearly shift building hoagies and manning the register. As the chain grows, senior Wawa associates know it’s important to stay focused on what’s going on in the stores, with how the company is reaching the people Wawa depends on to keep coming back.

Today’s stores are among the busiest, by sales volume, in the industry. A new Wawa opens, on average, every two to three weeks. Employee turnover, which can top 100 percent a year in retail businesses that rely on streams of entry-level workers, has lately been down around 40 percent; the company depends on a cadre of veterans who build long careers managing stores, then groups of stores.

Gheysens’ goals include building Wawa beyond a regional brand and breaking out of its North Jersey to southern Virginia home base: After long study, its first Florida stores open in the Orlando market this year and in Tampa in early 2013.

Earning a degree at Saint Joseph’s, which Gheysens says “broadened his outlook and deepened his capacity,” has been a mid-career move for many rising Wawa executives. The company, based across the street from its original Wawa dairy farm in suburban Delaware County, Pa., has close ties to the University’s food marketing program and “many of our associates have finished their master’s in food marketing through programs at St. Joe’s,” Gheysens says.

Wawa is a family business, owned partly by an expansive employee stock program, partly by current and former executives, and partly by members of the founding Wood family. The Woods descend from the Delaware Valley’s early Quaker migration, which tested Christian moral ideas with practical questions of labor and capital, supply and demand, work and family life.

Their ideal of “servant leadership” to customers and workers is part of the Wawa catechism. Gheysens, a native of Vineland, N.J., whose father ran a chain of car washes, was taught compatible ideals in his own Catholic schooling — he graduated from St. Augustine Prep and Villanova University. He says he found at Saint Joseph’s a familiar “culture committed to serving others” that Wawa has applied, with help from Saint Joseph’s faculty, to the company’s own leadership development program.

Every CEO has brought something new to Wawa, says predecessor Stoeckel. Gheysens’ financial focus adds to Stoeckel’s people experience as an HR executive at the former John Wanamaker department stores; at Wawa, Stoeckel built on the record of predecessor Dick Wood, a lawyer and member of the founding family.

As a private company, Wawa doesn’t tell how much the boss is paid or how much the owners, including veteran workers, may get back in dividends or retirement some day. So we have to take Gheysens’ word for it — or look for it in the way the stores move customers through each day — that “the way Wawa is run, it’s not about the CEO, it’s about the 18,000 associates,” and strengthening their ties to customers, so they keep coming back. When he takes over at year’s end, “that’s not going to change,” says Gheysens.

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Sustaining Urban
Catholic Education

In an innovative teaching program, ACESJU, graduate students directly contribute to Saint Joseph’s efforts to sustain urban Catholic education.

By Dan Wisniewski ’08 (B.A.)

John Delaney ’10 (B.A.), ’12 (M.S.) stepped back to admire the bulletin board he had just hung. It was swathed in a colorful Pennsylvania map, with a paper Liberty Bell cutout affixed near Philadelphia and a Hershey’s Kiss near Hershey, Pa., to help his fourth-grade class remember the state geography they would learn later that year. He looked around to see that the reading corner, stocked with an assortment of books, was in order. Eight perfectly aligned rows of empty desks stood waiting. He was ready.

The only thing Delaney wasn’t prepared for on his first day of teaching at Visitation B.V.M. in North Philadelphia’s Kensington section was the expression on his students’ faces when they arrived in his carefully organized classroom.

“The students had that deer-in-headlights look of, ‘Who is this new guy? And what should I expect from him?’” Delaney says, looking back. While he quickly gained his confidence, he remembers that first day: “I’m pretty sure I returned that look back to them.”

It was more than just a teacher’s first day in the classroom. Delaney was one of 14 college graduates who, only three months prior, in the summer of 2010, had become the inaugural cohort of students in the Alliance for Catholic Education at Saint Joseph’s University, or ACESJU.

The program gives college graduates the opportunity to earn a Saint Joseph’s master’s degree in education and a University of Pennsylvania leadership certificate at no cost, while serving as full-time teachers in under-resourced Philadelphia Catholic elementary schools.

A two-year program, ACESJU has played a major role in bolstering urban Catholic education in Philadelphia, according to program director Dan Joyce, S.J. ’88 (B.A.), assistant to the vice president for mission and identity at SJU. “We, as a Catholic university, get to use the rich expertise of our education departments to serve the regional church,” he says.

The nation’s difficult economic conditions in recent years have heightened the competition for Catholic schools, particularly in struggling urban areas, to recruit and retain capable, gifted and dedicated teachers.

“We have a situation in which education in this metropolitan area is in a crisis,” says Fr. Joyce, who is also a senior resident fellow with the University of Pennsylvania Program for Research on Religion and Urban Society. “Arguably the most important ingredient in sustaining quality education in Philadelphia is recruiting good teachers.”

That, along with school closures, financial challenges and teacher-retention issues at area Catholic schools, made Fr. Joyce and Jeanne Brady, Ph.D., associate dean and professor of education, start thinking in 2009 about how the University could take a more active role in local Catholic education.

“Among the key ingredients that have made Catholic schools so successful are the talent and commitment of young teachers,” says Fr. Joyce. “In the old days, that young talent came from priests, nuns and brothers. Now, it’s different.”
Ultimately, Brady says, “Our aspiration is to prepare the next generation of teachers and leaders who will become advocates for Catholic education across the nation.”

Inspired by a program founded in 1993 at the University of Notre Dame, Brady and Fr. Joyce focused on developing a local initiative with the same core principles — teaching, spirituality and community. In conjunction with officials at the University of Pennsylvania and with the approval of Notre Dame, Fr. Joyce and Brady started ACESJU, a program to place young teachers in struggling Catholic schools in Philadelphia.

The idea struck a chord with members of the University community and beyond. Led by President and CEO Josephine Mandeville, The Connelly Foundation, a well-known advocate of Catholic education in Philadelphia, signed on to support ACESJU.

“Research shows that a great teacher has an outstanding impact on students’ ability to learn,” says Mandeville. “Young, dedicated, well-educated college graduates would provide students with a quality education and also serve as important role models for children.”

The Center for Catholic and Urban Education (CCUE), of which ACESJU is a part, is a branch of the Saint Joseph’s Educational Leadership Institute, dedicated to the sustainability of Catholic schools in urban areas. With support from the Business Leadership for Catholic Schools (BLOCS), The Connelly Foundation and The Maguire Foundation, the CCUE is co-hosting ongoing roundtable discussions on the preservation of high-quality Catholic education with leadership from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Camden, several Catholic colleges and universities, the University of Pennsylvania’s Fox Leadership Program, regional foundations, and the key scholarship funds that support children in Catholic schools.

A teacher’s first days and weeks in the classroom can be challenging, as the 14 ACESJU fellows, who sculpted and refined their lesson plans in preparation for their first time in front of their students, can attest. The challenges multiply for teachers serving in needy communities.

“My mind was constantly going — it never had a chance to stop,” says Delaney of meeting his class. “It took the first week to understand how I needed to progress through the day so that I wasn’t going to be falling down dead when I got home.”

ACESJU fellow Leya Egea-Hinton ’10 (B.S.), ’12 (M.S.) returned to her alma mater, the Gesu School in North Philadelphia, to teach. “I let my kids know on the first day that I came from Gesu, and everybody pushed me to do well,” she says. “I’m going do the same as your teacher, and I’m here for you.”

For the three months prior, the fellows endured six weeks of preparation through 12-hour days — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. — covering everything from classroom management to American education and more. The lessons, though intense, were invaluable to them — few of whom had any prior teaching experience.

Spirituality also plays an important role in ACESJU. During their time together, the fellows went on four retreats and enjoyed spiritual nights in their communal living space. The ACESJU program calls for its fellows to live together — not an easy assignment for 14 people, most of whom didn’t know each other to start. The living arrangements, in an old convent near Main Street in Manayunk, were occasionally frustrating. “You have 14 people trying to share two refrigerators and four bathrooms,” says Delaney, “but you learn to adjust and live together.”

The elements of community and simple living, however, eventually became a blessing.
“You’re all experiencing this at the same time for the first time, so we’d give each other advice and lesson ideas,” says ACESJU fellow Rebeca Martinez, who earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania and taught at Visitation B.V.M. alongside Delaney. “There were a lot of conversations like, ‘Do you have any good ideas for what I can do to teach fractions?’”

The experience of ACESJU’s first cohort culminated in a June 15 graduation ceremony at SJU’s Robert M. Gillin Jr. Boathouse just off Kelly Drive in Philadelphia.

With an SJU master’s degree in education, a leadership certificate from the University of Pennsylvania and two years of teaching experience, each fellow was ready to move forward. So what’s next for them?

Several are staying on at the schools where they taught, having been hired there as permanent teachers, while others plan to teach in schools closer to home. One is entering graduate school; another is looking to begin an administrative post in education. No matter where they end up, Fr. Joyce says that the fellows’ tenure at participating schools has gone a long way in helping urban Catholic education.

“Those children they’ve educated are the future,” he says, “and it’s been a chance for the fellows to make a huge contribution to the city.”

Leadership at the schools partnering with ACESJU agree. “Undoubtedly ACESJU gets talented, bright young people interested in Catholic education,” says Ellen Convey, I.H.M., principal of the Gesu School, where Egea-Hinton was a teacher. “To get these young people to make a commitment to Catholic education — that’s key.”

The second cohort of ACESJU teachers, which began this summer, will expand to comprise both secondary education institutions and schools in the Diocese of Camden, N.J., including a school in Gloucester, N.J. The program was also accepted into the University Consortium for Catholic Education (UCCE), a nationwide initiative to place teachers in Catholic schools. Saint Joseph’s became one of only 15 schools — the only one in Pennsylvania — in the UCCE.

With the first cohort’s graduation, the staff has had a chance to reflect on the program’s first two years.

“The goal for ACESJU is to infuse in the Catholic schools opportunities for growth and quality with teachers — that’s what I think we’ve been successful in doing,” says Brady. “I think our fellows have learned what it means to be a great teacher and what it means to serve urban youth.”

As for the first fellows, they see their time in ACESJU as something beyond bettering themselves and aiding the Catholic school system.

“These two years have made me realize that it’s the little things that are important,” says Egea-Hinton, who will return to The Gesu this fall to teach fourth grade. “I see my kids with issues a child shouldn’t have to worry about. It makes you realize that you have to enjoy the moment and take everything as a lesson.”

“Philadelphia is one of the birthplaces of Catholic education, so it’s important to keep that legacy going,” says Valerie Luckey ’10 (B.B.A.), ’12 (M.S.), who taught at DePaul Catholic in Germantown. “The real values of Catholicism are social justice and dignity for every human. To educate is one of the best ways to live that out.”

Dan Wisniewski is a freelance writer.
Dear Fellow Hawks,

Our shared connection as fellow graduates of Saint Joseph’s is remarkable. Spanning generations, this relationship unites our community and serves as the foundation of the Alumni Association.

I experienced this bond firsthand in May, when I had the pleasure of leading our newest Golden Hawks as they processed into this year’s commencement ceremony. (See photo on page 28.) While 50 years separated the members of the Class of 1962 from the graduates of the Class of 2012, their common experience as Hawks created an instant camaraderie.

This connection is the same foundation that anchors our new president, C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72 (B.S.). Just the second alumnus to serve as the University’s top administrator, the Philadelphia area native brings a perspective that we can all appreciate as fellow alumni.

Fr. Gillespie has talked about how his time on Hawk Hill played an important role in shaping his personal and professional life and allowed him to fulfill his dreams. I ask you to reflect on the role SJU has played in realizing your own dreams and how the University can continue to play an active role in your life.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Gillespie back to Hawk Hill! Reserve October 12-14 on your calendar and plan to return to campus for all the festivities surrounding Fr. Gillespie’s inauguration as well as Hawktoberfest. It will be a celebration of all things SJU and an experience not to be missed. See you here!

The Hawk Will Never Die!

Rich Brennan ’81 (B.S.)
President
Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association

JAMIE MAGUIRE ’84 HONORED WITH HSB HALL OF FAME AWARD

Saint Joseph’s Haub School of Business recognized Jamie Maguire ’84 (B.S.), chairman and CEO of Philadelphia Insurance Companies (PHLY), with the 22nd Annual Hall of Fame Award during a dinner and award presentation on April 12. Maguire was acknowledged for his outstanding corporate citizenship, strong leadership and management qualities.

As CEO of PHLY for the past decade, Maguire initiated, negotiated and completed what is considered to be one of the largest transactions for financial firms in Japanese history, merging his company with the Tokio Marine Group, for $5.5 billion.

In addition to his varied responsibilities, Maguire competes in endurance races, and his company sponsors the Philadelphia Insurance Triathlon, whose proceeds benefit the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia along with other local charities.

“Jamie’s commitment to his company, its employees, his charities and Saint Joseph’s is unwavering,” said HSB Dean Joseph DiAngelo Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.). “From our students to our faculty, our SJU community has benefited from Jamie’s contributions over the years including his guest lectures, internship opportunities and industry relationships.”

A two-term Saint Joseph’s Trustee, Maguire serves on the Student Life, Audit and Risk, and Human Resources, Compensation and Benefits Committees. He is also a member of the University’s Academy of Risk Management and Insurance Board of Governors.

LAW ALUMNI PRESENT GEM AWARD TO THE HONORABLE PAUL INNES ’77

One of the most important lessons students learn during their time at Saint Joseph’s University is to live their lives with and for others. In his 32 years working in the public sector, the Hon. Paul Innes ’77 (A.B.) has spent his postgraduate life devoted to service. For his efforts, Innes was honored on May 9 with the Saint Joseph’s Law Alumni Chapter’s annual Gem Award, which recognizes a loyal graduate who has focused his or her life on helping others.

Innes graduated from Saint Joseph’s College in 1977 and earned his law degree at Villanova School of Law in 1980. He began his career in the public sector as a law clerk, and in 1981 became assistant prosecutor and director of the Special Investigations Unit at the Mercer County, N.J., Prosecutor’s Office. Five years later, he became a township attorney in Hamilton Township, N.J. He rose to become municipal prosecutor before being appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey, where he is currently presiding judge, general equity.
GLOBAL COMMUNITY DAY CONTINUES TO GROW

In 2007, Saint Joseph’s Student Senate, Black Student Union and Student Union Board decided to create a day of service to show that students can come together to positively benefit the community, exemplifying the Jesuit ideal of working for the greater good.

Little did they know that, five years later, the event would grow from about 60 volunteers serving three local communities to a global undertaking of nearly 700 Hawks at 42 sites worldwide.

“Never in a million years did I think it would grow into what it is today,” said Michael McDonald ’08 (B.A.), who was student body president in 2007 and a founder of the initial event.

McDonald credits his successor, then-Student Body President Hollyanne Pronko ’09 (B.B.A.), for helping shape Global Community Day. Pronko reached out to alumni and spearheaded the idea of making Community Day an annual event beyond the campus and Philadelphia region. A Community Day team formed and became an official student organization in 2009.

The original vision for Community Day was to create an annual tradition, open to alumni, faculty, staff, students and neighbors to celebrate the Saint Joseph’s spirit. The first official National Community Day took place in five cities. Because of the hard work and dedication of alumni such as Megan Famular ’06 (B.B.A.), ’12 (M.B.A.), senior associate director of alumni relations at the University, who coordinates and promotes the event, it has grown and evolved into Global Community Day as of 2012.

There is no other event that better recalls the Saint Joseph’s experience and provides the opportunity to live out the University’s mission, in McDonald’s view. He and his wife, Meaghan Gallagher ’08 (B.S.), ’12 (M.S.), volunteered with a group of alumni at Olivet Baptist Church on April 21. Volunteers provided spring cleaning both inside and outside of the church and saw the direct impact their participation in Global Community Day can have on its communities.

 “[Global Community Day has] evolved into more than just a group of students on campus getting together carrying out this well-intentioned idea,” McDonald said. “It has become an awesome way for anyone who has ever been part of the Saint Joseph’s experience to live out what’s so special about that experience — to get back in touch with the Jesuit ideals of being a man and woman with and for others, this greater purpose, that the teachers, the Jesuits, the leaders on campus try to instill in you when you go to Saint Joseph’s.

“Global Community Day is exactly what the University stands for. We’re there to learn. We’re there to get a good education. But there’s a bigger purpose to that. We have to use what we learn and go out and do some good in the world and be positive forces in our communities.”

To see the complete list of 2012 Global Community Day Service sites, visit alumni.sju.edu/gcd.

NEW YORK COUNCIL HOSTS FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER

Alumni, parents and friends (above) turned out for SJU’s Fifth Annual New York Council Dinner in April, which featured a presentation by global economic strategist Joseph J. McNellis, chief investment officer and chairman of Catalpa Capital Advisors. The Council is committed to raising the University’s profile in and around the greater New York metro area while providing career development and networking opportunities for students and alumni.

COMMENCEMENT CHALLENGE HONORS GRADUATING SENIORS

Members of the Class of 2012, the largest graduating class in Saint Joseph’s history, were recognized when alumni, parents and friends made a gift to the University in their honor during SJU’s month-long Commencement Challenge. Overall, nearly 1,000 dedicated supporters chose to influence current and future students by participating in the Challenge.
STUDENTS THANK BENEFACTORS AT PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

Scholarship support is vital to any university, as it provides many students the opportunity to pursue higher education. At Saint Joseph’s University, approximately 90 percent of the traditional undergraduate population receives a scholarship award. During the last academic year, Saint Joseph’s awarded approximately $53 million in institutional scholarships.

On April 22, more than 200 students — a record number — gathered with donors, faculty and members of the University leadership for the 21st Annual President’s Scholarship Celebration for Benefactors and Scholars. The event offered a chance for students to express their gratitude to the scholarship donors, many of whom are Saint Joseph’s alumni and friends.

Student speaker Paul Caruso ’12 (B.S.), recipient of the Gregory Milanowycz ‘98 Memorial Scholarship, said that his scholarship enabled him “to go forth and set the world on fire,” as Saint Ignatius of Loyola so famously directed his followers. Jenna Moran ’12 (B.S.), Bellarmine Guild Scholarship recipient, concluded the program with a prayer, thanking benefactors for helping Saint Joseph’s students become “well-informed champions of learning.”

WAWA STORES SUPPORT KINNEY CENTER FOR SECOND YEAR

For the second consecutive year, children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in the Delaware Valley are benefitting from expanded programming at SJU’s Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support, thanks in part to contributions received at Pennsylvania Wawa coin-collection box locations during January, February and March. The collection raised more than $230,000 with proceeds directly supporting Camp Kinney, a unique five-week summer experience that blends children with ASD and their neurotypical peers.

“We’ve made it our goal to become active members of the communities we serve, and we’re proud to call all of our customers, associates and partner community organizations members of our family,” said Carol Jensen, Wawa’s chief marketing officer.

The Kinney Center’s mission is to provide multidisciplinary outlets in education and research for students, teachers, professionals and parents who seek to improve and extend opportunities, outcomes, quality of life and best practices in treatment for people with ASD. The Kinney Center offers services, resources and information, support and guidance, and tools for public and individual advocacy that contribute to improved autism awareness and care.

Over the past two years, Wawa’s coin-collection program has raised a total of $389,153.34 to support Camp Kinney. To learn more about the Kinney Center and how to support its programming, visit kinneycenter.sju.edu.

CLASS OF 1962 INDUCTED AS GOLDEN HAWKS

There were loud cheers, hoots and hollers. A rousing standing ovation and tears of joy filled the tent at Saint Joseph’s University’s 2012 graduation ceremony on May 12, and it was all for the newest alumni to become Golden Hawks, the Class of 1962. More than 40 Golden Hawks processed in cap and gown, the culmination of a welcome-back weekend to honor these alumni who have been living with and for others in the 50 years since graduation. The graduating seniors led the raucous greeting to show just how much the Golden Hawks inspire Saint Joseph’s students. In all, nearly 70 alumni from the Class of 1962 returned for the weekend festivities.
SheUnited presents *The God Box* in New York City

New York Times bestselling author Mary Lou (Finlayson) Quinlan ’75 (A.B.) shared her new book *The God Box*, which celebrates mothers, daughters and the bonds of love, faith and family, at the SheUnited summer cocktail reception in New York City in June. The event, which was hosted by alumnus Brian Duperreault ’69 (B.S.) at Marsh & McLennan’s corporate headquarters in Manhattan, also featured remarks from SJU President C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72 (B.S.).

Established in 2011 as a celebration of 40 years of coeducation in the day school at Saint Joseph’s, SheUnited has developed into a multifaceted program that provides opportunities for women throughout the SJU community to network, inspire one another and mentor current students.

“I’ve wished, in all the different roles I’ve had, that we could bring the women together,” stated Quinlan. “There is something that happens when women talk to each other … reinforcing each other. Women are very generous, so having SheUnited on campus is a real dream come true.”

In *The God Box*, Quinlan shares the remarkable discovery of her mother’s boxes filled with written wishes and worries. Note by note, she unearths insights into her mother’s compassion, faith and perseverance, and revelations of her innermost thoughts — nostalgic, surprising and even a bit shocking. Through the journey, Quinlan discovers her own more empathetic, more engaged self — the woman her mother had believed in all along.

Quinlan will bring the one-woman stage adaptation of her book to SJU’s campus during Hawktoberfest on October 14. To learn more about SheUnited, visit alumni.sju.edu/sheunited. To discover more about Quinlan and *The God Box*, visit thegodboxproject.com. Proceeds from *The God Box* support cancer and hospice care charities.

ALUMNI GOLF OUTING SUPPORTS KINNEY CENTER

Members of the Gallagher family were among a record 109 alumni and friends who turned out for the Fifth Annual Jack Gallagher ’63 Memorial Alumni Golf Outing on June 25 at Scotland Run Golf Club in New Jersey. Proceeds from the event benefited the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support and alumni programming.

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL ALUMNI AND FAMILIES COME OUT TO THE BALLPARK

An appearance by the Phillie Phanatic was among the highlights when the SJU baseball and softball programs hosted Alumni and Family Day on the Maguire Campus on May 5.

ALUMNI, FRIENDS FORGE RELATIONSHIPS AT HAWK2HAWK

Along with the more than 125 alumni and friends who attended Hawk2Hawk at the Philadelphia Contributionship on May 17th were (above, from left) John Swanick ’82, ’86; Joseph DiAngelo, Ed.D. ’70, dean of the Haub School of Business; Robert Whitlock, CEO of the Contributionship; Mike Lomax ’73, and Michael Angelina, executive director of the Academy of Risk Management, who posed with the original Saint Joseph’s College insurance policy (number 5404), transferred from Old St. Joseph’s Church in 1854.
1956

J. Eustace Wolfington (B.S.) was the 2012 undergraduate commencement ceremony speaker at Cabrini College and received an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

1960

John R. Post (B.S.), president of Post Precision Castings, Inc., was awarded a 2012 Medallion for Entrepreneurship from international business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma. The award recognizes individuals who combine innovative business with service to humanity. Post founded the company in 1964 with the desire to create a low-cost, customer-focused commercial-investment castings company. SJU’s new John and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons, part of the John R. Post ’60 Academic Center, was named for him and wife Maryanne, loyal and generous SJU benefactors.

1964


1969

Joseph J. Dunn (B.A.) highlights “America’s century of experiments using profits and wealth to promote the general welfare” in his book, After One Hundred Years: Corporate Profits, Wealth, and American Society (CreateSpace, 2012). He worked with a major property-casualty insurance company for 30 years before retiring as a senior vice president. Dunn and wife Patricia live in Pennsylvania.

1970

David F. Girard-diCarlo (B.S.) was elected to the board of trustees of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. He is a former U.S. Ambassador and member of the Philadelphia law firm Cozen O’Connor.

1972

Charles Harris (B.S.), owner of Charles Harris Tae Kwon Do and Aikido, was promoted to sixth dan black belt at the International Chin Mu Kwan Federation national convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. He has run his own schools in the United States and Mexico for more than 25 years.

1976

Eileen (Rigney) Dougherty (B.A.) received the 2012 Mordecai Gerson Meritorious Service Award, presented to a Philadelphia Estate Planning Council member with at least five years of service and who has rendered extraordinary service to the council’s work. Dougherty has been a senior vice president and personal trust administrative officer with Semper Trust Co. in King of Prussia, Pa., since 1999 and also serves as vice president of the SJU National Alumni Board.

1978

Robert F. Ampthor (B.S.) was promoted to director of development at Sunshine, an organization whose mission is to create community among people with developmental disabilities, in Maumee, Ohio.

1985

Mary Ann Plankinton, Esq. (B.S.), a partner in the law firm MacElree Harvey’s Kennett Square, Pa., and Centreville, Del., offices, was elected to the board of the Centreville Civic Association, where she serves as secretary. A trained mediator, she has represented individuals and families in Pennsylvania and Delaware in family law and estate-planning matters for more than 19 years.
He Means Business

Gene Barr '77 (B.A.) wanted to be an attorney — a criminal attorney, a prosecutor — from the time he was in grade school through graduation as a Saint Joseph's political science major. He did work briefly for the Delaware County, Pa., district attorney, but soon turned his zeal for the law into a career in government and public affairs.

Elected president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry last October, Barr now oversees the operations of the Commonwealth's largest broad-based business advocacy organization — The Statewide Voice of Business — and Pennsylvania Chamber Insurance, the PA Chamber’s insurance branch.

Since first joining the PA Chamber as vice president of government and public affairs in 2003, Barr has lobbed, testified and developed key relationships in Harrisburg in his efforts to improve the business climate for Pennsylvania’s job creators.

It’s not an easy task, with Pennsylvania’s contentious budget battles and uncertain economic climate. Throw out a topic — taxes, education, health care, energy, welfare — and he'll eagerly advocate the PA Chamber’s position and the public policy to best benefit business growth and sustenance.

What he likes most about his job, in fact, is the potential to “positively impact public policy on a daily basis.”

Barr has passed that desire, along with his affinity for Saint Joseph’s, on to one of his three children, Lauren ’05 (B.A.), who was also an SJU political science major and is now a lobbyist.

A former commuter-student from Delaware County, Pa., Barr returns to Hawk Hill every year to talk with undergraduates about careers in government and the public sector. Barr remembers well his time with professors Randall Miller, Ph.D., history, and Graham Lee, Ph.D., political science, and describes them as “phenomenal teachers who brought passion and enthusiasm for their subjects to class every day.”

This grounding was helpful as Barr began his career, blending his education in the liberal arts with the world of business. Not long after graduation, he moved into a human resources position at BP America, where he worked in various roles in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Ohio for 12 years. Barr went on to work for Associated Petroleum Industries in 1992, becoming executive director. In 2000, he joined the law firm McNees Wallace & Nurch in Harrisburg to begin a government relations practice.

“I’ve been very fortunate to have worked with a whole lot of really great people,” he says.

— Molly Harty

1986

Kevin Neary (B.S.) released his sixth book and first in a series of baseball books, Major League Dads: Baseball’s Best Players Reflect on the Fathers Who Inspired Them to Love the Game (Running Press, 2012). A collection of heartfelt essays, the book includes interviews with 150 of the top players in Major League Baseball, including David Wright, Carlos Pena, Brad Lidge and Derek Jeter.

Steven K. Mignogna, Esq. (B.A.), is the principal author of Estate & Trust Litigation 2012, a fully updated second edition of the authoritative text on New Jersey probate litigation practice available from the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. He is chair of the Estate & Trust Litigation Practice Group at Archer & Greiner in Haddonfield, N.J.

1988

E. Christopher Abruzzo, Esq. (B.S.), was appointed Pa. Gov. Tom Corbett's deputy chief of staff and will oversee all public safety and environmental agencies in the Commonwealth. He is the former chief deputy attorney general (1999-2010).

1989

Patrick G. Maggitti, Ph.D. (B.S.), was appointed as the Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the Villanova University School of Business. He previously served as the Carmen and Sharon Danella Director of the Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship, as well as associate professor of Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship.

Robert D. Boyden, Ph.D. (M.S.), of Aldan, Pa., was selected as chairman of the American Board of Registered Investigators, an executive advisory board of the American College of Forensic Examiners International.

1991

Michelle Butterworth, D.P.M. (B.S.), was named president of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Butterworth practices with Pee Dee Foot Center in Kingstree, S.C., and is board certified in foot surgery and reconstructive rear-foot and ankle surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.

Max Kueffer (M.B.A.) joined Circor International in Tampa, Fla., as vice president for engineering and technology, after spending the last 12 years in Europe.
IN MEMORY

Elizabeth Aiello, mother of Marie Stortini, College of Professional and Liberal Studies
Paul P. Andrews Sr., father of Paul P. Jr., adjunct instructor, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Institute
Margaret Cheney, mother of Susan, Post Learning Commons and Drexel Library
Sean Patrick Dougherty, brother of Jean Burke, Career Services
Margie Grayson Edwards, mother of Shoshanna Edwards Alexander, Multicultural Life
Albert Gascon, father of Rebecca Patterson, Special Education
Helen Hennessey, former administrative assistant, Athletics
Dewey “Duke” Jurich, father of Becky, Development and Alumni Relations
Lillian T. Kujawa, mother of Barbara Conover, Athletics
Helen E. Molnar, mother of James, Human Resources
Jane McCarthy O’Brien, sister of Carol Farrell, Development and Alumni Relations
Linda Pappas, wife of John, Ph.D., Philosophy
Carlstein Passarelli, wife of Ernest, Registrar’s Office
Catherine E. Ruane, mother of Marian McGee, Financial Assistance
Robert Undervood, husband of Dorothy Campbell, Undergraduate Admissions
Walter Eck ’43
Donald J. Heron ’43
Joseph P. McGee ’43
Lena Senesky, wife of George ’43 (deceased)
Joseph L. Hayes ’49
James W. Kane ’50
Samuel H. Hawthorn ’50
Walter L. Hoffman ’50
William Benson ’51, father of Thomas ‘82, William ’85 and Kenneth ’91
James A. Quinn ’51
John B. Feeney ’52
James J. Gilholm ’52
James Logue ’52
Vincent J. Sutcliffe ’52
Ludwig zur Nieden ’53
Joan Lettieri, wife of Dominic ’54 (deceased), stepmother of Angela McCarthy ’86
Regina Dougherty, wife of Charles ’59, mother of Katie Shields ’87, ’93, associate vice president, Athletic Development, and Maureen Kelly ’91, ’97
Thomas Robert Kenney ’60
Edmund Bockowski ’61
Roy Cameron Jr., Esq. ’61, brother of Robert ’53
Joseph Griepp ’62
Joseph Ravotti ’62
James E. Booge III ’62
John J. Meehan III ’64
John Tiller ’64
Richard E. Burns ’66, father of Susan Deisler ’95
Samuel W. Cook ’66
Patrick Cumminskey ’67
Francis J. “Joe” Devine ’68
Eleanor T. Latimer ’69
Frank A. Muggier Jr. ’69
Robert B. Seery ’64, father of Francis ’64, father of Robert B. II ’07
Anthony M. Tocci ’70
Catherine Berens ’71
Edward Scott ’71
Mary Yura Selepes ’71, former counselor, Student Service Center
Brian S. McGill ’74
James J. Cuorato Sr., father of James Jr. ’75 and John ’79
Rocco P. Imperatrice Jr., father of Rocco P. III, Esq. ’76
Alice Kandravy ’77
Carol (Sinnott) Imperatrice ’79, wife of Rocco ’76
Frances Procacci, mother of Annette Brennan ’81
Thomas R. Kenney ’80
Richard Porth, father of Steve, Ph.D. ’80, associate dean/executive director of graduate programs, Haub School of Business, and management professor
Joseph M. Donnelly ’81, husband of Patricia (Green) ’81, father of Kevin ’11 and Patrick ’13
William T. Roan, father of Marianne Lyons ’81
Eileen Ryan, wife of Tom, Ph.D. ’82 (deceased), former theology professor, and mother of Eileen ’99
Barbara Verchuck ’83
Kevin Braegnan ’84
Peter Loftus, father of Ellen ’86
James E. Brown, father of Mary McCullough ’87
Anna McCann, mother of Michael, Ph.D. ’87, associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and biology professor
John E. McGrathie, father of Eileen Acello ’89 and Jody Gimiano ’96
James Cameron, father of Megan Melusky ’99
David Suchatski, husband of Caryn, former assistant to the dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and father of Natalie ‘05, David ‘07 and Caroline ‘09
Robert Pelicata, father of Ann ’07
Paul Gibel, father of Michael ’11
John Murphy, husband of Regina ’12, Development and Alumni Relations, father of Terrence ’08 and Erin O’Connor, Public Safety and Security
Michael Stulpin, father of Katherine ’12

Lifetime Achievement Award Goes to Whitaker ’47

Legendary sports broadcaster Jack Whitaker ’47 was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 33rd Annual Sports Emmy Awards in New York in April. In a career spanning five decades, he covered signature events in all major sports, including the first Super Bowl, the World Series, the Summer and Winter Olympics, U.S. Open Tennis, all four of golf’s major championships and all three legs of horse racing’s Triple Crown.

Photo credit: Marc Bryan-Brown Photography
“He’s who we want our students to become,” says Associate Management Professor Ron Dufresne, Ph.D., of Dan Gallagher ’94 (B.S.), ’99 (M.A.), Comcast Corporation’s vice president of learning and development operations. “He shows how our students can devote themselves to changing the world, even in the setting of a large, for-profit corporation.”

Dufresne’s opinion stems from more than just Gallagher’s professional title. He and Lucy Ford, Ph.D., assistant professor of management, collaborated with Gallagher on a rigorous survey instrument to validate a model he developed as part of a leadership program at Comcast.

“I came to learn who Dan was himself as a leader, someone who really understands and tries to embody and live what is a distinct Saint Joseph’s and Jesuit perspective on leadership,” Dufresne says.

The research forms the basis of Gallagher’s book, The Self-Aware Leader (American Society for Training & Development, 2012), co-authored with brother-in-law Joe Costal. The model emphasizes self-awareness, supported by four pillars to help leaders develop their potential. “A courageous drive for the magis,” the fourth pillar, derives from the Latin word for “more” — and from the Ignatian ideal to be men and women for others. The book’s proceeds will benefit City Year, an education-focused, nonprofit organization that unites young people in a year of full-time service.

“My experiences with nonprofits and partnering with City Year have taught me how to live by my values in all that I do,” says Gallagher.

Ford wasn’t surprised to learn Gallagher won’t profit financially from the book. “Dan spoke to my class this semester,” she says. “He told them, ‘At this stage of my career, I don’t feel it necessary to take credit for everything.’ He really does exhibit magis. Dan is a giver.”


A former Hawk mascot, Gallagher has deep ties to Saint Joseph’s. His parents, Philip ’64 and Judy ’74, are alumni, and he, his mom and his wife, Suzanne, worked at SJU. He and Suzanne have four young sons and live in Havertown, Pa.

Gallagher initiated the alumni component of Saint Joseph’s National Community Day, and in 2010, he received the Ignatius Award for devoted efforts in the service and promotion of SJU and a life of “service for others” consistent with the principles of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

Dufresne and Ford are now working on an academic article based on their research with Gallagher, which Ford described as “a beautiful way to bridge the academic-practitioner divide.” She says many practitioners aren’t willing to put in the time for serious academic research, but as Dufresne says, Gallagher “was open and willing to doing it the right way.

“It really speaks to his integrity as a leader, author and collaborative partner.”

— Molly Harty

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1992

Donna Karstetter-Colona (B.S.), a commercial real estate development and management executive, was named vice president of operations for RedGo Development in West Chester, Pa.

1993

Robert S. Dolansky Jr., D.O. (M.B.A.), who is board certified in family practice, was elected vice president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA). He is director of osteopathic medical education for St. Luke’s University Health Network and director of medical education at St. Luke’s Hospital, Allentown campus. A fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOPF), Dolansky serves as a delegate to the POMA, the American Osteopathic Association and the ACOPF.

1994

Kevin C. Rakowski, Esq. (B.A.), a partner at Blank Rome, was named a “Top Lateral Hire of 2011” in Pennsylvania, as reported in The Legal Intelligencer. He manages the firm’s consumer financial services litigation practice. Rakowski represents and counsels residential mortgage loan servicers and lenders in litigation in state and federal courts in numerous jurisdictions across the country.
**MARRIAGES**

**1997**

Kathleen P. Brunner (B.S.), president and CEO of CBOS, a full-service performance management analytics consulting firm based in North Wales, Pa., was named to SJU’s Managing Human Capital (MHC) Advisory Board. MHC is a new academic program at the University. She is also a member of Saint Joseph’s Women’s Leadership Council.

**2002**

John LaBosco (B.A.) completed an 1,800+ mile solo bike ride from Florida to New Jersey in May to benefit Eden Autism Services. He raised nearly $10,000.

**2005**

Vincent DiPietro (B.S.) is a financial services professional with First Financial Group, a general agency of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. He has received the newly developed Chartered Special Needs Consultant (ChSNC) designation, which was developed to better prepare financial services professionals to help families with special needs plan for their children’s future proactively.

**2007**

Jackie D. Major (B.S.) was named director of operations for Right at Home in Chatham, N.J. She joins her family business, which provides in-home care and assistance to seniors and disabled adults.

**2008**

Anne Marie Borneman (Ed.D.) was the 2012 graduate commencement ceremony speaker at Cabrini College.

**2009**

Keisha Spraggans (M.S.) had a stroke in 2009 after publishing her first collection of poetry, *Undisclosed Exposure*. She now suffers from a speech language disorder, Aphasia, but reports that she is doing much better.

**2010**

Jamie Haddon Jr. (M.S.) was named president and CEO of United Way of Bucks County, where he hopes to help with the challenges of homelessness, hunger and getting people back to work.

**2011**

Christine R. Bresnahan (B.S.) graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2011 with a master’s degree in mind, brain and education.

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**Top Travel Agent**

Travelocity, Travel Channel, Travelzoo … what about the good ol’ travel agent?

Baltimore, Md., native Beth Jenkins ’09 (B.A.) will tell you that travel agents are back. With the explosion of digital vehicles to book those dream vacations and the lackluster economy of the past several years, the use of travel agencies took a dive. But now, travelers experiencing information overload on the Internet are looking to travel agents like Jenkins, who works for McCabe World Travel in McLean, Va., to help them find the perfect vacation at a reasonable cost — for them and their families.

“Multigenerational travel is big,” says Jenkins, who, as a child, traveled often with her family. “With the uncertain economy, people would rather spend money on experiences with their kids and family, instead of on other material things.”

Jenkins was listed among Travel Agent magazine’s Top 35 Travel Agents Under 30 in 2011 and honored as a Rising Star for 2010 by Luxury Travel Advisor. The former SJU international relations major downplays the recognition, attributing it to being introduced to the right people in a growing industry.

“I came in on the ground floor of younger people returning to industry,” says Jenkins, whose passion for travel is manifest. “I love what I’m doing, and being able to share my passion for travel and destinations is more than fulfilling.”

— Molly Harty
For some people, home canning conjures images of Mason jars filled with preserved vegetables gathering dust in their grandmother’s basement. Increasingly, though, the art of “putting up” is a wildly popular, if not hip, pursuit, and Philadelphia-based food writer Marisa McClellan ’08 (M.A.) is at the forefront of the trend.

McClellan is the force — writer and editor — behind the go-to canning blog, Food in Jars (www.foodinjars.com), and the author of her first cookbook, Food in Jars: Preserving in Small Batches Year-Round, published in May. Both the blog, which averages more than 350,000 page views per month, and the book, cover everything a canner needs to know, from the necessary supplies to make uncomplicated staples like blueberry jam or bread-and-butter pickles, as well as step-by-step recipes for more challenging projects, like vanilla rhubarb jam with Earl Grey or cranberry ketchup.

The warm and engaging McClellan came by her canning chops naturally: It was something she practiced with her mother when she was growing up in Portland, Ore., a land of copious wild blackberries just waiting to be picked and transformed into preserves. She never thought, however, that the activity would figure so prominently in her career.

“I certainly didn’t see this coming,” says McClellan, who worked as a web producer for the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corp., but she’s happy with the evolution. While she was completing her writing studies thesis at Saint Joseph’s in 2007 — a collection of memoirs/essays about food and family — she was hired as a writer and editor for Slashfood, AOL’s food blog. When the site was sold, McClellan had a ready-made audience that came with her when she started Food in Jars late in 2008.

Since then, her reputation and her audience have grown exponentially. Local and national media, including NPR, Country Living, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times and The Oregonian, have covered McClellan, her blog and the cozy canning classes she teaches. For three consecutive years, Food in Jars has been a finalist for Saveur’s “Best Food Blog,” earning a “Sites We Love” badge from the august magazine. She also writes regularly for other popular sites, including Serious Eats, Food Network’s FN Dish blog and Simple Bites.

Modest about her success, McClellan credits being in the right place at the right time. “The intense interest in home canning is fueled by economic challenges and the locavore, organic food and DIY crafting movements,” she says, “and perhaps, a bit of nostalgia.”

McClellan is optimistic that the current enthusiasm for canning is more than just a trend. “I hope that how we think about and prepare the food we eat has changed on a core level,” she says.

— Patricia Allen

Slow Cooker Blueberry Butter Recipe

Makes 3 (1-pint/500 ml) jars
8 cups puréed blueberries (about 3 dry quarts/1.7 kg blueberries) 2 cups/400 g granulated sugar Zest and juice of 1 lemon 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

Put the puréed blueberries in a 4-quart capacity slow cooker. Place a lid on the pot and turn it on to low. After it has cooked for 1 hour, remove the lid and give it a stir. From this point forward, you will want to keep the lid slightly cracked. I have found that propping it open with a wooden spoon or chopstick gives just enough room for the evaporating steam to escape.

This butter will need between 4 and 8 hours total in the slow cooker. The time varies depending on how hot your slow cooker cooks. Check the butter at least once an hour to track the progress.

In the final hour, add the sugar, lemon zest and juice, and spices. If you want to speed the evaporation, remove the lid and turn the cooker up to high. If you do this, make sure to check and stir the butter every 10 minutes to prevent scorching.

When the butter is nearing completion, prepare a boiling water bath and 3 regular-mouth 1-pint/500 ml jars. Place the lids in a small saucepan, cover them with water, and simmer over very low heat.

Once it has cooked down to be as thick as ketchup and spreadable, determine whether you like a chunky or smooth butter. For a smoother texture, purée the butter using an immersion blender (or in batches in a blender); for a slight chunkiness, leave it as it is.

Turn the slow cooker off and ladle the butter into the prepared jars. Wipe the rims, apply the lids and rings, and process in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes. The sealed jars can be stored in a cool, dry place for up to 6 months.

Source: Food in Jars
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The new baseball field on the James J. Maguire ’58 Campus has been named in honor of John W. Smithson ’68 (B.S.), ’82 (M.B.A.), Saint Joseph’s current senior vice president and former interim president.

Smithson has demonstrated his unwavering dedication to the University since he was a student, but especially during the last academic year through his leadership as interim president. His contributions have been instrumental in strengthening Saint Joseph’s planning culture and have helped to ensure the success of Plan 2020, the University’s strategic plan. Smithson spearheaded the development of strategic plans in the areas of information technology, academics, marketing and branding, and athletics.

During his time on the Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees, as a member from 1999 to 2007 and chair from 2003 to 2007, he played a key role in negotiating the acquisition of the Maguire Campus. “John’s leadership and vision were instrumental in the acquisition of the Maguire Campus,” said Robert D. Falese ’69 (B.S.), current board chair. “He appreciated the dramatic impact it would have on our students’ experience and particularly championed the effort to provide permanent home fields for our student-athletes here on campus.”

Smithson, an SJU Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, and his wife, Mary, have three daughters. All are alumnae: Jennifer Ripper ’97 (B.S.), ’00 (M.B.A.), Anne Callaghan ’01 (B.B.A.) and Kate ’12 (B.B.A.). Paul Hondros ’70 (B.S.), former board chair, calls Smithson a role model and mentor. “Enormously committed and talented,” he says, “John has used his passion and gifts in every way possible to further the mission of SJU, which is at the core of his soul.”
Welcome to the Inaugural Week of
C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72
President of Saint Joseph’s University

October 6-12, 2012

Saturday, October 6
Community Day
Student day of service in the surrounding community.
9 A.M. Commissioning, Chapel of St. Joseph—Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial

Sunday, October 7
An Evening of Song and Prayer
Student musical performances and Mass celebrated by Fr. Gillespie.
6 P.M. Concert, Chapel of St. Joseph—Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial
7 P.M. Reception, Doyle Banquet Hall, Campion Student Center
8 P.M. Mass, Chapel of St. Joseph—Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial

Monday, October 8
Kinney Carnival
A private, special event for Kinney Center families.

SJU Community Softball Game and Barbecue
Fr. Gillespie and John Smithson to serve as player-coaches.
3:30 P.M. Game, Softball Field, Maguire Campus
4:30 P.M. Barbecue

Tuesday, October 9
Ceremonial Origins of Salsa Dancing
Featuring Jose Obando in celebration of Hispanic-American Heritage Month
11:30 A.M. Wolfington Teletorium, Mandeville Hall

Wednesday, October 10
Celebration of Faculty Scholarship
The distinguished scholarship of SJU’s faculty will be highlighted along with the unveiling of a special addition to the faculty scholarship repository.
3-5 P.M. John R. and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons

Thursday, October 11
Local Gardens, Global Impact
A panel discussion to be followed by an interfaith blessing of the grounds of the Saint Joseph’s University community garden.
11:30 A.M. Panel discussion, Connelly Hall
12:30 P.M. Garden blessing
12:45 P.M. Reception, Connelly Hall

Friday, October 12
Inaugural Ceremony
Inaugural Ceremony and Missioning.
Michael J. Hagan ’85 Arena
10 A.M. Seating begins
10:30 A.M. Procession
11 A.M. Ceremony
Reception to follow

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