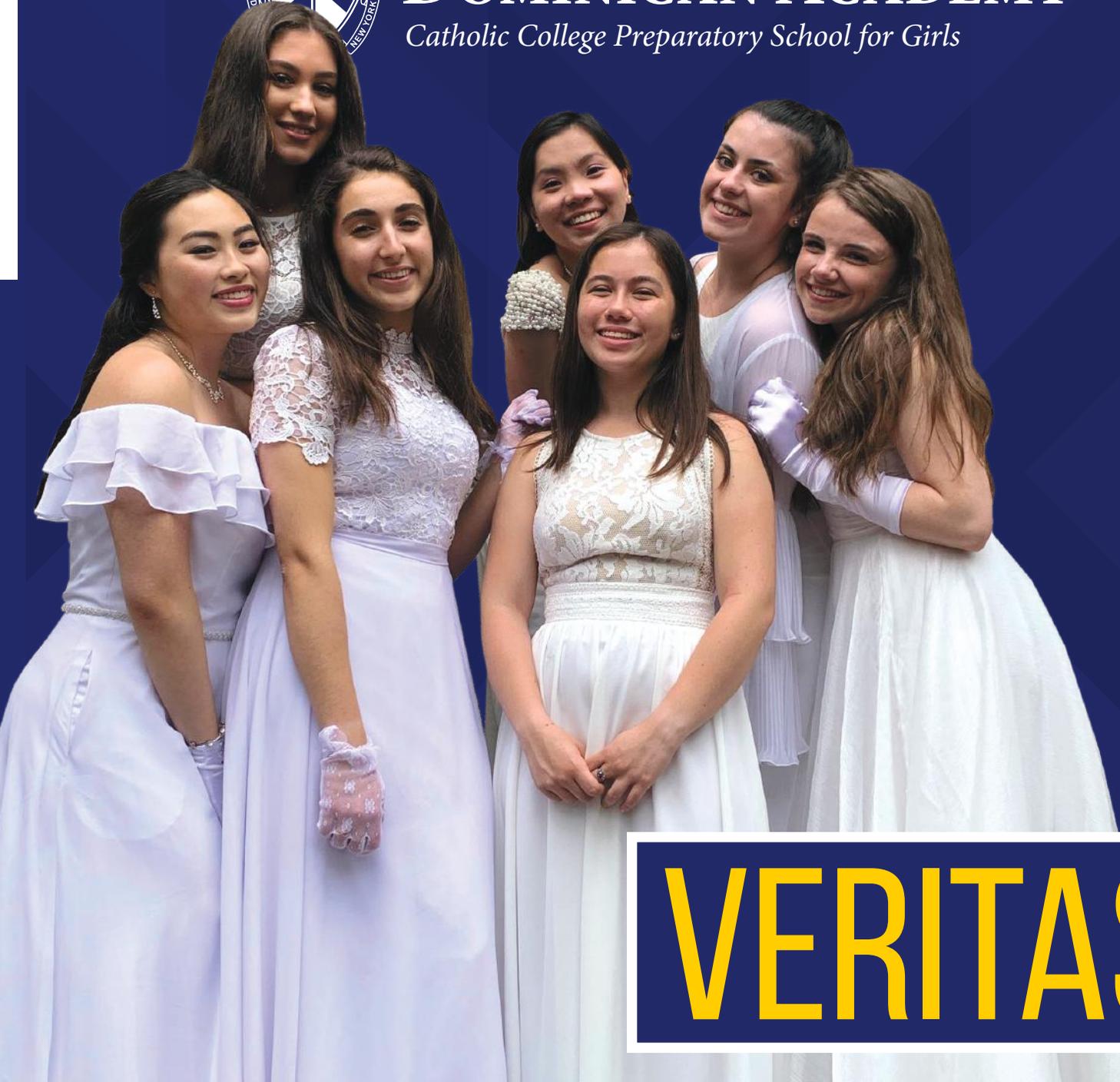


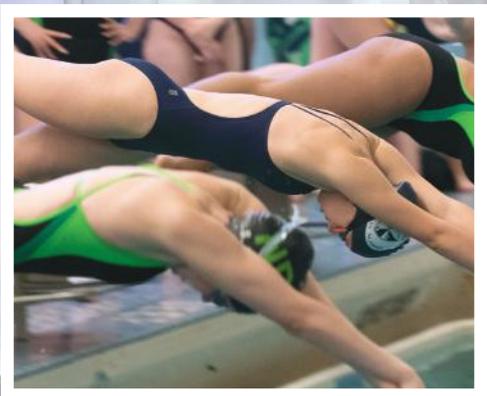


DOMINICAN ACADEMY

Catholic College Preparatory School for Girls



VERITAS



FALL 2019



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IN THE TRADITION OF SAINT DOMINIC, THE GOAL OF EDUCATION IS TO **SEE THE TRUTH WHICH IS GOD (VERITAS)** AND TO LIVE THE VALUES OF PRAYER, STUDY, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE.

A NOTE

FROM SR. MARGARET ORMOND, PRESIDENT

My Dear Friends of D.A.,

Happy New Year! Now you might think I am off my rocker, but for those of us in elementary or secondary school education, September begins a New Year. Recently, while reviewing the D.A. Handbook for Faculty and Staff, I was struck by the articulation of what we promise to do each New Year. I want to share that with you here:

Our Belief Statement affirms that as a Roman Catholic School, we believe: “Christ is the center of our lives. We are responsible for living Gospel values through a spirit of generosity and service to the marginalized through charity and acts of justice. In the tradition of Saint Dominic, the goal of education is to see the Truth which is God (Veritas) and to live the values of prayer, study, community, and service. We are part of a global community, called to appreciate and respect the diversity of our school, local communities, and the world.”

Know that this message is not just verbiage but something that is part and parcel of our daily actions. We live this message each day and ensure that Dominican Academy remains a Roman Catholic School, not only in name but also in our daily practice. We start and end each day with a prayer and our entire school community attends Mass together six times a year.

We believe each student: “Is unique and gifted with innate dignity and potential, which is valued and respected. She has the ability and responsibility to lead by example and to be an instrument for change in the world. She is responsible for her own learning in order to reach her academic potential through the application of her talents, knowledge and intellectual curiosity.”

What could be more empowering for our students than to realize how precious they are to us? For the 2019 school year, we will be offering 17 Advanced Placement Classes, more than 20 electives, 30+ clubs and 8 Varsity Sports teams. This wide array of opportunities allows each girl to find her niche, grow, and flourish.

Dominican Academy is dedicated to providing a welcoming, supportive and academically challenging environment for young women: “Encouraging each student to develop a love of learning and understanding is a lifelong process. D.A. provides an honors college preparatory curriculum that addresses the academic and technological demands of today’s world. We support the development of critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and partnership with families for the success of each student.”

Friends, Benefactors, Alumnae, Parents and Guardians, we will rely on your prayers and continued support as we begin again to do in this coming year what we have attempted to do since 1897—to live and embody this mission.

With Confidence and Enthusiasm,

Sr. Margaret Ormond, O.P., ‘60
President

CLASS OF 2019

THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2019 WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Sosie Akian
Clemson University

Lucia Alleca
St. John's University

Megan Armas
CUNY Baruch College

Atiana Baptiste
New York University

Francesca Bernhardt
Manhattan College

Teresa Brown
New York University

Jia Nan (Jennifer) Cai
Fordham University

Christina Deodatis
Columbia University

Lea Frawley
Georgetown University

Caroline Gerety
Nazareth College

Anna Clara Gerlach
Fordham University

Kumari Gonzalez
Boston College

Frances Grochowski
University of Rhode Island

Kaitlyn Hagy
Pennsylvania State University

Yasmine Khalil
San Diego State University

Beyonce King
Marquette University

Priyanka Koshy
SUNY Binghamton

Veronica Lee
Yale University

Yiling Liu
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

Kristen Livia
Sacred Heart University

Kylie McEneaney
University of California San
Diego

Amanda Michelle Norris
Trinity College Dublin

Megan O'Donnell
University of Notre Dame

Kasey Park
Carnegie Mellon University

Sally Petit
Marquette University

Sophia Pinter
Fairfield University

Catherine Prediger
Ohio University

Kaylyne Rodriguez
College of the Holy Cross

Le Shen
University of Toronto

Miranda Stern
University of Pennsylvania

Kayla Thomsen
Loyola University Maryland

Elisa Tilley
Spelman College

Sophie Wong
Marist College

Anna Woods
Manhattan College





Veronica Lee
Valedictorian



Kayla Thomsen
Salutatorian & Mother
Stephanie Award Recipient



Beyonce King
Board of Trustees Service
Award Recipient



Anna Woods
All Dominican Girl



Sally Petit
Scholar-Athlete Award



THE D.A. CLASS OF 2019
INCLUDED ONE NATIONAL
MERIT COMMENDED
SCHOLAR, ONE NATIONAL
MERIT HISPANIC SCHOLAR,
AND ONE NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.
THEY WERE AWARDED
OVER \$12.5 MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND
GRANTS.

MS. KATHLEEN WALSH MURNION, '61

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES



Below is an excerpt of the 2019 Commencement Address delivered by Kathleen Walsh Murnion, '61, former Board of Trustees Chair

To the graduates—what an astonishing list of awards and accomplishments you've achieved. Imagine in this small class of 34, you have: a National Merit Commended Scholar, a National Merit Hispanic Scholar, one National Merit Scholarship recipient, 14 athletes, and over \$12 million in college scholarships! Yes, and you have gained friends and wisdom and knowledge and grace. May your days in D.A. always bring warm memories and grateful hearts.

This has certainly been so for me. As a D.A. grad of 58 years ago, it is truly a joy for me to speak about D.A.; our jewel on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. A Catholic college preparatory school in the Dominican tradition that fosters learning and gospel values; foundations for our life's journey.

What lessons are to be learned from this journey? Let me offer just three lessons I learned along the way.

#1—BE OPEN

"Be present. I encourage you with all my heart just to be present and open to the moment that is unfolding before you. Because, ultimately, your life is made up of moments. So don't miss them by being lost in the past or anticipating the future." (Jessica Lange, actress)

It has been said that "happiness is a journey, not a destination." Don't bet your whole life on some destination. You've got to make the journey work, too. J.K. Rowling, creator of the Harry Potter series, has counseled us "[not to] be deterred by setbacks. We all meet them along the way. But the knowledge that you have

emerged wiser and stronger from those setbacks means that you are, ever after, secure in your ability to survive. You will never truly know yourself, until you have been tested by adversity."

An important thing to remember along the journey is that we do not move through life alone. As I changed course in my careers and met difficult moments of personal loss, I have often heard a voice whisper "I have not brought you this far to leave you alone." Our faith, as you have learned at D.A., sustains us throughout. You are not alone.

LESSON #2—BE KIND

Rabbi Abraham Heschel has written: "When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people."

Don't be mistaken: there is nothing wrong with being clever or admiring it in others. I think of one of my classmates at D.A. whose intelligence has surely left her mark on this world. As the founder of the pain management unit at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital, Kathy has been recognized both for relieving her own patients from the brutal tyranny of cancer pain, and also for effecting systemic change in the care of millions of patients across the globe. But ask those who have sought her advice or counsel, and you will hear clearly within the first five minutes of her incredible kindness and generosity of spirit.

I think of another D.A. classmate whose cleverness made her the outstanding comedienne of our class. Nancy has not lost that sense of the whimsical and outrageous that always guarantees a great time and many laughs in her company. But she has not been spared tragedy either. She has carried grief with dignity and transformed it into the essence of kindness as she reaches out in compassion to others who are suffering losses.

For both of these D.A. women, their intelligence and humor have been leavened with the sweet fruit of kindness which will always reserve a special place in our hearts and memories.

LESSON #3—BE TRUE TO YOURSELF

D.A. is in the tradition of St. Dominic who speaks to the value of "truth" and recalls the founder of the Order of Preachers. The school encourages its young women to seek the truth beyond and within themselves, to find their own voice and have the courage and confidence to use it.

Author John Grisham has written: "In life, finding a voice is speaking and living the truth. Each of you is an original. Each of you has a distinctive voice. When you find it, you will be heard."

Let the strength of your truth give force and momentum to your every step. Move with all of yourself, your imagination, your passion,

don't leave any of yourself behind. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be that wonderful, unique person that is you.

Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa tells the story of the farmer who in his backyard had chickens, and then he had a chicken that was a little odd looking, but he was a chicken. It behaved like a chicken, pecking away like other chickens. It didn't know that there was a blue sky overhead and a glorious sunshine until someone who was knowledgeable in these things came along and said to the farmer, "Hey, that's no chicken. That's an eagle." Then the farmer said, "Um, um, no, no. That's a chicken; it behaves like a chicken." And the woman said "No; give it to me, please." And he gave it to this knowledgeable person who took this strange looking chicken and climbed the mountain and waited until sunrise. And then she turned this strange looking chicken towards the sun and said, "Fly, eagle, fly." The strange looking chicken shook itself, spread out its pinions, and lifted off and soared and flew away into the distance.

God says to all of you, "Fly, eagle, fly." God wants you to shake yourselves, spread your pinions and then lift off and soar and rise, and rise toward the confident and the good and the beautiful. Rise towards the compassionate and the gentle and the caring. Rise to become what God intends you to be—women of intelligence and truth and humor and kindness.

**Commencement Speaker,
Kathleen Walsh Murnion, '61, with
graduate, Kaylyne Rodriguez, '19.**



CLASS OF '19 ALUMNA, BEYONCE KING, ADDRESSES GRADUATES AT BROOKLYN JESUIT PREP

On June 13, 2019, Beyonce King, '19 (pictured above) was the commencement speaker at her middle school alma mater, Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. She spoke of the value of her education both at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep (BJP) and at Dominican Academy. She told the graduates and the audience that she learned "the meaning of hard work, how to think critically, important skills of public speaking, and how to be resilient in the face of failure."

Beyonce also referenced the opportunities she has had at BJP and D.A. She encouraged the graduates to "step out of their comfort zone" and referenced some of the meaningful experiences she had at D.A., including going on a service trip to Zambia, speaking at the Dominican Academy Spring Auction & Benefit in 2019, taking an A.P. Biology course, and enrolling in a challenging Mandarin course for three years. She also encouraged the middle school graduates to take challenging classes, meet with teachers after school, volunteer, participate in clubs, join sports teams, and talk to the quiet girl in the corner.

Beyonce King received the Natalie Frankowski '14 Memorial Scholarship in her junior year at D.A. and the D.A. Board of Trustees Service Award in 2019. In September, she will begin studies at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

This past year the Alumnae Association sponsored several traditional events and introduced some new programming. Read below for all of the highlights and mark your calendars for the upcoming events!

ALL CLASS REUNIONS

All Class Reunions for '03 and '08 was great success! Check out the photos on the next page to see all those who attended. We look forward to welcoming all graduates from '04 and '09 on **Saturday, October 26th, 2019.**

2018 HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Additionally, we launched our first-ever Holiday Brunch complete with Christmas-card making, ornament decorating and all of the holiday music hits. This event was so successful that we plan to make it an annual tradition and look forward to hosting it again on Sunday, December 15th.

2018 COLLEGE WELCOME BACK

Of course, the Christmas season would not be complete without welcoming back our college graduates to join in on the revelry. We took the opportunity to award our annual Natalie Frankowski, '14

Memorial Scholarship at this event. This year, Sophie S. is the junior who best exemplifies Natalie's characteristics of faith, service, and kindness. Thank you to all of the alumnae who continue to make this award possible.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SERIES

In the New Year, we launched the beginning of our Women's Empowerment Series which aims to bring you panels and programming about current issues affecting women in the workplace. The first panel in this series was 'Leveraging Your Skills to Succeed.' The panelists included: Emily Lirag, '05, Grace Lozito, '66, Vanessa Power Preston, '02, and Erica Sherman, '04. We thank them for their time and the engaging and dynamic conversation that resulted from each of their unique perspectives! Clips from the panel can be viewed on the Dominican Academy Youtube page. Save the date for the next event in the series!

2019 CLASS NIGHT

In May, we welcomed the Class of 2019 to the Alumnae Association at Class Night. We are thrilled for them to join our ranks and can't wait to see all of the amazing things they achieve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Association has been working hard to prepare a calendar of events for the upcoming year. Please save the dates found on the back page of this magazine. Additionally, we will be launching a digital book club! No need to be in New York to participate, this group will meet on Facebook! To join us, please email alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org with the subject line: "Sign Me Up for Bookclub!" We will send a follow up with a link to join.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming months and welcome your suggestions and feedback at any time!





Class of 1953



Class of 1978



Class of 1993



Class of 1958

**THE 2018 ALL
CLASS REUNION HAD
REPRESENTATION
FROM 1953
THROUGH 2013!**



Class of 2003



Class of 1968



Class of 1983



Class of 2008



Class of 1973



Class of 1988



Class of 2013

The D.A. Glee Club practices liturgical songs in the new performing arts studio



TRADITION THROUGH TRANSFORMATION

A CAMPAIGN FOR DOMINICAN ACADEMY'S FUTURE

Dominican Academy successfully completed its first-ever capital campaign in June 2019. This three-year initiative (2016–2019) raised an extraordinary \$5,554,000. This is \$500,000 over the initial goal and was necessary to cover the actual expenses of the refurbishment to our beloved mansion. The Administration and Trustees are most grateful to the Alumnae, Friends, Parents, Campaign Cabinet, and Foundations who made reaching this goal a reality! We cannot thank you enough!

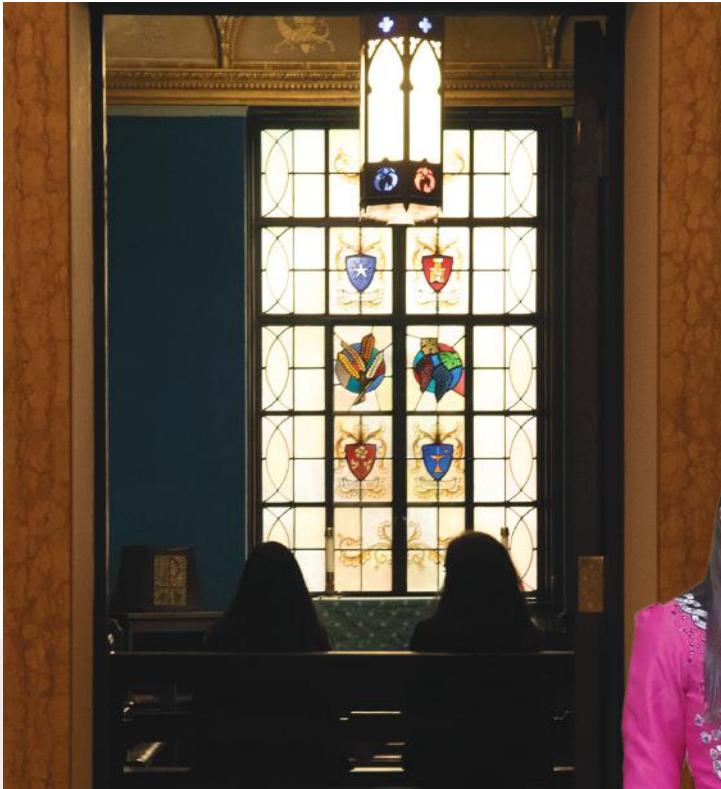
This initiative brought unprecedented giving to D.A. When *Tradition through Transformation* launched, we were fortunate to have a lead gift from Bob and Su Robotti of \$1,500,000 which included a challenge match. The Robotti Challenge Match, along with two other matches, were met by generous support and enthusiasm. We are proud to report that the campaign had 100% participation in donations from Faculty, Board, and the Campaign Cabinet.

Thanks to your generous support we were able to provide much-needed enhancements to our beloved Dominican Academy, including two additional classrooms, a new performing arts studio, a renovated chapel, and library commons, additional faculty offices, and a cafeteria that is doubled in size. All of this was accomplished while preserving the iconic features of the beautiful home we call D.A.

Every student will benefit from the enhancements to the school building provided by the campaign. We're very grateful that this first and historic campaign was a success for D.A. It is very rewarding to consistently hear about the enormous and positive impact Dominican Academy has had on so many in our community. Thank you again for your part in helping D.A. thrive now and into the future.



Students have room to meet and study in groups in our newly restored Library-Commons.



Two students stop for a moment of prayer and reflection in our newly renovated Chapel.



Students learn about DNA in the Barbara Robotti Murray, '64 Science Center.



Student Council prepared a Thanksgiving Feast in our newly renovated Kitchen and Cafeteria.

A group of Irish Dancers performed at our annual Culture Day.



STRATEGIC PLAN

**WE FIND PRAYER TO
GROUND US, STUDY TO
INFORM US, COMMUNITY TO
SUPPORT US, AND SERVICE
TO STRETCH US TO CARE
FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.**

—Sr. Margaret Ormond, O.P., '60

For 122 years, Dominican Academy has educated and empowered young women to become global leaders through a tradition embedded in the four pillars of Dominican life: study, community, service, and prayer. Following a groundbreaking capital campaign and a comprehensive enhancement of our historic home, our 2019–2022 Strategic Plan furthers our steadfast commitment to the Dominican Academy mission—to create and cultivate the world’s future female leaders with an exceptional educational, spiritual, and socially-responsible experience.

In Fall 2018, the Board of Trustees formed a Strategic Planning Committee with representatives from various school constituencies. The dedicated committee led the roadmap to our latest strategic plan. Building on the momentum of our successful 2016–2019 plan, the committee outlined the priorities of Dominican Academy for the next three years.

Our strategic vision includes four goals. Guiding those goals to enhance the all-female student experience are academic excellence, global citizenship, mindful emotional and physical wellness, and financial and operational sustainability. Inherent in our plan is looking critically at our current resources—physical infrastructure, intellectual capital, local and international relationships, and financial capabilities—and finding innovative ways to challenge our cherished students, support our talented faculty, and serve our global community.



THE STRATEGIC PLAN IS AN EXCELLENT GUIDE FOR PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING FUTURE PROGRAMS. TO MAINTAIN OUR TRADITION OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO EQUIP OUR STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO COMPETE IN AND CHANGE THE WORLD.

—Dr. Leslie Poole Petit, P'14, '19

DOMINICAN ACADEMY STRATEGIC PLAN 2019–2022 HIGHLIGHTS



INCREASE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE D.A. BRAND AND MISSION

- Nurture the Dominican pillars of study, community, service, and prayer
- Create strategic partnerships for co-curricular, extra-curricular, and athletic programs
- Foster supportive wellness and health programming



PARTNER WITH OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

- Expand our service-learning programs through our Catholic and Dominican partnerships at local, national, and international levels
- Formalize alumnae career networking and mentorship opportunities
- Increase access and exposure through additional scholarships



ENHANCE OUR FACILITY AND TECHNOLOGY

- Integrate state-of-the-art technology and digital literacy programming and policies
- Enhance the college admissions counseling program
- Retain, recruit, and develop highest caliber faculty and professionals



IMPROVE FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Strengthen development and admissions capabilities
- Generate alternative revenue streams
- Implement facility enhancement and antiquities restoration programs

DOMINICAN ACADEMY STRATEGIC PLAN 2016–2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Completed a comprehensive Capital Campaign project enhancing technology and creating classrooms, collaborative spaces, and offices. (for more project details, please see pg. 8)
- ✓ Constructed second science lab, The Natalie Frankowski '14 Collaborative Classroom, as part of The Barbara Robotti Murray '64 Science Center

- ✓ Exceeded first-ever Capital Campaign goal (+\$5.5 million dollars)
- ✓ Increased applications and maximized enrollment while maintaining highest admissions standards
- ✓ Endowed a scholarship (The President's Fund) in honor of Dominican Academy's first President, Sr. Margaret Ormond, O.P., '60

- ✓ Developed partnership with The Frick Collection for sketching classes
- ✓ Initiated annual service trip to Zambia
- ✓ Formalized eight varsity athletic programs

Brendan Doyle, Trustee, introduced Noreen at the Auction by saying:

“I FELT SO HONORED WHEN ASKED TO PREPARE THIS TRIBUTE TO MY SISTER NOREEN. THE EDUCATION SHE RECEIVED HERE AT DOMINICAN ACADEMY TRULY SET THE COURSE FOR HER LIFE. IT HAS SHAPED WHO SHE IS TODAY.”



SPRING AUCTION & BENEFIT

A GREAT SUCCESS!

The annual D.A. Spring Auction and Benefit, held on April 12, 2019 at the Yale Club, was a big success. The event was great fun for participants and raising \$150,000, both from auction bidding and from sponsors, to benefit Dominican Academy. These results are an all-time fundraising record for the event and will greatly support both programming and scholarships at D.A.

The school community was pleased to honor Noreen Doyle, '67 and Mary and Jay Sullivan, P'13. These honorees have been enormously generous in so many ways to D.A. and so deserved the recognition and thanks from the D.A. community.

Noreen Doyle, '67 is an exemplary alumna in many ways, including, her successful career, various leadership roles with non-profit organizations, and her dedication to D.A. Noreen is Chair of the Board of Credit Suisse International and Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited. A resident of London, she recently retired from the Board of Marymount International School in

Kingston upon Thames where she was Governor for ten years and served as Chair for the past eight years. Noreen has a B.A. from the College of Mount Saint Vincent and is the first woman to receive an MBA from Dartmouth College

Mary & Jay Sullivan, P'13 have been a part of the Dominican Academy family since 2009. Jay is the Managing Partner at Exec-Comm, a communications consultant firm in New York City. He is the author of two books, *Raising Gentle Men* and *Simply Said*, and is a regular contributor on *Forbes.com*. Mary has been a member of the Board of Trustees at D.A. since the fall of 2013, and now serves as the Chair. She has also served on the boards of the Tracy Family Foundation and Covenant House, NY, a shelter for the City's homeless youth. She is currently a member of the Covenant House International Board.

On the next page you will read the speech given by Mary & Jay at the event.

ADDRESS FROM SPRING AUCTION & BENEFIT HONOREES: MARY & JAY SULLIVAN, P'13

It has been a privilege to have worked with so many talented people at the school and on the Board over these past 10 years. Catholic education has always been an important part of our lives growing up. I (Mary) was raised in rural Illinois, a town of 2,500 people, with my eleven brothers and sisters where we attended the Catholic grade school, which sat just a stone's throw away from our house.

Jay and his five siblings attended Catholic grade schools and all six of them attended Catholic universities. And we have continued that commitment by sending all four of our children to Catholic universities and two of them to Catholic high schools.

We know and understand the value that a faith-filled education can have on its students, which is why Jay and I recommit ourselves each year to supporting D.A.'s mission, even though our daughter Teresa graduated six years ago.

We often talk about the principles that guide D.A., which are its four pillars: prayer, service, community, and study. Those pillars are the tools we strive to give each student at D.A. by the time they graduate.

Prayer. Because thoughtful, spiritual reflection is the ingredient that will sustain them throughout their lives.

Service. Because we believe that the value of an education is only measured by how that student uses it to contribute to the world and those around her.

Community. Because making time to be present to others, helps them acknowledge the value of all people, in our neighborhoods, in our country, and in the world.

Study. Because a book in a young girl's hands is just about the most powerful thing in the world.

I've had the pleasure of sitting on the Board for the past six years, and these are the pillars that have guided our decision-making at every turn. Led by our esteemed Board Chair, Kathy Murnion, we have made many changes within the school in a very short amount of time. We changed our leadership structure to a model of both president and principal, we've launched our

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OUR FAITH.

first ever capital campaign with great success; and we brought a beautiful 19th century building to 21st century standards, while preserving its historical charm. We've made adjustments to the curriculum, added extracurricular activities, added new technology, developed a 3-year strategic plan, and starting this Fall, we are proud to have reached maximum capacity in enrollment. The school is growing and improving each year, along with the girls who sit in its classrooms and walk its halls.

I'm proud to have sat on the Board during all of these changes, and Jay and I are excited about what will come for the school and for its students; and, most importantly, for what its students will later do for the world—with their faith, with their service, within their communities, and with their studies.

We believe in this school, and we believe in this cause, and we will continue to support D.A. for what it has done for our family, for our community, and for our faith.





Our worldly travelers took a tour of the famous Roman Colosseum



ITALIA!

ORIGINALLY WRITTEN BY ISABELLA Q., '21 FOR THE SPRING EDITION OF STUDENT PRINTS NEWSPAPER

“This sophomore took a trip to Italy during Easter Break, an experience she will surely remember for the rest of her life. The realization that I was actually going on the trip hit me as I rushed out the door of D.A. on the last school day to run home and pack for my take-off the next day. Spring Break was finally here. With great anticipation I was going to spend ten days in Italy with my D.A. sisters. The journey started in the departure lounge at JFK on Holy Thursday where many hugs (and tears) were shared between girls and their families. After saying our goodbyes, it was time to brace ourselves for an eight-hour flight to Rome that put us in a position to take another plane ride to Venice where our organized tour would begin.

As soon as I stepped outside of the Marco Polo Airport and was able to take a deep breath of Italian air, I knew I was going to love the country. A short ride with our friendly driver Salvatore and a shorter boat ride to Venice with our tour guide, Linda was all it took to arrive at Piazza di San Marco. I quickly fell in love with Venice after seeing the beautiful blue water on the Canal Grande, hearing the language being spoken amongst natives, and eating the delicious pizza. For the next two days, my group and I would walk around the piazza eating way too much gelato and taking too many pictures near the water. We even got the chance to enjoy a gondola ride that travelled through the small channels and eventually made its way to the Canal Grande.

Our next stop was Florence on what was not only Easter Sunday but also my 16th birthday. Florence was unlike any city I have ever been to. It was amazing to be standing amid some of the most prestigious Renaissance architecture and art. We even had the chance to attend Easter Mass at Il Duomo. One of my favorite parts of Florence was the Academia, where the famous marble David by Michelangelo stands. After hearing so much about the masterpiece in history class, it was breathtaking to actually see it in real life. During our time there, we also took a day trip to Siena, where we saw Saint Catherine of Siena's head and thumb, which are preserved in the Basilica di San Domenico.

It was sad to leave Florence but, as the saying goes: 'All roads lead to Rome.' When we finally arrived it quickly became my favorite city. It was amazing to see ruins among the urban setting. In Rome, we had the once in a lifetime experience of attending a Papal Audience where I saw Papa Francesco. Being present and hearing the prayer in so many languages is truly an experience I will never forget. We also had the opportunity to visit the Pantheon, with its famous oculus, visit the Colosseum, which was astoundingly and architecturally beautiful, and even walk where ancient Romans once trotted in the Roman ruins. We also learned that the term 'All roads lead to Rome' referred to the fact that all roads, in fact, start in Rome. My favorite day in the streets of Rome was when we got a guided tour of Vatican City. It is impossible to put into words just how beautiful everything was. From the artwork in the Vatican museum to the paintings in the Sistine Chapel to the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica including the Pieta; the only word I have to describe what I saw is breathtaking. Piazza Navona and the restored Trevi Fountain were also on the top of my list for locations to visit. If you think these places are beautiful during the day, try visiting them at night. Nightlife in Italy is very different from here in New York. As I walked through the narrow streets, music echoed off the building, filling the air with soft tunes. The smell of delicious food surrounded me and the lights shone perfectly, lighting the pathways. Walking in the streets at night in Italy is like walking in a dream. It was moments like these that made me fall more in love with Italy, the country of my parents.

On the last day in Italy, we visited Pompeii. We walked where ancient men and women took holiday strolls until the nearby Vesuvius erupted in AD 79, preserving them in a volcanic embalmment. Today, most of the ancient town has been uncovered so that in some ways we actually know ancient Pompeii better than ancient Rome.

After ten incredible days, it was time to say "Arrivederci" to my motherland and come back home to tell of my experience to everyone and anyone who asked (or did not ask) about it. Italy was one experience in my life that I will always remember and hold close to my heart. If you ever visit Italy in the future and see someone that looks like me, it probably is me. I moved there. Don't be afraid to say "Ciao". Or, as Italians are accustomed to say, "Non fai paura per dire 'Ciao'."



D.A. IS HEADING TO GREECE

Already planning your next summer getaway? Consider joining D.A. on our tour of Athens and the Greek Islands in Summer 2020!

Travel on an exciting tour of Athens and the Greek Islands in June 2020. See mythology come to life, walk the path of the early philosophers, and visit the Agora, site of ancient democracy. Tour the excavated city of Ephesus in Turkey, while tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul. The trip will be after school from June 18–29, 2020. Please direct all questions to tour coordinator, Jo Ann Fannon (212.744.0195, ext. 145) or jfannon@dominicanacademy.org. Alumnae, parents and friends are welcome!

LIVING THE FAITH AT

DOMINICAN ACADEMY

Written by:
Dr. Michael Cagney, Theology Department Chair
Sr. Joan Franks, O.P., '59
Katie McCann, '08, Campus Minister

“ HOW DOES THE
MANIPULATION OF
SOMEONE’S ELECTRONIC
IMAGE AND VOICE
UNDERMINE THEIR
DIGNITY? ”

“ WHAT RIGHTS
DO INCARCERATED
WOMEN HAVE DURING
PREGNANCY AND
CHILDBIRTH? ”

“ HOW IS THE
ENVIRONMENTAL
POLLUTION OF
‘FAST FASHION’
ACTUALLY AN
OXYMORON? ”

Catholic Social Teaching gives Dominican Academy girls a lens to investigate questions like these and to analyze them in light of our commitment to human dignity, justice, and the common good.

Rooted in the Gospel and enriched by papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents, Catholic Social Teaching (CST) provides guidance and direction for living our Christian responsibilities in contemporary society. The principles of CST range from an acknowledgement of the life and dignity of the human person to the preferential option for the poor and our stewardship of creation.*

As a Catholic school in the Dominican tradition, Dominican Academy is committed to transmitting the faith to our students, and its social dimension is not neglected. This fits perfectly with our pillars of prayer, study, community, and service.

Like many other students, D.A. girls have many opportunities to participate in direct service; however, D.A.’s immersive theology curriculum involves the students from their very first year, when they experience the “Urban Plunge,” a day of working with New

York’s most poor, then reflecting on the experience and concluding the day in prayer.

As a capstone to the level III course, Christian Ethics, D.A. hosts JAXPO, the Junior Advocacy Exposition, a student-led and semester-long advocacy project. During the course of the second semester, students collaborate in groups of two or three to research and evaluate a contemporary social justice issue and initiate an advocacy campaign to alter unjust structures. The results of this work are presented at the annual JAXPO Fair in the form of a poster and oral presentation.

The service program culminates in the senior year when the students formally study the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and their applications. Seniors choose a service site where their regular participation enables them to build relationships with those they serve. This past year, students assisted such organizations as Hour Children, which assists families of the incarcerated, Xavier Welcome Table and ABC (Association to Benefit Children) which provides quality before and after school care mainly for working immigrant families.

Each year DAPS coordinates a toy drive to send Christmas presents to children in need.



The Urban Plunge Freshmen Retreat allows students the opportunity to give back throughout the community.



Each year, four rising seniors visit the Fatima Girls School, a Dominican all-girls school in Zambia.



In Zambia, students also spend time volunteering at the local hospital and orphanage.



In the spring of the senior year, D.A. and Regis seniors meet weekly for a series of social justice seminars facilitated by speakers who are a mixture of scholars and advocates. These discussions enable our students to see the balance of the intellectual development of CST with its practical applications. For example, Christiana Zenner, a theological ethicist at Fordham University, whose work investigates the issue of water as a human right, is a frequent contributor to this seminar. Her focus is on how CST can inform conversations surrounding water. Representatives from Catholic Relief Services also participate, referencing their work with refugees and asylum seekers.

The aim of the service program at Dominican Academy is to nurture life-long learners who will continue both their rigorous analyses of social issues as well as action on behalf of justice. Daily, as they pledge to search for truth through study, work to create a caring community, reach out to others by preaching and just actions, and enfold themselves in prayer, the lives of D.A. students intentionally mirror these ideals through the curriculum.

Sally Petit, '19 attributes her choice of career to her time at D.A. "After my volunteer experiences as a student at D.A.—especially working with medical personnel in Zambia—I realized that this had to be part of my life. I decided to apply to nursing schools as a way to concretize this desire and structure my life around service." Sally begins her first year at Marquette University's Nursing School this August.

This commitment to social justice is not new to D.A.; it is ingrained in our alumnae community. **Margaret Heckler, '49**, for example, attributed her championship for these values in Reagan's Cabinet to her Dominican Academy days. **Joanne Milo Salaverry, '59**, shared that her work in Singapore with refugee camps as well as her lifelong volunteer activities were all inspired by service work at DA. As Joanne summed it up: "Service is part of the DNA of D.A."

*The website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops summarizes these in seven themes: Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity, and Care for God's Creation.

CLASS NOTES

1948: Noreen Brown Rogers is living in Ireland. Lost 2 daughters and a husband to cancer. Now have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

1956: Helen Clarke Molanphy writes, "Here at our home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, I am working on a memoir about my experience researching for my doctoral dissertation on conditions in Texas prisons in the 1980s. Meanwhile, our grandson Nick is moving to Manhattan from Washington D.C. to work at a public relations firm. Nick was born in Austin, Texas in 1996 and will now be living in his grandparents' hometown. I hope to show him Dominican Academy!"

1958: Jeanne McAnaney writes, "In October the "proud class of '58" celebrated our 60th reunion with a lively weekend of activities organized by Dorothy Filoramo and Lauretta Leddy whom we all know have nothing else to do! As is the norm for our class we set a record for attendance at a DA 60th reunion, 14 grads and 7 significant others. On Saturday lunch and a tour at The Met Museum were followed in the evening by a festive dinner at the Central Park Boathouse. On Sunday we celebrated with mass and a rooftop lunch at the school. Our thanks to class archivist, Beth Dougherty, who once again assembled life updates submitted by our classmates. Everyone was sorry to see the weekend close. Our class gift was over \$10,000, thank you to all who contributed. This donation will be recognized with a plaque reading "in gratitude to the Class of '58 for their generous support." We missed everybody who wasn't able to join us.



Especially missed I am sorry to report was Olivia "Sandy" Radda Foley who passed away on Sept 29th after her valiant battle with recurring cancer. Olivia was a member of the Gang of Five of our classmates who amazingly shared the same birthday and had joined our mini reunion birthday party in 2014. Please keep her husband, Tom, and their family in your prayers.

Stop the presses. Breaking news! Dorothy Filoramo, the Queen of Rockland County, and Beth Dougherty, the Queen of

Rockefeller University have both actually retired. Dorothy retires after 25 years raising millions of dollars for Dominican College, and Beth after 38 years allocating millions of dollars on behalf of Rockefeller. Dorothy was honored at a reception at her school attended by several representatives from DA and Beth is missing from our reunion photo because of her retirement party the night before, she joined us later for dinner. Both institutions are on life support after losing these extraordinary women.

Our intrepid classmates continue to be on a first name basis with TSA agents at airports around the world. Barbara Ertel and Jo Ann Cardone recently traveled from Lithuania to St. Petersburg and are planning a Mediterranean cruise in the fall. What did these women do before they found each other at our 50th reunion? John and Pat Aker returned from a strenuous trip to the Galapagos Islands just in time for a relaxing dinner with me and Edward in Naples, FL. in March. Susan O'Shea recently traveled to Italy with her granddaughter. Unfortunately both John and Susan have had health setbacks since their travels, he with a serious back issue and she with bronchitis. However Susan expects to be on her feet for a September Danube River cruise to Budapest and Prague and we wish John a successful outcome with his back. Our travel this year has been strictly domestic: San Fran, Denver, and Cincinnati and, for grandsons' Little League games, to exotic Staten Island. Barbara Black sends love and best wishes to all. She and Frank cruised from Rio to Buenos Aires in January and celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 12th. In between they enjoyed two grandchildren's graduations and other family festivities. Edward and I marked our 55th anniversary in July with our family in exotic Ocean City, NJ. I know that Sheila and Jim McArdle marked the same milestone because we were married within weeks of each other in 1964.

Sadly Florence Mirti's husband, Tony passed away on April 29th. Tony had served on the DA board and donated a full four year scholarship in Florence's name

at our 50th reunion. Tony and Florence also made a generous gift to the building renovation campaign. Please keep Florence in your prayers.

In March the usual suspects, Laurretta, Dorothy, yours truly and Maureen Brokaw enjoyed a hilarious lunch when Gerry Murphy Pasquale abandoned her chickens to her husband's care to entertain us all. As of this writing (you do remember that the deadline for your news was July 20th) your humble scribe is looking forward to having a brief, under 4 hours, lunch with the always glamorous Mary Fox in the Bay Area.

Also, Congratulations to Susan O'Shea whose no-nonsense letter about the Democratic candidates was published in the NY Times on Friday, Aug 2nd. Well done, Susan.

Do you see any new names in this report? I didn't think so. I'm off to see my shrink to find out why my plea for news produced 3 responses, all from women I already knew what they were doing! We really would love to hear from many, many more (like all) of you. Much thanks to everyone who supported the Annual Fund and the building campaign.

1959: **Joanne Salaverry** sent us photos of her growing group of grandchildren! The pictures include her son David, his wife Kristina, and their sons Gavin and Luke, the second picture includes her daughter Daniela and husband Michael with children Matilda and Cormac.



1963: **Julie Upton** received a Master's in Public Health (MPH) degree from St. John's University, May 2019

1965: **Barbara Sisk Troxell** writes, "Jeff and I now spend our winters in Arizona which is closer to our two children and their families. We have five grandchildren who live in Colorado (son Scott) and Utah (daughter Amy). We have gone on two great hiking trips the past year. Last September we hiked in the majestic Canadian Rockies and in May we enjoyed Tuscany. I keep in touch with Rosemary Lambert Riepe who has moved permanently to Naples, Florida. She and Dave travel and enjoy time with their 3 boys and their families (9 grandchildren). I also see Dorothy Whitlock Mahoney as she has a son who lives near us in Arizona. Dorothy traveled to the Grand Canyon and Sedona together and have played some golf together. Marion Bergensen also lived in Arizona for quite some time and now is living in Boulder, Colorado. Marion, Dorothy and I have had several opportunities to get together after being out of touch for decades. New Hampshire is still "home" and I love sitting on our dock or kayaking on our lake. Life is good! It is great to hear news from many of my classmates via Facebook. Photo was in Florence , Italy by the Ponte Vecchio."



1967: **Louise Pedone Cosenza** writes, I welcomed a new grandchild, Logan Thomas Cosenza on August 7th. I also have Antonette, age 10 and Crawford, age 8 and Ruby, age 9 and Leo, age 4. I also have a step grandson, Christopher. Last year I visited Los Angeles and San Francisco, Hawaii and Mexico, Budapest and Hungary, Vienna, Dresden, and Bratislava. I also visited Bali and Singapore. What wonderful memories to cherish along with my memories of ballet recitals with Ms Jantzer, French with Sr. Florida, Latin with Sr. Louis Bertrand, math with Sr. Mary James and the beautiful soul of Sr. Gregory our Principal.

1968: **Joan Mazzonelli** writes "I had the honor of directing new pieces in several local festivals. In January—THE GREEN LIGHT in Pegasus Theatre's Young Playwrights Festival. In February —CANCERMAN in the Chicago Musical Theatre Festival. In June—OAK STREET BEACH, DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE, MOTHER-IN-LAW WIT, and I DO, DO, I DO in the Chicago Writers' Bloc Festival and coming up in November coordinating Shpiel Performing Identity's THEATRON Chicago's first Jewish theatre festival.

I'm loving retirement—and coffee al-fresco with my husband Paul Grigonis.



Jo Ann Schilling Fannon, '68, P'97, '02 celebrated the marriage of her daughter, Emily Fannon, '02 to Justin Rathbone this past May. Emily's Maid of Honor was her sister, Megan Fannon, '97. It was a beautiful and memorable occasion!



1969: **Marise Mack Allen, Joanne Guarasci Yost, and Ann Marie Flynn** celebrated St. Patrick's Day in Hollywood, Florida on the Intracoastal Waterway with their Senior English/Home Room Teacher, Mercedes Rodgers Iannone.



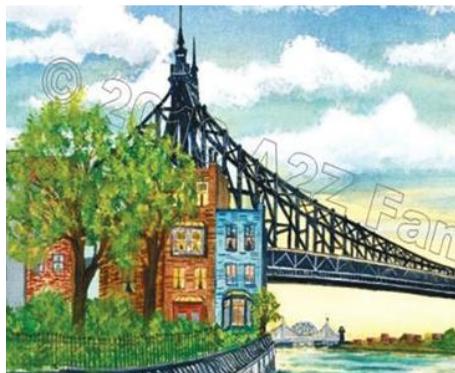
Wendy Turgeon writes, “I continue to teach philosophy at St. Joseph’s College on Long Island and chair the department. I just spent two years as the Interim Dean of my campus and am looking forward to moving back into the classroom full time. I work in the area of precollege philosophy and would love to see DA girls try the High School Ethics Bowl and take philosophy classes.”

1970: Stephanie Azzarone, Maureen McCarthy, Karen de la Vega, and Marie Bingham gathered for dinner at Tamarind in Tribeca, 6/28/19. Good times with great friends!

1972: Moira Linnehan writes with some sad news, “My Mother, Catherine T. Linnehan, passed away on the 5th of May at the age of 89. She was a brilliant mother and my best friend, she is missed.”



1977: Mary Zambito established a2zfamilyart.com to sell fine art prints created by both family and friends. 100% of profits are donated to charity. If you make a purchase, mention your connection to DA and the profits will be donated to Dominican Academy. You can follow on Instagram at a2z_family_art



1982: Claudia Alves has carved out a solid career in television in Hollywood. She is currently Associate Producer on the CBS hit show, *Seal Team*. Along the way, she has accumulated some impressive credits, among them working on *Star Trek: Voyager*. On September 8, 2018, *Star Trek* was honored with the Governor’s Award at the Emmys Creative Arts award show. She joined other *Star Trek* crew members on stage for the presentation of the Emmy to William Shatner by Bill Nye.



Kristin Shea was proud to celebrate her daughter Sophia’s graduation from D.A. this past May. Sophia joins a long line of proud D.A. women including her mother Kristin, cousin Nicole, ‘10 and grandmother, Vilma, ‘56†. Pictured from left to right: Nicole DeFilippi, ‘10, Annamaria Calosso Amarain, ‘82, Sophia Pinter, ‘19 and Kristin Shea, ‘82.



1988: Yvonne Feraru Prieto writes, “I am living in sunny Florida and working as a Home Care Physical Therapist. The rest of the time I am a Dance Mom to my 12 year old son Alex, who started dancing when he was 5 and will be starting his 4th year of competition. Lots of hours a week at the studio and lots of driving all over, but I love every minute of it!”

1992: Birgit Bogler writes “After earning my master’s degree in health policy and management from New York University, enjoying 10+ years of a fulfilling career on the research, policy, and administration side of healthcare, and moving to Miami, Florida, I changed careers to nursing. My journey included completing nursing prerequisites at Miami Dade College with a 4.0, graduating magna cum laude from Florida International University’s accelerated BSN program in December 2018, and passing the NCLEX in February 2019. In June, I started HCA’s StaRN new nurse residency program, and will be a staff nurse in the Surgical ICU at Mercy Hospital. Best wishes to all my ‘92 classmates.”

1999: Meredith Hill Chartier writes, “In November of 2018, Meredith opened the first rental commercial kitchen facility in Hudson County, NJ. Bellamy Kitchen was designed to grow and support the local food scene. The facility contains 3 separate cooking and prep areas with plenty of cold, freezer, and dry storage in an award winning LEED certified building designed and built by Meredith’s husband, Tom Chartier of Chartier Group. In January of 2019, some ‘99 helped to celebrate the opening (photo) in Union City, NJ.”

IN MEMORIAM

Kaitlin Pegeen Burke
 Maria Soledad Cabigas, ‘69
 Marian Connolly, ‘52
 Patricia Quirk Cox, ‘51
 Rita Craig, ‘71
 Christopher Cummins
 Kathleen Marie Doyle, ‘54
 Maureen LaTorella Fata, ‘53
 Suzanne Norwood Ferrone, ‘53
 Mary Alyce Farrell Fields ‘50
 Olivia Foley, ‘58
 Gloria Garrison Kreider, ‘47
 Margaret Lloyd Love, ‘46
 Peggy Drew McCormack ‘49
 Andrea Scheer
 Joan Regan Sheridan, ‘55
 Lisa Sidorowicz, ‘83



2001: **Christina Canty** (formerly Christina Pastor), DA class of 2001, just graduated from Roger Williams University School of Law. Christina chose this career change after 8 years of teaching Theology in the NY Archdiocese schools. Christina plans to practice Immigration law.



Karen Stuhler Daley was recently named Chief Education Officer for the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education. Would love to connect with alumnae in Maryland.

2002: On October 4th, 2018, **Christine Crespo** married Marc Ewen in Scotland at St. Michael's Parish Church at Linlithgow Place, birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots. It was an incredibly joyous day with family and friends attending from all over the world, including fellow D.A. alumnae, Olivia Olbrei '02 and Jonelli Gordon '02. The reception was held at nearby Carlowrie Castle with guests singing and dancing the night away.



Emily Fannon and Justin Rathbone were married on May 18, 2019 in Waterbury, VT.



2004: **Tricia Elms Hanafin** and her husband Chris welcomed future DA girl Clare Marie Hanafin into the world on April 14.



2008: **Deirdre Burns White** writes, "Excited to share that my husband Gregori and I welcomed our second daughter on February 15, 2019. Charlotte Mae White... 8lbs 8oz, 21" long. Little sister to Harper Rose and my step-son, Nicholas John!"



Elizabeth Cappello received the Intern Resident of the Year Award in her Pediatrics Residency program at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.



Stacey Ha married Hsin D. Li, whom she met in medical school, on May 27th, 2019 in Long Island.



Casey Bracken Ryan married James Ryan on April 28th, 2019. It was a fairytale wedding with Mass at Fordham chapel followed by a reception at Fox Hollow. Casey was thrilled to have three of her lifelong D.A. friends, Ana Batista, '08, Britney Gallagher, '08, and Katie Hennessy, '08, standing by her side for the special day.



2009: A legacy of excellence! Last night, D.A. STEM Dept. Co-Chair, **Dr. Lauren Serpagli** was recognized by the Archdiocese of New York as a leader in Catholic education. She is pictured here with fellow recipients **Sandra Ianniello**, '09 (one of her former students!), **Theresa Stewart, P'10, '14**, and D.A. Principal, **Dr. Leslie Petit, P'14, '19**. Thank you Dr. Serpagli for your dedication to D.A. and for your inspiration to hundred of #DAGirls



2013: **Diana Weston** was promoted to Manager of Donor Relations at Lycée Français de New York. Congratulations Diana!



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Alumnae Association Wine & Cheese Social (6pm)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Open House for 7th and 8th Graders (10am–2pm)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Mini Open House for 7th & 8th Graders (4:30pm–6:30pm)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Reunion for Classes '4 & '9

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Major Benefactors Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

DAPA & Alumnae Association Football Outing: Jets vs. Raiders

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Giving Tuesday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Alumnae Christmas Celebration Event

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Young Alumnae Welcome Back