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Dear FRIENDS,

Usually when I write to you in Veritas, there is only one word that permeates my message: **GRATITUDE!**

As you turn the pages of this issue of Veritas, you will read about and see pictures of all the accomplishments from this past year. Our 53 seniors all graduated and will be attending four year colleges and universities in the United States and Europe. They received over \$10.5 million in scholarships to such fine institutions as the University of Chicago, Cornell, Brown University and ten different Jesuit Universities! Our academic, athletic, and arts programming all continue to thrive. This was most evident when we hosted celebratory events throughout the spring including: the first annual Sports Banquet at the beginning of May with over one hundred people in attendance; Evening of the Arts, featuring unique song, dance, and performance pieces; and our all-school Honors Assembly at Hunter College in the beginning of June. It is amazing to see how many students are able to blend both academics and after-school activities with a high level of competence in each of their chosen disciplines. For all of these blessings, we are full of gratitude to God for our students, teachers, coaches, and parents.

But this year, there is an additional word that I want to permeate my message: **EXCITEMENT!**

I am so excited because we are in the middle of a building renovation and transformation which you can read about on Page 11. This is the first time in Dominican Academy's long history that we have a complete building renovation. You may recall that the science lab was

recently updated and there were cosmetic changes in preparation for the celebration of our 100th anniversary. But the scope of the renovation is different. I can already see all the new possibilities for our learning environment here at D.A. The walls of two new classrooms are being built as I write this letter! Additional faculty offices and new conference rooms will provide much-needed private space, and the newly-expanded student cafeteria will make lunch more enjoyable for the entire student body. Amongst all these changes, we remain dedicated to maintaining the iconic features of the school, including the marble stairs and red carpet, the mezzanine skylight, fireplaces, chandeliers, crown moldings, and more. We look forward to welcoming you back this coming year to see all the progress that has been made.

So along with sharing my excitement, I want to say thank you for your generous support over this past academic year. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to ensure a strong academic foundation along with advanced placement classes, upgraded technology, and immersive cultural opportunities. Turn to Page 4 to read the testimony of one of our graduates about her experience here at D.A. and you will be reminded of all the fine characteristics of the D.A. tradition that continue today.

With gratitude and excitement,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sr. Margaret Ormond, O.P., '60". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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



CLAIRE POTTER
VALEDICTORIAN



JANE SNIFFIN
SALUTATORIAN



VICKY PHAN
ALL DOMINICAN GIRL

Class of 2017

THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017 WERE ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Adelphi University
American University
Brown University
Catholic University of America
City College of New York,
Honors College
College of Charleston
College of Saint Rose
College of the Holy Cross
Cornell University
Courtauld Institute of Art, London
Drexel University
Emmanuel College
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Iona College
Iowa State University
Keiser University
La Salle University

Laboratory Institute of
Merchandising
Long Island University, CW Post
Loyola Maryland University
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marquette University
Mercy College
Miami University
New York Institute of Technology
Northeastern University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Seton Hall University
St. Francis College University
St. John's College
St. John's University

State University of
New York, Cortland
State University of
New York, Geneseo
State University of
New York, Oswego
State University of New York,
Stony Brook
The New School
Union College
University at Albany
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts
Amherst
University of Scranton
University of St Andrews
University of the Arts, London
University of Vermont
Westminster University
Xavier University

THE CLASS OF 2017 RECEIVED OVER \$10.5 MILLION IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017 ARE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Barnard College
Boston College
Brown University
Bucknell University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Drexel University
Eugene Lang College of Liberal
Arts at The New School
Fairfield University*
Fordham University*
Hunter College of the City
University of New York
Indiana University
Lehigh University

Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University, Maryland*
Manhattan College*
Marist College
Marquette University
Miami University
New York University
Northeastern University
Quinnipiac University
Saint Louis University
St. John's College
St. John's University*
St. Joseph's University
State University of
New York, Cortland
State University of
New York, Geneseo

State University of New York,
Stony Brook*
The City College of New York
The Courtauld Institute of Art,
University of London
Tulane University
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst
University of Scranton*
University of St Andrews, Scotland
University of the Arts, London
Westminster College
William Jewell College

*Multiple students attending



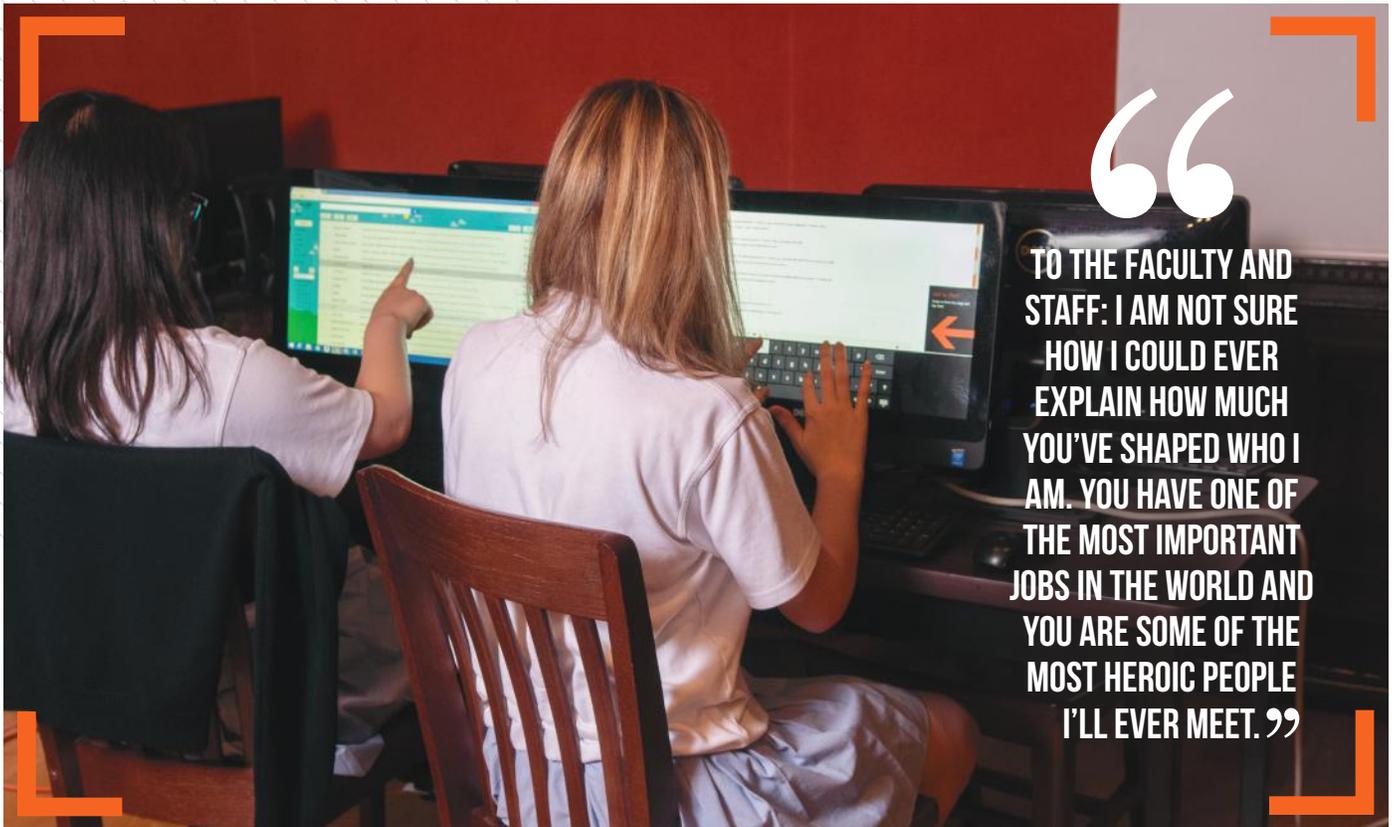
Spotlight

VICKY PHAN, ALL DOMINICAN GIRL

To the students, faculty and staff, administration, friends, family, and loved ones of the Dominican Academy community: Thank you for your presence at the Graduation Mass celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2017. When my peers chose to have me deliver this year's speech of gratitude, I made sure to warn them that they were indeed making a tragic mistake. I'm here to hold true to that ominous warning, as I'll begin this speech by making everything about me. Four years ago, I was a completely different person. Sure, I had the name Vicky Phan, but I was nowhere close to the woman I am today. I was laughably shy and terrified of human interaction, unhappy with myself and with my place in life. In all honesty, I spent every day of junior high hoping for something or someone to pluck me out of my dreary day-to-day. As you could probably predict, that something did come - though I had to sit through the TACHS examination to reach it. It's been almost four years since I was that aimless thirteen-year-old, and I don't think she would recognize me now. Because now — I can speak in public. And sometimes people ask me to hang out after school. And I have passion. And I have somewhere I know I belong. Dominican Academy was that brand-new leaf, the blank page, the fresh start. I once heard an alumna say that she could split the timeline of her life cleanly into halves: before D.A. and after D.A. I cannot emphasize how correct she was. An education is important because it stretches far beyond the required math curricula, the American Literature textbooks, and the Huston Smith

readings. An education is important because hopefully you will have stepped away from it a fuller person. You become more yourself in the process. These are just a few of the people we would like to thank for helping us become more ourselves. To our valiant administration: As students, we thrive in the magic created onstage, but easily forget the dedicated work occurring behind the scenes — whether that's keeping the house lights on, making sure scene changes go smoothly, or even something as minute as making sure each prop is in its place. We can only hope to possess the kind of devotion you have shown to us. Thank you for putting a roof over our heads 8 hours of the day. Thank you for opening your doors to us each morning. Thank you for being the adults and making the hard decisions. We are eternally grateful. To the faculty and staff: I am not sure how I could ever explain how much you've shaped who I am. You have one of the most important jobs in the world and you are

**VICKY PHAN, '17 WAS
NOMINATED BY HER CLASSMATES
TO PRESENT THIS SPEECH AT
GRADUATION MASS 2017.**



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TO THE FACULTY AND STAFF: I AM NOT SURE HOW I COULD EVER EXPLAIN HOW MUCH YOU'VE SHAPED WHO I AM. YOU HAVE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT JOBS IN THE WORLD AND YOU ARE SOME OF THE MOST HEROIC PEOPLE I'LL EVER MEET.”

some of the most heroic people I'll ever meet. You play a large role in making this school a home. Thank you for challenging us, looking out for us, holding us accountable, encouraging our curiosity, and for being patient when we catnap in class. Thank you for filling our minds to the brim and trying to light fires inside of us. I think I am truly speaking for all of us seniors when I say you teach us not only how to be students, but how to be passionate people. To the parents and family in the audience, related by blood or love or both: please forgive me as I speak directly to my mother for a moment. Mom, thank you for recognizing how badly I wanted to be here. Thank you for letting me discover who I am on my own terms. Thank you for giving me the freedom to decide about my next four years, where I will unfortunately have to be away from you. Thank you for building your life around me. All of it has enabled me to be standing here today. And now to every other family member here, I want you to know that your daughters are all important, unique, and beautiful individuals who have changed my life infinitely for the better. You are at the core of these amazing women — in your unconditional love, your patience, your sacrifices, and your inspiration. As teenagers, we are temperamental, self-centered, and utterly unpredictable. We forget to tell you this all the time, but thank you because you hold our hearts. To the senior class, to one of my favorite collective groups of people: This will sound icky and fake, but I need you to understand how much I mean it. You have taught me what it means to be an intelligent woman and

a better person. You welcomed me in and accepted me for all I was. You let me be myself without ever faulting me for it, which is an opportunity I was really worried I would never have at age 13. This school is weird; you have to go here to understand that. And one of the weirdest, most sincere things about it is that even if we hate each other, we love each other — this is indisputable. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I don't know who I would be right now without you. We're all moving on and I am so happy, but allow me to selfishly say I'm really going to miss us. And I wish we had been granted more time together. This would not be a Dominican Academy-sanctioned speech if I did not make sure to thank the one and only... To God: Sometimes I watch a movie, read a poem, or listen to a song, and I cannot believe human beings are capable of bringing such beautiful things into existence with their own two hands. It's in those moments that I see God. Funnily enough, I also see God in each and every one of you, and I thank Him everyday for bringing me to you at 44 E 68th Street. And to wrap this all up, I figure it's best to address those to whom we'll be passing on the senior lockers. To the juniors and underclasswomen of Dominican Academy: I would like to share with you a quote — altered for dramatic effect — from the seminal television hit of our generation, Glee. “This is your school now. Take care of it and it'll take care of you.” Thank you.



**JUNIOR
RING
MASS
2017**

A Year **IN REVIEW**



**STUDENTS DESIGN A
SELF DRIVING CAR AT
THE ENGINEERING
TOMORROW CONFERENCE
(DEC 2016)**



**LITURGICAL DANCERS
PARTICIPATE IN OUR
THANKSGIVING MASS**



**IN APRIL, MORE THAN 50
STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN OUR FIRST
EVER HOMELESS OUTREACH DAY,
COORDINATED BY KATHERINE, '18**





IN MAY, A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM THE CIVIL RIGHTS IN AMERICA CLASS SPENT THE WEEKEND IN ATLANTA GEORGIA WHERE THEY VISITED THE BIRTH HOME OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS, BOTH PICTURED HERE.



ACTORS PLAY THEIR PARTS IN THE D.A. PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTION OF THE CURIOUS SAVAGE



STUDENTS AND FACULTY ALIKE GET FESTIVE DURING SPIRIT WEEK 2017!



STUDENTS EXPERIMENT WITH MAKING SLIME AT OUR ANNUAL STEAM EXPO!



2016 CSAA CITYWIDE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS!



Sports RECAP

D.A. Varsity Volleyball had a thrilling year in the CSAA and sported an undefeated record throughout the season. The team victoriously cinched both the 2016 CSAA Regional Championship (on 12/10) and the city-wide Championship (12/17)! At the city Championship game against the Lady Falcons, our team won both sets and crowned Natalia P., '17 as the game MVP. The team was dominant this year under the direction of Coach Conrad Mir and will be joining the CHSAA (Catholic High School Athletic League) in 2017.

D.A. Varsity Swim Team provided exhilarating meets in its inaugural year! While competing in the very difficult CHSAA the ladies were posting excellent scores and were competitive in every meet. Congratulations are in order to our swimmer athletes who dominated at these competitions with 10 girls getting first place in various competitions.

D.A. Varsity Cross Country team did phenomenally well in its inaugural season with 15 runners competing

in Van Cortlandt Park as part of the CHSAA's schedule and with each one of them continually setting personal records from race to race. The team finished 9th out of 12 schools competing in the NYCSHAA/BQCHSAA Championships and finished 17th out of 21 Schools competing in the CHSAA Intersectional Championships. The team was comprised of 12 underclassmen who will take this experience and build upon it going into next year's season!

D.A. Varsity Indoor Track was off and running in its inaugural season in Spring 2017! Both practices and meets took place at the NY Armory. With a roster of over 20 students and dominated by freshmen and sophomores, it is an exciting time for the school to have incorporated this activity on its athletic roster. Led by an ex Olympian, Coach Jerry Counihan led us forward after serving as a co-Coach for our Cross Country team in Fall 2016.



**D.A. WILL OFFER 9
VARSITY SPORTS FOR
THE 2017–2018
ACADEMIC YEAR!
GO TIGERS!**

D.A. Varsity Soccer finished its season as a finalist in its conference after posting a record of 6 wins, 1 loss and 3 ties during the regular season. The season featured an exciting overtime victory in the first round of the playoffs and will be returning a team filled with many underclassmen. Captains Casey Louisa and Grace spearheaded a ferocious team that scored 23 goals and only yielded 3 goals during the regular season. The team will be moving to the CHSAA in 2017 and is looking forward the challenges ahead.

D.A. Varsity Softball is comprised of a good mix of upper and lower classmen who continued to improve upon their experiences from last year's campaign. There was added incentive this year as the CHSAA introduced a playoff format for the Manhattan division and D.A. was able to compete for a place in the Intersectional field.

D.A. Varsity Basketball completed its final season in the Charter School Athletics League. While the team did not qualify for the postseason tournament, the regular

season was filled with many exciting and close games. As the season progressed, the team, mainly comprised of underclassmen, began to grow together and play like a more cohesive unit. The advances made during the course of the year and the experience obtained by each of the ladies will only serve to make their entry into the CHSAA next year more successful.





BY KATHERINE D., '18

This article was originally published in our student newspaper Student Prints released in March 2017.

Many today are uncomfortable calling themselves a feminist, most often because they do not know what it means. Feminism is not radical or one-sided; it is the belief in equality for men and women. With the stigma tied to the term, it is even rarer to find a man who identifies himself as a feminist. This made it all the more rewarding when a group of young men from the Gender Studies and Feminism Club at Browning School teamed up with D.A.'s Girl Up club.

Girl Up is one of D.A.'s newest clubs. It started a few years ago with just a handful of members as Women's Empowerment Club. Last June, the club became an official Girl Up club, taking on the new name and more responsibilities. Girl Up is an organization partnered with the United Nations that strives to raise money and awareness for girls in need on a global scale. It emphasizes the power of girls taking action for other girls. At an all-female school, this message is particularly empowering, and reminds us that we as a student body are capable of creating immense positive change. D.A.'s Girl Up club now has over forty members, and as of last month, has reached out beyond the walls of our building. The collaboration with the Browning School was the serendipitous result of the network of the D.A. community. Browning faculty member and D.A. alumna of the Class of 1997, Jenna Montemayor, contacted the D.A. administration to propose a connection between D.A. and Browning which is our neighbor, located on 62nd Street between Park and Madison. The Gender Studies and Feminism Club at Browning wanted to work with D.A.'s Girl Up club. Girl Up club leaders Carina, '18, and

Julia, '18, along with moderator Ms. Daly, jumped at the chance to work together and extend Girl Up's impact.

In early February, faculty members from Browning and three student leaders from the Gender Studies and Feminism Club walked up the red stairs and into a monumental collaborative meeting. The meeting began with introductions, and both clubs expressed their delight at getting the opportunity to hear different perspectives on meaningful issues. Next, everyone downloaded the Girl Up Advocacy App, an accessible outlet for making change. The app presents a list of your local representatives with contact information, along with details about how to ask them to support key legislature promoting women's rights. Finally, the group engaged in an open discussion about some current issues, including the political climate and the importance of educating the student body on matters of equality. The meeting was a success, and planted the seeds for future collaborative events and a long-term partnership.

It was inspiring to be surrounded by a passionate collection of both male and female advocates. D.A. girls felt incredibly refreshed to be around young men with an open-minded perspective and a hunger for equality, who were unafraid to call themselves feminists. The Browning students and faculty were eager to understand women's issues from the perspective of women.

The work done by Girl Up this year and the collaboration with Browning gives renewed hope for the future of feminism. Despite the reluctance of many to identify as a feminist, awareness and openness is growing. In addition, the meeting reminded us of the power of a few young feminists to really change the world.



Renovation & TRANSFORMATION

As you may recall, we have embarked on a two year renovation of Dominican Academy. This project, once completed, will help update the facilities from the basement to the 5th floor of the building while maintaining all of the elements that make D.A. unique. Over the next several pages you will find more details about the renovation, an interview with the Architectural firm we have commissioned for the project and an FAQ section. We are so excited to share photos soon.

Phase I of the project began on June 2, 2017 and will be complete before the beginning of school in September 2017. This Phase encompasses the Basement, First, and Fifth Floors. Improvements will include a new cafeteria space for the student body which will hold more than seventy-five students, two new instructional spaces on the Fifth floor replacing current offices, four new offices, and better circulation on the First Floor.

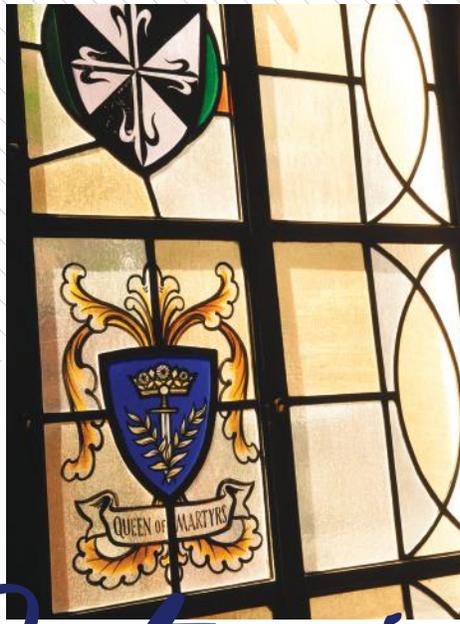
Phase 2 of the project will begin in June of 2018 and will allow for improvements to the Second, Third, and Fourth Floors, including a dedicated Chapel, reconfigured Library Commons, additional faculty offices, meeting rooms, additional locker spaces, and newly-furnished classrooms.

We promise to uphold the traditions and elements that make Dominican Academy such an extraordinary school and place. This includes our commitment to the pillars of Study, Prayer, Just Actions, and Community, as well as our pledge to preserve the architectural elements of the mansion we all cherish.

CWB Architects specialize in neoclassical renovation and preservation work. Their remit includes a mandate to retain and integrate all of the following:

- Red staircase
- Neoclassical architectural details and moldings
- Preserved Chapel space
- Existing artwork, including Lady Wellesley remaining at home in the auditorium
- Fireplaces
- Chandeliers
- Rooftop terrace
- Stained glass windows in the Chapel and outside the Library

All project plans have been developed and reviewed by our Board, Faculty, and Staff to ensure the outcome will maintain the friendly, welcoming, and unique spirit of Dominican Academy.



Interview

WITH CWB PRINCIPAL, BRENDAN COBURN

RENOVATION & TRANSFORMATION CONT.

What is CWB's Mission? CWB Architects is a Brooklyn-based architectural firm that specializes in the renovation and restoration of 19th and early 20th century masonry buildings. We are particularly experienced with the rowhouse building type, and determining the best ways to adapt them for modern uses. We are also very good at looking at the spaces our clients have, listening to their institutional needs and amalgamating those things into coherent, well organized, and elegant spaces.

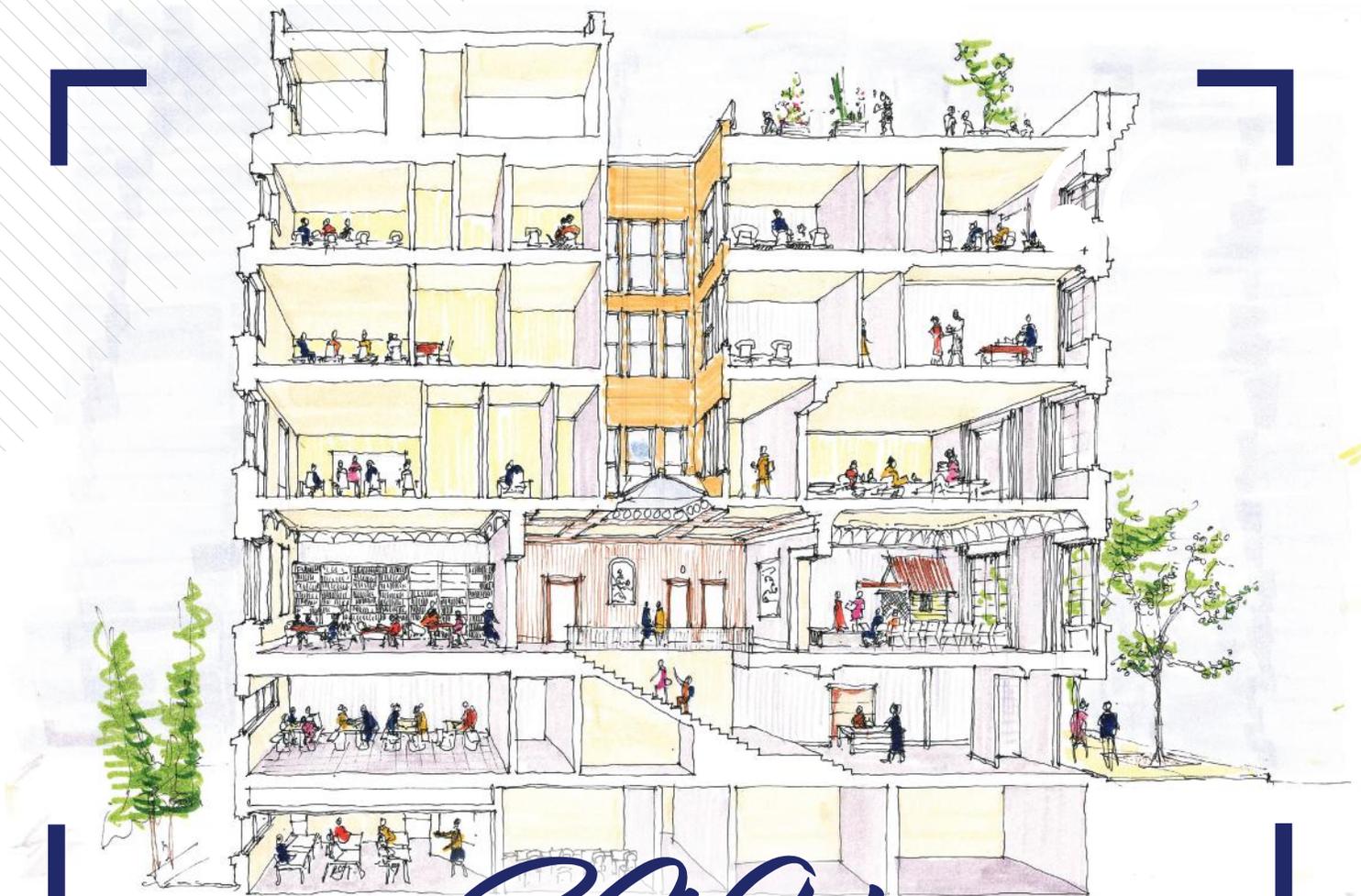
What is your role at CWB? I am a partner at the firm and I work as a designer on all our institutional and rowhouse projects.

Why is CWB uniquely qualified for this project? We are adept at working on historic masonry structures, particularly residential buildings (as this once was), and have experience with primary and secondary school projects. We are in an excellent position to make the most of the Academy's amazing building. Personally, having attended and taught at a Brooklyn private school housed

in a former athletic club, I am sensitive to - and aware of — the potential for these types of buildings to translate into compelling educational spaces.

What underlying idea was at the heart of the initial design for D.A.? To simplify the building's circulation, with an eye toward maintaining its sense of history, elegance, and proportion. In the process, we also hope to create spaces where students can both move easily from one class to another, as well as meet and talk, allowing for conversations about learning to exist outside of the classroom. We want the students to love their sweet little building and feel comfortable allowing their minds to expand into the larger world.

How does this project differ from ones you have worked on in the past? What have you found most interesting? It has been a pleasure to work with Sister Margaret and the faculty and staff to try understand their myriad needs and concerns, and then try to find and make spaces and define circulation that will serve the educational



FAQ's

goals of the institution. We want to make sure that the building's own architecture and story continues to be seen, felt, and appreciated. As architects, we try to take the building we're given and make it work for the function required in a non-destructive way. Fortunately, in the case of Dominican Academy, the Friedsam Mansion is an exceptionally well designed and well-built building, and its underlying architecture lends itself to being a serene and elegant educational institution.

How will the project be funded? This project will be funded primarily through donations from alumnae, parents and friends of Dominican Academy.

Will the project have an impact on tuition over the next few years? The renovation project will have no impact on the tuition rate; however, be mindful that the tuition must increase marginally each year in order for any school to operate smoothly.

What if the project is not completed on time? CWB Architects have experience in projects timed for educational institutions. They have sourced contractors

who are capable of executing the project in a timely manner. While we anticipate that the project will be completed on time, unforeseen circumstances may arise resulting in calendar changes for the academic year. Such changes would be communicated in advance to ensure minimal disruption.

How will I receive updates about what is happening? We will communicate progress, updates, and any necessary changes periodically via email. Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact information on file so that you can remain informed as the project unfolds.

How will this project improve the overall experience at D.A.? The renovation will preserve the tradition and elegance that characterizes Dominican Academy, while providing a space more suited to the needs of modern day students. Increased circulation, additional classrooms, enlarged dedicated student spaces, and purposeful storage and organization will revitalize the student experience both in and out of the classroom.



Adventures

ACROSS THE POND: PARIS AND LONDON 2017

BY MADELEINE B. METZLER, '07

Dominican Academy is known for providing young women with a phenomenal educational experience in and out of the classroom. Learning for a D.A. Girl in 2017 encompasses classroom discussion, collaboration, service to the outside community, and explorations of significant cultural and social landmarks in New York City; however, each year, students have the opportunity to participate in a trip abroad with their classmates, faculty, and family members to further expand the horizons of their learning.

This year's trip was to Paris and London, and took place over the Easter Holiday. While D.A.'s own Jo Ann Fannon, '68, designs and coordinates the itinerary, the trip is executed by a phenomenal local guide and EF Educational tours, who ensure that our travelers see the very best Paris and London have to offer. On Holy Thursday, a group of thirty students, family members, and chaperones, including myself and Mrs. Fannon, embarked on one of D.A.'s most jam-packed adventures—a ten day tour of Paris and London.

Jet-lag had little effect on our intrepid travelers who started their visit to Paris with an afternoon at the *Musée d'Orsay*, known for its unparalleled collection of Impressionist Art. We were fortunate enough to be able to celebrate Easter liturgy in the famed Chartres Cathedral, considered a triumph of Gothic architecture. After the

liturgy, we were even treated to a glimpse of the Labyrinth on the cathedral's floor. In addition to visits of the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral, Louvre Museum, Sacre Coeur Basilica, Montmartre, and *les Grands Boulevards*, we particularly enjoyed a magical trip to the very top of the Eiffel Tower on the last night. In spite of the chill in the air, we were all mesmerized by the map of glittering streets laid before us in miniature as the Tower itself twinkled around us. While four days felt all too short to enjoy all that Paris has to offer, our students dove straight into the Parisian pleasures of fresh croissants, cobbled streets, and lots of shopping.





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Soon enough, it was time to say *au revoir* to our charming 19th century style hotel in the 17th arrondissement and to catch the Eurostar Train to London at the *Gare du Nord*. In a few short hours, we swapped a stroll along the *Seine* for a walk along the Thames, and *frites* for fish n’ chips. Our first stop was the the London Eye, a giant ferris wheel that has held a place in London’s skyline since 2015. Our introduction to London took place from above, suspended over the sprawling city with magnificent views of the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul’s Cathedral, and Buckingham Palace. During our stay, we visited Westminster Abbey, the National Gallery, the British Museum, Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Covent Garden, and Piccadilly Circus. A group favorite was undoubtedly a guided tour of Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre. We not only got to peek in on a live rehearsal for the theatre’s upcoming production of *Romeo and Juliet*, but participated in a theatre workshop led by a Globe actor. Even the most timid students held their own as rowdy Roman citizens in our final scene from *Julius Caesar*. Our last day was spent not in London, but in the University town of Oxford, located about an hour’s drive from the City. In addition to the tour of the city with our local guides, D.A. went behind the scenes at Oxford University, a privilege typically not granted to groups of visitors. Mrs. Fannon arranged for a private tour of Somerville College and the opportunity to have lunch with

both undergraduate and graduate students. I strongly suspect that our visit has sparked a few students’ dreams to study abroad!

After ten action-packed days, the day of our departure arrived. On Easter Saturday, with sad hearts and heavier luggage, we boarded the plane back to New York City. Though our trip ended all too fast, we all agreed that it was a successful one. Whether it was practicing French, navigating the Tube, trying a new food, or uncovering a new city for the first time, we all made unforgettable memories and a few new friendships along the way. Thank you to Linda, our incomparable EF Guide, and especially to Jo Ann Fannon for their tireless work in making Paris and London 2017 a safe, enriching, and fun experience for all!

**JOIN US EASTER 2018
AS WE HEAD TO SPAIN!**

**CONTACT JO ANN FANNON AT
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Spring AUCTION & BENEFIT

This year at the Spring Auction & Benefit we had the privilege of honoring Julia McNamara, '59. Julia served as the President of Albertus Magnus for more than three decades. She is an exemplary leader in her community and has donated her time and talents to many organizations. She has been a longstanding supporter and advocate for Dominican Academy throughout the years.

More than two hundred guests joined us at the Harvard Club for a wonderful evening of food, friends, and bidding in support of Dominican Academy. Winners went home with prized experiences including luxurious fashion accessories, trips around the world, and a private tour of a museum with Mrs. Rita Salfeld. Thanks to the generous outpouring of support from parents, alumnae and friends, we were able to raise more than \$130,000 to support Dominican Academy this year.

So much of our success was also thanks to the support of Danielle Elder, '91, who generously donated her time to help plan and coordinate

the event. Danielle, owner of Classic Events, has been a professional in the event and wedding planning business for more than ten years. She helped us secure the Harvard Club to host the gala this year.

Thank you once more to all those who support this event. We look forward to welcoming you back again next spring!



CARINA, '18,
THE NATALIE
FRANKOWSKI
AWARD
RECIPIENT
FOR 2017



THE CLASSROOM LAB IN ACTION



MEMBERS OF THE
CLASS OF 2014 CAME
TO THE WELCOME
BACK RECEPTION TO
HONOR NATALIE

Dedication

OF THE NATALIE FRANKOWSKI, '14 COLLABORATIVE CLASSROOM

During Summer 2015, Mr. Tomasz Frankowski, P'14, donated his time and talents to completely renovate what was formerly the computer room in the basement of D.A. This past December, on the day we welcomed back our college-aged alumnae, we dedicated the new space in memory of Mr. & Mrs Frankowski's daughter, Natalie, '14. The newly named Natalie Frankowski, '14, Collaborative Classroom has tables and chairs that can be arranged easily for group work, testing, and individual study. The lab has a smart board, as well as a dry-erase board that

stretches the length of the room, so that students can solve equations throughout the room. We are sincerely grateful for all the Frankowskis' have done to support the student body at D.A. Additionally, several years ago the class of 2014 established a scholarship in memory of Natalie to be awarded each year to a rising senior student who best exemplifies Natalie's characteristics of prayer and study. This year, we congratulate Carina D. on this award.



KATIE LEO



LINDA WOOLF



LAUREN SERPAGLI

Faculty SPOTLIGHTS

KATIE LEO

In her ten years of teaching at Dominican Academy, Katie Leo has transformed the Theology Department. Her personal passion for social justice and advocacy defined the classes, clubs and programs she oversaw in her years as a teacher and then as chair of the Theology Department. After a decade of challenging D.A. students to put Theology into action in their communities, Katie Leo will be leaving to pursue a career in training educators to teach young people about social justice. While we are sad to see her leave, we were delighted to learn that Ms. Leo will continue work with D.A. as a consultant.

One of Ms. Leo’s most important contributions to the Theology Department was the creation of a comprehensive Service Learning Program, the only one of its kind among New York City high schools. Service Learning is an academic program that combines direct service with education and classroom reflection. The program encourages and empowers young women to use their gifts and talents to live the Dominican pillars of “[reaching] out to others by preaching and just actions.” The Junior Advocacy Expo (JAXPO) and Senior Service Seminars with Regis High School are two cornerstones of the Service Learning Program. Building upon their Christian Ethics curriculum, third year students work in small groups to advocate for a cause about which they are passionate, and present their recommendations to enact social change at JAXPO in the spring. Senior students from Dominican Academy and Regis High School meet weekly during the Spring semester to hear from guest speakers and, afterwards, engage each other on a number of important social justice and Christian service issues around the world. Katie Leo was instrumental in the

design, execution, and expansion of each of these unique programs.

In addition to their required Theology classes, students now have the opportunity to participate in new elective courses such as Prophets of Nonviolence and Civil Rights in America, a class dedicated to examining race relations throughout the world. This class won the Margot Stern Strom Innovation Award from *Facing History* which granted Katie the opportunity to take her students on a trip to Atlanta where they visited the birth town of Martin Luther King, Jr. and The Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Outside the classroom, Katie Leo planned and chaperoned many volunteer service trips to both domestic and international destinations, including Camden, NJ; San Diego, CA; and Ecuador. Perhaps the best-loved of these programs is the summer service immersion program, The Big Onion, during which D.A. students and students from sister Dominican high schools engage in a week of service to various communities throughout New York City. As part of the program, students spend a week doing service and exploring the role of the Dominican Pillars — community, prayer, study and just actions — in their own lives by visiting service sites throughout the city.

These courses and programs, along with her work overseeing the Retreat program, Campus Ministry, and the Dominican Preachers are but a few of the many highlights from Katie’s extensive career at D.A. She will be sorely missed by both students and alumnae alike. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors



LINDA WOOLF

This past June, we said *salve* to Mrs. Linda Woolf who is retiring after 21 years of teaching at Dominican Academy. In her 41 year career as an educator, Mrs. Woolf captivated countless students with her enthusiastic teaching and kind spirit. She will perhaps be remembered most fondly for her Latin rendition of 'Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf' and other original songs and stories. Many alumnae will recall the Living Latin project, in which students would search for examples of Latin in everyday life.

In addition to teaching Latin I and II, Mrs. Woolf served as the moderator for both S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and the Literary Journal. Mrs. Woolf's passion for both the Latin and the English language was most evident in her oversight of the annual production of *The Muse*, D.A.'s literary magazine, highlighting students' creative works of poetry and prose. Many hours of after-school mentorship and editing culminated in the much-anticipated D.A. Cafe, a literary evening where students presented their original works each Spring. *The Muse*, Mrs. Woolf's pride and joy, was distinguished as a student publication of significant merit by the Columbia University School of Journalism in 2013, an award given to only the finest high school and university student journals in the country.

While we will miss Mrs. Woolf terribly, we wish her all the happiness as she enjoys retirement with her husband, son, and grandchildren. In September, we will welcome Ms. Lyla Cerulli, '13, a former student of Mrs. Woolf, as a new addition to the D.A. Latin Department. Congratulations to all!

LAUREN SERPAGLI

Dr. Serpagli successfully defended her dissertation on April 20th. She received her Ed.D. (Doctorate of Education) in Science Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in May. Her dissertation researched how Instagram could be an effective tool for young women in a science classroom. Using data from questionnaires, interviews, and focus groups that involved D.A. girls, she was able to conclude that Instagram served as a useful tool in Biology classes as a way to improve communication, extend the classroom beyond the school day, create a more accessible way to disseminate information, hints, reminders, etc., and incorporate capabilities like LiveStream to reflect the needs of millennial students. We are so proud of Dr. Serpagli's hard work and the amazing impact she has had on so many students throughout her career!



OUR A.P. BIOLOGY CLASS, LED BY DR. SERPAGLI, NEVER FORGETS TO PAY HOMAGE TO CHARLES DARWIN ON HIS BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 12TH). HERE THEY ARE SPORTING THEIR SELF-DESIGNED T-SHIRTS IN HONOR OF HIS 208TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR.



RETREATS & SERVICE LEARNING *Highlights*

It was another busy year for the Theology Department with retreats and service programming for each class including the Freshmen Urban Plunge, the Sophomore Retreat Experience, the Junior Advocacy Expo, and a requirement of at least thirty hours of service for each member of the senior class. Below are some highlights from these programs!

- New York Common Pantry to work with the hungry, the homeless, and the home-insecure
- Cardinal Cooke Nursing Home to work with the elderly
- ABC Echo Park to work with children in an early childhood development program
- Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen - the largest in NYC
- YAI to work with adults with developmental disabilities

The Big Onion, our week-long service-learning program, focused on the themes of activism and gentrification. Each day, the group (including 5 D.A. students and 4 students from our Sisters of Peace schools in Memphis, TN and Akron, OH) explored a new NYC neighborhood each day by working alongside local residents and learning from them. Some highlights included:

- visiting the Museum of the City of New York and their activism exhibit
- visiting Harlem Grown (Founded by Tony Hillery, P'12)
- volunteering at Cardinal Cooke, Xavier Welcome Table, United Cerebral Palsy, Part of the Solution (POTS) in the Bronx, and Echo Park
- participating in a poetry workshop with activists and artists sponsored by the Peace Poets

At the **Junior Advocacy Expo**, our third year students explored themes of social justice and social change in their world. The presentations are judged by a panel, and students win awards for their ability to influence change within society. Some topics this year included microaggression against marginalized groups, environmentally conscious uniform companies and racism in the modern day prison system.



You're INVITED

On October 21st, all classes ending in '2' and '7' are encouraged to celebrate their reunion at Dominican Academy. We look forward to celebrating your reunion with a Mass and reception at D.A. It is traditional for the reunion classes to direct their giving to a project that is critical to the school's success. This year, we ask that all donations be directed towards improving and future-proofing the technology in the school. As we continue to renovate the building, ensuring that we have the best-possible technology infrastructure for our students is critical for their future success. We are grateful to all our alumnae who continue to support D.A. and help ensure

that our smart girls of today become intelligent leaders of tomorrow!

The Class of 1967, pictured above, will be celebrating their 50th reunion this year!

Last reunion, we welcomed back more than 100 alumnae whose class years ended in '1' or '6'. The afternoon began with the celebration of Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer and was followed by a lovely reception at D.A. We had representatives from classes from 1956 – 2010! Some photos of the event are below. As you can see, a wonderful time was had by all!

In Memoriam

Thomas Ambrosia (husband of Peggy Kryanowski Ambrosia, '56)
Diane Bailey, '68
Nancy Burke, '67
Peter Damiani, P'78, '83
Candace Salemi Fairbairn, '67
Sr. Timothy Goettisheim, O.P.

Sara 'Sally' Grande, '68
Carol Mack (mother of Marise Mack Allen '69)
Joan Young McKenna, '50
Patricia Jane Molloy, '64
Arthur Parisi (husband of Rose Cumella Parisi, '67)

Gail Giblin Powers, '63
Bruno Rodgers (husband of Joan Hutchinson Rodgers, '56)
Eileen Murphy Ruth, '41
Eleanor Horkans Slattery, '45
Mary Anne Varga, '62
Pamela Blanco Villatore, '69

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1956: Class of 1956 at their reunion celebration! Joan Masterson Coleman; Lucille Giannola Russo; Winnie Bradt Mullaly (in the back); Pat Kernan Lane; Reggie Suhre Ferrante; Nicole DeFilippi, '10 (neice of Vilma DeFilippi) and Roxanne Diaz Howes

1958: Class Note from Jeanne McAnaney, '58: If you want to keep up with the Proud Class of '58. get out your atlases (remember them) or go on your Google Maps to find them. Start in Eastern Europe where Teri O'Neill Ruddy travelled to Poland, birthplace of her maternal grandparents, as well as Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Hungary. In Budapest she took a stroll with our 40th president. John and Pat Mostyn Aker were also in Budapest to set sail on a cruise on the Danube. It must be catching because Lauretta Clancy Leddy is also heading to Budapest taking her three daughters on a similar river cruise. Are we getting any ideas about where to hold our 60th reunion?

Moving west with three daughters, Sheila Fannon McArdle and her girls were on the town for a week in Paris in May. Continuing west, Ed and Jeanne Glennon McAnaney took two grandsons to London and Ireland for ten days in April. And finally, Frank and Barbara Onderchek Black visited Scotland. In addition to Glasgow they stayed in the town where Ike and Churchill planned Operation Overlord and stayed in the Churchill Suite with the appropriately large bathtub which Barbara took advantage of.

In the Western Hemisphere, Jo Ann Liberali Cardone checked off Patagonia and Iceland on her bucket list and will be going to Italy for several weeks in late November. This smart girl won't be worrying about basting the turkey.

On the domestic front Barbara attended her 50th reunion from Georgetown Med. School and her 55th Trinity College reunion where she had a nice visit with Stephanie McKernan Waring. They discovered that their grandsons both attend O'Connell High School in DC and Stephanie's is on the varsity baseball team.

You have probably all seen on Facebook the picture of our own Energizer Bunny, Dorothy Filoramo, at the finish line of the Women's Distance Walk Benefit for Rockland Center for Safety and Change. Dorothy had promised to send us a list of the organizations she runs but

she is so busy running them that the list hasn't arrived. Just know that if the word Rockland appears, Dorothy is involved. She also serves as Chair of the Development Committee on the DA Board. As of this writing Dorothy is in South Africa but we don't think she walked there.

On a more relaxing note, Jeanne and Florence Jahara Mirti enjoyed a very pleasant visit over lunch in Greenwich. No Energizer Bunny for these ladies.

Whether you're exhausted from reading this or dusting off your passports to hit the road, we would love to hear from all our proud classmates near and far. Many thanks as usual to all who donated to the DA Annual Fund.



Lauretta Clancy Leddy, Beth Wagner, Marilyn Reynolds Canty, Pat Mostyn Aker, Jeanne Glennon McAnaney meet for lunch at Rockerfeller University.



Sheila Fannon McArdele, '58 spent a wonderful Mother's day in Paris with her three daughters!



Teri Ruddy, '58, meets 'Ronnie' on her trip to Budapest



Jo Ann Cardone, '58, visited Torre-del Paine National Park, Iguazu Falls (pictured below), and a glacier on top of Katla Volcano, in Argentina! Frank Black & Barbara Onderchek Black, '58 visited Glasgow this past May.

1961 Newspaper article about Kathy Foley

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CATHOLIC NEW YORK

June 22, 2017

New York Physician Named to Renewed Pontifical Academy for Life

By JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

After broadening the scope of and issuing new statutes for the Pontifical Academy of Life, Pope Francis appointed new members to the advisory body and included scientists, professors and experts in medicine and ethics from both religious and secular backgrounds.

Seven of the members come from the United States and Canada, including Dr. Kathleen M. Foley, a retired neurologist at New York's Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Dr. William E. Sullivan, a Toronto family physician and ethicist, who serves as president of the International Association of Catholic Bioethicists in Canada.

Other members from the U.S. and Canada are Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus; John Haas, president, National Catholic Bioethics Center, Philadelphia; Dr. Daniel Sulmasy, bioethics professor at Georgetown University; John Keown, professor of Christian ethics at Georgetown University; and Bishop Noel Simard of Valleyfield, Quebec, spokesman for the Canadian bishops' conference on bioethical issues related to euthanasia.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, a professor of bioethics and moral theology, and Dutch Cardinal Willem Eijk of Utrecht, a former medical doctor who worked at the Amsterdam university hospital before he became a priest, were also named members.

Founded in 1994 by St. John Paul II, the Pontifical Academy for Life is charged with defending and promoting "the value of human life and the dignity of the person."



DR. KATHLEEN M. FOLEY

In November 2016, Pope Francis issued new statutes for the pontifical academy to widen the scope of its activity and research on life issues.

The new statutes added that the pontifical academy's defense of life must include "the care of the dignity of the human person at different stages of life," as well as "the promotion of a quality of human life that integrates its material and spiritual value with

a view to an authentic 'human ecology' that helps recover the original balance of creation between the human person and the entire universe."

The new members named by Pope Francis hail from 27 countries, including Italy, Spain, Japan, Tunisia, Israel and Burkina Faso.

The nominations include 13 members who served on the academy before its statutes and membership were renewed.

Five past leaders of the Pontifical Academy for Life were named honorary members.

Members of the Pontifical Academy for Life are nominated for five-year terms, which can be renewed. Membership ceases once an academician turns 80.



1967: In September, Emma Bauer, Anita Isola, Adrienne Andriani Hensley and Joanne Lee, Class of 1967, met to celebrate the NYC visit of Emma, who has lived in Italy for many years. The ladies saw Jersey Boys and had dinner at Marseille, where Nancy Sassone Rugus joined them. Lots of catching up and laughter!



1969: Joanne Guarasci Yost, Barbara Compiani Mitrione, Alice Consigli Onady, Joan Bodgen Brandt, and Ann Marie Flynn celebrated the marriage of Alice's daughter, Dia, in Dayton, Ohio on October 22, 2016.



Ann Marie Flynn, Joanne Guarasci Yost, and Marise Mack Allen joined Barbara Compiani Mitrione at the marriage of Barbara's daughter,

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Stephanie, in Palm Beach Gardens, FL on October 15, 2016



Mary McNulty Kral, '69 and her husband, Gene, are building a vacation home in Nova Scotia. They will eventually divide their time between NS and St. Thomas, VI, where they run a drydock business.



Joanne Guarasci Yost, Margaret Ormond, O.P., and Ann Marie Flynn were in attendance when Maureen Ann Lynch was honored by the Ridgewood (Queens) Democratic Club as its "Woman of the Year" on June 15, 2017.

1984: In February, Anne del Castillo (class of 1984), chief operating officer and general counsel in the New York City Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, received

a Rising Star Award from Brooklyn Law School at their Annual Alumni Luncheon at The Plaza Hotel.

1996: Jen Vasquez Reidy, Class of 1996, with her husband Bill Reidy welcomed Maren Elizabeth Reidy February 13, 2017, joining big sister Tricia and big brother Will.

Jen's sister-in-law Anne Reidy Sullivan, class of 1996, with her husband Tim Sullivan welcomed twins Timothy Robert Sullivan and Mairead Shannon Sullivan March 14, 2017, joining big brother Patrick.



Cousins Timothy, Mairead and Maren pictured here!



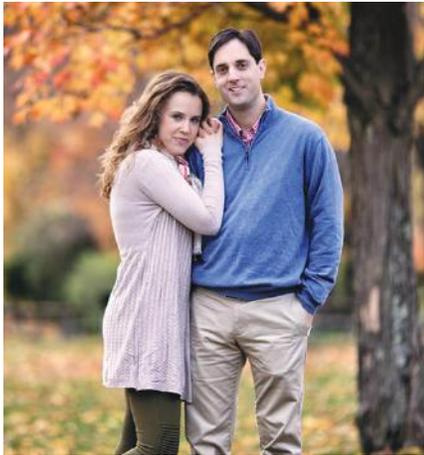
1999: Jourdan Ayala-Rubin, '99 welcomed a healthy baby boy in early July. Here are some of the class of '99 awaiting and celebrating his arrival.

Erica Sharkey, 99, got engaged to Peter Allegretta on May 26th, she's yet to say yes to the dress.

2000: Michelle Andreani, '00, recently published and released her first novel entitled: "The Way Back To You": (Harper Collins, 2016) by Michelle Andreani and Mindi Scott, a road trip story about two teens who take a spontaneous road trip across the Southwest to meet three strangers who received the life-saving organs of their late best friend—charting a journey of loss, hope, and love along the way.



2002: Elyse (Rella) Rubio, '02 welcomed her third son, Jacob Alexander, on April 3rd 2017. He joins older brothers Reinnier, age 8, and Joshua, age 6.



Kim Brown, '02 married Steve Infanti in Syracuse, NY on August 4th, 2017. In June, Kim was named Executive Director of Engagement and Communications for Syracuse University's Office of Alumni Engagement.



2006: Kaitlin Davitt, '06 got married on April 29, 2017 to her husband Alex McClenaghan in Staten Island, NY, surrounded by family and friends!

Joanna Mergeche, '06, graduated from Albert Einstein College of Medicine with M.D. and starting anesthesiology residency at Columbia Presbyterian.



2008: Kim Bertino, '08, got married on January 6th, 2017. My sister, Danielle, was my Maid of Honor. Also, one of my best friends, Audrey Steinbrecher, '08, who I met at Dominican Academy, was one of my bridesmaids.

2013: Vasiliki Soldatos, '13 works in a lab at Pharmacology Dept at New York Medical College and had an article accepted and published during the Summer 2016. The article was entitled 'Cyp2c44 Gene Disruption Exacerbated Pulmonary Hypertension and Heart Failure in Female but Not Male Mice.'

Lyla Cerulli, '13, will be joining the D.A. faculty as a Latin teacher in Fall 2017.

Mary Cacace, '13, graduated (Magna Cum Laude) from Manhattan College this past May with a Bachelor of Science in Bio-Chemistry. She is a member of the following honor societies: Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi Epsilon, Sigma Pi and Gamma Sigma Epsilon. This fall (2017), Mary will hold the position of adjunct professor at her alma mater, Manhattan College, while working toward her PHD in Biochemistry.



Camilla Davila, '13 graduated from the University of Pennsylvania on May 14, 2017 with a B.A. in Environmental Sustainability. As of July 2017, she is in Toyko Japan for 4 months teaching English.

2014: Taylor Abbruzzese, '14, graduated Simmons College with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

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