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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fr. Peter Clark's reputation precedes him. My father, an SJU alumnus, was the first in a long line of people to tell me about him. The two worked together at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in North Philadelphia, and connected over their shared Hawk status. Upon arriving at SJU, he was near the top of the list of people I wanted to meet. It turns out everyone was right.

Fr. Clark is, without a doubt, one of the most fascinating Jesuits I've met in all of my years in Jesuit education. His rich background and experience, his trailblazing research, his commitment to using information to make a difference and his unassailable ethics are quintessentially Jesuit and exactly what we expect from our graduates. Add to this a deep and abiding spirituality and he embodies all of the tenets of an SJU education.

In an increasingly fractured and skeptical world, it can be challenging for faith-based institutions like SJU to prove their worth. The reality is that many young people are disappointed by organized religion and often sense a disconnect between Church doctrine and the realities of modern life. They struggle to find its relevance within the context of their lives

We know that students enter college at a pivotal point in their development. Aging out of their teens, but not yet mature adults, they experience great personal formation and growth during their college years. A Jesuit education challenges students to find God in all things and understand that there are many paths to purpose and spirituality. We provide greater context for learning, urging students to discover their gifts and talents in order to reveal their true vocation. Then we take it a step further and inspire our student to apply this "calling" to make a difference in the real world.

This issue's cover story illustrates the power that comes with living your vocation. It brings to life how we hope our students approach their education, actively and in physical proximity to the issues and challenges facing society. Embedded in this experiential education is a diverse menu of options for students to engage their spirituality — regardless of their religious affiliation. This holistic approach produces graduates who find greater personal fulfillment and make greater connections and contribution to the world.

Mark C. Reed, Ed.D.
President

HERE & NOW

Cheryl A. McConnell, Ph.D., Named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Cheryl A. McConnell, Ph.D., an accomplished higher education leader, academician and business practitioner, will assume the role of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Saint Joseph's University on June 15. She succeeds Jeanne F. Brady, Ph.D., a 20-year SJU leader and educational scholar who will retire in June.

McConnell joins SJU from fellow Jesuit institution Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, where she has held a number of progressively responsible leadership positions across the university, most recently serving as dean of the College of Business, Influence and Information Analysis since 2012 and as associate provost for academic affairs since 2017. In addition, she served as the interim dean of the College of Health and Human Services from 2016 to 2017. She has a strong track record of interdisciplinary collaboration, program innovation and growth, faculty development, budget management and the formation of strategic partnerships.

"Dr. McConnell is the right chief academic officer for Saint Joseph's to help us realize the high aspirations of our strategic plan and move the institution forward," says SJU President Mark C. Reed, Ed.D. "She is a strategic thinker, innovator, collaborator and action-oriented leader who is committed to excellence and mission. As we diversify our academic portfolio, open a new school, forge partnerships and raise the national profile of Saint Joseph's, she is exactly the academic leader we need at the helm."

McConnell's business acumen and wealth of experience have honed a sharp understanding of the economic model and financial complexities of higher education. As business dean, she tripled graduate enrollments through creative and market-responsive program development. Since 2006, she has served as a member of Rockhurst's planning and budgetary committee.



McConnell

Courtesy of Rockhurst University

Additionally, McConnell led accrediting and reaccrediting efforts across professional schools.

"Cheryl's legacy at Rockhurst University will be felt for a long time," says Rockhurst President Thomas B. Curran, S.J. "She helped transform the generation of students she taught, thoughtfully and successfully partnered with faculty and staff colleagues, and journeyed with alumni, trustees and civic leaders in multiple efforts to improve the quality of life in the Kansas City region."

McConnell, who will join the accounting faculty at SJU, received a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Saint Louis University and bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Wichita State University. Additionally, she completed the Institute of Educational Management, a two-week immersion and leadership experience for senior-level higher education administrators, at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Prior to her academic career, McConnell was a senior accountant at former Big 5 accounting firm Arthur Andersen.

Real Estate Alumni Drive Philadelphia Forward

Saint Joseph's continues to be a top producer of real estate professionals throughout the Philadelphia region. The University's Real Estate and Construction Alumni Chapter, nearly 500 members strong, is made up of real estate agents and developers, construction specialists, property owners, bankers, project managers and industry mentors.

On September 28, the alumni chapter held the annual Development and Real Estate Tax Revolution Symposium, where six industry leaders discussed the future of Philadelphia's real estate.

Matt Cabrey, executive director of Select Greater Philadelphia Council, shared his thoughts on how the region appeals to clients.

"When people are thinking about establishing their operations in the area, they do research and collect data, but our goal is to get them to come visit," he said. "There's something special happening in Greater Philadelphia.

When they visit, they feel the energy of the area. They feel welcome."

On December 4, the chapter held its annual Christmas luncheon, honoring Pete Davisson '63, a founding principal of commercial real estate leader Jackson Cross Partners, with the Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., Leader of the Year Award for remarkable industry success and a dedication to his *alma mater*. The award is named for the University's 26th president, who spearheaded the acquisition of the James J. Maguire '58 Campus and oversaw numerous campus renovations. Davisson is one of the founding members of the Real Estate and Construction affinity group which provides professional development experiences to current SJU students.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," said Davisson after being presented with the Lannon Award. "As I look back over the past 60 years, I realize how much of my life is connected to Saint Joseph's."



Slike

Slike Honored for Dedication to Deaf Education

Sam Slike, D.Ed., director of special education online programs, received the Alumni Excellence Award from his *alma mater*, Pennsylvania State University, for his achievements to improve the teaching of individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. A career-long champion of the deaf community, Slike oversees 40 courses, serving about 300 graduate students and leading 20 adjunct professors at Saint Joseph's.

Slike's work on universal design in education — the idea that all classes should be accessible to all people, independent of their ability to hear — has improved learning for students who are deaf and hard of hearing, as well as everyone who takes online educational classes. He also translated teaching and learning into other technology formats like CD-ROMS, video discs and video conferencing.

"The thing that thrills me most is it's been a lifelong dream of mine to fuse deafness and technology," he says. "I keep challenging our student teachers: How else can you use technology to teach?"



Bloomberg Names Haub School Experiential Learning Partner

Bloomberg for Education recognized SJU's Erivan K. Haub School of Business as an Experiential Learning Partner (ELP) in early 2019. The Bloomberg ELP program provides students exclusive and innovative experiential learning through Bloomberg Professional Terminals. Bloomberg has more than 900 university clients internationally, only 35 of which are currently recognized as ELP members. SJU's Haub School is one of only three business schools in Pennsylvania to achieve this elite status.

"We are excited by this achievement and for our students to take advantage of this program," says Matthew Kelly, visiting instructor of finance and director of Haub's Wall Street Trading Room, where students gain hands on experience through the use of real-time investment data, trading simulations and analytical tools, including Bloomberg terminals. "Being recognized as an ELP partner shows how faculty and students at Saint Joseph's are continuously working hard to bridge the gap between education and industry through the use of Bloomberg."



Students Raise Funds, Awareness for Mental Health

More than 550 students, staff and community members came together in November for the annual Out of the Darkness Walk, supporting mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

A recent survey by the American Psychological Association revealed that more than 35 percent of students entering college struggle with mental health. The walk raised \$10,000 to support Active Minds, a national organization of student groups dedicated to starting conversations about the topic, but Alex Oleck '19, one of the nearly 100 student organizers of the walk, says the impact is greater than a dollar figure

"Written on the backs of our shirts is the simple phrase 'Never Give Up,'" Oleck says. "We do this event to provide hope for anyone who is suffering with their mental health and to make a statement that no one walks through life alone."



Arango

Biologist Receives National Science Foundation Grant

Associate Professor of Biology Catalina Arango, Ph.D., has been awarded a \$252,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for her research into the regulation of gene expression. The award is part of a \$560,000 grant shared with Castleton University.

"Dr. Arango's research is aimed at understanding mechanisms of gene expression in nitrogen-fixing bacteria," says Shaily Menon, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Findings from her research will enhance our knowledge of the intracellular signaling pathways that regulate metabolism and will be applicable to other biological systems."

The grant will help support up to nine undergraduate student researchers and one master's student, including opportunities for experiential learning, and will further allow for community outreach that will leverage the biology department's existing science programs for students in Philadelphia.

NSF Grant Jumpstarts STEM Teaching Careers

In July, the National Science Foundation awarded Saint Joseph's a \$1.45 million grant through the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, encouraging students to pursue and sustain careers as educators in the fields of science technology, engineering and mathematics in high needs secondary schools. The grant will provide funding to six local colleges and universities and a total of 55 undergraduate students.

"This program aligns nicely with our university model," says Tetyana Berezovski, Ph.D., associate professor and director of graduate programs in mathematics education, who is the principal investigator of the grant. "SJU provides five year of leadership that connects our Noyce scholars with peers from other universities and mentors who have already become teacher-leaders. That creates connections that these scholars can come back to for many years."

One alumnus of the program, Tyler Gaspich '11, '12 (M.S.), director of academic technologies at the Academy of Notre Dame, learned invaluable lessons and skills for his future as an educator. "The teaching experience truly altered my perspective on education, politics and people," he says.



Beeman

Healthcare Leader Joins Haub School as Executive in Residence

Thomas E. Beeman '75, '77 (M.A.), Ph.D., FACHE joined SJU as Executive in Residence of the Erivan K. Haub School of Business this winter. In the role, Beeman will be an available professional resource for students, colleagues and leadership. He will aim to provide practical mentorship through office hours, career coaching and lectures.

"Thomas Beeman is nationally recognized as a leader in the healthcare industry and as a former Admiral in the United States Navy," says Joseph A. DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. '70, dean of the Haub School of Business. "His distinguished career experience will enhance our academic offerings in our graduate business programs, our leadership programs and our veterans programs."

We look forward to having him as a part of the Haub School."

Beeman most recently served as chief operating officer of regional operations at Penn Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Health System, where he was responsible for ensuring the broadest population of communities possible had access to Penn's clinical care through direct accountability for the Chester County Hospital, Lancaster General Health Hospital and Health System, and Penn Homecare and Hospice Services. He has more than 45 years of experience in the healthcare field including serving as the chief executive officer of Lancaster General Health and president and chief executive officer at Saint Thomas Health Services in Nashville, Tennessee.



Fake News, Real Consequences: Ethics in Communication

More and more often, people are getting their daily news digitally: from Twitter, an online news outlet or a podcast. But with this new ease of information sharing comes certain risks.

James Caccamo, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of theology and religious studies, talked “fake news” with a number of local library audiences in 2018. An ethicist who specializes in the discipline’s intersection with technology, Caccamo believes that from a Catholic perspective the purpose of communication is to help people understand one another and to bridge the gaps that divide people — to create community.

“Falsehood makes unity impossible,” he says. “That’s why we don’t approve of lying — even on Twitter.”

Caccamo argues that fake news hampers a person’s right to make an informed choice using the best information available. Instead, Catholic Social Teaching would prefer people of all backgrounds and belief systems learn the facts together.

“When the Internet was created, its goal was to democratize information,” he says.



Springsteen: Master Storyteller on Stage and Stream

Bruce Springsteen’s Netflix special “Springsteen on Broadway,” which treats fans to a performance from his year-plus residency in Manhattan, shows a different side of “The Boss” — the skilled rhetorician.

“The special shows Springsteen at his most comfortable and confident,” says William Wolff, Ph.D., assistant professor of communication studies.

Wolff is the editor of a collection of scholarly essays looking at the ways that Springsteen presents himself and his music to the world. He says that early performances of the one-man show were carefully scripted, but as time passed, Springsteen began to use his platform and his stories to effect change, an approach he has been known for throughout his career.

“Maybe it’s because he’s aware of the potential global audience provided by the camera, but he’s more demonstrative in his presentation,” Wolff says. “The words are the same, but the focus is changed. He frames these stories about himself in the context of a community and what it means to be a citizen.”



SJU Experts Take Their Show on the Road

Now in its second year of programming, SJULive offers alumni from around the country a chance to engage both locally and online with faculty, alumni and industry experts through presentations on a variety of timely topics.

This year’s series kicked off in August, when new Athletics Director Jill Bodensteiner visited Stone Harbor, New Jersey, to present on the landscape of college athletics. In November, alumni and friends in New York City gathered at top marketing firm Anomaly to learn about the effectiveness of music in advertising from David Allan, Ph.D., ’99 (MBA) and firm founding partner Mike Byrne. In March, the series made its way to the nation’s capital, where NBC News political reporter Jon Allen, *CBS This Morning* broadcast associate Katryna Perera ’16, and *Inside Higher Ed* co-founder Scott Jaschik discussed the “fake news” phenomenon with SJU faculty members Shenid Bhayroo, Ph.D., Jenny Spinner, Ph.D., and James Caccamo, Ph.D.



Tim McGrath Junior and Senior visited the Autism Break Room when it debuted in Hagan Arena.

Autism Break Room Gives Hawks Fans Peace of Mind

Creating comfortable public spaces for individuals with a variety of sensory and behavioral needs has become a growing trend. It's one that SJU's Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support has been involved in over the last decade, first partnering with the Philadelphia Zoo to create an autism-friendly experience at their Children's Zoo and then with Aer Lingus to prepare families of travelers with autism for the flight experience.

Now, Saint Joseph's University is one of the first higher educational institutions to offer an autism break room, which supports individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and makes game day experiences positive and inclusive, in an NCAA Division I athletic arena.

"The greatest feedback from families so far has been their new peace of mind," says Joseph McCleery, Ph.D., Kinney's executive director of academic programs. "The Break Room is there as a temporary 'escape hatch' even if they don't end up using it."

The sensory-friendly break room, designed and staffed by Kinney experts, is outfitted with stress balls, bean bag chairs, weighted blankets, noise-cancelling headphones and more. The room provides a quiet, safe space for families, children and adults with autism to enjoy a calm moment and take a break from the excitement of a Hawks game. Located in a sound-protected area close to the court, it

allows adults or families with multiple children to go back and forth to the game.

The break room opened to the public on December 2, when the Hawk women's basketball team took on rival Villanova. More than 150 Kinney Center students and family members attended.

"Hagan Arena is now even more welcoming and inclusive for adults and children with autism," says Jill Bodensteiner, director of athletics. "In light of the fact that Saint Joseph's is the home to the world class Kinney Center, we should be a leader in college athletics when it comes to integrating individuals with sensory differences into the athletics community."

And the effort, according to Kinney Center staff, has paid off. The space has served more than 20 families across three NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball games, a number of whom used the space multiple times during a given game in order to take a much-needed break and be able to return to the game.

"One family who has been attending SJU basketball games for years said they were finally able to bring their son for the first time," says Arianna Esposito '18 (MBA), associate director for adult and transition programs at the Kinney Center. "The break room helped keep their family tradition alive."

See more: kinneyautism.sju.edu

Alumna Calls Rise in E-Cigarette Usage 'Alarming'

"The American Lung Association is very concerned that we are at risk of losing another generation to lung disease because of e-cigarettes," said Deborah P. Brown, '87 (M.S.), the Chief Mission Officer of the American Lung Association, who spoke about the dangers of e-cigarettes for young adults on November 15, in Champion Student Center's Forum Theatre. "The FDA has reported that youth e-cigarette use increased by more than 75 percent this year and reached 'epidemic' levels. It's alarming."

The FDA report, which came out just an hour before Brown's talk, was startling, with use among high schoolers jumping nearly 80 percent and almost 50 percent among middle schoolers in the past year alone. The number of young people using e-cigarettes increased by 1.5 million people, to 3.6 million total, in a single year.



Greg Boyle, S.J., Shares 'Radical Kinship' with Packed SJU Audience

The founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest rehabilitation and re-entry program for gang members in the world, Greg Boyle, S.J., discussed his recent book, *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*, before a packed audience on September 12, in the Chapel of Saint Joseph – Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial. The talk was sponsored by the Faith-Justice Institute's Joseph William and Madeline Eberle Klein Fund.

"You don't go to the margins to make a difference," said Fr. Boyle. "You go to the margins to make you different."



Advocate Against Death Penalty Speaks on Continuing Journey

On November 14, Helen Prejean, CSJ, told a rapt SJU audience about her first experience visiting a person on death row, a convicted killer.

"I saw his face for the first time and I couldn't believe how human he was," she shared in the Chapel of Saint Joseph – Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial. "I could see by his face he was human."

That sense of humanity — of people capable of the most terrible acts but also capable of redemption, forgiveness and compassion — has fueled Sr. Prejean's advocacy against the death penalty, including her book *Dead Man Walking* and the 1995 movie of the same name, starring Sean Penn. Sr. Prejean's campus talk, "Dead Man Walking: the Journey Continues," chronicled her ongoing effort.

The sold-out event was sponsored by the Faith-Justice Institute's Joseph William and Madeline Eberle Klein Fund, which offers educational events aimed at addressing greater inclusion of marginalized populations in the Catholic Church.

Nuns on the Bus Roll into Campus

"I have a real problem with mortgaging the futures of our children — even though I don't have any." The remark, delivered by Betsy Van Deusen, CSJ, brought a roomful of chuckles to the nearly 200 audience members gathered in the Chapel of St. Joseph – Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial on October 24.

That mix of social critique and good humor is a hallmark of Nuns on the Bus, a nationwide campaign of Catholic sisters for social justice, called "The Tax Justice Truth Tour," ahead of this year's midterm elections.

Their presentation, sponsored by the Office of Mission and Campus Ministry, illustrated how the nation's most vulnerable people were at even greater risk as a result of last year's tax cuts. Even when those people saw a modest cut in taxes, the nuns' presentation argued, the cut in services ultimately required to pay for the tax cut would gut support for working families and other vulnerable populations.

In Memory

Charles Currie, S.J. (1931-2019)

Charles L. Currie, S.J., served as rector of SJU's Jesuit Community from 1991 to 1997 and on the College of Arts and Sciences advisory board for the last decade. Fr. Currie was also the former president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, Wheeling Jesuit University and Xavier University. A champion for social justice, Fr. Currie co-founded the yearly Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, which brought students, faculty and staff from Jesuit institutions to Washington, D.C., to honor the legacy of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter who were martyred in El Salvador in 1989.

Susan Fenton, M.F.A. (1949-2018)

Susan Fenton, M.F.A., associate professor of art, joined Saint Joseph's in 1997, serving as an adjunct faculty member and, later, as gallery coordinator and visiting assistant professor. In 2005, she was hired as a member of the tenure-track faculty. Fenton taught introductory and advanced courses in fine art photography involving darkroom work with both film-based and alternative processes. Her work has been displayed both nationally and internationally, with over 30 solo and curatorial exhibitions. A number of her works have earned inclusion in permanent collections around the world.

Ellen Ryan (1940-2018)

Ellen Ryan was one of the most instrumental figures in the history of SJU women's athletics. In a career spanning 37 years, she was head coach for multiple teams and served as associate athletic director and senior women's administrator. Under her guidance, women's athletics at SJU established a proud tradition and achieved great success. In 1999, Ryan was a member of the inaugural class of the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame. She was also inducted into the Big 5 and SJU Women's Basketball Halls of Fame. In 2011, the Hawks' new field hockey facility was christened Ellen Ryan Field in her honor.

Cathleen G. Spinelli, Ph.D. (1951-2018)

Cathleen G. Spinelli, Ph.D., professor of special education, was a lifelong educator and advocate for children with special needs. Spinelli joined Saint Joseph's in 2001 and was promoted to full professor in 2007. She taught courses at the undergraduate and graduate level, bringing her extensive experience in the public school system as a certified school psychologist, educational diagnostician, school administrator and special education teacher to future educators. Spinelli previously served as chair of the special education department and was instrumental in developing key features of the academic offerings within the department today.



The SJU field hockey team claimed its second consecutive Atlantic 10 championship this season

Hagan Arena Rolls Out Enhancements for 10th Season

As Saint Joseph's marks the tenth season since Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse was renovated to become Michael J. Hagan '85 Arena, fans attending events at the venue this year saw a number of upgrades to the gameday experience. The entire arena is now outfitted with LE lighting that add excitement to pre-game lineup announcements. A dedicated wireless network allows fans to keep up with other scores and share reactions to big plays on social media. The popular "Fan Fest" returned before five games giving early-arriving fans access to family-friendly activities. Finally, beer and wine were made available for purchase by fans over the age of 21.

Women's Soccer Reaches A-10 Semifinal; Seven Players Earn League Honors

The women's soccer team ended its season with the second-best win total in program history, finishing at 14-5-2. The team reached its fifth consecutive Atlantic 10 conference tournament and appeared in their third consecutive championship semifinal before falling to VCU. The Hawks were a regular fixture in the top 10 United Soccer Coaches East Region Poll throughout the season, closing the year out ranked No. 7.

At season's end, seven Hawks garnered Atlantic 10 women's soccer postseason honors. Seniors Paige Bergman, Michaela Finneyfrock and Dakota Mills were named to the A-10 All-Conference First Team, while senior Grace Bendon and sophomore Morgan Bower were selected to the A-10 All-Conference Second Team. Additionally, freshmen Mackenzie Ehresman and Aleksa Peev were named to the A-10 All-Rookie Team.

Field Hockey Captures Second Consecutive A-10 Title

SJU's field hockey team capped off a stellar season in November with a second consecutive Atlantic 10 tournament championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. The team rose as high as No. 10 in the Penn Monto/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) poll during the season, and players across the entire roster gathered individual athletic and academic honors throughout the year.

At the end of the year, senior forward Anna Willocks, junior goalkeeper Victoria Kammerinke and junior midfielder Pepa Serrano were named to the Longstreth/NFH A Division I All-America First, Second, and Third Teams, respectively. Additionally, freshman forward Tonya Botherway was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division I Field Hockey Rookie of the Year, and she and Willocks were both named to the All-ECAC team. Willocks ended her senior campaign as a finalist for the prestigious Honda Sport Award for field hockey, as announced by The Collegiate Women's Sports Awards. Willocks is the first Saint Joseph's student-athlete to be named a finalist for the national honor.

Men's Soccer Defender Named Academic All-American

Sophomore men's soccer defender David Grana was named to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-American Men's Soccer Second Team, as selected by College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Grana earned the national honor after already being named to the Academic All-District First Team.

A native of Rochester, New York, Grana is the only sophomore on any of the three Academic All-America squads, comprised of 36 members. Grana is a biology major and holds a 4.00 GPA. He is also the only Atlantic 10 student-athlete who made the cut and the first Academic All-American Second Team selection in the Saint Joseph's men's soccer program's 61-year history.



Grana

Hawks in the Halls

Jamie Moyer '85 and Muffet McGraw '77, along with Sixers great Allen Iverson and Eagles star Brian Westbrook, were inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame in November. Moyer, who shares the Hawk baseball record for strikeouts in a season with 90, pitched in the major leagues for 25 years, appearing in nearly 700 games. He was a starting pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2008, when the team won the World Series. McGraw, who was a four-year starter for SJU women's basketball, has been one of the winningest coaches in college athletics since 1982. In 2018, she won her second NCAA Championship as head coach of the University of Notre Dame women's team.

Women's lacrosse head coach Alex Kahoe, who won five consecutive NCAA national titles as a student at the University of Maryland, was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in September. Kahoe is arguably one of the most decorated collegiate goalkeepers of all-time. She was a three-time All-American, three-time ACC Goalkeeper of the Year, and two-time NCAA Goalkeeper of the Year as a student. She was also a member of the USA National Lacrosse Team from 1997-2005 and the USA World Cup Lacrosse Team in 2003.

Kahoe was named the head coach of the Saint Joseph's women's lacrosse program on August 11, 2014, and has indisputably led the program to new heights in just four years, coaching the Hawks to a 21-6 regular-season A-10 record en route to three consecutive A-10 postseason appearances entering the 2019 season.

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Maguire Family Challenges Alumni to 'Be the One'

Donating just \$1 before May 31 could unlock \$1 million for SJU scholarship students

Jim Maguire '58 is well known as a giant in the insurance industry and a generous philanthropist in his community and at Saint Joseph's University. But these incredible achievements didn't happen in isolation — in fact, it took one special person at SJU to put Jim Maguire on a path to success. That one person was J. Hunter Guthrie, S.J., a Jesuit priest who mentored Jim Maguire and ultimately got the best out of him, leading to his graduation and launching his prosperous career.

This important relationship was one that helped to change the course of Jim Maguire's life.

With steadfast fidelity to the Hawks and confidence in our collective community spirit and power, the Maguires are extending their support of Saint Joseph's University by issuing The Maguire Challenge. If we come together to demonstrate a record-breaking number of donors to SJU and the Saint Joseph's Fund this spring, the Maguires will contribute \$1 million in support of scholarships for our students.

Each individual gift counts toward the goal. Any donation, no matter the size, could be the one that helps SJU meet The Maguire Challenge, opening up once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for students to access a unique, top-ranked SJU education. For more information or to participate in The Maguire Challenge, visit one.sju.edu.



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SHIELD OF LOYOLA

Dedicated Alumni Honored with Leadership Awards

Saint Joseph's has no shortage of passionate alumni who lead and achieve in their fields. Four such Hawks — Don DiJulia '67, Jim Norris '85, Eileen Cardile '87 and Glenn P. Todaro '07 — were recognized by the University at the annual Leadership Awards Dinner in October.

DiJulia, now a special assistant to University President Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., received the Shield of Loyola for his unparalleled loyalty to SJU and remarkable success as longtime athletics director.

One of the most respected administrators in college athletics, DiJulia oversaw tremendous growth in the University's athletic programs during his tenure, including the addition of five varsity programs and a new weight training facility, the initiation of athletic fund drives, and the upgrading and creation of key University athletic facilities. DiJulia has been heavily involved in the intercollegiate athletics community over the years, representing Saint Joseph's by serving on numerous committees for both the NCAA and the Atlantic 10 Conference. In addition to recognizing DiJulia with this distinguished award, the University designated a scholarship in his name. At the time of the dinner, \$450,000 had been raised to fund the scholarship.

Norris was honored with the Alumni Professional Achievement Award, given to alumni whose achievement from any professional field has brought distinction to themselves, credit to the University and benefit to their communities.

A track star during his college years, Norris holds the fastest 1,500-meter indoor time in SJU history. The dedication that made him so successful as a runner fueled his rise in business. Not long after graduating, he joined Vanguard International as assistant to the Chairman in 1987. Since then, he has held leadership positions in the corporate and institutional divisions, led Vanguard's Institutional Retirement business and is the author of *The Vanguard Retirement Investing Guide*.

"Jim rose to the upper echelon of Vanguard, but he didn't start there," said Dr. Reed. "It's about a commitment to rigor and a commitment to excellence, and Jim models that in everything he does."

In addition to his professional success, Norris puts the Jesuit ideal of service at the forefront of his efforts; the alumnus currently sits on SJU's Board of Trustees, and has volunteered his time on committees for athletics, finance, student affairs and more. Norris is also a supporter of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania and sits on the board of directors for the Triskeles Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that promotes community-minded philanthropy.

Cardile received the Reverend Joseph S. Hogan, S.J., Award for exemplifying the Christian principles of faith, hope and love and outstanding loyal service to SJU. She attended Saint Joseph's part time while working as a nurse and raising three children, earning her undergraduate business degree and Master of Science in Health Administration over 11 years of



Jim Norris '85

ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Eileen Cardile '87

REVEREND JOSEPH S.
HOGAN, S.J., AWARD



Glenn P. Todaro '07

THE IGNATIUS
AWARD

study. She quickly established herself as a leader in the health care industry, most recently serving as executive vice president of the Inspira Health Network in New Jersey and as president and CEO of Inspira Medical Center Woodbury, where she facilitated innovative clinical integration, population health and quality initiatives, in addition to Medical Affairs, the system's medical group, and community services for the elderly.

Cardile has always dedicated time to SJU as a member on the Women's Leadership Council and the Board of Trustees.

"Eileen represents and embodies a commitment to lifelong learning," said Dr. Reed. "She's a fighter and she's tenacious."

Todaro, who graduated *summa cum laude* as valedictorian of the Haub School of Business with a degree in accounting, received The Ignatius Award in honor of his dedication to both the service of others and his service to the University.

Todaro is as passionate about Saint Joseph's University as an alumnus as he was during his time as an undergraduate student. The former orientation leader, Hawk Host tour guide, liturgical minister, WSJR radio personality and co-recipient of the 2007 Emory Ross, S.J. Sixth Man Award even had his wedding officiated by former President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. Todaro also served for five years as a dedicated member of the National Alumni Board, acting as a leading #OneDaySJU Ambassador, a volunteer at Hawkfest and

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a participant in Global Community Day, Talk with Hawks and various admissions events. He also never wavered in his support of SJU Hawks Basketball as a season-ticket holder and a frequent instigator of "Gimme an H" chants.

Now the senior manager of corporate accounting for BrightView Landscapes, the largest commercial landscaping company in the United States, Todaro credits the moment he stepped on to campus as one of the most important milestones in his life.

"Glenn represents a Hawk through and through," Dr. Reed said. "What Glenn represents for our alumni is you can have professional success, you can be engaged with your *alma mater*, and you can live a balanced, integrated life which is reflective of the Jesuit education that you receive here at St. Joe's."



The Beauty of the **BARNES**

by Marie Williams and Colleen Sabatino '11 (M.A.)

Her face lit up with genuine delight. Nearly everyone in attendance at the September 27 ceremony to name the Frances M. Maguire Gallery building at the Barnes Arboretum saw the endearing moment. Frannie Maguire, the wife of James J. Maguire '58, was overjoyed to be honored for her longtime philanthropy and support of Saint Joseph's University and the Barnes Foundation, as well as her legacy as an accomplished artist and arts advocate.

"She enjoys a range of creativity. She looks at every piece of art and every experience with fresh eyes, as if she is seeing it for the first time" said her daughter Megan Maguire, president and CEO of the Maguire Foundation, as she reflected on that September moment and her mom's personal outlook and approach. "It is a great reminder of how you should look at life."

The Saint Joseph's-Barnes Foundation partnership is breathing new life into the Barnes' Merion property, commemorated by the naming ceremony that literally opened the gates of the Barnes grounds on a gorgeous fall morning. The gathering of faculty, staff, students, neighbors and other supporters celebrated the long-term educational affiliation between the University and the Barnes Foundation, which expands opportunities for both students and the surrounding community to engage in the existing horticulture education program and future life sciences and fine arts programming.

For the Maguires, who earmarked a portion of their historic \$50 million gift for this endeavor, the partnership builds on the foundation's



longstanding support of education, arts and culture in and around Philadelphia and was a logical and important way to link the Barnes' presence and programming in its primary Center City location and original Merion property.

According to Thom Collins, executive director and president of the Barnes Foundation, the collaboration also

fulfills an educational aspiration of D. Albert C. Barnes, founder of the internationally renowned arts institution, that was nearly 80 years in the making. (See sidebar on opposite page.)

SJU President Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., who described the partnership as one of the most exciting endeavors he has been involved in at the University, acknowledged Frannie's "life-long love and cultivation of the arts" as sweet affirmation for the gallery naming.

As a patron of the arts, Frannie has been instrumental in supporting programs that connect arts and scholarship at numerous organizations, including the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where she studied, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Merion Mercy Academy and Studio Incammanati, to name a few. Frannie is also a prolific artist in her own right having produced hundreds of paintings representing a number of styles and media — from realism to abstract — and sculptures and busts of everyday people, family members, SJU Jesuits including C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. '72 (SJU's 27th president) and Michael J. Smith, S.J. (for whom the University's chapel is named), and luminaries such as former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter and the late Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua. Her work spans more than 30 years.

During an afternoon at the Maguire Foundation's headquarters in Conshohocken, Jim Maguire proudly recalled and showed off Frannie's



1) The grounds of the Barnes Arboretum. 2) Frannie Maguire (right of center) reacts to the announcement that the legendary gallery building would be named in her honor. 3) The gallery building, which has stood in Lower Merion since the 1920s. 4) Frannie Maguire has gifted several pieces of art to SJU, including a bust of Michael J. Smith, S.J., which is permanently displayed in the Chapel of St. Joseph. Photos: Melissa Kelly

portfolio — on his mobile phone and on the walls and shelves of the foundation's office space. While Frannie had taken art classes as a child and was exposed to arts and culture growing up (her paternal grandmother was a painter), he pointed out that she became more immersed in the arts after injuring her spine in a bike accident and needing an outlet to channel her creativity.

In his 2010 book, *Just Show Up Every Day*, Jim describes the accident as reawakening Frannie's talents and remembers their children bringing art supplies to their mother's bedside to help her pass the time. "Frannie's artistic talents began to flourish during her recuperation," he writes.

The Maguires' daughter Franny recalls in the book: "We had always known in an unconscious sort of way that our mother was a talented artist. But during this period, we saw her in a different way. We realized the extent of [her] talent, interest, experience and inspiration."

Although art is a personal passion for Frannie, it is one she eagerly shares with others. "Frannie always wanted art to be accessible to all," emphasized Jim, who believes that the Saint Joseph's-Barnes partnership makes good on that promise for students, faculty and the public and strategically aligns the University with a world-class institution.

It also makes good on Frannie's desire to better connect the scholarship and initiatives of the Barnes' two campuses and to support student-artists. "She doesn't look at art through a discriminating lens," Megan added. "She sees the beauty in all art and believes that every artist has the potential to be a great artist."

Recognizing and investing in human potential is the real beauty of the Maguires, most recently brought to life at the Barnes Arboretum at Saint Joseph's University.

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Art and Education as Experience

Albert Barnes was an avid reader of pragmatist philosophers — those who believed that philosophical thought was best tested by putting it to use in realistic human experiences rather than treating it as an unrealistic ideal. In 1917, Barnes reached out to **John Dewey**, one of the earliest proponents of the movement, who was at the time a professor at Columbia University and the recent author of *Democracy and Education*. Barnes sat in on some of Dewey's courses and the two shortly began to bond over their interest in democracy, pragmatist values and the role of art in education.

The intellectual connection sparked in the seminar room would grow into a 30-year friendship and inspire volumes of books on education, art and philosophy.

"John Dewey is considered one of the most significant thinkers of the 20th century," says Jeanne Brady, Ph.D., University Provost and education scholar. "He believed, as we do at Saint Joseph's, in the value of learning through experience, and of finding meaning in experience."

The Barnes Foundation opened in 1922, and Dewey was hired shortly thereafter as its first president and education director.

The educational and artistic philosophy that Dewey and Barnes championed is closely related to the Ignatian pedagogy at the heart of Jesuit education, says Brady. "Experiential learning is a key element of pragmatic educational philosophy, and is also emphasized here at Saint Joseph's."

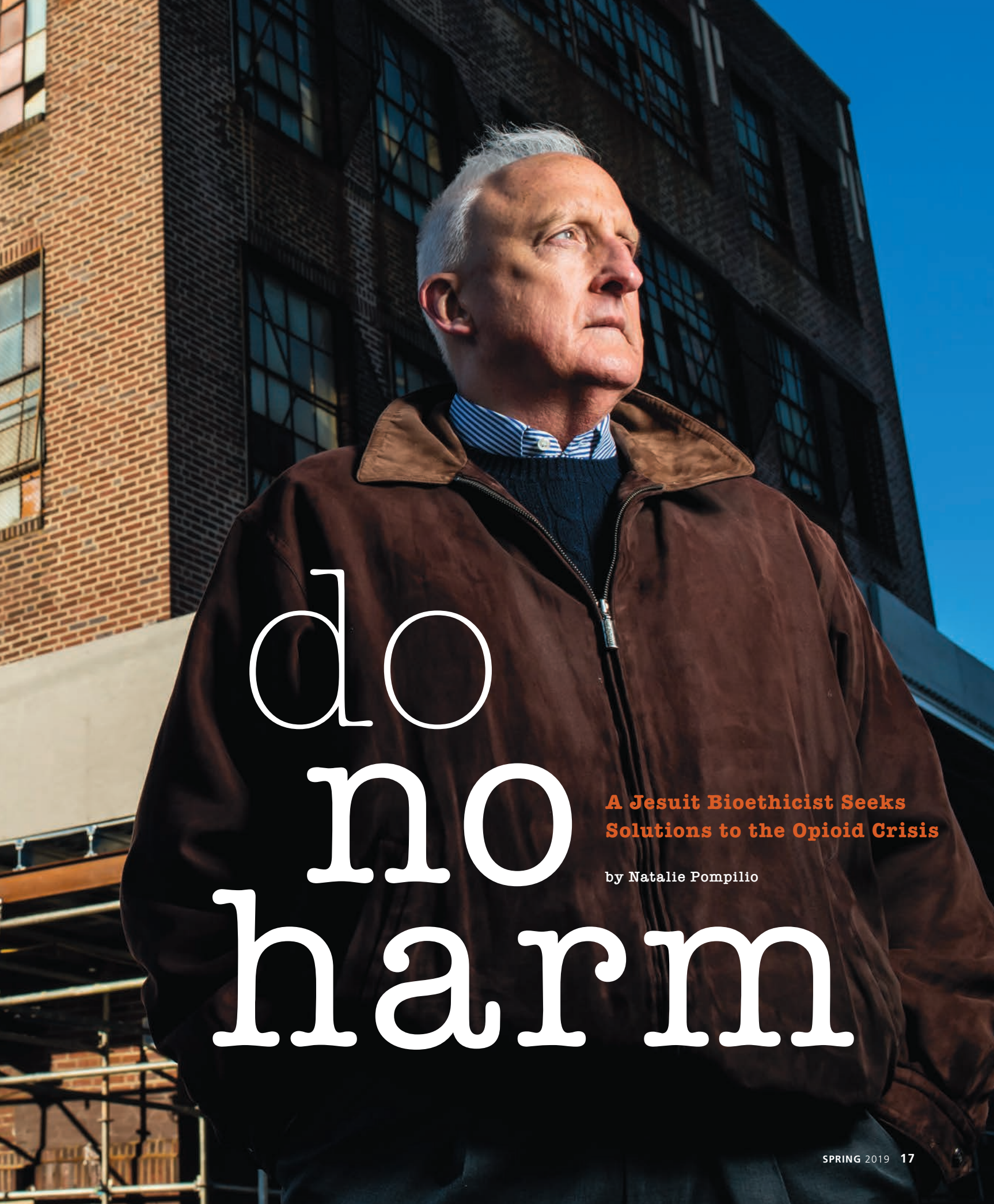
The three main elements of the Ignatian paradigm, a method of teaching and learning taken from the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, are experience, reflection and action — elevating active participation to the same importance as cognitive work as essential for meaningful learning.

Of the educational programs at the Barnes Foundation, the founder once said, "We teach them [our students] how to learn to see; that is, to perceive the meanings in the events of everyday life, as well as in paintings, sculpture, music, furniture, objects in wrought iron, trees and flower . . ."

"The partnership with the Barnes Foundation allows for enhanced experiential learning opportunities in a number of areas," says Brady. "If we think about art, as Barnes and Dewey did, as a way of seeing, we understand the immense potential for growth in our students' capacities for creativity, compassion, problem-solving and leadership, for example, that art affords."

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A photograph of a middle-aged man with grey hair, wearing a brown jacket over a blue and white striped shirt and a dark sweater. He is looking upwards and to the right. The background is a large brick building with many windows, and the sky is a clear blue. The title 'do no harm' is overlaid in large white letters.

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**A Jesuit Bioethicist Seeks
Solutions to the Opioid Crisis**

by Natalie Pompilio

in

October 2018, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney signed an executive order declaring the city's opioid problem — which has sent neighborhoods around the area into atrophy — a “disaster.”

“The crisis has created unacceptable conditions for Kensington and the surrounding neighborhood,” Kenney’s executive order states. “Nearly 150 people are camped on Frankford Avenue and Emerald Street, alone, with smaller encampments spread throughout the community. Drugs are bought, sold and injected openly...Streets, school yards and public parks are littered with trash, human waste and used syringes. Children and commuters dodge illegal activity on their way to school and work.”

The call to action, while monumental, was not surprising. More than 1,000 people died from opioid drug overdoses in Philadelphia in 2017. While 2018 numbers are not final it’s estimated that another 1,000 deaths in the city will be opioid-addiction related. Nationwide, an estimated two million people struggle with opioid dependence; in 2016 and 2017, more than 130 people died from opioid-related drug overdoses every day in the U.S., according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

What is surprising, at least to some, is that a Jesuit priest — Peter Clark, S.J. ’75 — is an outspoken advocate of addressing the problem in a controversial way: by creating safe injection sites in the city.

In a study published in *The Internet Journal of Public Health*, the professor and his team of students and doctors supported the creation of Comprehensive User Engagement Sites (CUES) staffed by health care professionals who would supervise intravenous drug use and provide syringes, disposable cookers, matches, bottled water and tourniquets.

Clark’s work is driven by one of the Church’s most fundamental beliefs: All human life is sacred.

“We took a lot of pushback on [the safe injection sites]: ‘Why are you, as a Catholic ethicist, promoting giving clean needles to heroin addicts?’” Clark says. “But what we’re trying to do is based on sanctity of life. Unless you’re ready for rehab, you’re not going to be successful. We’re trying to keep people alive until they’re ready to go into rehab. That’s our ultimate goal.

“I learned a long time ago that many people think ethics can be black and white. I think it’s gray in most places.”

As Clark has immersed himself in the issue, he’s spoken to countless people with a substance use disorder, the people who love them and the health care workers who struggle to keep them alive. Despite the fact that many who complete a substance use disorder treatment program or “rehab” go on to productive and satisfying lives in recovery, one person still struggling with the issue told Clark, “We are the disposable people.”

“That really hit home. They see themselves as people no one cares about. If they die, they die. That’s one less person to have to worry about,” Clark says. “That said a great deal to me: what kind of society are we if that’s what we really do think?”

As a college professor, Clark teaches, counsels and mentors students. As founder and director of the University’s Institute of Clinical Bioethics (ICB), he works with doctors from around the world as they grapple with difficult ethical dilemmas and does weekly ethical teaching rounds at four local hospitals.

As a humanitarian, he uses both roles to help others. On a local level, Clark helms a project that serves the medical needs of tens of thousands of undocumented immigrants and is working with students to find way to reduce childhood obesity and to explore the use of marijuana as a drug treatment option. Students working with Clark are also seeking improvements to health care overseas, looking to repurpose pacemakers and creating sustainable sanitary napkins.

“Like a lot of Jesuits I’ve met over the years, I wonder where he find the time to do all of these things. He’s doing everything,” says Saint Joseph’s University President Mark C. Reed, Ed.D. “I’ve more or less told him that

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Peter Clark, S.J. '75

has our support and we'll stay out of his way. He's earned that trust and credibility.”

Ann Marie Jursca Keffer, director of the University's Faith-Justice Institute and an adjunct professor who has taught “Just Health Care in Developing Nations” with Clark for 20 years, agrees.

“He's a person of conviction who's driven by his moral compass and a faith that promotes social justice,” she says. “When he sees a need that he can intellectually and experientially solve, he gets to work.”

This is Clark's third stint at St. Joe's. His first was as a student. Growing up in Delaware County, Clark chose the University because it was the only local college that offered Latin American studies, and he was considering a future working with the U.S. State Department. He studied in Mexico City as an undergraduate, living with a local family. His experiences there are directly related to his current social justice work.

“I developed a real love for the Mexican people,” Clark says. “I also saw how the indigenous community wasn't treated well. You see their plight and you see Guatemalan and Hondurans coming through, desperate to make it to the United States. It was important to do something.”

John Rangel, chair of the Institute of Clinical Bioethics' external advisory board, met Clark in Mexico. Even as a very young man, Clark was a leader, Rangel says. The two quickly became friends and remain close today.

“He's true to himself and true to what he believes is the right way, and he's happy to bring you along,” Rangel says. “He has a belief in the good in people and he has a way of bringing it out as well.”

Clark graduated from St. Joe's with a bachelor's in international relations with a minor in Latin American studies. He then went to work for AmeriCorps precursor VISTA, working with migrant farm workers in Texas. After completing a master's in counseling psychology at Duquesne University in 1978, he returned to SJU as associate dean of students. One of his notable acts? Banning beer kegs from campus.

“I was not well-loved by the student body,” Clark remembers. “I was the disciplinarian.”

It was yet another case of Clark taking an unpopular or controversial position because it aligned with his beliefs. University supporter Brian Dooner '83, an undergraduate at the time, met Clark during this era and saw he was more than a tough guy.

“If you got to know him, you saw he cared deeply about students,” Dooner says. “Peter inspires students ... He had that effect on me.”

While overseeing student life on campus, Clark also got to know the Jesuit priests who lived and worked there. He decided to join the priesthood at age 30, much to his family's surprise.

“They thought I was crazy. I was kind of a wild kid, not your typical holy roller,” Clark says. “I knew I wasn't called to be a parish priest. I loved academia. I loved teaching. I wanted to teach at the university level and [the Jesuits] offered me that opportunity.”


He called his sister to tell her the news. She tested whether he was serious, reminding him of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. When he affirmed his plans she gleefully claimed his car, stereo and TV.

Clark began studying at a Jesuit spirituality center in Wernersville, Pennsylvania, where, for two years, “You look at them, they look at you, and you learn to pray,” he says. His training included stints as a rookie police officer, a prison psychologist and a live-in assistant to the disabled.

He and two other aspiring priests also set out on “Walking Pilgrimages,” traveling the 105 miles from Wernersville to Emmitsburg, Maryland on foot without money.

“You had to beg for food, water and lodging and you couldn't tell anyone what you're doing. It was a way of understanding what a mendicant order is: those religious orders that travel and live in poverty,” Clark says. “The reason I did it was to see if I could really put my trust in God. If I was going to do this Jesuit thing, I had to be able to 100 percent put my trust in God.”

One of the men broke his leg soon after his pilgrimage began and dropped out. The other persisted despite being attacked by a raccoon. And Clark? “I had a bed every night and food every day. I was never turned down once.”



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Clark got his first lesson in obedience when he told his Jesuit superiors that, of the three options available, he wanted to go to St. Louis to study for his master's in philosophy. They assigned him to Fordham University instead.

His second lesson came not long after. With his philosophy degree in hand, Clark was ready to teach. He wanted to work in a high school. His provincial thought he should go to Loyola College in Baltimore to teach philosophy.

The provincial instructed Clark to pray for direction. "Whenever they give you that 'pray about it' stuff, you know you're in trouble," he jokes. But he did, and two weeks later, he told the provincial that Jesus had told him to go to one of the high schools.

"He said, 'Well, Jesus told me you should go to Loyola College in Baltimore,'" Clark recalls.

Turns out that Jesus may have been speaking more clearly through the provincial: Clark ended up teaching medical ethics at Loyola, which kickstarted a lifelong career.

Clark was ordained in Baltimore in 1992 then went to Loyola University in Chicago to work towards a Ph.D. in Christian ethics with a specialization in biomedical ethics. That's where he met Al Gustafson, who became a friend and, later, a member of the Institute of Clinical Bioethics' external advisory board.

"From the beginning of the time that I knew him, Peter has always been interested in those who are vulnerable, those who are on the margins, those in need of justice," Gustafson says. "He's tireless in his devotion to those he cares about and that includes his family, his friends, his colleagues, the kids he mentors through the Institute. He has changed and shaped the lives of countless students through the time and attention he's given them."

Gustafson recalls a recent text that Clark had sent him to say he'd celebrated Mass that morning to mark the anniversary of the death of Gustafson's son, Michael, who was 15 when he died from brain cancer in 2013.

"It was 3:30 in the morning, Philadelphia time, and he'd said Mass for our family. That, for me, is the perfect example of the man he is," Gustafson says. "He's constantly thinking of other people and their needs."

After graduating with his Ph.D., Clark returned to St. Joe's once more, this time to teach medical ethics. There were no ethics or bioethics programs at the time. He set out to change that.

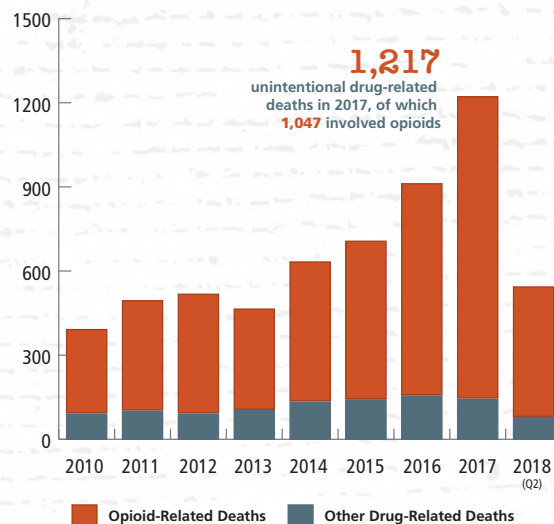
"Medicine is becoming more complex. In the old days, medical ethics dealt with end of life issues: Can you turn the ventilator off? Can you remove the feeding tube? Now we're morphing into things like genetics," Clark says. "There are new issues coming up every day and somebody needs to send up the red flag to the idea that just because science says we can do something, we should. I'm not sure we should in every case."

In his advisory work with the ICB, some of the ethical questions Clark receives from physicians relate

BY THE NUMBERS

Opioids in Philadelphia

Unintentional Drug-Related Deaths by Year



Source: City of Philadelphia, Department of Public Health

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Leading cause of death
in Philadelphia in 2017

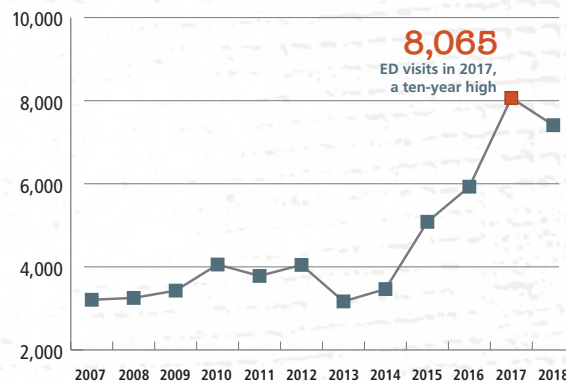
Source: 2007-2017 Vital Statistics, PDPH

35%

of Philadelphians used
prescription opioids in 2017.

Source: 2017 PA Behavioral Risk
Factor Surveillance System

Total Emergency Department Visits for Overdoses by Opioid, Heroin, or Unspecified Substances



Source: City of Philadelphia, Department of Public Health

to religion. Orthodox Jews draw a line between brain death and cardiac death. Orthodox Muslims aren't to receive blood thinners made with pork products. Many Jehovah's Witness followers decline blood transfusions. When a Buddhist dies, custom dictates that the deceased's head is not moved for two hours for it is through there that the soul leaves the body.

"We had a resident who opened a window after a patient died. It was winter," Clark recalled. "The nurse said, 'What are you doing?' but the mother said, 'He's allowing the soul to go to Heaven.' The family was really impressed."

It was during his regular hospital rounds at Darby's Mercy Fitzgerald hospital that Clark noticed some of the young doctors were unhappy. They were frustrated by their dealings with patients suffering from substance use disorder, some of whom they saw repeatedly. One patient, hospitalized for an infection, overdosed in his hospital bed after he used his IV line to take heroin. Others were made so desperate by their struggles with substances that they would lie to doctors, saying they were in pain but allergic to non-opioid painkillers.

"We'd ask, 'Did you offer them rehab?' and they'd say, 'Why would we do that? Last time, they signed out (against medical advice),' " Clark explains. "It was almost becoming a source of moral distress. We knew we needed to do something because we weren't really helping these patients who are in need, who are the most vulnerable."

Clark formed an opioid research team consisting of medical residents from Mercy, students from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

and SJU undergraduate research fellows. Their task: to study the opioid problem nationally and locally, and to find creative ways to address it

"They jumped into this project," Clark says. He also warned Dr. Reed and leaders at Mercy that they could receive negative pushback.

"They have backed us 100 percent," Clark says. "That says a lot about them and about the institutions."

About 30 years after they'd last parted, Clark and Dooner reconnected at an alumni event. It was like they'd seen each other just the day before.

"We picked up right where we left off," Dooner says. "It's remarkable how little we'd changed over the years."

The pair reestablished a close relationship, and Dooner began to learn more about Clark's work on and off campus.

"I appreciate the way that Jesuits bridge the worlds of scholarship and faith in action. Peter is a wonderful example of that," Dooner says. "He has a big social footprint."

Hearing of Clark's recent work to address the opioid crisis, Dooner and his wife, University Board of Trustees member Marlene Sanchez Dooner '83, decided to donate to Clark's efforts, funding his safe injection sites research. Clark often says substance use disorder touches everyone without regard for race, income or education. The Dooners knew this, having lost a person very close to them to the disease.

"This is an intractable social problem and it's all around us," Dooner says. "It gets pretty dark out there for those who struggle with substances and their loved ones. I am certain that any SJU efforts that raise awareness of these issues among students and the University family can reduce harm and, in some cases, help save lives in our community."

Part of the research team's early work involved learning more about the patient population. It was eye-opening, says Mercy resident Sonul Gulati, who watched one of his first patients at the hospital—a 27-year-old woman, die not from a drug overdose but from an infection caused by reusing needles.

"This patient population is a lot different than we initially thought. A lot of these people come from very economically underprivileged backgrounds and often suffer from sexual trauma and physical abuse," Gulati says. "We really should be bringing this patient population closer, not pushing them away."

Mercy resident Rushabh Shah says he started thinking about his patients differently, approaching them with more understanding, after working on the opioid research project. The "care fatigue" lessened.

"Society has made us so guarded, and [the project has] forced us to look at this community in a certain way," he says. "Being a part of this team has helped me view these people as people and not just 'addicts.' They're just people dealing with something."

The more controversial part of the research involved evaluating the establishment of safe injection sites or CUES. Clark and his research team looked at the success of a program in Vancouver, Canada, where people could have their drugs tested for potentially deadly Fentanyl contamination, get other health care services and, if desired, learn about rehab options.

"The administrators ... stress that recovery can only be successful when the staff and users build trust with each other," the team concluded in the



Fr. Clark teaching in 2007.

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Fr. Clark presented on his research during an SJULive event in Moorestown, New Jersey.

report. “Thus, they make sure that the ... staff is trained to create ‘respectful, tolerant relationships with individuals who are chronically marginalized and dehumanized’ so that staff can help users to move forward with their recovery by seeking detoxification”

Since the safe injection sites were introduced in Vancouver in 2003, more than 3.6 million users have injected at the facilities. There have been almost 49,000 treatments for other medical conditions like wound care or pregnancy testing and 6,440 overdose interventions without a single death. The number of overdose deaths among residents living within 550 feet of the facilities has decreased 35 percent; citywide, overdose deaths over the same period only decreased nine percent.

“Don’t get me wrong. I’m not an advocate of drugs. But I am an advocate of treating people with dignity and respect, and I think we have to do that where they’re at,” Clark says. “Nobody is immune from this. I think it’s our responsibility to do something, not only because we’re Catholics or Christians, but because we’re human beings.”

Olivia Nguyen ’19 says she initially hesitated when she was asked to join the opioid research team, believing safe injection sites weren’t a good idea.

Then she did independent research and took to heart Clark’s words about caring for the whole person.

“Fr. Clark has helped make me the person I am today,” says Nguyen, who is thinking of taking a gap year before studying for a master’s in public health. “I’ve seen how much he cares about his students and working for the common good. I think he’s the reason I consider St. Joe’s home.”

The team’s report is now in the hands of Philadelphia Mayor Kenney, but the city has been slow to respond. Clark suspects it’s because the U.S. Department of Justice has said it will shut down such a site and charge those involved with a felony.

A nonprofit created with the intention of facilitating the creation of a safe injection site, Safehouse, counts among its advisors former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and Sister Mary Scullion, R.S.M. ’76, also a member of Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees.

Clark, too, is trying to think creatively. During a meeting with the research undergraduates, he noted that the so-called federal “crack house statute” forbids distributing or possessing drugs in a particular structure.

“Maybe we could propose a mobile unit. A van, not a house. We could do what we want to do in a mobile unit,” he mused. “Or we could put up a tent in a parking lot, something that’s not permanent but portable.”

It seemed incongruous: A priest — an ethics professor at that — talking about ways to sidestep federal law. But it made sense to Clark. He still remembers being on a hospital consult a few years ago and being asked to counsel the mother of a patient who had overdosed on opioids and was brain dead. She wanted to speak to a priest before she made a decision regarding organ donation.

Clark listened as the young mother talked about how hard she’d worked to help her son, a bright, talented athlete, break the hold substances had on him.

“She had prayed and prayed and yet look what happened,” he says. “I don’t think I was ever moved by an experience in the hospital the way I was that afternoon. Even after his death, his mom was still struggling with his addiction. You could feel the love she had for him, but also the frustration and even anger that his beautiful life was now gone.”

The woman decided to allow her son’s organs to be donated to other patients, telling Clark, “Maybe this is his greatest gift of all, the gift of life for others.” Those words have stayed with him.

“The young man in my story did give the gift of life for others that day,” Clark says. “But in many ways, he also inspired me and our team to save as many lives as we can today.”

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THE SHOW *goes on*

**JACK MCKINNEY '57 — ALUMNUS, FORMER
HAWK BASKETBALL PLAYER AND
COACH, AND THE FIRST LEADER OF THE
SHOWTIME LAKERS — PASSED AWAY IN
SEPTEMBER, BUT THE LEGACY OF
HIS INFLUENCE CONTINUES.**

by Jeffrey Martin '04, '05 (M.A.)

Susan McKinney remembers the first time she rode a bike without training wheels.

"My father took me to the Aronimink School playground in Drexel Hill," she recalls. "The area was full of these big hills, and when I got on the bike, my dad told me I was going to ride down the hill just fine. Although I was scared, I believed him. He gave me a little push and let go, and I stayed upright until the ground leveled out. Just as the bike began to slow and wobble, I heard *Pedal!* from way behind me, and I made my legs move. I made it all the way over to the swings, and I knew from then on that when my dad told me I could do something, then I could."

Leadership is something that Susan's father learned at an early age. Born in 1935 in Chester, Pennsylvania, Jack McKinney '57 was the son of a police detective and a homemaker. He played

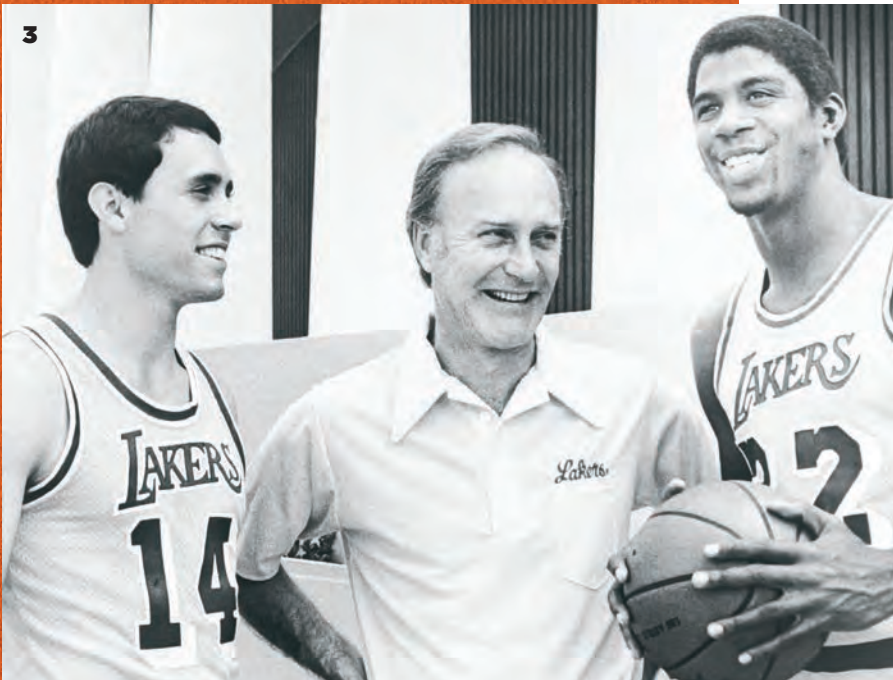
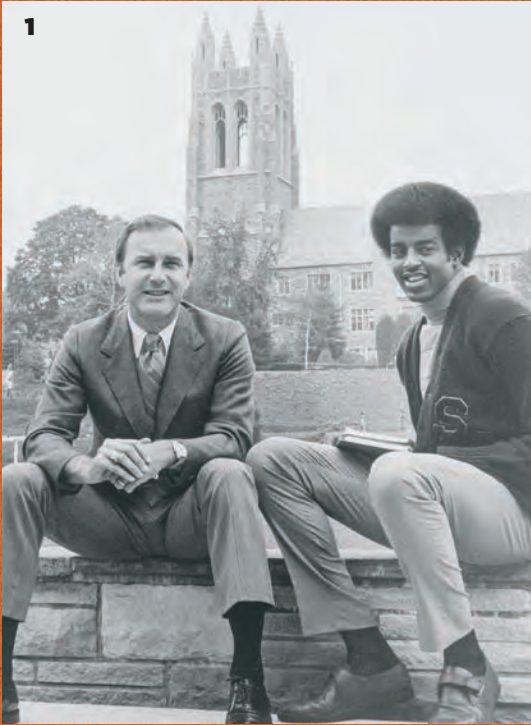
high school basketball at St. James, where he was coached by Dr. Jack Ramsay '49. After a successful high school career, he came to Saint Joseph's in 1953, followed two years later by Ramsay, who became the Hawks' head coach in 1955. Together, they would lead the program to its first-ever postseason in 1956, finishing third in the National Invitation Tournament.

McKinney's own coaching career began back at St. James in 1959, but it wouldn't be long before Ramsay brought him back to Hawk Hill as an assistant. McKinney took the reins from Ramsay in 1966, and his eight seasons as head coach were among the most successful that Hawk basketball has ever seen. Five of his teams went to the NCAA tournament, and he holds the third best winning percentage in program history, behind only Ramsay and fellow alumnus Jim Lynam '63. He mentored some of SJU's greatest-ever players, including All-Americans Clifford Anderson '67 and Mike Bantom '73.

"He was a very dedicated coach," Bantom remembers. "He really worked hard and knew the



McKinney coaches the Hawks from the sideline in 1973.



1) McKinney with one of his star players, Mike Bantom '73. 2) As a player, McKinney led the Hawks to a Big 5 title in the inaugural city series. He was also a champion high jumper. 3) In a photo from the Lakers' picture day on September 14, 1979, McKinney (center) joins two of the team's other new additions: guards Brad Holland (left) and Earvin "Magic" Johnson (right). (AP Photo/Nick Ut)

game well. He focused on preparation, building his schemes based around our strengths and getting us ready to play each opponent."

In 1973-74, McKinney led the Hawks, who had lost stars Bantom and Pat McFarland '73 to graduation, and were picked by some experts to win fewer than five games to a 19-11 record and an NCAA Tournament berth. The performance earned McKinney the title of Eastern College Coach of the Year, but that season would be his last at Hawk Hill. The decision was unpopular among fans; almost 1,000 students gathered on campus to protest the coaching change.

McKinney soldiered on to the NBA, joining the Milwaukee Bucks as an assistant coach. He then reunited with Ramsay, who had become the head coach of the Portland Trail Blazers. In McKinney's first season as Ramsay's assistant, the team won the NBA championship. It remains the only major sports championship that the city of Portland holds.

"Being in Portland was nirvana, because when a team is winning everybody loves you," Claire McKinney, his wife of 60 years, remembers. "The city had a love affair with everybody associated with the Trail Blazers. It was a really fun, wonderful time."

In 1979, McKinney got the call his career had been leading toward. Jerry Buss, the new owner of the Los Angeles Lakers, had just drafted college phenom Earvin "Magic" Johnson and wanted a coach who could capitalize on his talent and balance it with that of veterans Spencer Haywood and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. McKinney, who was known for his ability to create an offense based on his players' strengths and who had coached Abdul-Jabbar in Milwaukee, was the perfect choice.

The season started well for the Lakers — the team won nine of their first 13 games and McKinney was developing a good rapport with his star players. Then, everything changed.

On November 8, 1979, the Lakers had their first day off for the season. McKinney's idea of relaxation was to play tennis with his friend and assistant coach Paul Westhead '61. He was riding his bike through Los Angeles on his way to meet Westhead when the bike's brakes seized at a stop sign, sending McKinney tumbling over the



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Jim O'Brien '64

handlebars and head-first into the concrete. He suffered a serious concussion and was in a coma for three weeks.

Westhead stepped in as interim head coach, and the Lakers would go on to win the 1980 NBA championship over the Philadelphia 76ers. Johnson became a sensation, and the free-flowing style of play that McKinney and Westhead installed — which would come to be known as “Showtime” — would become the signature style of the Lakers through the 1980s, a decade that saw them win five titles.

When asked years later about the Lakers’ success, McKinney would often demur, citing his Lakers successors — Westhead and Pat Riley — as the masters of the Showtime style. But Westhead gives credit to the man who wouldn’t take it for himself.

“[McKinney] set down the rules of operation,” Westhead says. “He was very clever in his offense in that he literally had five plays for five different starters. The players gravitated to that; they felt that they were included in the game. So he schemed it close to perfection, and when he was out for the season, I stayed with the scheme.”

Buss released McKinney from his coaching duties before the end of that first championship season, not wanting to disturb the momentum that the team had built around Westhead. After spending months recovering from his injuries, McKinney returned to coaching in 1980, taking the sideline with the Indiana Pacers. The team had underperformed in previous seasons but had a good core: future Hall-of-Famer George McGinnis, two-time all-star Billy Knight and Bantom.

“Jack was considering the job, and he called me to ask my assessment of our team,” Bantom recalls. “I told him that we were good enough and had the talent, and if he were to come on board, the structure and the consistency I knew he would bring would make us a playoff team for the first time since the franchise joined the NBA.”

The Pacers would indeed reach the playoffs in McKinney’s first year, and he earned Coach of the Year honors for the turnaround, but the team regressed over the following three seasons, and McKinney was fired after finishing with the league’s worst record in the 1983-84 season. He was quickly hired by the Kansas City Kings but resigned after beginning the 1984 season with just one win in his first nine games as coach. He wouldn’t coach in the NBA again.

While his injury affected McKinney’s cognition, those close to him say that his coaching acumen remained.

“I could see him struggling at times with his memory,” Bantom says. “He’d struggle remembering names or remembering faces, and you could see he was frustrated by it at times because he’d look at people and he knew that he knew them but couldn’t pin down from where or when. But when he was focused on the game and coaching? He was just as sharp as always.”

Undoubtedly, though he would eventually have to leave basketball full time, the game never left Jack McKinney. He ran and coached clinics in 17 different countries, including Brazil, Lebanon, Portugal and Denmark, where he again teamed with Ramsay. He spent one season as a TV analyst for the 76ers. And, in every aspect of his life, he did what made him so successful as a

coach: he got the best out of the people around him and found the paths where they were meant to succeed.

“He never expected any of [his kids] to go into sports or to be interested in sports in any way,” Susan recalls. “He really supported whatever direction we wanted to go in and whatever interests we had.”

McKinney’s influence continues to inform the NBA: The up-tempo offense built around the strength of star players is no longer called Showtime, but it’s still an important aspect of the modern game. And the people he mentored have seen success in the league: Jim O’Brien ’64, who played on Hawk Hill when McKinney was an assistant coach, credits him with creating the push that got O’Brien into coaching.

“I was a business major, and in my senior year I was offered a pretty lucrative job with Procter & Gamble,” O’Brien says. “I told [McKinney] how happy I was that I was offered the job, and he said, ‘Congratulations. Now turn it down.’ He told me I’d be miserable doing anything but coaching basketball.”

O’Brien took the advice. He has spent the last 40-plus years as an assistant and head coach in college and the NBA and is currently an assistant with the 76ers.

McKinney’s name will be a part of Hawk legend for years to come: He was inducted to the Men’s Basketball Hall of Fame in 1980, the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame in 1998 and the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004. And his name will live on in an endowed scholarship organized by O’Brien, Mike Kempinski ’68 and others, for students from Philadelphia and Delaware County who are academically gifted but need financial assistance to attend college.

“[McKinney] believed in the Jesuit way of education,” O’Brien says. “He believed that everyone had an unlimited ability to improve and give back, and that life was about more than just basketball. We wanted to be sure that he would be remembered for that.”

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Countering a Political Problem with 'Beautiful' Math

by Kevin Donahue

"Beautiful" isn't a word used in politics much lately.

But that's how Kristopher Tapp, Ph.D., sees mathematics' role in addressing one of the most impactful issues in the electoral landscape — gerrymandering, the partisan manipulation of voting district boundaries meant to benefit one political party. The debate over gerrymandering, which has been going on for at least 200 years, has seen renewed fervor and even resulted in the redrawing of Pennsylvania's voting districts ahead of the 2018 midterm elections.

Tapp, the chair of mathematics at SJU, has completed a research paper titled "Measuring Political Gerrymandering," which he submitted for an upcoming issue of *American Mathematical Monthly*. In it, he evaluates one method of quantifying gerrymandering, the efficiency gap, and suggests improvements to the model.

Tapp became interested in the use of mathematics to identify and address gerrymandering about a year ago. He has since written his paper and spoken at several conferences on the subject.

"It sucked me in because it included a little geometry, which is along the lines of research problems I've studied before," he says, "and I saw that it was relevant to a really important court case going on in Wisconsin."

The case, *Gill vs. Whitford*, filed in 2016, resulted in a Wisconsin court striking down the state assembly map. The decision was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which sent it back to a lower court. It is expected to return to the Supreme Court in 2019.

The Wisconsin verdict pivoted on the efficiency gap, a formula that considers votes for the losing candidate, and those on the winning side far in excess of the number needed to win the election, to be "wasted."

Tapp

"It's a newish formula, invented in 2014," Tapp says. "It's very simple, a beautiful formula that looks at an election outcome and measures the extent to which it satisfies a reasonable fairness principle; namely that the two parties should 'waste' about the same number of votes."

This is important because gerrymandering is a partisan attempt to make opposing votes less valuable, either by diluting them in a voting district ("cracking") or concentrating a super-majority in one district ("packing") to weaken that party in surrounding districts.

Tapp's paper suggests improvements to the efficiency gap what he calls "the relative efficiency gap" that improve its results in races where the population leans heavily for one party.

"It wasn't a problem in Wisconsin because the vote was nearly 50-50," he says. "But I wanted to do what you do in mathematics: find the beautiful generalization that encompasses the extreme cases generalizes to broader settings, and tells a more accurate story."

As for Pennsylvania's redistricting, Tapp approves of the work that was done from a mathematics standpoint.

"Pennsylvania did a great job," says Tapp, who lives in a district that effectively didn't exist before the new map was introduced. "Pennsylvania is the success story. It's the only time in U.S. history that a map has been overturned due to political gerrymandering and a new, fairer map has been put in place by courts."

Tapp says the research is moving quickly and already the efficiency gap is losing relevance as it's replaced with newer statistical methods to assess district maps.

While it's important to be able to assess the amount of manipulation, the first order of business should be to draw faire maps in the first place. Tapp, who points out that both parties have engaged in gerrymandering when in power, is a proponent of non-partisan commissions in which both parties are represented product.

"The idea is not to let the mathematicians draw the map and definitely not to let the computers draw the map. The map should be drawn by a non-partisan commission of people who know the state or the region," Tapp says. "People who know the region can draw maps that respect communities of interest and natural boundaries. Then you can hand it over to a mathematician to weigh in on whether the map is fair in a partisan sense and if it isn't, to go back and do it again. That is the role math is playing and should play."

Taking part in the conversation has given Tapp something else: hope.

"Mathematics feels hopeful to me," he says. "Applying beautiful mathematics to social problems and to improving the country, I love that."

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Preaching a Personal Approach to Religious Kinship

by Jeffrey Martin '04, '05 (M.A.)

On Saturday, October 27, a gunman walked into the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh and opened fire killing 11 congregants and wounding several others, including four responding police officers

If that day, which is now considered the deadliest attack against the American Jewish community in history, had been a singular event, it would be bad enough. But according to data released a month later by the FBI, anti-Semitic attacks — harassment, vandalism, intimidation and physical violence — rose by more than a third in 2017 and accounted for more than half of religion-based hate crimes that year. The trends look bleak enough for many to consider that the tenor of relations between Jews and people of other faiths in America is irreparable.

Rabbi Abraham Skorka understands the difficulties but he sees a hopeful path forward.

“Religions play a very important role in human reality,” he says. “Good, sincere dialogue with commitment from all parties is the key to build a better world.”

Skorka, who joined Saint Joseph's this year as a University Professor and a senior research chair in the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations (IJCR), speaks from a place of experience. He has spent the better part of his life dedicated to furthering interreligious dialogue, a crusade that has earned him the respect of scholars and religious leaders around the world.

Prior to arriving at Saint Joseph's, Skorka spent nearly 20 years as professor of biblical and rabbinic literature, and rector at the *Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano* in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The religious center was founded by Skorka's mentor, Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, a human rights activist and a disciple of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Heschel was one of the leading Jewish theologians of the 20th Century whose influence on the Second Vatican Council set a new path for the Catholic Church's approach to its relationship with the Jewish people.

In the 1990s, Skorka became friends with an auxiliary bishop in Buenos Aires. Their friendship yielded many collaborations, including a series of televised talks on religious and political topics. That bishop, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, would go on to become Pope Francis, and their conversations would inspire a book, *On Heaven and Earth*, which has been translated from its original Spanish into a dozen other languages.

Of his friendship with Pope Francis, Skorka says that seeing each other as equals allowed them to approach their discussions with honesty and reach a deeper understanding of one another.

"Each of us knew from the beginning how to put himself in the shoes of the other," he says. "Our conversations were manifestations of remarkable empathy and showed that dialogue could deepen into something that far transcends the power of mere words."

As a scholar for the IJCR, Skorka is bringing this approach to conversations throughout the region. In October, he spoke with 100 students from Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr and Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford as part of the Institute's ongoing program to bring the two Pennsylvania schools together to learn more about each other's religions. Through the winter, he spoke at a series of open forums that brought Jewish and Catholic congregations together. And for three consecutive weeks in February, he gave a series of lectures on SJU's campus in which he explained Jewish perspectives on divisive issues — crumbling public discourse,



Cunningham and Skorka

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Philip Cunningham, Ph.D.

abortion and the intersection of science and religion. Each event in the series included a response from an SJU expert in the topic.

Philip Cunningham, Ph.D., director of the IJCR and professor of theology, sees Skorka's presence on campus as a tremendous opportunity to bring new attention to the work of the institute, which for more than 50 years has sought to increase knowledge and deepen understanding between the Jewish and Catholic communities through research, educational opportunities, local partnerships and publications.

"[Skorka] is tireless in his efforts to promote interreligious dialogue," Cunningham says. "He brings to every conversation and every program

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Since joining the IJCR, Skorka was recognized in November with the Shevet Achim award by the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations. In January, he penned a reflection for *America* magazine about how his relationship with Pope Francis informed his approach to interfaith dialogue. And in February, he traveled with Francis to the United Arab Emirates to speak at an international conference on human fraternity.

For all his accolades and influence Skorka remains humble in his approach. He's quick to point out, for instance, that even though his friend is the leader of the Catholic Church, their dialogue began only by respecting each other on a personal level. And he believes that the approach can help people across all religions come to a more peaceful understanding.

"To perform a dialogue requires spiritual courage," he says. "But we must engage in them. Big moments can set the tone, but impactful change is only made by individuals."

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Former Ambassador Offers Cautiously Hopeful Picture of Russia-U.S. Relations

by Jeffrey Martin '04, '05 (M.A.)

From film to books to political discourse Russia has been a major figure in American minds for decades. And as headlines about the country's aggression in Asia and its government's interference in international elections dominate the news, many wonder if there may soon be a return to the days of the Cold War, where Russia and the United States stood ready with the threat of nuclear weapons looming.

Michael McFaul, author of *From Cold War to Hot Peace: An American Ambassador in Putin's Russia*, put the concerns into context in a lecture on December 5, at Saint Joseph's. An ambassador to Russia during the Obama administration, McFaul presented the speech as part of the Evelyn S. and Anthony M. '60 Carfagno Endowed Lecture Series.

"The good news is this: the quantitative arms race is over. We no longer count the number of nuclear weapons between us in the tens of thousands," McFaul said. "But the means of conflict are different now and still dangerous: annexation, sanctions, assassinations and chemical weapons. This is not where we thought we were going to be at the end of the Cold War."

McFaul attributes much of the current tension to Vladimir Putin's return to the role of president. During President Obama's first term in office the countries sought to reset their relationship, and then-Russian President Dmitry Medvedev was cooperative. But when Putin took over, progress disintegrated.

"Putin was schooled in the KGB," McFaul said. "He grew up in the Cold War. He's a zero-sum guy. He doesn't believe that Russia and the United States can be successful at the same time. He thinks we're enemies."

Putin, McFaul explained, was also president of Russia during George W. Bush's administration, and was opposed to the U.S. invasion of Iraq. He saw it, along with the more recent American-led interventions in the Libyan and Syrian civil wars, as evidence that the United States uses covert force to overthrow governments it doesn't agree with.

"He accused us of fomenting revolution," McFaul said. "And when popular protests erupted in opposition of his return to the presidency in 2011, he blamed the United States. And he blamed me."

McFaul left Russia in 2014 and hasn't returned — if he did, Putin would surely try to arrest him, judging from the fact that Putin asked President Trump for permission to question McFaul about the protests and more — but he remains opinionated about the correct approach to relations between the two countries.

"We should adopt a policy of containing and deterring Putin's bad behavior and finding places where we can cooperate," he said. But where many current U.S. security officials agree with McFaul's assessment, one important figure doesn't: President Trump.

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Michael McFaul

Lisa Baglione, Ph.D., professor and chair of political science at SJU, joined McFaul and Johns Hopkins professor Alina Polyakova, Ph.D., in a panel discussion after the keynote speech. In an interview before the event, she cautioned that Trump's stance, which involves having face-to-face meetings with Putin, could bring setbacks in American attempts to contain Russia.

"Russia has been using actions to undermine democracy in Europe and undermine NATO," Baglione said. "And Putin has created a political system where he holds the money and keys to power. Except for the president's odd stance, the rest of the security administration understands the risks involved."

McFaul sees the possibility of a hopeful future for the U.S. and Russia, but agrees that those in power will steer the conversation.

"We are not destined because of culture or history to be in conflict with Russia forever," he said. "We are in our situation because of individual leaders making individual decisions. But Putin isn't going anywhere anytime soon, and things won't change with him in power."

FLIGHT PATH

***How John Lehman lived his dream,
shaped America's strength and
became a business leader.***

BY PAT OLSEN

Businessman, role model, patriot ... John Lehman '64 is so many things that attempting to list them all is enough to make your head spin. Not only has he moved among three careers in his lifetime — he's made it look easy. After earning a degree in international relations from Saint Joseph's, Lehman served in the military — briefly in the Air Force Reserve, then for 25 years as an aviator in the U.S. Navy Reserve. During that time, he served on the National Security Council in the Nixon administration, shaping foreign policy under National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan tapped him to serve as Secretary of the Navy, a position he held for six years, all while maintaining his currency in carrier jets and helicopters.

Lehman achieved the rank of captain before retiring. His flying career took him through four three-week tours of duty in Vietnam and three in the Middle East, among many others. In recent years, he has been an advisor to Sen. Mitt Romney and the late Sen. John McCain in their presidential campaigns. He also served on the 9/11 Commission, formed by President George W. Bush to investigate the circumstances that led to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

But public service is only part of Lehman's story. In 1977, he founded the Abington Corporation, a defense consulting company where he was president and director until joining the Reagan administration. After serving as Secretary of the Navy, he was a managing director for PaineWebber, an investment and brokerage firm. And in 1990, he became a founding partner of J.F. Lehman & Company, a leading private equity firm focusing on the defense aerospace and engineering industries.

Recently *Saint Joseph's University Magazine* spoke with Lehman about his various positions, influences that have shaped him, and things he still finds important

How did you come to choose Saint Joseph's?

I went to LaSalle College High School, a Catholic prep school in Philadelphia, and chose St. Joe's for college because it had a very good faculty, especially Jim Dougherty, a professor of international relations. Also, my dad went there, which had a big influence on the decision.

Would you say it was preordained that you join ROTC at St. Joe's?

I come from a naval family. My fourth great-grandfather was a privateer during the American Revolution, and my great-grandfather was a surgeon's assistant in the Union Navy during the Civil War. My dad was captain of an LCS gunship, a heavily armed surface combatant during World War II in the Pacific. I served, and my son John III, was a naval aviator flying Prowlers.

How did the calling to military service manifest in you at a young age?

I always wanted to be a Navy pilot. Growing up, I lived under the flight path, about 10 miles away from Willow Grove Naval Air Station, and I just loved watching the planes. My dad stayed in the reserves after the war, and he started taking me to lunch at the officer's club at Willow Grove when I was about eight. I met a lot of fighter pilots in their leather jackets, and when I saw them in their fighters overhead, I said, 'I am going to be one of those.'

St. Joe's had no Navy ROTC, so I joined its Air Force ROTC. But they said I was color blind (my wife Barbara, agrees) and couldn't be a pilot. I could easily pass the Navy test for color blindness, however, and I wanted to be in the Navy, so I dropped ROTC altogether and took the tests for Navy pilot training. Then I got a scholarship to Cambridge University and continued my education. Lakenheath Air Force Base was near Cambridge, so I was able to enroll in the Air Force Reserve there, and when I graduated, I returned to the Navy Reserve, and began pilot training.



How did your military service inform your career in business and your entrepreneurial bent?

There's no better experience for a young college graduate than the Navy, or any of the services, Navy being the best. You learn leadership, discipline and accountability, which are the keys to any career. When I was Secretary of the Navy for six years, I spent the majority of my time building ships and airplanes, negotiating with defense contractors and, of course, balancing the Navy budget which was close to \$100 billion, so it was natural when I left the Navy to move into business and finance. After 18 years in Washington, I moved to New York, but I'm still a Pennsylvanian and always have been; I have a farm in Bucks County.

Lehman, as Secretary of Navy, poses beside an attack plane in 1986 after completing regulation training week as Naval Reserve commander at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia.

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You served on the 9/11 Commission, convened after the 2001 terrorist attacks. What was that like?

I was one of 10 commissioners. We had a staff of 82 professionals, drawn from all sectors of the intelligence and military community. We investigated what actually happened: the background, the causes of the attack, our vulnerability and the reasons we were not able to stop it. Then we wrote a best-selling book, *The 9/11 Commission Report*, which still sells well. I recommend it.

You're a strong proponent of increasing America's naval strength. Why?

During the Reagan presidency, rebuilding our naval strength was a major factor in bringing about the end of the Cold War. Once the war was over, we were the only superpower left, and defense budgets were cut, appropriately, about 40 percent. But then, as new disturbers of the peace emerged, we did not respond; we kept cutting. Now we are in a situation where we are failing to deter a number of potential adversaries, starting with the Russians and the North Koreans, the Iranians and, in a different way, the Chinese. We've got to rebuild our capability to deter, which means to make it clear to these potential adversaries that if they tried to use military power against us, they would suffer far more than they could possibly achieve. That's all deterrence is. We cannot do it with words or diplomacy alone. Diplomacy is the shadow cast by military and naval power.

You've returned to St. Joe's several times to speak to students and to attend your reunion. That speaks of a strong loyalty.

St. Joe's has always been a value-based institution, which is not easy to find these days particularly in universities, so I very much appreciate the education I got there. I believe that alumni from institutions like St. Joe's, LaSalle College High School, the University of Pennsylvania, and Cambridge University have an obligation to be available to help their *alma maters* as best they can when called upon. That's why I spend a fair amount of time involved with my various universities and schools and help students who are applying, and why I visit the campuses to speak whenever asked.

You addressed the SJU Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart program in 2017. What advice did you give them?

Those were veterans who were interested in business. I reminded them that having the benefit of military or naval service makes them worth a great deal to the business world, as well as to philanthropy and academia, and so forth. It's uniquely valuable preparation for the discipline needed for success in business and finance.

You visited John McCain every month during the last year of his life. How did that come about?

I met John McCain in 1973, soon after his release from the Hanoi Hilton, and we became good friends. As Naval aviators we often crossed paths, and we worked together when he became the Navy lobbyist in the Senate. He worked for me in that capacity during my first six months as Secretary of the Navy. We had additional opportunities to work together to support the Navy when he was elected to Congress and subsequently to the Senate, where he joined the Armed Services Committee.

In 2000, during his first run for President I was no longer in the government. I joined his campaign, and again when he ran in 2008, and traveled with him all over the country. Between 2008 and 2018, I was a member of his advisory council and a trustee of the McCain Institute in Arizona and Washington, often traveling with him. He was a life-long insatiable reader, absorbing one to three books each week, and we exchanged books constantly.

When his terminal illness was diagnosed, we continued to work together, and when he left Washington in December 2017 to work from his ranch in Sedona, Arizona, I visited him regularly until he passed away. In all that time he was never anything but upbeat and positive with his droll sense of humor always active.

You've had such an enviable career. To what would you attribute it? Hard work accompanied by a little bit of luck? Drive? Pursuing opportunities that presented themselves?

All of the above. But nobody really succeeds without failing; everybody makes mistakes as they build their career and their life. Students starting out should understand that they're not going to bat 1,000 all the time. No human being does. It's important to recognize the role that luck plays, but understand that most of luck really is being adequately prepared for opportunities as they appear. I had very good mentors, a strong family, and great teachers, coaches and military superiors.

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Bill Nicoletti '86, '10 (MBA)

Filmmaker Highlights Life of Famed Singer, Activist

BY EMMALEE ECKSTEIN



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Four years ago, SJU alum Bill Nicoletti '86, '10 (MBA) began his deep dive into the story of Philadelphia native Marian Anderson, one of the most celebrated vocalists of the 20th Century.

Nicoletti first became inspired by Anderson after attending the Marian Anderson Awards Gala in 2014. With over 25 years in the film industry, Nicoletti immediately identified Anderson's as a story that needed to be told.

"She is Jackie Robinson for the arts," Nicoletti suggests. "[She] faced hostility the likes of which we can't comprehend. Her perseverance, combined with her talent, took her to the international stage."

Originally from Philadelphia, Nicoletti is now living in Wilmington, Delaware with Hawk Mate Liz (Burns) Nicoletti '91 and their four children. He directed and produced this documentary, *Once in a Hundred Years: The Life and Legacy of Marian Anderson*, with Going the Distance Films, a company he founded in 2015. While Going the Distance Films is well known for a diverse range of award-winning commercial projects, Nicoletti set out on this venture with the ultimate goal of bringing Anderson's most iconic moments to light.

After spending his first five years after graduating from SJU as a freelance tape editor, Nicoletti founded Visual Innovations at the legendary recording studio Sigma Sound Studios in 1991.

"We do a good deal of branding campaigns and television commercials — we're currently working on The Philadelphia Zoo's spring and summer promotions. The Marian Anderson film is a true passion project for me," insists Nicoletti. "As Americans, we have seen pictures and heard stories about the civil rights movement. We know about Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass and Rosa Parks. We know the events of Selma and Montgomery and the stories of Dr. King and Malcolm X. But many of us have never been told [this] story ... of a young girl from South Philadelphia who, armed with only a voice, fought to break down one of the most daunting barriers for black Americans in the 1930s — the classical music stage."

Marian Anderson skyrocketed to a place of quasi-political power in 1939 after courageously performing in front of the Lincoln Memorial. The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) refused to let Anderson perform at Constitution Hall that evening, causing First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to resign from the D.A.R. and give permission for the concert on the Washington Mall. Harold Ickes, then-Secretary of the Interior, famously introduced Anderson to more than 75,000 onlookers by announcing, "*In this great auditorium under the sky, all of us are free.*"

Nicoletti and his team spent countless hours combing through archival footage, news clippings and audio that was then used to weave together the final product with on-camera interviews. These interviews detail the impact Anderson's journey had on the personal and professional lives of notable figures like Grammy award-winning musician Bill Jolly and SJU's own Brent Smith, Ph.D., professor of marketing in the Haub School of Business.

A true Hawk, Nicoletti wholly identified with Anderson's Jesuit nature. "She became a person for others," he asserts. "Hers is an incredible story that needs to be shared with people of all ages and all backgrounds. The immense amount of interest we've seen from different people and organizations has given real magnitude to Marian Anderson's important and inspiring journey."

While *Once in a Hundred Years* enjoyed its premiere at The Kimmel Center in late February, Nicoletti is already on to his next project: another music documentary titled *The Sound of Philadelphia*. Having already signed big names like John Legend and The Roots member James Poyser to producer roles for this film, Nicoletti looks forward to the continued success of his passion projects.

"These films aren't just about the music, but the personal stories of the artists and events taking place that helped *shape* the music," Nicoletti explains. "I think it's safe to say that, if anything, people will love the soundtracks."

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Charisse McGill

Returning to School Fuels Entrepreneur's Sweet Success

BY JULIA SNYDER



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Charisse McGill has one core principle: you’ve got to be the first the best or the only.

“A lot of people go back to school to get a better job. I went back to school and then quit my job,” explains McGill, an MBA candidate in Saint Joseph’s University’s food marketing program offered through the Haub School of Business. “I didn’t go back to school so I could get a higher-paying job or to help another company reach their million-dollar sales goals. I went back to school purely selfishly: to learn everything I need to know so that I can have a business that meets my million-dollar sales goals.”

McGill considers herself a full-time student and a full-time entrepreneur, embarking on the second leg of her education while building a snack food empire based around French toast. After watching her 13-year-old daughter Madison make a splash at the Lansdale Farmers Market over the summer selling lemonade infused with local fruits and herbs, McGill decided that it was time for a product of her own.

“We did a couple ‘proof of concepts’ over the summer, like the Swarthmore Food Truck Co-Op and the World Music Concert Series at the Abington Art Center,” McGill says. “We looked for a lot of opportunities to work out the kinks, because I always knew I wanted to do the Made in Philadelphia Holiday Market.”

From November 17 to January 1, the aroma of McGill’s French toast bites drew customers in to the holiday market from down the block.

“I knew when people would stand in line for 30 minutes in 32 degree weather, I was on to something,” says McGill.

Now, the self-aspiring “Auntie Anne’s of French toast” is focusing on bigger plans: in addition to the grand opening of two permanent locations in Northern Liberties (April) and Limerick (August), McGill has also made a connection through her courses at Saint Joseph’s that will be putting her French toast seasoning on the shelves both virtually and in grocery stores.

“You have to go by faith and not by sight,” says McGill. “I know that joining and enrolling in Saint Joseph’s was probably one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”

McGill says that the support from her professors helped her in the early formation of her business — she recalls calling the program’s director at 7 p.m. one night in a panic and getting a call back at 7 a.m. the next day to talk her through a problem — and that the support of the community has helped the business grow stronger.

“At least 10 of my classmates came down to support me over those 45 days [at the holiday market],” she says. “They came with their boyfriends, they came with their moms and one woman even came up to me and said ‘My daughter goes to school with you!’ Just knowing that the word gets around and the community was overwhelmingly supportive. You can’t buy that.”

John M. Bradley '98

On Board: Alumnus Steps into Leadership Role

BY EMMALEE ECKSTEIN



John M. Bradley '98 is approaching his newest role, president of the National Alumni Board, with the same enthusiasm that propelled him through his career as a student.

Bradley currently lives in South Jersey with his wife, Camille Introcaso '00, and their two children. But staying close to his Philadelphia roots wasn't something that was high on his wish list for colleges.

"My grandmother wanted me to apply to [Saint Joseph's]. At first I thought I wanted to go someplace farther from home," he explains. But with a grandfather who spent 11 years with the Society of Jesus, he appeased his grandmother by going on a campus tour. "By the time it was over," he shares, "St. Joe's was my first choice."

Bradley remembers it taking at least a semester to find his footing in college but, once he did, he dove into his coursework and a variety of campus activities: He was a coordinator for freshman orientation, a team leader of Project Appalachia (now APEX) and business manager of *The Hawk* student newspaper. "College is what you make it," he remarks.

For Bradley, the SJU experience frequently manifested in the classroom. "One of the most important events of my life was the first philosophy course I took at St. Joe's."

Now a lecturer in law at the University of Pennsylvania, Bradley found that reading Plato, Aristotle and modern thinkers opened him up to new ways of seeing the contemporary world. To this day, he continues to study great thinkers and uses a philosophical lens in both personal and professional decision-making. "[Philosophers] don't provide cookie-cutter answers," he says. "But there is a richness to their thinking that has been important for my life."

As a new leader, Bradley wants to apply the same critical thinking to his approach with the alumni community: His ultimate goal is to meet as many Hawk graduates face-to-face as he can. "Attending in-person events is very unconventional in American life these days," Bradley

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JOHN M. BRADLEY '98

muses. "If we're going to flourish as a civil society, we need more communal life."

Bradley's National Alumni Board is making sure that opportunities to interact are available to Hawks everywhere.

"The University has a vision that extends far beyond the Philadelphia area now," he notes. "We are creating a diversity of programs for alumni. Whether you're interested in professional networking, family-centered events, basketball game-watches or ongoing learning, we want to offer events that meet your needs."

Though he is two decades removed from his graduation from Saint Joseph's, Bradley remains passionate about the values that remain at the core of a Jesuit education, most notably *cura personalis*, or care for the whole person.

"I think Saint Joseph's has something unique to offer the world with the concept of *cura personalis*," Bradley notes. "All Hawks benefit from having their whole person cared for. I'm grateful and proud to be a part of that tradition."

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Exploring the lives of SJU community members away from Hawk Hill

Lindsey Oremus '19: Athlete, Firefighte , EMT, Leader

by Nicole Philpot '13

When she's not running cross country as the senior captain of the Hawk women's team, Lindsey Oremus '19 is running to help people. Following in her mother's footsteps, Oremus became a volunteer firefighter in her hometown Wyoming, Pennsylvania, at just 15 years old. She made the switch to volunteering as an EMT before her senior year — of high school — and secured a job with a medical staffing company her sophomore year at SJU

"Seeing my mom fill a powerful leadership role when I was a young, vulnerable age — those middle and high school years — was really valuable to me," says Oremus. "I knew that I wanted to be just like her."

Oremus, an interdisciplinary health services major, has developed her athletic skills in her four years as a student-athlete. She led the Hawks 22 times in 29 opportunities on the trails, which included seven of 12 championship-caliber races. She is the program's record-holder in the outdoor 4 x 1500-meter relay.

More important for Oremus, though, has been her team leadership.

"Lindsey was very different from most underclassmen from the second she showed up for her first day of preseason cross country practice in August 2015," says Lauren Hehir '16, Oremus' captain in her rookie season. "She had the type of energy people gravitate toward. Being a leader is more than just a formal title or position: It is a skill and, in Lindsey's case, part of someone's identity."

Above: Oremus holds the record in the outdoor 4 x 1500-meter relay.

Below: Oremus on the job with the Wyoming EMS.

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