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Author and activist Dr. Cornel West gathers for a photo with students Feb. 25.

## Teaching the World About Love

A prominent and provocative democratic intellectual, Dr. Cornel West visited campus Feb. 25 to offer his words of wisdom to the Salve Regina and Newport communities.

West is professor of the practice of public philosophy at Harvard University and professor emeritus at Princeton University. The author of 20 books, he is best known for his classics, “Race Matters” and “Democracy Matters,” and for his memoir, “Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud.” His most recent book, “Black Prophetic Fire,” offers an unflinching look at 19th- and 20th-century African American leaders and their visionary legacies.

West has a passion to communicate to a vast variety of publics in order to keep alive the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. – a legacy of telling the truth and bearing witness to love and justice. In a conversation moderated by President Kelli J. Armstrong, whom he referred to as “Sister President,” he discussed the roles of race, gender and class in American society.

“I come from a tradition of people who have been hated for 400 years, yet we taught the world so much about love,” he said. Love and hope became a

recurring theme throughout the evening as West discussed the importance of loving the people in your life who may disagree with you on a number of issues.

“Love is not reducible to politics,” he said, as the crowd applauded. He encouraged the audience to stay in contact with the humanity of others, not their opinions on controversial issues. Quoting philosophers and writers from Socrates to Samuel Beckett, West spoke about the importance of education in learning how to think and be a good person, and ultimately answering the question: What kind of human will you choose to be in the short time from womb to tomb?

The self-proclaimed “redeemed sinner with gangster-like proclivities” took the conversation down many paths, but always brought it back around to education, back to mercy and back to Salve.

“Mercy is like Beethoven’s Opus 131, like music, it’s a giving of self, it’s giving everything,” said West.

Armstrong was honored to sit down with West. “To be in the presence of Dr. West was an experience I will never forget,” she said. “He is one of the great luminaries of our generation. His brilliance and kindness radiated



Dr. Sami Nassim, Dr. Cornel West and Rose Albert '13

on our stage in Bazarsky Lecture Hall and his ability to talk about perennial societal issues with deep insight and understanding modeled for all of us a brighter future. What an honor it was to host him at Salve.”

West’s time on campus was a part of Multicultural Education Week, which takes place every fall and spring semester to celebrate diversity and spark conversations on important topics. The week is hosted by the Office of Multicultural Programs and Retention. In collaboration with the Office of Student Engagement, the office was able to bring Dr. West to Newport.

Rose Albert '13, assistant director of multicultural programs and retention, thought that West’s visit

*“Students should be on fire for the good,  
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– Dr. Cornel West

was successful. “He was able to share with us some critical issues happening around the world and at Salve in an enlightening way,” she said. “I felt like everyone was actively listening to the questions that were posed and the way that Dr. West shed light on some very serious topics felt unthreatening to the audience. Everyone was listening and

left with a new perspective.”

Michelle Ostolaza '21, an administration of justice major and member of the Multicultural Student Organization, said that having people like West come to campus is important. “It allows people to sit down and educate themselves on topics like racial inequity and tolerance, issues we are still

working through today,” she said.

West encouraged students to take a stand for what they believe in. “Your voice is like your fingerprint – there’s only one like you,” he said. “Students should be on fire for the good, the true, the beautiful and the holy. And we must love one another along the way.”

– Emily Whelan '20

## Conversations on Culture

The Office of Multicultural Programs and Retention and the Multicultural Student Organization hosted Multicultural Education Week for the University community Feb. 24-28.

Designed to promote interaction among students from different backgrounds, the goal of the week is to learn from other peers and influential speakers about many diverse cultures.

The opening speaker was Matthew Shenoda, who presented “The Stakes of Diversity in Higher Education Today.” The associate provost for social equity and inclusion at the Rhode Island School of Design, he spoke about how we think about diversity and its intersections in higher education, sharing his own experiences and ways in which systemic frameworks can be transformative.

The multicultural coffee house showcased different cultures and traditions around the world through song, storytelling and food. Music performances by students entertained visitors who stopped in to sample the abundance of different coffees, teas and desserts from various cultures.

In addition to Dr. Cornel West’s visit, a highlight of the week was a discussion panel titled, “A Day in My Shoes: Life as a Minority in the United States.” The panel featured students, faculty and staff sharing stories of their challenges in school and life because of their race, ethnicity or identity. Through this powerful event, attendees heard



“A Day in My Shoes” panelists (from left) Dr. Timothy Neary, Ethan Davis '22, Khelde Bourque '20, Toyosi Akanji '19, Rose Albert '13, Michelle Ostolaza '21, Tatiana Sola-Mendez '23, Roxana Sola-Mendez, Dr. Kelli J. Armstrong; back row (l-r), Dr. Troy Catterson, Dr. Sami Nassim, Dr. Sean O’Callaghan and Dr. Robin Hoffmann. Photo by Cocoa and Co.

stories about what it is like to truly be in someone else’s shoes for a day and to understand the difficulties they face.

Panelists included Rose Albert '13, assistant director for multicultural programs and retention, Toyosi Akanji '19, Kheldhe Bourque '20, Ethan Davis '22, Dr. Sami Nassim, assistant vice president for student success and director of multicultural programs, Dr. Timothy Neary, professor and chairman of the Department of History, Michelle Ostolaza '21 and Tatiana Sola-Mendez '23. With courage and candor, each presented a unique perspective that left the audience moved and transformed.

Multicultural Education Week came to an end in Ochre Court with Friday night’s multicultural festival. This popular event had a wide range of learning opportunities, including personal experiences from students’ home countries or travels around the world as well as cuisine, dancers, performers and a fashion show highlighting a variety of cultures.

“We couldn’t have ended

Multicultural Education Week in a better way than the festival,” said Albert Watkins '23. “Amazing food from around the world, stellar performances, and the music throughout the night brought people together. What a great turnout for such a great night. And ending the night with raffle prizes for people to win was definitely a highlight. If you weren’t there, then you missed out, big time!”

– Morgan Rizzo '23



Students learn to belly-dance at the multicultural festival Feb. 28.

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– J. Malcolm Smith, vice president for student affairs



## Smith Named Vice President for Student Affairs

Malcolm Smith, interim vice president for student affairs since July 2019 and dean of students, has been named vice president for student affairs.

Smith, who will continue his duties as acting dean of students, has a career in higher education that spans two decades, with expertise in all aspects of student life including student conduct and advocacy, retention efforts, policy writing, housing management and budget oversight, among others. For three years, he served as the University’s Title IX coordinator.

“I’ve been impressed by Malcolm’s ability to juggle multiple issues, yet never lose sight of what is most important as he advocates for our students and his student affairs team,” said President Kelli J. Armstrong. “He is the consummate professional. Malcolm has embraced Salve’s mercy mission and we are truly fortunate to have him as a senior leader on campus. I look forward to working with him to continue providing the best possible experience for our students.”

Since arriving at Salve Regina as dean of students in 2013, Smith’s top priority has been to promote student success. He has gained students’ respect across campus as a staunch advocate for their voices and concerns, even as his role as dean sometimes required him to be a disciplinarian.

“I’m genuine with students,” Smith said. “I believe as a student it is easier to talk to, and be honest with, someone you know cares about you and respects you. That sometimes means I have to share a hard truth with them, but I make sure to always do that with care. I respect the students and let them know, and they see that through my words and actions.”

During his tenure, Smith led the revision of the University’s sexual misconduct policy, established the Student Conduct Hearing Board to give students a stronger voice in the University judicial process, developed a behavioral intervention team

to include key departments across campus, and developed a review and standards committee to give students, faculty and staff input on proposed revisions to conduct policies.

Active in the Newport community, he has served on the boards of many organizations, including the Newport Community School, the Women’s Resource Center and Quest Montessori School.

Well-respected among student life professionals across the country, Smith has presented on both national and regional levels as a member of the National Association for Student Personnel Administration, the Association of Title IX Administrators and the Association for Student Conduct Administration. He was the recipient of the American College Personnel Association’s 2006 Annuity Coepris Award for Emerging Professionals.

Smith previously served as assistant dean of students at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he was part of a team advocating for and supporting an urban university of approximately 27,000 students. Before that, he was interim director of university judiciaries at Ohio University and director of judicial and external affairs at John Carroll University. He has a B.A. in elementary education and a M.Ed. in college student personnel, both from Ohio University.



*Extensions Dance Company performs “Lafayette” by Kimberley Cooper, artistic director of Decidedly Jazz Danceworks in Calgary, Canada as part of their production “Duality” in February.*

## The Genetics Revolution

Leading futurist and geopolitical expert Jamie Metzl discussed the opportunities and challenges of the genetics revolution as part of the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy's fall lecture series. Based on his latest book, "Hacking Darwin: Genetic Engineering and the Future of Humanity," the presentation was held Nov. 19, 2019, in the Bazarsky Lecture Hall.

Far sooner than most people think, the genetics revolution will transform the world within and around them, according to Metzl. But while people currently think about genetic technologies primarily in the context of health care, the tools being developed will soon change the way the world makes babies,



the nature of the babies we make, and ultimately our evolutionary trajectory as a species.

A science fiction novelist and senior

fellow of the Atlantic Council, Metzl was recently appointed to the World Health Organization's expert advisory committee on human genome editing. He previously served with the National Security Council and the State Department and Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as well as the United Nations in Cambodia. He appears regularly on national and international media discussing global issues, and his syndicated columns and other writing on international affairs, genetics, virtual reality and other topics are featured in publications around the world. He is a founder and co-chair of the national security organization Partnership for a Secure America and a board member of the International Center for Transitional Justice, the American University in Mongolia and Parsons Dance.

## Another Record-Breaking Gala

It was an evening to remember and another Governor's Ball for the record books as alumni, friends, faculty and staff danced the night away in a festive Ochre Court Dec. 7, 2019. The annual gala, which is a highly-anticipated holiday tradition in the Salve Regina and Rhode Island communities, raised more than \$610,000 for student scholarships, a \$100,000 increase over the previous year's event.

Thanks to the leadership of co-chairs Sandy and Ken Pattie and alumni co-chairs Katherine Aldrich '86 and her husband Col. Kevin Wild, USMC (Ret.), President Kelli J. Armstrong welcomed hundreds of alumni, parents and guests to her first Governor's Ball for an unforgettable evening that will have a lasting impact on students.

"It was wonderful to participate in the Governor's Ball for the first



(From left) BankNewport guests Lee and Sue Merrill, Governor's Ball co-chairs Sandy and Ken Pattie, and Paul and Kim Marchetti.

time and to witness the strong sense of Salve community across generations," says Armstrong. "How encouraging to know that this event will enhance the

experience of many Salve students through the generosity of our alumni and friends. We are deeply grateful for their support."

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– Trevor Jones '20

## Order on the Court

Participating in every racquet sport in the world has always been on the top of the bucket list for Trevor Jones '20. Playing tennis for over a decade now, the English literature major has captained the men's team and launched one of the newest groups on campus, the Court Tennis Club.

Jones was first inspired to start this unique club when he visited the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, which contains one of the 11 playable courts in the country for the historic sport. After working to recruit players, book the court and receive funding from the United States Court Tennis Preservation Foundation, Jones was well on his way to accomplishing his goal.

Although the sport dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the game itself has remained virtually unchanged for hundreds of years. A combination of tennis and squash, it is played indoors on an asymmetrical court with asymmetrical wooden racquets. The balls are handmade of shredded cork, canvas, twine and felt. There are



Back row (l-r): Shawn Conroy '21, Mike Gooding (head coach), Jack Barter '21; middle row (l-r): Trevor Jones '20, captain, Lauren Harvey '22, Delaney Pothier '23 and, in front, Will Chasse '21

specific rules to the game regarding serving, bounces and how to win the game, making it a unique, challenging and strategic sport.

While studying abroad in the fall of 2018, Jones had the opportunity to start a team at St. Mary's University in London. There, he played on the oldest active court in the world while representing his team in the inter-university tournament.

Upon Jones' return to Salve, the

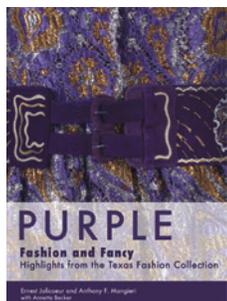
University officially recognized court tennis as a student organization. It is one of only two collegiate teams in the U.S. and is coached by internationally ranked players. The seven members of the team practice twice weekly and participate in various matches throughout the academic year. The club plans to attend two matches in spring 2020 against the Tennis and Racquet Club in Boston and Georgian Court University, another mercy institution.

Jones hopes to grow the club and welcomes all interested students to join—no experience necessary.

“Becoming officially recognized as a club is something we’ve been working toward for the past three seasons,” says Jones. “But now, we can look back and be proud of this amazing feat we’ve worked so hard to accomplish. Additionally, we received a large, anonymous donation last fall that went toward cricket sweaters for the members, something unique to the sport of court tennis and a great memento for all of the teammates to have to remember they were part of something so special.”

## Purple: Fashion and Fancy

Purple dominated the scene at the Dorrance H. Hamilton Gallery as “Purple: Fashion and Fancy” rolled in Oct. 10 - Nov. 20. The exhibit was co-curated by Ernest Jolicoeur, gallery director and assistant professor of art, and Dr. Anthony F. Mangieri, associate professor of art history and chairman for the Department of Art and Art History.



Through a collaboration with the Texas Fashion Collective at the University of North Texas, “Purple: Fashion and Fancy” included 12 fashion designs, from an 1890s mourning capelet by an unknown designer to a 2010s Cushnie et Ochs cocktail dress. The collection, founded by the Dallas-based department store Neiman Marcus, featured garments from designers such as Fendi, Vera Wang and Oscar de la Renta. The color purple was chosen because of its historical significance and symbolic meanings.

“Going back to ancient Greece and Rome, purple was a color associated with royalty and the elite because it was one of the rarest colors and the most expensive and difficult to make,”

Mangieri said. “In the Middle Ages, purple was used for liturgical vestments.”

The meaning associated with the color purple has changed over the years and across different areas of culture. Whether through its ancient Greek and Roman connection to royalty or the incorporation of the color into the gay rights movement, the color has secured a place in fashion throughout history.

“With the slightest of modulations, purple can move from the cartoonish to liturgical, from regal to mournful,” Jolicoeur said. “It’s a mysterious and magical hue that denotes creativity and wisdom.”

– Meaghan Peirson '20

## Focus on Youth Mental Health

Salve Regina's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education, hosted more than 100 students, faculty and clinical educators for a conference on youth mental health Nov. 16, 2019.

Focusing on the factors that can impact students' mental health, along with strategies and resources to support affected students, the conference featured discussions on a variety of topics including assessment strategies and interventions, how expressive arts can promote mental wellness, and the epidemic of child sexual abuse and its impact on children's mental health.

Bridget Oulundsen '20, president of Kappa Delta Pi, came up with the idea for the conference. "As future teachers, Salve's education students needed more information about this very important topic, which often has stigma attached



(From left) Kaitlyn Mingione '20, Brianna Colangelo '20, Dr. Elaine Silva Mangiante, Colleen Daly '20 and Bridget Oulundsen '20

to it and often doesn't get the attention it needs," she said.

"This phenomenal conference prepared us as future teachers to help students who come into our classrooms with a host of challenges," said Michael Rosati '21, who is double majoring in elementary and special education.

"Issues around mental health must be addressed first and foremost before any instruction can occur effectively. I walked away with a variety of strategies to help make sure each of my students feels safe, comfortable and ready to learn each day."

## Ranking Ever Higher

Two separate reports have shown that Salve Regina is climbing the ladder when it comes to national university rankings.

According to a report by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce in November 2019, Salve Regina's 40-year "net present value," which estimates how future earnings are valued in the present, was determined to be \$1.08 million, placing Salve Regina in the top 8 percent of institutions assessed.

Researchers used data from the expanded College Scorecard to rank 4,500 colleges and universities, finding that bachelor's degrees earned from private, nonprofit universities, on average, have a higher return on investment than degrees from public universities.

In January 2020, U.S. News &



World Report ranked the online MBA program among the best in the nation, according to a comprehensive evaluation of some 335 business schools across the country. In all, U.S. News evaluated more than 1,600 distance education bachelor's and master's degree programs as part of its 2020 rankings. Salve's online MBA program was ranked 191<sup>st</sup> in the nation based on a wide set of indicators, including student engagement, expert opinion, faculty credentials and

training, student excellence and student services and technologies.

Salve's overall ranking by U.S. News climbed to 23<sup>rd</sup> among the publication's Regional Universities – North category. In addition to being among the highest in average alumni giving rate, the University was also ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in "Best Undergraduate Teaching," 31<sup>st</sup> for "Best Value School," 11<sup>th</sup> in "Best College for Veterans" and 114<sup>th</sup> in "Top Performer on Social Mobility."

Salve was selected again as a Best College for Veterans for its participation in federal initiatives that help veterans and active-duty service members pay for their degrees. Among its military-friendly programs, Salve is certified for the GI Bill, participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program and has consistently enrolled a minimum of 20 veterans and active service members.

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– Charles Coe



MFA students strike "writerly poses" after their final readings of the January residency, which took place in the small village of Playa Larga on Cuba's southern coast. Pictured standing (l-r) are Tim Weed, instructor, Leah DeCesare, Sandra Taylor, Raquel Levitt, Fernando Linhares and Charles Coe, instructor; and seated (l-r), Amy Pearsall, Karen Traub and Emily Steffian.

## Beautiful and Complicated Cuba

The moment definitely felt a bit surreal. Here we were at Ernest Hemingway's home, his "Finca Vigia" (lookout house) in the tiny fishing village of San Francisco de Paula, 10 miles east of Havana, sitting by the pool and discussing "The Old Man and the Sea."

I teach in Salve Regina's Newport MFA writing program, created by

novelist Ann Hood and entering its third year this January. It's a low-residency program where students and faculty come together to work for nine days at the beginning of the winter and summer semesters. After each residency, students continue to write, uploading their submissions and working with a faculty mentor for the rest of the semester.

During the summer we meet on campus in Newport. In January we launched a study abroad option,

enabling those who chose to do so to spend their residency in Cuba. Seven made the trip, along with three accompanying companions we dubbed the "Travelers."

Cuba was beautiful and complicated. Elegant colonial buildings sinking into decay, with some neighborhoods looking like sets for a post-apocalyptic science fiction movie. Some people filled with energy and optimism, others discouraged by years of economic hardship. But we found friendliness everywhere, from big city Havana to the tiny beach towns near "Playa Larga" (The Bay of Pigs). We visited community art centers and dance schools. We saw Cienaga de Zapata National Park, home to 7,000 flamingoes.

The experience of working and traveling in Cuba had a profound effect on our students. According to Raquel Levitt, "Our time in Cuba was not only an enrichment of our creativity, but our lives and souls as well."

At our last dinner, several people offered toasts. I stood and raised my mojito to Luis, our intrepid tour guide and Frank, our rock-steady driver, "I hope that someday the people of the United States and the people of Cuba can be true friends," I said. "Separated only by a little water."

– Charles Coe, MFA instructor



## Capture It!

The winners of the annual "Capture It!" photo contest were announced for students who studied abroad through a short-term or semester program during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Students were invited to submit entries in the following categories: Salve Pride, Nature's Beauty, Filtered and Cultures, Customs and Traditions. The winners are:

- Salve Pride (pictured at left): Lily Gorman '20 with "Sign of Salve" from Barcelona, Spain

- Nature's Beauty: Tian Quinn '21 with "Salar de Uyuni" from Uyuni, Bolivia
  - Filtered: Alyssa Comeau '20 with "Gates of Heaven" from Bali, Indonesia
  - Customs, Cultures and Traditions: Brandon Murray '20 with "Currywurst mit Pommes" from Berlin, Germany
- Comeau's photo "Gates of Heaven" was also selected as the overall winner with the most votes combined from Facebook, the McKillop Library and the judges.

## Options Trading Club Places Second

Business students representing Salve's Options Trading Club managed their expectations upon arriving in Chicago for the seventh annual Student Managed Investment Fund Consortium's portfolio building competition, held Oct. 31-Nov. 1. The competition attracts entrants representing more than 100 consortium colleges and universities from around the country, including large institutions like Penn State, Cal Poly, UConn and the University of Michigan.

"We went in looking for a networking opportunity," said Thomas DeNault '20, a business administration major. "We weren't really expecting too much being that Salve's a small school and it was our first year. We got there and were honestly just so excited to be meeting everyone."

But as DeNault and his partners, including club founder and president Dionysios Skaliotis '20, along with Garret Aube '22, Merrek Page '23 and Nicholas Ranucci '20, talked to more and more students from more and more schools, their excitement – and their expectations – started to build.

"We realized we might actually have a



(From left) Merrek Page '23, Nicholas Ranucci '20, Dionysios Skaliotis '20, Garret Aube '22 and Thomas DeNault '20

real shot of winning this thing," DeNault said. "We put in a lot more work than a lot of these bigger schools. And when they called our names, our jaws hit the floor; we were all in disbelief."

Their second-place finish in the nationwide competition put them behind first-place Southern Utah University and ahead of third-place Hofstra University. The portfolio building competition asked each team to create a paper trading portfolio with \$1 million invested in stocks and ETFs on the sponsor company Voleo's web app. Students selected up to 10 stocks and

wrote a four- to six-page paper (including exhibits) explaining their logic and rationale. The portfolios were judged by members of the CFA society of Chicago.

The Options Trading Club's focus is to teach members about the basics of options trading, developing a strategy, and performing an ongoing paper trading simulation. The simulation allows members to see trends in their trades and develop their own strategies. Group seminars are implemented to discuss various companies, what is occurring in the market, and different stocks worthy of attention.

## Leading Social Change

Eden Zaleski '21, a double major in elementary and special education, was named as a Newman Civic Fellow for the 2020-2021 cohort. The fellowship recognizes and supports



community-committed students, providing training and resources that encourage their passions and help them

develop strategies to lead social change.

"Eden uses her passion for education and service to be a leader and change-maker," says President Kelli J. Armstrong, Ph.D., who nominated Zaleski based on her potential for public leadership. "Her goal is to create more equitable school environments and access to resources for underprivileged youth."

In August 2019, Zaleski became the first Salve student to visit the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. This coming August, she will lead 10 students as they provide summer camp activities and help build

the Children's Village for Lakota youth. Additionally, she participated in the Florida service trip to Give Kids the World, was a student facilitator for Service Plunge 2.0, and organized the East Bay Special Olympics as president of the Special Olympics Club.

"Throughout my work, I have seen how a sense of community and support are critical factors for all children, no matter what struggles they face," says Zaleski. "I'm proud to work closely with organizations that serve children and their families to provide what they need to achieve their personal goals and dreams."



## Community Spotlight

### Chase Elected Ornithological Society President

Dr. Jameson Chace, professor in the departments of Biology and Biomedical Sciences and Cultural, Environmental and Global Studies, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Wilson Ornithological Society during the society's annual meeting in October 2019.

The Wilson Ornithological Society is a worldwide organization of more than 1,300 professional scientists and dedicated amateurs involved in the research and management of birds. Chace, who had been serving as first vice president, also currently serves as vice chair of the steering committee for the seventh quadrennial North American Ornithological Conference, which will be held in Puerto Rico in August 2020.



"Dr. Chace is now tasked with leading the strategic initiatives of the society," said Dr. Sara Morris, interim vice president for academic affairs at Canisius College and a past society president.

Morris said Chace is a recognized expert in the area of the effects of cowbird parasitism on bird populations and behavior and the effects of urbanization on birds. His research is

based on creating opportunities for undergraduates to gain experiences in field ecology and environmental sciences. He has been awarded two NSF RI-EPSCoR grants related to marine response to climate change and the collaborative Northeast Water Regional Network (Rhode Island, Delaware and Vermont). He also maintains an active research program in hydroponics and in avian ecology. He is the author of more than 25 peer-reviewed papers and has given nine papers at national conferences in the past 10 years.

"The Wilson Ornithological Society provided me with travel funds to give my first professional research paper in 1995 and over the years, in many different roles, it has been an honor serving the organization that is devoted to developing and mentoring young scientists," said Chace. "When I look at the list of past presidents, I am humbled to be listed among them."

### Presenting on the Classics

Dr. Thomas Svogun, professor of philosophy and administration of justice, and Dr. Margaret duMais Svogun, professor of English, communications and media, presented papers at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, held Jan. 9-11 in Honolulu.

Thomas' paper, titled "Reflecting on the Test of Caskets in 'The Merchant of Venice': Pure Procedural Justice and Shakespeare's Critique of Liberalism," proposes that the test of caskets indicates both the limits and opportunities presented by the procedural justice at the heart of the Venetian constitution and the modern commercial republic.

Margaret's paper, titled "Father, 'Son,' and Profane Ghost: The Unholy Trinity in Henry James' 'The Turn of the Screw,'" suggests that the main narrator of James' tale, a governess who is the daughter of a Christian clergyman, confronts a corrupt inversion of the power structure at the heart of her belief system. Though James' narrative, perhaps the most famous ghost story in English literature, has been the subject of much critical attention, the dominant focus has been on the ambiguity of the narrator's version of events; because her specific religious upbringing is often treated merely as a given, the paper suggests it is not always sufficiently interrogated for



*Dr. Thomas Svogun and Dr. Margaret duMais Svogun*

its influence on her formalizing terms and her perception of power.

Sponsored by the University of Louisville's Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods, the conference's primary goal is to provide those with cross-disciplinary interests related to arts and humanities to meet with others inside and outside their own discipline.

## Keynotes on Disability

Dr. Miguel Romero, assistant



professor in the Department of Religious and Theological Studies, presented two keynote lectures probing a deeper understanding of

“disability” and its relation to Christian teachings about human dignity during a Catholic University of America symposium sponsored by the U.S. Catholic Conferences of Bishops and the National Catholic Partnership on Disability.

The symposium, “Recognizing the Body of Christ: A Theological Engagement on Disability,” brought together theologians, seminarians, university students and leaders in ministry to think about the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the church in light of the Catholic intellectual tradition. Romero presented “Wonderfully

Made: Creation, Human Dignity and the Gift of Vulnerability” and “Called to Beatitude: Our Wounds, God’s Grace and the Sacraments of the Church.”

In his talks, Romero explored the Christian understanding of what it means to be human, referencing the thinking of St. Thomas Aquinas on vulnerability, as well as the works of the Pastoral Constitution from the Second Vatican Council. He also referenced a former Salve Regina student who he credits for pushing his own approach to understanding how the gospel challenges some of our most precious presumptions about the significance of disability.

“Christian doctrine on human dignity has always included an affirmation that the vulnerability and the dependency of our bodies is consistent with our special place in the good order of God’s creation,” Romero explained. “We’re fragile creatures whose freedom is forged in the dynamic dance of our limitations and dependencies. This limitation, this weakness is where Christ meets us.”

## Sawubona Award Winner

Chiquita Baylor, director of



student engagement, was presented with the American College Personnel Association’s Advocacy Sawubona

Award, facilitated through ACPA’s Pan African Network, when she attended the organization’s annual convention in Nashville, Tenn. March 2-5.

The Sawubona Award recognizes those who work diligently to illuminate concerns and champion for the elimination of barriers confronting marginalized populations. It honors the work of individuals of African heritage across various roles within higher education throughout the academic year.

Sawubona is a Zulu greeting that in translation means “I/We see you,” an acknowledgement of one another’s existence and an understanding of their presence.

Baylor joined Salve’s student affairs team as director in 2015. Born and raised in Virginia, she holds a bachelor of arts degree from George Mason University and a master’s degree in education from Pennsylvania State University.

Headquartered at the National Center for Higher Education in Washington, D.C., the ACPA is the leading comprehensive student affairs association that advances student affairs and engages students for a lifetime of learning and discovery.



## Exploring Naval History

Dr. William Leeman, associate



professor and Pell Center faculty fellow, presented a paper entitled “The New Navy and the Old at Annapolis: Building the

Modern U.S. Naval Academy, 1898-1913” at the McMullen Naval History Symposium Sept. 19, 2019. A world-renowned event, the symposium is hosted biennially by the History Department at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis,

Maryland, to highlight the latest research on naval and maritime history from academics and practitioners all over the globe. Held since 1973, the symposium has been described as the “largest regular meeting of naval historians in the world” and as the U.S. Navy’s “single most important interaction with [an] academic historical audience.”

Leeman also published an article entitled “One Giant Leap: John F. Kennedy, the Apollo Program, and the Political Culture of the New Frontier” in the Spring/Fall 2019 issue of the *New England Journal of History*.

# A Capacity for Hope

Meet Dr. Steven Rodenborn, dean of undergraduate studies.



Early on in his career, Dr. Steven Rodenborn presented a paper on the importance of practicing hope in the face of intractable injustices during the 2008 annual convention of the College Theology Society, which was hosted by Salve Regina University. The conference focused on “Catholic Identity and the Laity,” and the coalescence of the theme, together with the beauty of the campus and its culture, left him awestruck. “Wow,” he recalled thinking at the time. “This is a remarkable place.”

A decade later while serving as director of the honors program and chair of the department of religious and theological studies at St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas, Rodenborn became aware of a job opportunity at Salve where a former colleague, Dr. Nancy Schreiber, was the provost/vice president of academic affairs.

“There are lots of great institutions with different strengths,” Rodenborn said. “But very early on in my career I realized that what I love is a mission-driven school that is student-centered, where the faculty are there for undergraduate education. It can be so transformative for a student and for a person’s life.”

Since Salve embraced such a mission, Rodenborn pursued the opportunity with enthusiasm, and he took over as the University’s dean of undergraduate studies in July 2019. As he continues to build relationships across campus with faculty, students and staff, his sense of awe fortifies.

“It’s not an education just for the sake of the individual,” Rodenborn said of the Salve experience. “The mission very clearly sends students to go out to make a better world, and to do that with a sense of purpose and cause. That imbues this whole place.”

The author of “Hope in Action: Subversive Eschatology in the Theology of Edward Schillebeeckx and Johann Baptist Metz” (Fortress Press, 2014), Rodenborn has a B.A. in theology from Creighton University and both an M.T.S. and Ph.D. in systematic theology from the University of Notre Dame.

“As a systematic theologian with a personal and professional background deeply rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition, Steve has expertise and a strong track record as a collaborative leader with past success working across disciplines to further strengthen student outcomes across all majors,” Schreiber said. “He is very experienced working with a diverse student body and will bring bold ideas as we look to continue to strengthen our academic profile.”

Rodenborn said two of his top priorities as dean are to augment Salve’s opportunities in experiential learning and interdisciplinary studies. “Learning outside the classroom is so much better when you have a rigorous classroom experience,” he said. “When students make profound connections between their experiential learning outside the classroom and their rigorous coursework in the classroom, that makes for a rich learning environment!”



*Your work could be approached on different levels – one being the day-to-day administrative type work and the other being a higher-level philosophy grounded in your theology. Can you paint that picture for readers?*

Thanks for asking this question – I love talking theology! I know students frequently enter a theology classroom with the assumption that we’ll limit our studies to the abstract and theoretical, but I sure hope they don’t leave my class with that idea. At its best, theology is concrete and touches the ground. It directly takes up our fundamental human experiences, our hopes, desires and challenges. On the really good days, my

work as an administrator takes up these same concrete human experiences, and I get to support our students and faculty as they live out their hopes and overcome challenges. I’m very comfortable connecting these two areas of my work, which I suspect is part of the reason I feel so at home working at a University embedded in the mercy tradition.

*What is your favorite book to teach?*

Over the last few years, it’s been “Tattoos on the Heart” by Gregory Boyle. Fr. Boyle’s work with gang members in Los Angeles gives life to such a profound understanding of Christianity. Students love it, and I never tire of re-reading it with each new class.

*“There’s no stopping a Salve student with the skills to change the world and the hope to sustain their work.*

– Dr. Steven Rodenborn

*You have frequently presented on the importance of practicing hope, especially when facing persistent injustices. Can you talk about Christian hope and why it is important for students (and all of us) to persevere through disappointment?*

One of the great joys of my first year on campus has been talking with our students. They’re remarkable for a number of reasons, including how serious they are about making the world more just and harmonious. If we do our jobs well, they will leave here in four years with the professional skills and leadership qualities required to do just that. They will also leave here, if we do our jobs well, with a capacity for hope that will sustain them when the injustice and disharmony seem too much to overcome. The learning our students experience through service, for example, includes both the development of practical skills and the ability to confront seemingly intractable challenges. There’s no stopping a Salve student with the skills to change the world and the hope to sustain their work.

*As a Midwesterner, how did your roots shape your thinking, your academic pursuits and your work?*

I’m from a wonderful small town in Iowa. There are so many good things to say about the way I grew up. My parents were fantastic about encouraging us to explore, try new things and dream big dreams, even if we occasionally got into a bit of trouble. As a parent myself now, I know that couldn’t have always been easy for them. But I am incredibly grateful. As I’ve gotten older, I still think of much of what I do as a great adventure: my family, research, travels and work with students. It’s a splendid way to live in the world, and I trace much of that back to my roots in the Midwest. Of course, coming to Salve Regina fit right into that. Salve has accomplished so much in just less than 75 years, and I feel blessed to take part in building our future.

*Who is your favorite author?*

It has to be Wendell Berry. In an attempt to surprise me, my wife invited Mr. Berry to our wedding in Kentucky. He wasn’t able to attend, but he sent us a lovely note of congratulations and a signed copy of “Jayber Crow.” It’s a wonderful story about the possibility of gratuitous love.

*As a member of the steering committee to develop the shared University values and strategic compass, what do you hope this document will mean for the University community?*

I’ve come to think of the strategic compass as an exercise in listening. What do our alumni, students, staff and faculty value most in their Salve experience? In naming those values and experiences, in thinking strategically about them, we will be better positioned to strengthen them for the next generation of students. Those of us on the steering committee are deeply blessed to be able to listen to the community’s stories.

*Do you have any interesting hobbies that people might not expect?*

I love to cook and read cookbooks. Putting together a Sunday night dinner is a highlight of each week.

*What is the one movie you could watch again and again?*

“The Princess Bride.” It’s playful, authentic, romantic and adventurous without a trace of cynicism.

*Who makes you laugh?*

Definitely my kids – Cate, Will, Jack and Adam. They are so much fun.

*What’s at the top of your bucket list?*

When I was a college student, I spent my junior year studying abroad. Ever since that time, I’ve suffered from a serious case of wanderlust. At this point in my life, my bucket list still includes a number of unseen destinations. What’s changed is I now dream of making those travels alongside our students and my children.

*Do you have a favorite quote that inspires you?*

“The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” – Martin Luther King Jr. and others. It’s such a profound statement of hope and empowerment.





## Captains' Corner



The men's soccer team celebrates their CCC championship win Nov. 9, 2019.

### Seahawk Success

Casey Kelly '21, a financial management major and captain of the men's soccer team, experienced an eventful fall semester both on and off the soccer field. Playing and loving the sport of soccer since he was 5 years old, Kelly knew he wanted to continue at the college level. He acknowledges that he performs better in school when he is playing soccer because he finds it easier to manage his time.

Kelly and the team had another exceptional season in fall 2019 after coming off an undefeated record the previous year. Overall, the team had a record of 14-4-4 and in the Conference, finished with 6-0-2. Along with their impressive record, the team won the 2019 Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) and advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship in Virginia in November 2019.

Alongside the team's accomplishments, Kelly had a notable season himself. Named team captain as a junior, he also received the 2019 CCC Defensive Player of the Year, First Team All-New England, and First Team All-Conference accolades. Kelly's academic performance



also earned him recognition as an Academic All-Conference athlete and First Team Scholar All-East Region. He also received the Division III NCAA Scholar All American award, which honors outstanding student athletes from across the nation who demonstrate excellence in the classroom as well as in their chosen sport.

"I wouldn't have been able to achieve all of these accomplishments without the help of my team," Kelly acknowledges, in his typically humble way.

In addition to working toward a degree in financial management, Kelly is also minoring in business administration and economics. Drawn to Salve by the business and economics faculty, who have real-life experience in the industry, he hopes to continue his education through the five-year MBA program. Kelly is also a member of the Finance

and Accounting Club and is an intern for the athletics department.

Community service is also important to Kelly and he has volunteered many hours alongside his teammates, helping with projects such as collecting trash during spring clean-ups along Annandale Road.

"I was raised to believe in giving back to the community," says Kelly. "Back home in New Jersey, my siblings and I volunteered at a summer camp for children with cancer. Community service is still very important to me here. Going to college and playing soccer can seem like a full-time job. But it doesn't always take a big-time commitment to make a difference – it can just be an hour here or there. Last year, the women's and men's soccer teams volunteered with Newport's Shooting Stars soccer league, an outreach program for children with special needs. It didn't take a lot of my time, but it was important to the kids – you could see it in their faces."

"Casey has been a quintessential part of our starting eleven ever since he first arrived back in 2017 and I am nothing short of elated to see him garnering the recognition and accolades that his talent deserves," says Craig O'Rourke, men's soccer coach. "During any given match, he is nothing short of stellar for us, which is why his teammates nicknamed him 'Superman.'"

"The only thing that can really match, or perhaps even surpass, his academic and athletic prowess is the degree of maturity and leadership that he brings to the table for our program," he continues. "This past fall, he served as the junior captain and now that the season is over and the seniors are preparing to graduate, the mantle of leadership has been passed squarely onto Casey's shoulders as the incumbent captain. And I can think of no one better to lead our roster during the off-season and throughout 2020."

- Morgan Rizzo '23



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# BACK IN THE SADDLE



## Shane Bowes '21 makes history as the first male equestrian team member.

**F**ew of Shane Bowes' hometown friends or teachers were surprised to learn that he was making athletics history at Salve Regina. After all, Bowes was a varsity standout in golf, baseball and ice hockey at Leicester High School in Massachusetts, where he had received the "Wolverine of the Year" award as a senior in 2017 for excelling in all three sports.

What surprised many, however, was that Bowes decided to cast aside all three of those sports when he arrived at Salve to pursue another of his passions instead, and in the process become the University's first-ever male equestrian team member.

"Very few of my friends were aware that I had ridden horses growing up or even that I knew how to ride a horse," Bowes said. "It was something that I did not prioritize, and it was more of a hobby at that point in my life."

Bowes knows a thing or two about prioritization. He enrolled at Salve

because of its program in administration of justice, accelerated his studies by a full semester and was accepted into the department's five-year master's program. The First Year Transitions peer mentor and ADJ Club president plans to graduate in December with his B.A. and in 2021 with his M.S. in administration of justice and homeland security with a leadership concentration. He then plans to take the Massachusetts State Police exam with the goal of being trained at the Massachusetts State Police Academy.

"Equestrian was not a significant consideration for Salve, but it was noted on my application that I was interested in inquiring more information on the program," Bowes said.

Word of his interest in equestrian reached the desk of Athletic Director Jody Mooradian who, excited to support the program's first male athlete, set up a meeting between Bowes and the team's captains at the time, Hannah Grey '21 and Makenna Rooney '21. The rest is

history, said Bowes, who officially joined the team during his sophomore year under then coaches Julie Antis and Val Barbato.

"I appreciate how both coach Antis and Barbato took the time to ease me back into the sport and, more importantly, train me for the rigors of the show ring," Bowes said.

There may have been some rust to shake loose. Bowes was first introduced to horses as a child attending a summer camp at Stowe Farm in Millbury, Mass. He started seriously riding and taking lessons when he was in second grade but completely walked away from the sport when he got to high school in order to balance the rigors of his academics and competing in three varsity sports.

"However, I jumped right back into the saddle for college and the experience has exceeded my expectations," Bowes said. "The greatest credit is due to my fantastic teammates who have always been supportive of having me on the roster. It was a bit of a culture shock for me coming from large team-oriented sports, such as ice hockey with 20-plus male comrades, to transitioning to an all-female team. However, my teammates had my back when I felt insecure and I developed a confidence in the sport that has truly grown into a passion of mine."

Teammate Madison Squizzero '21, an art major from Westport, Mass., said if they could choose any male to be the first on the equestrian team, it would be Bowes. "A lot of people might be intimidated to be on a team with all girls but he doesn't mind at all," Squizzero said. "He's a blast. He just blends right in."

*The Seahawk equestrian team gathers before IHSA event in Portsmouth, R.I., March 7.*



*"The connection with a horse is hard to explain. It's something special that I find therapeutic."*

- Shane Bowes '21



*Shane Bowes '21 with Elsie*

It has been a breakthrough year for Salve Equestrian, which is based at Sandy Point Stables in Portsmouth under its new coach, Chelsea Francis. Bowes said the team put together wonderful performances during the fall season with an impressive record of shows that they hope will carry over into the spring season.

A member of the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association), the team travels weekly to one of the 12 universities in its designated region to compete in the hunter and Western disciplines. There are about a half dozen shows on the schedule in both the fall and spring seasons. Horses are furnished by host colleges and are chosen by drawing lots. Competition format tests the horsemanship of beginners and advanced riders in divisions ranging from Walk/Trot to the Open Division for more experienced riders.

"Equestrian is a unique sport in that we are competing as both an individual and a team all in the same fashion," Bowes said. "As individuals, our athletes have been consistently executing terrific

rides. Personally, my goals for this year are to keep acquiring as many points as I can for my event (Beginner Walk/Trot and Canter) and to perform to the best of my ability at my first ever appearance at this year's regionals."

Because each rider is assigned a horse by a lottery system, they enter the ring without having the opportunity for a warmup session to get to know the horse they drew. "Part of the skill as a rider is you have to adapt on the fly," Bowes said. "Throughout our class we are judged on our physical positioning and how well we ask the horse to perform certain tasks."

Last summer, Bowes combined his love for horses and ADJ by completing a unique internship with the Worcester (Mass.) Police Mounted Patrol Unit. The patrol unit, which operates out of the renovated barn and stables at the Worcester County House of Correction, performs all aspects of police work, including neighborhood patrol and support, enhanced community relations, crowd management, and search and rescue.

Each day, Bowes worked alongside officers and a trainer, assisting in the desensitization of the police mounts. He attended special events held in the community where mounted units were requested, and received instruction on patrol procedure, equine first aid and equine nutrition.

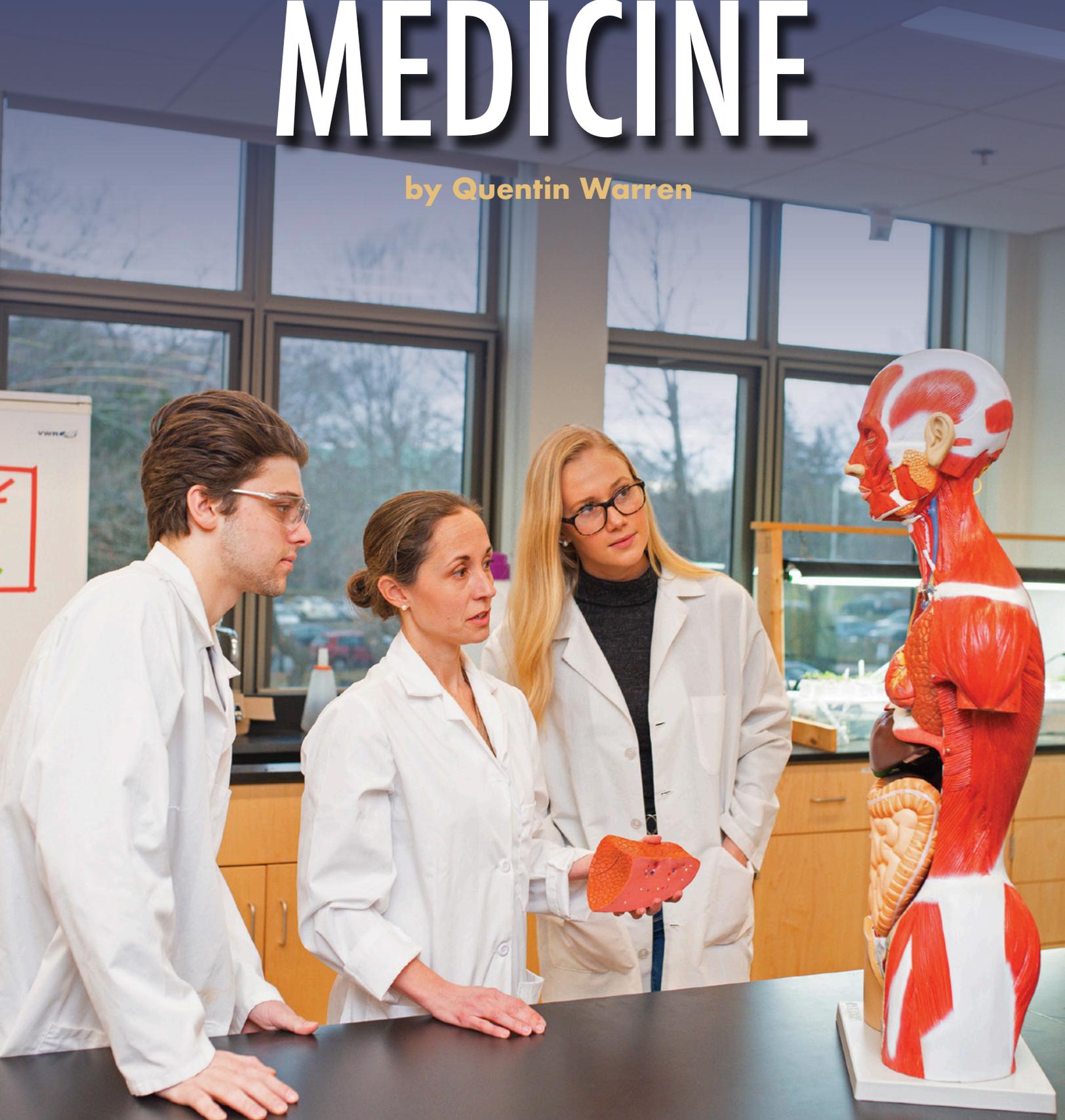
In addition to receiving three undergraduate credits, Bowes earned certification from the National Mounted Police Services for completing 10 hours of basic mounted police training.

"My experience with all of the officers and trainer in the mounted unit was incredible," Bowes said. "I enjoyed riding boot-to-boot with the other mounted officers in cadence. It was a highlight of my college experience and gave me an opportunity to open new doors for a possible career in mounted policing.

"Working with horses... it's my time," Bowes said. "I can get away from academics and focus on something I truly enjoy. The connection with a horse is hard to explain. It's something special that I find therapeutic."

# Profiles in MEDICINE

by Quentin Warren



(From left) Cameron Smith '23, Dr. Kimberly Curesky and Elizabeth Baldwin '22 work in the O'Hare Academic Building's science lab.

# A pre-med track + liberal arts

= **SUCCESS** for alumni in health care professions

Richard Dowd '10 and Bianca Caetano Thorpe '06 both graduated with plans in place to enter medical school and become doctors. Like any number of medical professionals before them and after, they credit the education they received at Salve Regina with giving them not only the technical background to pursue those plans, but also the broadminded, free-thinking outlook any doctor needs to be truly relevant in a line of work defined by human interaction.

## The Pre-Med Undergrad Program

The pre-med track blends the breadth and essence of a liberal arts education with the academic tools necessary for any student whose sights are set on a career in medicine. The biology, chemistry, biochemistry and biomedical sciences curricula emphasize a comprehensive foundation in the basic principles of those fields, and are adapted to the varied requirements of graduate school matriculation. Dr. Steven Symington, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Biology and Biomedical Sciences, maintains that this is by design and essential to providing the bridge to graduate work.

"Our curriculum in biology, for example, is set up such that Salve's undergraduate biology requirements are in line with the requirements typically necessary for medical school," said Symington. "The chemistry curriculum is set up the same way. Basically, in terms of preparing our students, we make sure that they take all the classes in our standard program of study that they would need for med school."

Standardized testing and diligence beyond the framework of the published

syllabus are part of the equation, too. "We conduct real-time testing in preparation for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and any other standardized tests required for medical school," Symington explained. "Additionally, both the chemistry and biology departments have active research programs that involve undergraduates in laboratory work, internships and physician shadowing. It's a very positive co-curricular activity for our students, another dimension that has been helpful in expediting the application process."



- Dr. Steven Symington

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Dr. Kimberly Curesky, lecturer and career health advisor, recently joined the faculty and is charged with guiding students through the process of defining their goals and meeting their academic obligations. Curesky received her bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut, and a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from Temple University in Philadelphia. Given the obstacles she faced as an undergraduate at what she perceived to be a large, relatively impassive institution, her crusade

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- Elizabeth Baldwin '22

Dr. Kimberly Curesky advises Elizabeth Baldwin '22 on courses.



on campus has been to provide her pre-med advisees with focused personal attention tailored to their needs.

"I've been meeting with a lot of first-year students who have come here interested in becoming doctors or physical therapists, for example, or medical assistants or CNAs," said Curesky. "They still have four years to go, and a lot can happen in that time. Do they stay on track, or do they diverge and find another interest? As much as we are guiding them along their chosen paths, we must make sure that they are not neglecting other parts of themselves to get to their end goals. It's more than just classes, where they are very well prepared, it's looking after the rest of them, too."

"We are happy to have Dr. Curesky here," Symington said. "It's a new position for our University, having someone on the faculty to see that our students are meeting the specific requirements of med school or whatever other health care-related career track they may be headed down. Kim is a mentor who can provide this level of insight, making sure that students are taking the right courses and moving in the right direction, giving them the information and tools needed to make their own decisions about careers related to medicine."

One aspect of the undergraduate experience that Dowd and Thorpe both consider pivotal to the realization of their successful careers is that Salve delivers its pre-med program within the context of a liberal arts education. Being well-rounded intellectually and ethically is noteworthy in a world increasingly driven by specialization and rigidly pigeonholed career opportunity. The core curriculum draws on the institution's founding mercy values, acknowledging the guidelines of faith and reason and the ideals of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

"A small liberal arts school gives you the opportunity to develop things that you may not necessarily align with a profession, but you may see them as an enrichment of your life," explained Symington.

Significantly, the benefits of the pre-med program both academically and personally are in force as much now, for current students, as they were for Dowd and Thorpe a decade ago. Elizabeth "Libby" Baldwin '22 reflected enthusiastically on her time at Salve with two years yet to go.

"After completing my undergraduate biology degree, I am planning to attend a four-year medical university to become a Doctor of Medicine," said Baldwin. "I've never wanted to enter into any career field other than medicine. All of the courses I've taken and am scheduled to take are essential prerequisites for medical school and for scoring well on the MCAT exams. There are so many great classes at Salve in preparation for a future in medicine and the undergraduate program has been an incredible experience for me so far."

## It's All About People

Dowd is currently five years into a seven-year neurological surgery residency at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts, following which he will enroll in a year of fellowship to focus more profoundly on neurosurgical oncology (the surgical side of brain cancer)—all of this in anticipation of becoming a recognized expert in the field at the culmination of his training.

After graduating with his bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry, Dowd entered a five-year master's program at the New York University School of Medicine that conferred on him not only his M.D. but also a joint degree in clinical investigation prior to his residency at Tufts. There was no doubt in his mind as an undergraduate that this was the direction he wanted to pursue.

"When I went to college, I already had the notion that I was going into medicine. I knew I wanted to do something in the sciences, and my goal from day one was to turn that into a medical career," said Dowd. "I took Steve Symington's neuroscience class and I really liked it, so I knew I wanted to do something neurologically based—neurosurgery or neurology."

"Richard Dowd wanted to be a doctor from the moment he got here," Symington recalled. "He was an amazing kid. I always remember him because he was the first student I've ever seen who actually prepared his applications for medical school the way you're supposed to, on time and down to the letter, and that's because he knew exactly what he wanted to do."

Knowing what you want to do is half the battle, but Dowd is quick to point out that Salve gave form and substance to those career ambitions, with faculty who provided critical guidance regarding course allocation and medical school syllabus requirements.

"Within the Salve community I found wholly supportive, instructive supervision about what I needed to do to get where I was going," he recalled. "From the very beginning my academic counselor said to me, 'Okay, you know you want to go into medicine, so these are the things that a medical school application will be looking for, the things you need to accomplish before you even try to apply.' And she did that with every biology major and chemistry major in the department; she sat down with each one of us and said, right off the bat, 'What do you want to do with this degree?'"



- Dr. Richard Dowd '10

Dowd also benefited from the liberal arts component, which opened his mind to issues of life and ethics beyond the rigid parameters of science. Ultimately—and any good doctor or physician would recognize this—medicine is all about people when you apply it in practice. And the core academic syllabus speaks to that human element.

As Dowd described it, "The focus of those non-science classes we were required to take largely involved ethics and the humanities, absolutely applicable to a career in medicine, absolutely applicable to things like talking competently about why it is that we do what we do—talking to people in the interview process on the way into medical school, talking intelligently about where your ethical standpoints lie in the day-to-day conduct of being a doctor. It is helpful to be able to have a framework within which to deal with ethical challenges, all of which I learned at Salve.

"I was ahead of the curve when it came to the basic science courses I had to take in medical school," continued Dowd. "Concepts that I mastered in my freshman and sophomore years were confusing to a lot of graduate students from other institutions who perhaps hadn't been exposed to them. The academic background that the philosophy and sociology majors were touting—because they got into medical school even though they were humanities majors, implying that they had a better understanding of the human condition—was never an issue for me. I didn't feel at a disadvantage there in the slightest because of the fact that I went to Salve and I had all those important humanities courses that I was 'required,' thankfully, to take."



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## FAMILY MEDICINE

Bianca Thorpe, D.O.  
Fatima Medeiros, FNP-BC



- Dr. Bianca Caetano Thorpe '06

*"...To be a great physician you have to be well-rounded and you have to understand the art of medicine. All day long I teach my patients about their health and guide them to make the right decisions. It's more than just the medicine."*

- Bianca Caetano Thorpe '06

## A Physician and Teacher

Thorpe spent four years in medical school at the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia, where she received a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degree. After that, she completed a three-year residency at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island while enrolled in the Brown University Family Medicine program. She is board-certified in family medicine and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

Today she is in family practice at Prima CARE, an accredited primary care provider based in Fall River, Massachusetts. Given that the offices are physician-owned, Thorpe conducts her practice unilaterally under the auspices of the Prima CARE health care model.

In her current role, Thorpe undertakes care once typically relegated to general practitioners, work that would have included under that moniker everything from pediatrics to treatment of the elderly. She chooses to concentrate on older children and adults, although she is certified to address any medical concerns within the full gamut of family care.

Like Dowd, Thorpe entered Salve with the notion firmly in place that her interest in the sciences would lead to a career based on pre-med training.

"I always figured that the undergraduate program I sought would involve a pre-med track, even if it wasn't a full-on pre-med program," Thorpe said. "I didn't pursue a pre-med major, rather it was a biology major and a chemistry minor with secondarily a focus in pre-med."

Thorpe's resolve to become a professional physician was never in doubt. "I really didn't have to worry about my pre-med track," she said. "In terms of the curriculum, Salve already had my pre-med prerequisites in place."

Thorpe's appraisal of her undergraduate academic experience mirrors Dowd's in significant and meaningful ways. Salve took her beyond the drier mechanics of a formative pre-med curricular setting to a level of human awareness that has informed and deepened her professional bearing as a physician.



"I was always more of a science and math person," she said, "but it was nice to have that liberal arts accent—philosophy, world religions, English, the language arts—aside from the rudimentary science prerequisites I faced. My medical school, and I believe most medical schools, actually prefer that you focus in something random, whether it's history or music or any divergent non-science minor. I like the sciences, but I think coming from Salve I had a little bit of both."

It comes down to the human element that underlies so much of medicine and holistic medical care. The family practitioner in Thorpe gets this, and she attributes her understanding in no small measure to the educational experience she encountered at Salve.

"People think of doctors and medicine in general as being very science-focused, and sometimes it is black and white—there's the research we go by, there are the guidelines we follow," she remarked. "But at the same time, to be a great physician you have to be well-rounded and you have to understand the art of medicine."

"It's not just the science behind it and the facts, it's how to tiptoe around that ethically; it's in communicating with patients, guiding them and teaching them," Thorpe continued. "We are teachers, to be honest. All day long I teach my patients about their health and guide them to make the right decisions. It's more than just the medicine."

**Salve Regina and the University of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut, have partnered to develop a pathway for Salve's undergraduate science students to earn the doctor of pharmacy degree (Pharm.D.) in six years.**

## 3+3 Pharm.D. Program

Under the new 3+3 Bachelor's and Pharm.D. Program, students enrolled in the B.S. in biology or B.A. in biochemistry may apply during their third year of study to complete their next three years of pharmacy training at University of Saint Joseph (USJ), culminating with the Pharm.D. During their fourth year, participating students will earn their bachelor's degrees and will be able to participate in undergraduate commencement with the Salve Regina community.

"The Salve/USJ 3+3 Bachelor's and Pharm.D. Program is a wonderful opportunity for those students seeking a career in the pharmacy industry but also desiring a strong foundation in either biology or biochemistry, and the well-rounded liberal arts education highly valued by employers," said Dr. Susan Meschwitz, associate professor and chairwoman of the Department of Chemistry.

"We are excited to welcome qualified Salve Regina students to this 3+3 program that offers them the ability to complete two degrees seamlessly and access

professional opportunities more quickly," said Dr. Joseph Oforu, dean of the School of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Studies at USJ. "Students will benefit from USJ's history in the health science arena, as well as its long-standing collaborative relationship with hospitals and health-care facilities through required clinical placements."

Employment of pharmacists is projected to grow 14 percent from 2012 to 2022, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and starting salaries for pharmacists reflect this demand, averaging approximately \$100,000. Pharmacy is number one on Kiplinger's list of "Ten Best University Majors for a Lucrative Career."

"Given the Mercy mission alignment of our two institutions, and the increasing need for pharmacists, the Salve/USJ 3+3 partnership brings 'mission to market' in an innovative and practical manner," said Dr. Nancy Schreiber, provost and vice president for academic affairs.



# Stories Matter

by Emily Whelan '20

As a young boy who grew up playing with LEGO® sets, Dave Ellis '04 could never have imagined that he would work for his favorite toy company one day. After graduating with a degree in English communications and literature, Ellis worked for a variety of nonprofits and educational institutions where he was able to refine his writing, editing and marketing skills. In November 2018, he saw an opening at LEGO® Education for a communication associate.

"I threw my application in, but I heard nothing. I actually almost forgot about it," Ellis admits. However, two months later, he got a call from the Boston headquarters, which led to a series of interviews that eventually landed him the position. Even better, because of his qualifications, he was promoted before his first day on the job when the position was redefined as communication manager.

"I was beside myself happy," says Ellis. "I couldn't believe that I had the chance to combine my passion for education with this brand that I loved and grew up with."

As the company's communication manager, one of Ellis' tasks is to connect with educators in the field. Through these conversations, Ellis is able to share the terrific stories about the impact that LEGO® Education solutions have in the lives of students all over the world.

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- Dave Ellis '04





*Dave Ellis '04 welcomes his wife Erin and sons, Liam, Connor and Declan to LEGO® Education's Boston office.*

Even before he began working for LEGO®, Ellis had firsthand experience in how the toy company makes a positive impact on children. His oldest son, Liam, who is autistic, found his imagination through LEGO® building sets.

"They allowed him to interact with the world on a different level and express what he was thinking in a way that was so much easier for him than words," says Ellis, who, in a way, feels an obligation to tell inspiring narratives of children who so profoundly benefit from the interactive play and hands-on learning.

Ellis owes a great deal of his success to his alma mater. When he thinks about his time on campus in context of where he is now, he said that one person in particular always comes to mind. The support and mentorship he was given by Dr. Donna Harrington-Lueker, professor of English, communications and media, still drive him to this day.

"She was an outstanding professor and there was never a question of whether she actually cared about your success. She was so passionate about communications work and good journalism," he said. "It was almost impossible to walk away from her classes not feeling that same excitement."

"Dave embraced the Salve Regina experience," says Harrington-Lueker. "As an editor for Mosaic and a student in the VIA program, his passion for social justice and making a difference was clear. Dave lived the Salve mission when he was here as a student—and he continues to live it today in his personal and professional lives."

The inspiring stories that Ellis tells through his job are the backbone of his work and he is just one of many alumni who are driven by the power of a single story.



Barbi Jo DiMaria '04 and Ed Sheeran

**B**arbi Jo DiMaria '04 also illustrates the power of storytelling as marketing and promotions director of 92 PRO-FM in Providence and as an on-air personality weeknights on "The Barbi Jo Show." Waking up at 4:30 a.m. throughout her senior year to drive 45 minutes for her internship with the "Giovanni and Kim in the Morning" radio show, DiMaria was determined to land a career in the radio business after graduating with her degree in English communications. While most students would roll over to hit the snooze button, DiMaria says it was the sound of her morning alarm that led to her landing the job of her dreams. She was passionate about telling stories on air and hearing what others had to say. That was the beginning of her career with 92 PRO-FM

**A**nother English communications alumna, Kalene Brennan '08, uses the unique power of storytelling most effectively in the fundraising component of her job.

"Storytelling is the heartbeat of any kind of communication strategy," says Brennan, who is the director of communications and marketing for Best Buddies Challenges. She adds that it is the most effective method of fundraising because telling compelling stories engages participants, donors, sponsors, volunteers and staff in a meaningful way.

Each year, Brennan helps to plan the organization's fundraising events such as the Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port, a 100-mile cycling event from Boston to Hyannis Port on Cape Cod. "I always hear so many incredible stories about the feeling the cyclists get when they cross the finish line and get a high five from

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- Barbi Jo DiMaria '04

and nearly 16 years later, she is still with the radio station and couldn't be happier.

In her current role, DiMaria is responsible for branding; running promotional contests; planning station events, appearances and artist showcases; providing site and social media content; and writing content for her nightly show. Despite the craziness of her day-to-day life, DiMaria says that "it's cool to have one big voice in one very small state." Though she has met and interviewed countless celebrities, her favorite part of the job is the continual opportunities to give back to the community.

Every April, 92 PRO-FM hosts their annual radiothon to benefit Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence. Last year, the station, along with sister radio stations, raised over \$425,000 for the hospital and since its inception 15 years ago, the event has raised more than \$8.4 million. During radiothon, doctors, patients and family members share stories of hope and courage throughout the live, 15-hour broadcast that encourage listeners to call in and donate. Hearing a single story can change – and in this case, even save – a person's life. Radio can be used to do so much good in the world, and DiMaria is proving the point.

a buddy," she says. "That's what makes waking up at 3 a.m. worth it."

The funds raised from the challenges change the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. One family was able to receive an assistive communication technology system for their nonverbal daughter. For the first time ever, their daughter was able to communicate with her parents and classmates. "It's truly incredible what people can do to help one another," says Brennan.



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- Dr. Jim Ludes  
Executive Director of  
the Pell Center



*Chelsea Clinton, best-selling author of a series of books for young readers, including "Start Now! You Can Make a Difference," joined Jim Ludes and G. Wayne Miller to tape an episode of "Story in the Public Square" on March 3.*

A Washington Post article published in October 2019 discussed the “great migration” happening in higher education as STEM classes have taken priority over English and the humanities. Noting that the number of English majors has decreased significantly, the article goes on to illustrate why stories matter and that “prominent economists are making the case for why it still makes a lot of sense to major (or at least take classes) in humanities alongside more technical fields.”

At a gathering of the world’s top economists in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Philip Lowe, the head of Australia’s central bank emphasized the importance of being a good storyteller. “It’s important we don’t just talk about numbers, coefficients and rules, but stories that people can understand,” Lowe said. “Stories about how policies are contributing to economic welfare and the things that really matter to people.”

The power of a good story is also the basis for the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy’s “Story in the Public Square,” a nationally broadcast television show featuring interviews with today’s best print, screen and music storytellers. “‘Story in the Public Square’ is built on the insight that storytelling is an incredibly

powerful force in public life,” says host Jim Ludes, executive director of the Pell Center. “The Pell Center is trying to sensitize the public to the power of storytelling.”

Whether it’s LEGO® sets, radio broadcasts or fundraising, all share something in common: Salve English communications alumni and the impact that their stories have on the communities in which they work.

Being able to effectively communicate is one fruit of a liberal arts education. Having taken courses that focus on critical thinking in a wide variety of subjects, students graduate rich in knowledge and with the desire to continue learning long after they have crossed the stage to receive their diploma.

President Kelli J. Armstrong, Ph.D., was an English major, too, with a great appreciation for education grounded in the liberal arts. “This type of education is not just about preparation for the first job after graduation, but more about developing skills that lead to a lifetime of learning,” she said. “My English major has served me well.”

*Editor’s note: Portions of this story have been excerpted from an Oct. 19, 2019, article in The Washington Post by Heather Long titled “The world’s top economist just made the case for why we still need English majors.”*

# A Friendly COMPETITION

A shared work ethic keeps Daniel and Nicholas Regan on impressive career paths.

The Regan brothers have places to go, and they don't plan to waste any time getting there.

Daniel Regan '17 is an analyst with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in Washington D.C. Younger brother Nicholas '20 is an operations specialist with Howland Capital in Boston. Both recently accepted full-time positions in their chosen field of endeavor before even completing their degree programs. Both have an appetite for achievement and a formidable work ethic. And both credit the educational and networking opportunities afforded by Salve's small-campus environment for much of their success so far.

As children, the Westford, Mass., natives grew to love Newport as regular summer visitors. Daniel chose to attend Salve in part because he could compete as a cross-country runner in a Division III program while still having time to focus on his studies. He arrived on campus with an interest in world affairs and cultures, but a random class assignment focused his mind on one region.

"I found myself taking Arabic 1, and, kind of unexpectedly, that sparked a fascination with the Middle East," he explains. "As I learned more about the region, that grew into a powerful desire to make a contribution there."

Dr. Sally Gomaa, professor of English, communications and media, recommended that he apply for the Boren Scholarship. Part of the National Security Education Program, Boren provides fellowships to students who are committed to long-term, overseas immersive language study. In exchange, the recipients agree to utilize those skills within the government by seeking and securing federal employment for at least one year.

Daniel was awarded the scholarship to study in Jordan for the 2015-2016 academic year, with coursework in intensive Arabic, international relations and Islamic studies. Just as important were the required service hours he spent working



Daniel (left) and Nicholas Regan

with Syrian and Iraqi refugees. "The experience really opened my eyes to their suffering. It made me want to show mercy to these people and make a difference in their lives," says Daniel. "It's probably the most rewarding thing I've ever done."

Back on campus for his senior year in the fall of 2016, he welcomed his younger brother, who chose Salve in part because of Daniel's success here.

"Dan was the pioneer," Nicholas says. "He showed me that Salve was a place where you could thrive academically and socially."

Inspired by a grandfather who, in his 90s, is still trading stocks, Nicholas already had a passion for business and investing, and declared as a financial management major. In his

free time, he trained for the 2017 Boston Marathon, which he ran as part of a fundraising team. There, he struck up an acquaintance with a teammate who happened to be a partner and portfolio manager at Howland Capital. By the next summer, he was interning at the firm.

After two years of classes as a Pell Scholar, Nicholas completed a year of undergraduate studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science on the General Course. Returning home, he was offered a full-time position with Howland before even finishing his undergraduate coursework.

"Nicholas exhibits a quiet intensity based on carefully considered and clearly stated personal objectives," says Sam Sacco, lecturer and program coordinator in the Department of Business Studies and Economics. "The results, ranging from his Boston Marathon performance to international study in London and a rigorous internship with a respected investment firm, are a testament to his seriousness of purpose and commitment to excellence. Nicholas doesn't just think about his future goals, he sets a course to accomplish them."

Meanwhile, Daniel, armed with a bachelor's degree in political science and global studies, chose to continue

his education at Columbia University, where he pursued a master's degree in international education. With his coursework not yet completed, he accepted a position at DHS in the summer of 2018, where he now works in document and media exploitation (the extraction, translation and analysis of physical and digital documents and media to generate useful intelligence). He calls the job "rewarding and challenging. We do a lot of work with law enforcement in local communities. I'm getting deep into the technical aspects of the job using databases and other forensic tools. There's so much to learn – sometimes it's like drinking from a fire hose!"

Dr. Luigi Bradizza, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Political Science, remembers Daniel as a diligent scholar with the perfect temperament for work in international relations.

"Daniel's senior paper on failures in the U.S. intelligence community featured excellent research," he says. "He

demonstrated a carefully measured approach to the topic in a field where emotions can run high and balance can be hard to find. We're gratified to know that his education here has led to such early success."

Daniel hopes to grow his career in the intelligence community or foreign service with the State Department. Meanwhile, Nicholas is currently registered in the CFA Program with the goal of becoming a Chartered Financial Analyst, the highest distinction in the investment management profession. He hopes someday to open his own investment firm.

"I think I got my work ethic just by watching my brother," he says. "We push each other indirectly, because we each know what the other is capable of."

"At this point, it's a friendly competition," agrees Daniel. "We're just trying to keep up with each other!"

- Steve Cardone



**"Dan was the pioneer. He showed me that Salve was a place where you could thrive academically and socially."**

-Nicholas Regan '20



# AN UNTOLD TALE



## THE SECRET STORY OF SALVE REGINA'S ROLE IN THE RECOVERY OF TOM BRADY'S SUPER BOWL JERSEYS.

When Tom Brady's jersey was stolen from his locker following his Super Bowl LI MVP performance, an international investigation was commenced - and Salve Regina University played a small, but very important, role in the recovery effort.

The investigation and recovery, which is the subject of "The Great Brady Heist," a documentary recently released by Fox Sports Films, involved cooperation between multiple public and private agencies, including the FBI, NFL Security, New England Patriots Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. State Department, Mexican federal police and prosecutors - and Salve Regina University.

The theft was not captured on camera, primarily because it took place in the moments before the media was given access to the locker room.

And so the investigation began with a painstaking review of video footage taken from outside the locker room and preserved by Fox Sports. Participating in the investigation for NFL Security was Richard Farley, father of Michael Farley '93.

Richard has served as the NFL security representative to the New England Patriots since 2002. Prior to that, he was in the FBI for over 25 years. Together with Michael, they run a sports and entertainment security consulting business known as Farley Associates.

As the investigative team reviewed the footage, they were able to identify a well-dressed individual who gained access to the locker room, but was not known to the Patriots. A close examination indicated that the man was wearing a credential that was obscured by a tie. The credential appeared similar to the ones issued to media personnel.

To help identify the individual, the NFL provided copies of all media credentials issued for Super Bowl LI. After reviewing over 800

individual credentials, the team found a match. His name was Martin Ortega, a managing director of LaPrensa, a Mexico City newspaper. They knew that he was present near the time the jersey was stolen, but they still did not have any evidence that he was involved in the Super Bowl LI theft, until FBI Special Agent Brian Brusokas called a few minutes later.

Brusokas had learned that a source had been given a photograph that showed Tom Brady's grass-stained Super Bowl XLIX jersey, which had also been stolen in 2015, on a mannequin in a display case next to a Deion Branch jersey. The source advised that he had sold the Branch jersey to an eBay user. Brusokas examined the eBay records and the PayPal records and determined that the Branch jersey in the display case next to the grass-stained Brady jersey from Super Bowl XLIX had been bought by, and delivered to, Martin Ortega in a Mexico City suburb.

Ortega's possession of the stolen Super Bowl XLIX jersey, combined with his proximity to the Super Bowl LI Jersey at the time of its theft, provided reasonable suspicion to believe that he was involved in the latter theft. But it was troubling, because it meant that these artifacts were no longer in the U.S., and outside of U.S. jurisdiction.

Richard recognized that additional assistance was needed. He picked up the phone and called a federal law enforcement colleague in Connecticut, who encouraged him to outline all of the facts supporting the matter. Based on this counsel, the father and son team prepared a thorough affidavit, describing the evidence gathered.

Knowing that the affidavit was being sent to Mexico, the Farleys were concerned that something might be lost if it was translated by someone unaware of the finer details of the investigation or the evidence. Though the FBI and DOJ could have arranged for a

translation service, the Farleys decided to handle it themselves. They found a translator in Mexico City who was fluent in both English and Spanish. They provided him with a copy of the affidavit and a list of terms and phrases that were specific to the investigation. The translator worked quickly and accurately, and the affidavit was translated and sent to Mexico. The Farleys were relieved that the evidence was now in the hands of the FBI and DOJ.



Michael Farley '93 attends Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta, Georgia., with his son Chase and father Richard.



*New England Patriot's quarterback Tom Brady celebrates Super Bowl XLIX with Richard Farley (right).*

translation, it seemed unfair to have the affidavit translated at taxpayer expense, especially when the item at issue was a football jersey.

There were similar concerns about operational security. It could be weeks before the Mexican authorities could corroborate the facts and act. If the information leaked in the interim, the entire investigation could be blown, and the jerseys could be lost or destroyed.

Based on these concerns, the team needed a translator who could be trusted so Michael reached out to David Smith '85, '88 (M), former graduate program director for administration of justice and homeland security.

"Having spent a lifetime in law enforcement, Professor Smith knows a thing or two about 'opsec,'" said Michael. "I explained the matter to him, and asked if he had a contact at the University who could help translate an affidavit. He got back to me within minutes, and set me up with Dr. Esther Alarcon-Arana, assistant professor of modern languages.

"I had started a rough translation using my college Spanish," he continued. "It's been a long time since my Spanish classes in O'Hare with Dr. Bethune, and I quickly realized that I was over my head describing 'manchas de hierbas' and 'bolsas rojas' (grass stains and red threads). This affidavit was important. The investigators had done a great job identifying the suspect, but if we didn't describe their work accurately and clearly, the Mexican authorities might be less inclined to act. Dr. Alarcon-Arana spent over

an hour with me, correcting my grammar, and ensuring that the Spanish version of the affidavit matched the English version in all ways."

"David Smith called and asked me if I could help with a translation and I simply said yes," said Alarcon-Arana. "Then he put me in touch with Michael and we met in my office one afternoon to get the translation done. I don't know anything about American football but I knew about Tom Brady so it was pretty exciting. Too bad I couldn't tell my students! I didn't have to think about it, I was helping a colleague and made a new friend with Michael."



*Dr. Esther Alarcon-Arana*

The affidavits (English and Spanish) were signed and delivered through law enforcement channels to the FBI legal attaché in Mexico City, and from there to the PGR. After the information contained within was corroborated, they used it as the basis to obtain a search warrant and within one day, conducted a search of Ortega's home where they recovered both of Tom Brady's Super Bowl jerseys.

Though the confidential assistance of Smith and Alarcon-Arana has never been reported, their willingness to help the investigation, which involved a tremendous amount of interagency cooperation between public and private agencies, played a critical role in recovering the Super Bowl artifacts.

# The Way We Were

Photos courtesy of the 1970 and 1995 Regina Maris yearbooks.



## 1970 Fun Facts

- Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.06
- Cost of a gallon of gas: \$0.36
- Album of the Year: "Bridge Over Troubled Water," Simon and Garfunkel
- IBM introduced the floppy disk.
- Monday Night Football debuts on ABC, with Howard Cosell
- The Ford Pinto was introduced.
- Elvis Presley met U.S. President Richard Nixon in the White House.
- Casey Kasem's American Top 40 debuted.



## 1995 Fun Facts

- Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.32
- Cost of a gallon of gas: \$1.15
- Album of the Year: "All I Wanna Do," Sheryl Crow
- U.S. shuttle docked with Russian space station Mir.
- The X Games were first broadcast on ESPN, and filmed at Fort Adams in Newport.
- Seinfeld was the most watched comedy on T.V.
- The best-selling car of 1995: the Ford Taurus
- Toy Story debuted as the first ever wholly computer-generated film.



# In Loving Memory

A much-loved and longtime member of the Salve Regina community, Dr. Michael DiMaio Jr., professor emeritus of philosophy and classics, passed away on February 19 after a six-and-a-half-year battle with non-small cell lung cancer. A graduate of Classical High School in Providence, R.I., and Johns Hopkins University, he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri in classics, classical archaeology and history. DiMaio served as a faculty member for more than 30 years, teaching philosophy, Latin, Greek, classical archaeology and history. He was one of the founders and first Praeses Senior of the academic website *De Imperatoribus Romanis: An Online Encyclopedia of*



**Dr. Michael DiMaio Jr.**  
June 5, 1949-  
Feb. 19, 2020

Leaving behind a legacy of kindness, Dr. Eula Fresch, former associate professor in the Department of Education, passed away Feb. 15. An enthusiastic teacher who particularly enjoyed working with student teachers and their supervising clinical educators in the field, Fresch loved her work and made a difference in the lives of many Salve Regina students. She served as faculty from 1998 until her retirement in 2015.



**Dr. Eula Fresch**  
Oct. 4, 1941 -  
Feb. 15, 2020

With a lifelong love of music, Fresch regularly attended orchestral, wind, band and choral concerts with her husband Glenn and son David. She also embraced their passion for trains and accompanied them on many adventures surrounding the hobby.

Fresch graduated from Georgetown College in Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in organ performance and earned her Master of Religious Education at The Southern Baptist Theological

Roman Rulers and Their Families ([roman-emperors.org](http://roman-emperors.org)). He was also a rail fan and model railroader as well as an editor and author for the Pennsylvania Railroad Eastern Region, a route for Microsoft's Train Simulator program.

"With a degree in library science, Mike came to Salve Regina first as a librarian," says Dr. Lois Eveleth, professor and chairwoman of the Department of Philosophy. "But that position wasn't to last, as it turned out. The library was fine, he decided, but a classroom would be better. Surely his doctorate in classics might make a transition possible. Then Christopher Kiernan, who was the undergraduate dean at the time, saw the possibilities.

"The Philosophy Department always needed to offer courses in logic, and a degree in the classics would do nicely," she continues. "And so, Mike became an assistant professor of philosophy, teaching Aristotelian logic. 'I love Aristotle,' he would frequently say in later years."

Seminary in Louisville, Ky. She also completed a master's degree in elementary education at Central Connecticut State College (now University) and her Ed.D. in elementary education at Temple University in Philadelphia, Penn.

A gifted writer, Fresch wrote and reviewed articles for professional publications and published a textbook in 2004 titled "Connecting Children with Children Past and Present – Motivating Students for Inquiry and Action." She was also involved in the Association of Teacher Educators and in the regional and national organizations of the National Council of Social Studies.

"Eula was an incredibly kind and caring woman," says Dr. Juliette Relihan, retired professor in the Department of Education. "She loved teaching and working with children. Her textbook is a clear indicator of the love she had for children. Her 'adoption' of her husband's and son's passion for trains found its way into her teaching. She often would arrange chairs in her classroom to simulate a train. As students 'rode' her train, she made social studies come alive as they learned about children in the past. She will be missed by all who knew her."

## In Memoriam

Catherine O'Connor Andersen '77  
Cmdr. William F. Bundy '05 (Ph.D.),  
USN (Ret.)  
Mary Kolkmeier Burk '69  
Breanne L. Cabral '13  
Joan Baeszler Conlon '63  
Margaret Z. Considine, CFCS '52  
Judith Dorney '78  
Paula Tozzi Dunn '65  
Brenda Collins Finn '63  
Jacqueline Lajoie Gamache '68  
Kathleen Kelly Graw '65  
Jason Hill '04

Mary Lehane Horgan '54, '76 (M)  
Herbert Koconis '76, '79 (M)  
Janine Bizzinski LaMantia '70  
Dr. Elizabeth LeBlanc, *former education  
senior lecturer*  
Jean Maguire MacCormick '58  
Colleen M. Marcik '17  
Bernard D. Mazza Jr. '80  
Marie I. McCarthy '61  
Norma Haronian Mosca '51  
Cathleen Earley Naughton '57  
Kathleen M. O'Connell '63  
James G. O'Keefe '90 (M)  
Kaitlyn Petrillo '13

Arlene Shea Ragan '60  
Charlene Vitullo Reilly '60  
Terry A. Simoes '03  
Diane M. Simpson '69  
Capt. Michael L. Soares USN (Ret), *former  
adjunct instructor*  
Janice Osenkoski Sparling '65  
Gordon G. Stewart '89 (M)  
Catherine Joyce Sullivan '65  
Catherine Donahue Sweeney '62  
Patricia Walsh Toto '56  
Edwards P. Walsh '96 (M)  
Kenneth M. Walsh '13 (Ph.D.),  
*COS instructor*



Members of the 50th Anniversary Society celebrate the holidays with a luncheon in Ochre Court Dec. 11.

## 1960

**Patricia Gartsu Beauchamp '60** celebrated her 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with her husband Bruce. She has eight children, 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Barbara Travers Brady '60** is retired from her position as a special education teacher with the Manchester Regional High School in Haledon, New Jersey. She hopes to see many of her classmates at the Class of 1960's 60<sup>th</sup> reunion in June.

## 1964

**Mary McCarthy Bivins '64** continues her dedicated volunteer service working with homeless veterans in the Houston, Texas, area. "We have 60,000 people who 'live under the bridge,'" says Bivins. "Since my (late husband) Howard served 20 years in the Navy, I know that he is proud of me."

## 1966

**Helen Reynolds '66** published "Becoming a Nun in the Age of Aquarius" in October 2019. Her book is a firsthand account of the "making-a-nun" process of the 1960s and is available through Amazon.com.

## 1968

**Julia Gendvilis Murphy '68** welcomed her first great grandchild, Odelle Amar, in December 2019. She and her husband Edmund also celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 2, 2019.



(From left) Julia Gendvilis Murphy '68, with granddaughter Angel Amar and daughter Maureen Fell, meets her new great-granddaughter Odelle Amar.

## 1970

**Ellen West Levesque '70** lives in Vermont with her husband of 50 years and is working as a clinical social worker at Brattleboro Retreat.

## 1971

**Kathy Prout '71** has advocated for the elimination of the federally-mandated financial offset of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and Survivor Benefit Plan payouts for service members. When she lost her late husband, Rear Admiral James G. (Jay) Prout III, she began lobbying efforts to eliminate the offset of compensation for military surviving spouses. Prout was invited to fly to Washington and attend the bill signing ceremony when the legislation was scheduled to be signed into law.



Lynda Bouchard '78

### 1978

**Lynda Bouchard '78** is celebrating 20 years as a publicist for bestselling authors. After a globetrotting career as a flight attendant, she resigned after Sept. 11, 2001, and founded Booking Authors Ink, a public relations firm dedicated to southern authors. She also hosts the "Literary Latte" podcast as a platform to celebrate her clientele of award-winning writers. Recent guests include New York Times best-selling authors Chris Bohjalian, Mary Alice Monroe and more.

### 1980

**Theresa Cocchiola-Graveline '80** is a member of the Prospect, Connecticut, Town Council.

### 1981

**Vincent W. Howell '81** published "MBA Quick Book for Ministers" in November 2019. The book, which he coauthored with his son Vincent Howell Jr., helps pastors sharpen leadership skills. This is Howell's second publication with Judson Press, the publishing arm of the American Baptist Churches USA. Howell is pastor of the Centenary United Methodist Church in Clemmons, N.C.

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### 1983

**Debbie Pickup '83** is an executive coach with an extensive background in health care, human resources, and coaching. Pickup helps individuals align their professional goals with personal values by building awareness and creating action plans that deliver results. She was certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources and is a certified Myers-Briggs practitioner.

### 1984

**Mary Isaac '84** ran a successful campaign for town council in Trumbull, Connecticut, where she has lived for 28 years. Representing District 1, her focus will be to keep the town's taxes stable by budgeting and finding productive ways to ensure the schools and parks are the envy of surrounding towns. She also plans to focus on supporting the senior population and encouraging new businesses to move to Trumbull. She has been married for 30 years to her husband Marty, and together they have three children, Jessica, 27, Nicole, 25, and Daniel, 22.

### 1988

**Frank Rosa Jr. '88, '90 (M)** was named safety and security manager for the Preservation Society of Newport County after retiring from a 25-year career with the Newport Police Department. "I view the opportunity to work with the Preservation Society as a culmination of both my professional and personal history," said Rosa. "I will do everything in my ability to uphold and support

the tradition of excellence at the mansions while ensuring the safety and security of the visitors and staff and all assets associated with the Preservation Society."

Rosa is a veteran of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Newport Police Department where he served as detective lieutenant. He has been twice decorated with the Newport Police Medal of Valor among other awards and commendations. He has also recently held positions in the Office of Professional Standards and Community Policing. Prior to his Newport career he was an officer with the Portsmouth Police Department and was director of security/safety with Marriott Corporation at the Newport Marriott Hotel for several years.

**Susan Tracy-Durant '88** was



honored with the CBS Station Promotion Executive of the Year Award at the annual CBS Promotion

Executives Meeting in Las Vegas in June 2019. She is the director for creative services for WPRI 12, FOX Providence, myRITV and the CW Providence, a position she's held for the past 15 years.



**1991**

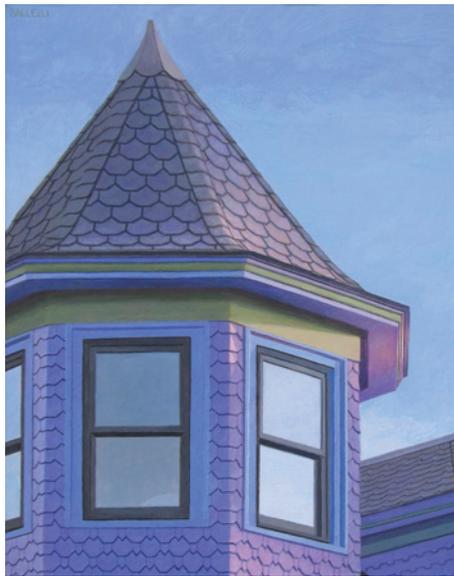
**Rear Adm. Mark Buzby '91 (M)** was the keynote speaker at Northwestern Michigan College's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy Dec. 7. Buzby was a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the Joint Forces Staff College. In addition to his master's degree in international relations from Salve Regina, he holds a master's degree from the U.S. Naval War College in strategic studies.

**Clay Flowers '91 (M)** retired as the financial policy and compliance manager with the Oregon Department of Transportation in August 2019.

**Susan Rasmussen Sparks '91** was appointed to the role of senior vice president at Zeneth Technology Partners in Vienna, V.A., a fast-growing firm providing information technology and cybersecurity services to federal and commercial clients. In her role, Sparks will be responsible for building out and growing Zeneth's technology services practice. Prior to joining Zeneth, she worked as executive director, program manager and CTO, DHS Division at ManTech and program manager and CTO at InfoZen.

**1992**

**Tom Deininger '92** exhibited his artwork at POP, a vintage store that also has an art gallery, in Providence, R.I. Deininger uses trash to make portraits, collages and other kinds of pieces, representing his internal conflict about humanity's relationship with the natural world. "I find myself searching through landfills, junkyards and dumpsters



"Last Light" by Art Ballelli '95

often. I find these kinds of places to be just as inspiring as museums," Deininger said. "Everything has a history and a life, and places like junkyards are just intriguing. They're modern excavation sites."

**1993**

**Kristina Hughes '93** and her partner Brian Vermeire have launched a family-friendly series, "Jackson Asher Super Adventures." The videos feature their son Jackson visiting interesting and historic sites and learning new skills by completing "Letter Challenges" and "Food Challenges".

**1995**

**Karen Avia '95** is employed as a staff nurse in the freestanding emergency room at Doctors Hospital in Sarasota, Florida. She acts as a preceptor to new nurses and staff and monitors patients on critical care transports to nearby hospitals.

**Art Ballelli '95** and **Roy St. Christopher Rossow '98** showcased their latest works at the New Bedford (Mass.) Art Museum in an exhibit titled "Warmed by Sunshine, Lit by Starlight." The exhibition, which ran from October through March, featured Rossow's nocturne marine paintings and Ballelli's precision architecture.



"Emma Nicole" by Roy St. Christopher Rossow '95

**1996**

**Kelly A. Lee '96 (M)** took on the role of executive director of Lucy's Hearth in Middletown, R.I. in November 2019. The nonprofit organization



provides temporary housing for displaced families in need as well as comprehensive education programs that foster life skills in a safe, supportive environment. She previously served as the vice president of community and government engagement at the PACE organization of Rhode Island. See page 48 to read Lee's guest "viewpoint."

**Dawn Morrison '96** was recently named the new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the West Islip School District in New York.

**1999**

**Michael Chalek '99 (M)** was inducted into the Cranston (R.I.) Hall of Fame Oct. 25. A graduate of the city's public schools, Chalek has distinguished himself in the field of law enforcement for 41 years, serving the city of Cranston as chief of police for 27 years. He currently works for the

University of Rhode Island Campus Police, where he was sworn in as the administrative captain in February 2019. He represents the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association on Violence Against Women and is a member/liaison to URI's satellite campuses as well as a member of the university's sexual assault response team.

**Matthew Kestler '99**, baseball coach for Rogers High School in Newport, was named the Rhode Island Coach of the Year for the 2018-19 school year by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Kestler took over the head coach position two seasons ago and led the team to the championships, where they earned their Division III crown.

**Erica Sparlin Dryden '99** is a graphic designer for MWI Animal Health, a subsidiary of Amerisource Bergen that connects animal health providers with products and support services. As a member of the organization's creative team, she specializes in graphic design, video, photography and motion graphics. A resident of Boise, Idaho, she also spends time volunteering at the local humane society and teaching art at her daughter's school.

## 2000

**Rosemarie Bottari '00** published a children's Christmas story titled "Just Spotted." Co-authored by Frank J. Lema, the book tells the tale of Tricky, a good little elf who likes to play games and silly tricks. Published by Stillwater River Publications, the book can be found through Amazon.com.



**Sergio Gonzalez '00**, one of the top goalkeeping coaches in the nation, is returning to Indiana University as the women's soccer associate head coach after spending the last two seasons at Ohio State University. Gonzalez had spent five seasons on the Indiana University women's soccer staff between 2013-2017 and has also worked within the U.S. Olympic Development Program, participating in various U.S. soccer camps. While at Salve Regina, Gonzalez earned three all-conference honors and was named Male Athlete of the Year in 1999-2000.

**Adam Kennedy '00** recently returned to St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont as a new faculty member after teaching at St. Johnsbury Academy Jeju in South Korea. Adam will be focusing on learning support and using his expertise in information system science.

## 2002

**Morgan Diaz '02** is senior vice president, operations and business development for Now Optics, LLC, where she is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the company's retail, clinical, franchise, and ecommerce operations, including more than 170 stores across 25 states. Diaz most recently served as senior director at CVS Health where she led strategy, operations and transformative growth initiatives for its pharmacy and health services divisions.



## 2003

**Julie Park Kasley '03** is the director of special events at the New York Yacht Club in Newport. She led a group of international marketing students on a tour of Harbour Court last fall, where she and her staff put on more than 250 club events, weddings and regattas during the 2019 summer season.

## 2006

**Alyssa Bonner '06** completed her graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice from the University of Rhode Island (URI) in December 2018 as part of the university's first cohort to complete the specialized program. In May 2019, she graduated with a master's degree from URI, and now holds a reading specialist certificate. A teacher in the Westerly (R.I.) Public Schools, Bonner is in her 14th year of teaching, and ninth consecutive year of teaching first grade.



Alyssa Bonner '06

## Alumni Spotlight

**Kathleen Styger Philp '06** works as a historic preservation specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 1 in Boston, Mass., covering all of New England. She is primarily responsible for helping communities prepare for, and rebuild after, disasters by conducting historic and environmental reviews for FEMA's many grant programs. She lives in Merrimac, Mass., with her husband **Spencer Philp '07** and their daughter Lena.

**Jamie Socci '06** developed a popular cocktail named "A Thousand Ships," and was entered in the 13th annual Most Imaginative Bartender Competition, presented by Bombay Sapphire Gin, where she won the distinction as the top western regional entry.

**Brian Zupan '06** was recently promoted to branch manager, residential loan officer and assistant treasurer at Essex Savings Bank in Essex Village, Connecticut, where he has worked since 2016. Previously, Zupan was employed by Primary Residential Mortgage as a mortgage loan officer.

### 2007

**Lindsay J. Connolly '07** earned her law degree from David A. Clarke Law School in Washington, D.C., graduating summa cum laude as the top female in her class. She joined Livesay & Myers, P.C. as an associate attorney in June 2019.

**Meredith Dart '08** joined U.S. Sailing in October 2019 as a coach for the Chicago region in the new Siebel Sailors Program, which is designed to increase diversity and opportunity in the sport of sailing by providing resources and support to youth sailors at



public access sailing centers across the country. Dart grew up sailing in Chatham, Mass., at Chatham Yacht Club, where she learned to sail in wooden Beetle Cats. She has over 17 years of youth coaching experience at various levels of sailing. She created and launched racing and recreational sailing program curriculum and evaluation tools for both sailors and instructors at two different programs. Prior to joining U.S. Sailing, Dart worked in the field of special education and

has a passion for helping kids become better versions of themselves both in the classroom and through the outlet of sports, specifically sailing. She sailed competitively at Salve Regina and continues to love racing any chance she can get, whether

in a local yacht club series or bigger regattas. "Sailing is a sport in which you can learn more out on the water than just sailing," said Dart. "You can learn skills like independence, multi-tasking, decision making, working with a team, and so much more. The Siebel Sailors Program will provide opportunities for kids to not only learn to sail but to also help prepare and inspire them to achieve their full potential as life-long learners, sailors and productive members of their communities."

**Patrick Gram '07** has been promoted



to digital sales manager at WCVB Channel 5 in Boston and will oversee all digital business for the sales team. An

award-winning account executive with more than 12 years of sales experience, Gram has been a multi-platform account executive at WCVB Channel 5 for nearly four years, where he was responsible for business development and account management of the station's programmatic digital and television platforms including WCVB Channel 5, WCVB.com, Hearst Core

Audience, and Hearst Anyscreen/OTT products. Gram received Hearst Television's prestigious Eagle Award in 2017 for outstanding sales performance. He currently resides in the Boston area with his wife Kelly and daughter, Parker.

**Spencer Philp '07** works as a sample handling technician in the quality control group in the Analytical Research and Development Department at Pfizer, Inc. in Andover, Mass. He works in support of the quality control laboratory and is responsible for the management, shipping and aliquoting of pharmaceutical samples.

## Listening for Opportunity's Knock

From upmarket local service stations on Aquidneck Island to multi-million-dollar development deals all over the country, **Nick Giacobbi '05** embraces commercial real estate at every level.

He is the director of development at The Procaccianti Group, or TPG, a second-generation Rhode Island-based real estate investment and hotel enterprise, one of the leading hotel owners in the United States with a portfolio of some 60 units across the country. TPG buys, repositions and develops hotels, but the approach over time has been to acquire and refinance all types of economically viable real estate through a fully integrated platform of operating companies. The group represents some \$10 billion of diversified real estate investment in more than 130 cities across 31 states coast to coast.

Giacobbi also operates Patriot Petroleum, a growing chain of local convenience-store gas stations—two in Portsmouth, R.I., a third under construction in Middletown, R.I., and two others slated for the Providence area. The roots of the business go back to Giacobbi's father George, a petroleum wholesaler who opened the first store in 1976, naming it after the Portsmouth High School football team. In the last decade, Patriot Petroleum has carved for itself a desirable and well-deserved niche in this retail genre, one marked by scrupulous attention to detail, first-class amenities, state-of-the-art facilities and the friendly, unflagging oversight of its owner-operators, Nick Giacobbi and his brother Joe.

The connection between Giacobbi's local retail initiative and his standing nationally in one of the country's most prolific real estate investment companies tells the story of a lifelong Portsmouth resident and Salve alumnus who developed a solid work ethic at an early age and followed opportunity wherever and whenever it called.

"I grew up in Portsmouth," said Giacobbi. "I'd go down to Newport to work every summer and into the winter at the marina on Goat Island from the age of 13 until I graduated from college. I worked the marina as long as I could, until they shut down in November, and then I'd go deliver cars for a local Mercedes dealership. In high school and college, that's what I did all the way through. I never really didn't work."

A principal at Boston, Massachusetts-based Suffolk Construction—ranked among the top construction contractors in New England—kept his boat at Goat Island and developed a rapport with Giacobbi over the course of one summer. He was struck by the respectful, easygoing way in which Giacobbi interacted with the boatowners whose lines he took at the dock, recognizing a valuable skill that can't be taught.

"When it came time to graduate from Salve, he came up to me and asked me about my plans," Giacobbi recalls. "I said I liked real estate, I liked construction, I was looking at different options including wealth management and



*Nick Giacobbi '05*

commercial insurance brokerages. He said he had this opportunity and he'd love for me to apply. I went through the interview process, I went through the training program, and I got to see every facet of the business."

Giacobbi went on to become a project manager at Suffolk and oversaw operations in Nashville, Tenn., Charlotte, N.C., and Dallas, Texas. Following that, he joined TPG in a calculated shift from construction contracting to the development business. In addition to hiring Giacobbi, TPG has become a joint-venture partner in his service-station expansion, making it possible for the Giacobbi brothers to recapitalize the business, add new stores and do it right.

"I went to work at TPG, and originally it had nothing to do with the gas stations," he said. "There are five principals, they are close, they've been together a long time, and they just kept asking questions. They found the gas-station business intriguing. They did their research and finally said, 'Why don't we just grow this business together?'"

That is where Giacobbi finds himself now, with two of these \$5 million investments up and running, another being built, and two more in the permitting process. It is a story about success breeding more of the same, spearheaded by a shrewd investor who graduated with a degree in business administration and worked his way up the ladder in an industry as notorious for its pitfalls as it is for its triumphs.

Giacobbi remembers Salve fondly. "I had a great experience there, met some good people...it was a pretty interesting ride."

And he hasn't left it behind, volunteering regularly through the Department of Business and Economics' Center for Business Outreach. "I judge the business policy projects," he explained. "I try to do one a semester if I can."

"We also host a retail class," he continued. "Students come over, ask questions, and I'll give them a spiel along the lines of, 'You never know what you'll end up being. If you'd told me when I was at Salve that I would be a principal in a gas station chain...' It's one of those things. Be open-minded, work hard, and build relationships. It's as basic as that."

— *Quentin Warren*

**2007**

**Dr. Stephanie Synnott '07** earned her master's and doctoral degrees in chemistry from Georgetown University. She was an assistant associate professor, and then transitioned to working in the

government in 2015 at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Synnott is now a compliance officer on the chemical and mechanical team in the Regulatory Enforcement Division. She reviews consumer products to ensure they meet mandatory requirements for public safety related to chemical compliance. She also volunteers as a member of the National Ski Patrol for the Whitetail Ski Patrol in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

**Ralph E. Tavares Jr. '07 (M)** joined Roger Williams University School of Law as the new director of diversity and outreach in October 2019.



Tavares had served as director of multicultural student success and assistant dean of undergraduate studies at Providence College for five years, and is the former associate director of admissions and

## March of the Plankton

**Gabrielle Corradino '11 brings her research to the public through social media.**

In the summer of 2017, Gabrielle Corradino '11 spent what she calls 35 of the happiest days of her life filtering seawater on a ship in the Gulf of Mexico to help answer questions about marine plankton diversity. So when she tells you she loves research, you believe her.

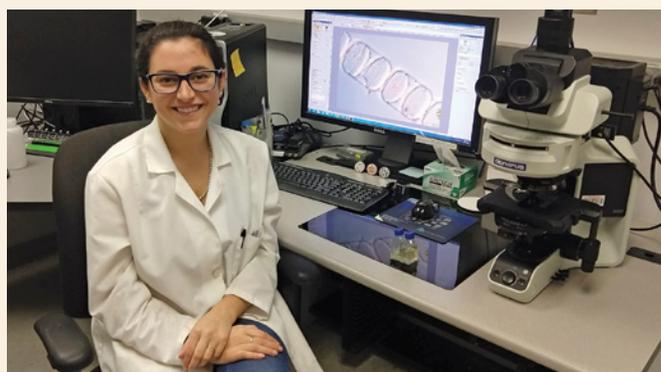
"I did my first internship when I was 15. I've always been interested in understanding the behavior of marine organisms, because I'm fascinated to know why they do what they do," says Corradino. "When I'd go to the beach with my family as a kid, my parents couldn't get me out of the water!"

That passion has led to an impressive string of achievements for the young scientist. She has been a National Geographic Explorer, a National Geographic Early Career Fellow, and a Department of the Interior Global Change Fellow. In May, she'll receive her Ph.D. from the Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at North Carolina State University. Through it all, she's built an active social media presence, contributing to several ocean-based podcasts and hosting a professional Instagram account (@MarchofthePlankton) that aims to bring her research to the public.

"Reaching a broader audience with science has always been an important part of my work," she says. "People typically don't think of plankton as beautiful or complex organisms, but I hope the images I post will bring light to the microscopic base of our marine food webs."

In February 2019, Corradino began working as a Knauss Fellow with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The competitive fellowship matches highly qualified graduate students in the marine sciences with hosts in the legislative and executive branch of government for a one-year paid fellowship. The program has taken her out of the lab and into the halls of government to give her a new perspective on her field.

"This job is heavily based on policy-making," Corradino explains. "I visit different aquariums, sanctuaries and museums around the country to evaluate how we are educating the public. I



hope to go to Capitol Hill to see what politicians think and value about marine science education.

"It's a great opportunity for me to see another side of these issues," she continues. "There are many paths available once you have your Ph.D., from academia to research to nonprofit work. I'm really interested in taking an interdisciplinary approach to my work."

Corradino credits the liberal arts education she received at Salve for that well-rounded perspective, which is unlike what students typically experience at large research institutions. "I've mentored students at big universities, and their entire academic schedule is devoted to science," she says. "At Salve, I took courses in philosophy and literature, and I was introduced to other conversations like environmental justice. It helped me become a complete student."

After receiving her bachelor's degree in biology from Salve, Gabrielle took a few years to consider her next steps, meanwhile working at Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut and teaching high school science. To her mind, all those experiences helped prepare her for her current venture.

"At 30, I'm a different person than when I was 22," she explains. "Maturity changes the way you think about science and the questions you ask. I'm a better scientist because of it."

— Steve Cardone

multicultural education at Salve Regina. Tavares is also co-president and a member of the board of trustees of Diversity and Inclusion Professionals of Rhode Island, vice president of the board of Friends Academy in North Dartmouth, Mass., a facilitator for Justice Talks; a member of the planning committee for the National Partnership for Educational Access; and a recipient of the Founder's Award of New England Counselors of Color Bridging Access to College. He has been a liaison to the New England Association for College Admission Counseling Governing Board, and is a member of the National Academic Advising Association.

## 2009

**Jamie Burgess '09** led a discussion-based workshop exploring the life of Louisa May Alcott and the cultural significance of her most famous work, "Little Women," at the Bud Werner Memorial Library in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in January.

## 2012

**Colin McQueen '12** is the head football coach for Amesbury High School, where he served as defensive coordinator for two seasons. "It's absolutely exhilarating," McQueen said. "Very, very excited to be a part of the community of Amesbury and get involved with that historic tradition and culture there. I think there's a lot of opportunity for success and I'm just very happy to be a part of it."



*Kelsey Murray '12*

**Kelsey Murray '12** started the new year as global head of social media at NASDAQ, where she's responsible for designing and overseeing implementation of enterprise social media strategy, ensuring it aligns with the brand's vision and voice. She oversees content planning,

event and thought leadership content amplification, paid social campaigns and performance, brand partnership strategy, analytics and reporting. She has also worked at Northwestern Mutual, LearnVest, American Salon magazine, People magazine and Thrive Global.

## Alumni Spotlight



**Kathryn Luvera '13** (center) was the keynote speaker for Salve Regina's Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society induction Nov. 7, 2019. Luvera teaches social studies at Dumont High School in Dumont, New Jersey, and also coaches two girls' soccer teams for the school. She earned a master's degree in educational technology from the American College of Education and a master's degree in American history from Pace University. Luvera

wrote both her bachelor's and master's theses on topics related to the early 20th-century suffrage movement for U.S. women to get the right to vote. She told inductees Kylee Babcock '20, Kathleen Christ '20, Isabelle Gillibrand '20 and Calissa Silva '20 that they should set ambitious goals and work hard to reach them. Just four days prior to her campus visit, Luvera ran the New York City Marathon, her first, finishing the Nov. 3 race in 4:25:19.

## 2014

**Carolyn Goodwin '14** recently began working for a company in Boston called ArtLifting, an art consulting and brokering firm, where all works for sale in their

portfolio are from artists who have been impacted by homelessness or disability. They follow a “business for good” mission, and the goal is to empower and support these artists through sale and celebration of their artwork.

**Brittany Rosenberg '14** was featured in a Providence Journal story Oct. 22, 2019. Rosenberg, who works by day at her family’s business, Newport Marketing and Events, was inspired

to launch Sweet B’s Donuts after attending an event in Nashville where someone was doling out doughnuts by machine. She sells her treats at Rocky Brook Orchard in Middletown, Newport Polo in Portsmouth, summer concerts at Second Beach, various festivals and fairs, and Salve Regina events. She also does private events such as weddings and corporate functions. For information on where Sweet B’s will show up next, visit [sweetbsdonuts.com](http://sweetbsdonuts.com).

## A Tough Act to Follow

**Kat. Kat Witschen '14.** Remember that name. She may just become another single-syllabled celebrity household name like Oprah, Cher or Meryl. Witschen’s star has been rising in the stage, screen and musical world, and her career in the arts has only just begun.

Witschen graduated summa cum laude with her Master of Fine Arts from the Actors Studio Drama School at Pace University in May 2019. Though she had also been accepted to the MFA program at Harvard University, she chose to pursue Pace’s program because she fell in love with New York City while studying at the prestigious Stella Adler’s Acting Studio. Another reason for pursuing Pace was her passion for “Inside the Actor’s Studio Drama,” which is embedded in its curriculum and has aired on Bravo.

“It’s always been one of my favorites...I’ve been watching the show since I was a little kid and I knew about the school for a very long time,” says Witschen. “I got to work with actual legends in our field.” Some of the legends with whom she has hobnobbed include Josh Groban and Uma Thurman, and she met Patti LuPone while performing at the 2017 Tony Awards. “It was an incredible, star-studded night!”

With experience in theatre, dance, music, songwriting and screenwriting, Witschen is a versatile performer. She is currently performing in an off-Broadway production of “Improvised Buffy,” a spin-off of the 1997 television show, “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” at the Kraine Theater and ultimately aspires to be part of “Hadestown,” which has garnered eight Tony awards, including Best Musical.

Along with two of her colleagues in the entertainment industry, Witschen has created a production company called Make Space Productions, which focuses on making space for under-represented stories and viewpoints. Their first off-Broadway play premiered at Joe’s Pub at the Public in fall 2019.



She is also choreographing a tap-dancing video and stays in shape by dancing to hip-hop, contemporary and classical dance music. “In this industry you have to be fit.”

When she’s not on stage, Witschen spends her time as a private voice, acting and dance coach, training students in musical theater.

“Actors have a hard time in our industry because it requires a lot of singing, and singers have trouble acting,” says Witschen. “I’m very versatile and I know how to talk to the different branches of each.”

Originally from Minnesota, Witschen fell in love with Salve’s campus during her first tour. “How could you not?” she proudly boasts. Now a true New Yorker,

she was initially inspired by the city lights when she saw “Annie” at the age of 4 and started tapping her way to fame. By the time she was 8 years old, Witschen was doing community theater and she began voice lessons at 16.

Witschen credits Dr. William Leeman, associate professor of history, with encouraging her along the way and believing in her work. “He’s such a wonderful history professor and a really great guy. He believed in me and my work, I think first, before anybody. He came all the way to New York to see my pieces and he wasn’t even in the theater department. It just proves that Salve is a family.”

Witschen recalls her years on campus as being some of her best, and believes that Salve lies at the root of her success. She is in contact with many of her professors from the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance as well as the Department of Business and Economics, and returns to teach workshops. She also credits Tom Gleadow, artistic director for the Casino Theatre, with helping her to achieve theatrical success.

“Salve is the reason I go after my dreams. Everyone there supported me.”

- Kathy Clancy LeBlanc '85

## Do What You Love and Love What You Do

There is a lot to be said for blending a successful professional career with an appealing lifestyle rooted in your own temperament and soul. It's all about doing what you love, and finding that balance of purpose and passion is, for many, an elusive goal. Within three years of earning his master's degree, **Adam Cove '15 (MBA)** had moved through the ranks of one of the country's premiere manufacturers of marine products for sailboats and powerboats to become the company's CEO at the age of 28. He is a sailor at heart, doing what he loves.

The company is Edson International, based in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Founded in 1859 by Jacob Edson, who pioneered a long line of marine products that are largely now taken for granted in the marine marketplace, the business is one of New England's oldest continuously operating manufacturing companies.

The fit professionally for Cove could not have been more natural. He grew up sailing locally on Cape Cod, heavily involved in the Yarmouth, Massachusetts, town program where he later taught sailing for seven years. He raced sailboats throughout high school and college and coached the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School sailing team. He has worked as a yacht designer, engineer, boatbuilder, rigger and sailmaker. Sailing has always been in his bones.

Cove graduated summa cum laude from the University of Michigan in 2009 with a degree in naval architecture and marine engineering. Not surprisingly, he led the collegiate sailing team there as captain.

"What brought me to Newport was yacht design," said Cove. "I was working for Pedrick Yacht Design in downtown Newport, and while I enjoyed engineering, I wanted to expand a bit on my background and my education and be a little more versatile. Eventually I wanted to run my own business, so going into Salve's MBA program made a whole lot of sense."

Pivotal to Cove's rapid rise at Edson—from marketing manager to engineering vice president to the company's CEO—was his ability to combine his sailing and marine engineering background with the expertise he gained at Salve.

"The Salve experience helped launch me to the next step, because as soon as I got my degree I was brought on board at Edson, and the MBA was a key part of that," said Cove. "It allowed me to step into a new management role, and using the combination of the engineering degree and my MBA—among the most powerful degree combinations out there, by the way—I was really able to propel myself up within the ranks of the company to be running it three years after I started."

Edson's long-time CEO Will Keene essentially handpicked Cove to be his eventual successor, moving him up the corporate ladder and grooming him for the role. The reputation and industry-wide prominence of the 160-year-old company were vital trusts and Keene made every effort



Adam Cove '15 (MBA)

to ensure that they would be well tended once he had relinquished his title. "Adam has achieved success at every position of the company that he has undertaken, and more importantly, he has earned the respect of his associates as well as Edson's customers and vendors," Keene said upon making the appointment official in September 2016.

Notably, Cove shares his creative appetite and sense of commitment locally with the New Bedford community in a number of volunteer capacities. "I am mentoring through a program called EforAll, or Entrepreneurship for All," says Cove. "I am one of a number of community leaders who mentor various small-business start-ups and work with these entrepreneurs to help them expand their initiatives and flourish. It's inspiring."

Recently Cove joined the board of directors at Sail America, an industry-wide organization created to promote sailing across the country, to support the manufacturers of boats and equipment, and to advance education, awareness and safety within the sport.

Cove also serves on the Regeneration Committee for New Bedford, a volunteer organization dedicated to bettering the city and its environs, as well as the local Economic Development Council. Additionally, he volunteers on what is, essentially, the Recreational Board for the Port of New Bedford, which focuses on recreational craft in the city's busy harbor. "I try to stay involved with the community as much as possible," he remarked.

Happily, Cove's wealth of activities in both professional and civic circles has not dampened his thirst for the outdoors or for being on the water purely for the enjoyment of it. "I do get out on the water," he said, "though typically it's on boats at the dock and involves crawling into a customer's bilge."

"Still, I have opted to spend a little more time cruising on my own boat, a 1969 Luders 33," he is quick to add. "My girlfriend and I will doublehand it, and sail up to Maine or wherever we feel like going when the opportunity arises. We sailed engineless for a few years, and now we have a small electric kicker, so pretty much we're still engineless. It's fun."

— *Quentin Warren*

**2015**

**Tyler Stirling '15** was recognized at the 2019 Ridgefield Independent Film Festival in Connecticut for his short film, "Little Things." The 16-minute narrative work,



which he created while pursuing his master's degree in film and television at Sacred Heart University, won best student film. "Winning the award was a complete surprise to me," said Stirling. "The whole process was amazing. It was my first film festival as a filmmaker." The film focuses on a man who is contemplating suicide, but after meeting his new neighbor, he falls in love and his life is reinvigorated. Stirling currently does freelance video work, taking his career one project at a time, and he is interested in starting a web series.

**2016**

**Jenifer Sartanowicz '16** took on the role of general manager at The Cape Playhouse in Dennis, Massachusetts. The 94-year-old theater is one of the oldest summer theaters in the country. In 2018, Sartanowicz worked on the world premiere of the Off-Broadway musical "The Hello Girls" and on the national tour of "Falsettos" before securing the full-time position at the historic Cape Playhouse.

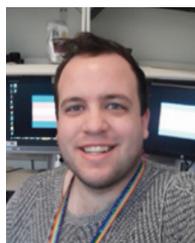


Abigail Tepper '16

**Abigail Tepper '16**, former field hockey and lacrosse player, served as the head field hockey coach at Oliver Ames High School while simultaneously working as a volunteer assistant at Stonehill College. In her second year with Stonehill, where she was a part-time assistant coach for the field hockey program in the fall, Tepper doubled as an assistant for Roger Williams University's lacrosse program. She was on the sidelines as the West Chester University Golden Rams claimed the 2019 Division II Field Hockey National Championship. In her first year as a full-time assistant at West Chester, Tepper helped the Golden Rams win 20 of their 21 contests this season.

**2017**

**Matthew Levine '17** began a new position as senior patient experience representative for the Gender Management and Sexual Disorders Department at Boston Children's Hospital.



Lea Carpanzano '18

**2018**

**Lea Carpanzano '18** works at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., as a social and digital media manager.

**Marissa Guerard '18** is the social media coordinator for Wahlburgers, the restaurant chain run by Paul Wahlburg, whose siblings, Mark and Donnie, are big names in the entertainment industry. Guerard returned to campus in September 2019 to share her experience working in social media with English communications students.



Marissa Guerard '18 and Donnie Wahlburg



Collin Travassos '18

**Aaron Prendergast '18** joined Science Application Instruments Corporation (SAIC) in Middletown, R.I. as a logistics analyst in October 2019. In his role with the defense contractor, he provides configuration management and program support to project engineers. He is also pursuing his M.B.A. at Salve while working to save for his December 2021 wedding.

**Collin Travassos '18** works as a media coordinator at Subject Matter, a full-service agency based in Washington, D.C.



Sasha Kotsopoulos '19

## 2019

**Kate Aiello '19** is working at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts, as a physician assistant.

**Amanda Jones '19** traveled to Canada, England, France, Ireland, Monaco and Switzerland during summer 2019. She accepted a



position as an associate consultant for employee health and benefits at Marsh & McLennan Agency in Boston. She also ran in her second Newport Half Marathon in October 2019, raising \$1,525 for Clean Ocean Access.

**Sasha Kotsopoulos '19** began her job as a Level 2 Teacher at the New England Center for Children in Southborough, Mass., in June 2019, and is pursuing her master's degree in severe disabilities with an autism specialization at Simmons University.

**Madisyn Mugavero '19** performed in the fall 2019 musical, "Bright Star," at the Community College of Morris in New Jersey.

**Jolie Slater '19** was commissioned as a Mercy Volunteer by the Mercy Volunteer Corps and is serving with Faithful Fools in San Francisco, California.

## Salve Celebrations

### Weddings

Danielle Daigneault O'Rourke '15 and Ryan O'Rourke: May 4, 2019.

Dr. Stephanie Synnott '07 and Ben Michelson: Aug. 13, 2018

### New Arrivals

Dr. Marc Saulnier '97 welcomed his son John Edmund Saulnier II to the world on May 17, 2019.

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## We are grateful to all those who contribute to the student experience and thank you for volunteering on behalf of Salve Regina University.

The alumni and parent network is a vital part of the Salve Regina experience that enhances academic programming and connects students with a wide range of successful professionals willing to share their advice, experience and connections. Hundreds of dedicated alumni and parents volunteer throughout the year as guest speakers, mentors, coaches and ambassadors for the University, both on campus through networking events, panel discussions, open houses and accepted students' days, as well as in

the field at alumni receptions and recruitment events across the nation.

Please consider getting involved and connecting with Salve students through one of the career programs and panels held on campus. Join the Seahawk Alumni/Parent Ambassador Program, a dynamic group of alumni and parents who support the Office of Admissions by staffing college fairs, attending events such as Early Action Accepted Students Days, and participating in phone and email campaigns.

### Seahawk Alumni/Parent Ambassador Program

Across the nation, Seahawk alumni and parent ambassadors are sharing their own Salve experiences with prospective students and their families. From New England and the Atlantic seaboard to the Midwest and West Coast, this dedicated group is eagerly demonstrating what makes Salve 'Salve.' We are grateful for their time, their talent and their enthusiasm and invite all alumni and parents to join in the fun.

Lynne Ames (parent of Emily '23)  
Diane Atchinson '73  
Kelsey Bell '15  
Jenna Boyle '19  
Maria Buonasora '18  
Katrina Costantini '05  
Shawn Deer (parent of Kimberly '23)  
Eibhlin Donlon-Farry (parent of Aideen '23)  
Christina Ford '10  
Augustina Gallagher (parent of Miranda '23)  
Heather Gallinoto (parent of Madeline '23)  
Kathleen Greb '00  
Gabrielle Grilo '18  
Joaquin Rodrigo Hernandez '15  
Amanda Jones '19  
Christine Lasquade (parent of Chloe '23)

James and Dorothy Marciano (parents of Julie '23)  
Lisa Maurer (parent of Troy '23)  
Gerald O'Shea '12  
Kathy Perry (parent of Isabel '23)  
Paula Poplawski (parent of Caitlin '09)  
Cindy Scinto '83  
Maeve Shaughnessy '15, '16 (M)  
Scarlette Schultz '19  
Alaina Smalley '09  
Shannon Soule '17  
Cassandra Standish '09  
Maurizio Tallini (parent of Joseph '19)  
Ryan Teng '18  
Jivanto van Hemert '14  
Kate Vitagliano '19

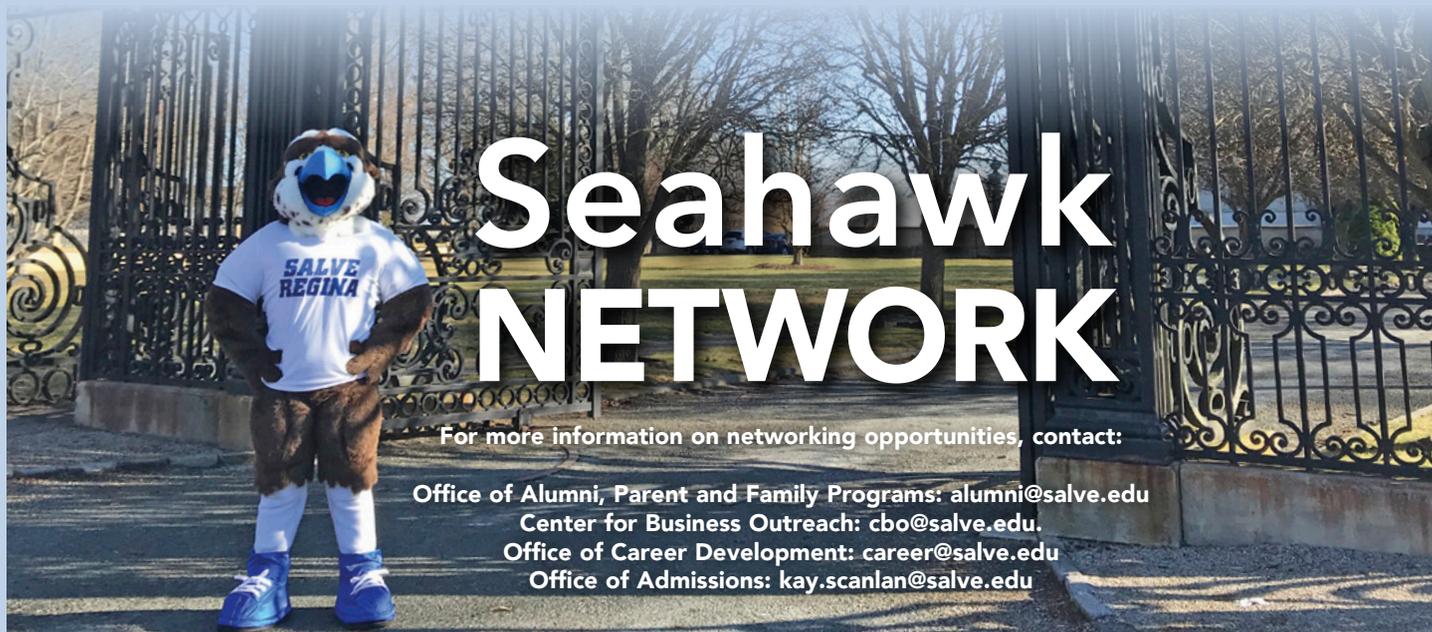


### Marketing Alumni, Oct. 7, 2019:

Lindsay Chapin '17, project manager, Newport Hospitality  
Casandra DaSilva Greeno '10, leasing assistant/property management, Hallkeen Management  
Kaileen Mahoney Hanlon '04, director of digital pharmacy marketing, CVS Health  
Carla Jewett '06, events planning manager, Goodwin

Meagan Lisboa '05, small business relationship banker, Citizens Bank  
Alyssa Pascarella '17, digital marketing specialist, R.I. Student Loan Authority  
Jamie Paul '13, marketing operations/integrated marketing, Schneider Electric  
Melisa Ritacco '05, special education teacher, Chariho High School  
Kathryn Walsh '18, student lending relationship manager, Citizens Bank

*Nursing alumni volunteer to help welcome prospective members of the Class of 2024 during Early Action Accepted Students Day Feb. 7. Pictured from left are Jenna Boyle '19, President Kelli Armstrong, Cassandra Standish '09 and Alaina Smalley '09.*



# Seahawk NETWORK

For more information on networking opportunities, contact:

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Center for Business Outreach: [cbo@salve.edu](mailto:cbo@salve.edu)

Office of Career Development: [career@salve.edu](mailto:career@salve.edu)

Office of Admissions: [kay.scanlan@salve.edu](mailto:kay.scanlan@salve.edu)

## Center for Business Outreach Guest Speakers, Spring 2020

Georgi DeMartino '15, social media producer, Fox News

Rear Admiral Cindy Dullea '77, retired, Experian Health

Brooke Hobson '17, marketing manager, Broadway Hospitality Group

Russell Petrucci '13, manager of business development, American Express

Cassidy Rota '16, social media specialist, Brown University

Francesca Scutari '11, manager, Cobrand/Loyalty at Marriott International

Brent Snider '00, co-CEO and chief revenue officer, Maru/Matchbox

Sabrina Stensland '16, director of sales and marketing, Flatwaves Restaurant

## Administration of Justice Alumni, Nov. 11, 2019:

Ethan Boghigian '17, patrol officer, Newport Police Department

Sam Brito '18, '19 (M), information systems security engineer, Raytheon

Jenna Carrabis '08, '09 (M), project manager/data analyst, Deloitte

Gregg Catlow '02, '05 (M), detective sergeant, Smithfield Police Department

Kyle Cavallaro '19, patrol officer, West Warwick Police Department

Jacqueline Crockwell '15, associate attorney, Melick & Porter

Kristilyn Davis '05, investigator, Connecticut Department of Children and Families

Wendy DeLuca '12, '13 (M), senior solutions engineer/East Coast manager, Recorded Future

Garfield Douglas '15, '16 (M), information security specialist, Netsimco

Matthew LaMountain '07, special assistant attorney general, Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General

Christine Maltby '05, criminal defense attorney, Maltby Law

Mike Marotta '16, firefighter/EMT, Newport Fire Department

Daniella Massimilla '03, senior staff attorney, The Hartford

Nicole McGovern '16, '18 (M), senior sales engineer, Recorded Future

Alexandra Perkins '15, claims advocate, Chisholm, Chisholm & Kilpatrick

Desiree Peterson '16, patrol officer, Westerly Police Department

## Department of English, Communications and Media Career Pathways Workshop Alumni, Nov. 1-2, 2019:

Xavier Andrews '10, deputy press secretary/communications, Boston Public Schools

Sarah Bordeleau '03, assistant director of alumni relations, University of Rhode Island

Dave Ellis '04, global communications manager, LEGO® Education

Alyssa Hirkaler '18, assistant account manager, DSM

Katie Kierce '18, SEO specialist, Boston Web

Dan Johnson '13, associate media editor, Bedford/St. Martins

Leah Palazzo '15, academic counselor, Salve Regina University

Courtney Randall Petrucci '13, English teacher, University High School of Science and Engineering, Hartford Public Schools

Ariel Guertin Porto '12, program manager, Weitsman Institute

Melissa Pucci '00, senior program manager, Technolutions

Cassidy Rota '16, social media specialist, Brown University

Albert Vuoso '15, talent development, Warby Parker

Please note that the lists included are not comprehensive and may not include all the wonderful alumni and parents who have participated in events to date throughout the 2019-2020 academic year.

# From Homeless to Home

by Kelly Lee '96 (M), Executive Director of Lucy's Hearth, in Middletown, R.I.

Did you know the average wait for a family to get into emergency shelter is 37 days?

Just imagine: Children living in a car for more than a month in below-freezing temperatures...

Just imagine: Children being picked up for school from their vehicle for more than four weeks...

Just imagine: Children having no access to running water, bathroom facilities or nutritious meals for more than 30 days...

The plight of these children and their families motivated me to walk down a new career path in 2019: the fight against homelessness as the executive director of Lucy's Hearth, located just a few miles from Salve Regina's lovely campus. Founded in 1984, Lucy's Hearth is one of only three family shelters in Rhode Island and the only one in Newport County.

Our guests at Lucy's Hearth are struggling—with managing their mental health needs, the impact of domestic violence and other crises. But there is hope. Thanks to Lucy's Hearth, countless families have rebuilt their lives and regained their independence, dignity and self-sufficiency. Research shows that more than 90 percent of those who experience homelessness achieve self-sufficiency and never become homeless again. Homeless shelters work!

Lucy's Hearth transforms lives utilizing an evidence-based model called "Housing First," based on research that shows that once a person has been stabilized in housing, they are more successful in addressing the issues causing them to become homeless. The Housing First model requires us to work swiftly to prepare our residents to move out of the shelter and into, usually, their own apartment. Our approach is what is known as "trauma-informed," emphasizing emotional, psychological and physical safety, helping residents rebuild a sense of control and empowerment over their circumstances—something all of us want in our lives.

Our case managers connect families with a multitude of services, either in the shelter or from other providers. Services include: daily life skills education; mental health and substance abuse treatment; job training; parenting workshops and more. We also work closely with the child's school to ensure their education continues while living in the shelter. Some attend schools nearby, but in some cases the children are bused to the school they were attending before they became homeless.

Families generally stay at Lucy's Hearth between three and six months, whereas years ago they stayed as long as a year. It's not easy, and what makes the work especially difficult is there simply isn't an adequate supply of safe, affordable housing in Rhode Island. It's an issue that threatens our region's future and a real crisis for those in need.

*"I am a survivor. Despite finding myself and two daughters homeless—after a debilitating surgery and an extensive history of domestic violence—I made sure my kids had a roof over their heads in having them live with their grandmother while I slept in my car. With the support of my case manager at Lucy's, I submitted countless housing applications...and signed up for bookkeeping classes. The local YMCA provided after-school care for my two children, which was a godsend when I returned to work. I had an unwavering focus to get back on my feet, taking advantage of every opportunity that was offered to me. My perseverance certainly paid off!"*

*-Lucy's Hearth Guest (Name Withheld)*

Part of the mission of Salve Regina is to "promote universal justice." Several Salve students are currently volunteering with us to aid in empowering the families at Lucy's Hearth. They have organized drives to collect much needed items for the families, including toiletries, diapers and feminine hygiene products. Others have brightened the lives of our guests by preparing healthy meals and spearheading family movie nights—complete with popcorn! Salve nursing students will be teaching in the upcoming months on topics such as dental hygiene and insect-borne illnesses.

Alumni and students can also further the mission by helping people who are homeless meet their immediate needs—and by embracing the challenge of developing long-term solutions, whether here on Aquidneck Island or wherever they call home.

The need is great! I encourage everyone to become an advocate for affordable housing wherever they live. Support candidates committed to affordable housing, join advocacy groups, write letters to the editor in your local newspapers and blogs and turn out at local meetings to voice support for new housing developments. Make your voice heard!

Being part of a mission-driven organization such as Lucy's Hearth, which has a positive impact on the issue of homelessness, is incredibly rewarding. It reminds me of my many years as a Rotarian, as well as my work coordinating volunteers for the Sharing Locker (a non-food pantry that serves people in need in West Bay and South County communities). It is heartwarming to witness the many individuals wanting to make a positive impact in the lives of others. Every act of kindness, every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference.

*Editor's Note: Lucy's Hearth relies heavily on individual gifts and private foundation funding to support the annual budget and also accepts donations of food and supplies. For more information on how to help, visit [lucyshearth.org](http://lucyshearth.org) or call (401) 847-2021.*



Kelly A. Lee '96 (M)

**We look forward to welcoming alumni, parents and friends to these upcoming events:**

**Reunion Weekend  
June 5-7**

**Corporate Golf Tournament  
Sept. 14**

**Fall Festival Weekend  
Oct. 2-4**

**Governor's Ball  
Dec. 5**

As the situation regarding the coronavirus continues to develop, the University will be adjusting plans, as needed, for scheduled events. For up-to-date information, please visit [salve.edu/coronavirus](http://salve.edu/coronavirus).

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