This is the last issue of Saint Peter's College magazine. See why on page 13.
READY TO MOVE FORWARD

I often wonder what my predecessors as president of Saint Peter's might say if they had a chance to see the institution that exists today. Obviously, the campus looks different. In its early years, the College lived downtown. The land now occupied by Dinneen, McDermott and Gannon halls, along with the Theresa and Edward O'Toole Library and the Quad, was once all part of a private estate.

And in many respects, what takes place within those buildings is also different. Much of what is being taught today wasn’t even imagined at the time of the College’s founding.

At the turn of the Twentieth Century, subjects such as Latin, Greek and Elocution were a prominent part of the curriculum. Today, students here research microplasmas and their mobile phones are more powerful than the onboard computer that guided American astronauts to the moon.

While there were always female students in the Evening Division, it wasn’t until 1966 that women could attend the Day Session. As a group, our students are tremendously diverse. They come from across the country, and around the world. The College is even recognized as an official Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations.

Saint Peter’s College is just months away from becoming Saint Peter’s University, certainly one of the most fundamental changes in our 140-year history. I look at the picture of the first faculty members of the College, standing stiff and proper in their black top hats, and wonder if they had a sense of what Saint Peter’s would one day become.

There is one element, though, my predecessors would recognize immediately. Saint Peter’s was, is, and will continue to be, an institution built on the Jesuit ideal of Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. It is a philosophy that forms the essence of both our identity and our mission, offering us an unerring guide as we move forward into a new era.

As a call to human excellence, education at its best requires the full engagement of our imagination, feelings, conscience and intellect. For the past 140 years, students at Saint Peter’s College have learned how to find their place in the world, and how to make it better. Saint Peter’s University is ready to carry that tradition forward.

Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D.
President

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On the cover:
The Seal of Saint Peter's College as seen atop the Theresa and Edward O'Toole Library.
IN THE CLASSROOM

FULLY ACCREDITED
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Saint Peter’s College recently announced that the New Jersey Board of Nursing has granted full accreditation to its four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program. The College’s program passed the State’s rigorous approval process with flying colors.

“At the committee hearing, the Board complimented the program,” said Ann Tritak, Ed.D., R.N., dean of nursing. “The director reported that ‘it was the best self-study that they had ever read.’”

Following the hearing, the committee sent an observing team to verify the College’s self-study. In Saint Peter’s case, the observer was the New Jersey Board of Nursing Executive Director George Hebert. He spent the day touring facilities and studying daily practices. According to Dr. Tritak, Hebert was particularly struck by student performance during a lab session. “God bless the students. They did even better than they were supposed to,” she said. “He was quite impressed with the learning that took place in our simulation.”

Hebert also interviewed a cross section of Saint Peter’s faculty and staff. “He heard repeatedly that the nursing students were among the most diligent and the hardest working,” said Dr. Tritak.

“I feel great about the accreditation because we’ll be recognized,” said Saint Peter’s nursing major Laura Pierre ’12. “They’ve taught us a lot, and because of that, I’m prepared to continue building on my nursing education.”

On March 2, at the Board of Nursing hearing, Hebert recommended to the president of the Board that Saint Peter’s College receive full accreditation. “We can now advertise as being fully accredited,” said Dr. Tritak. “Parents and students know that at the end of the four years, they will be fully prepared to take the NCLEX-RN exam.”

According to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Marylou Yam, Ph.D., the full accreditation couldn’t have come at a better time. “We’re in the midst of a nursing shortage, and Saint Peter’s will now offer the only generic B.S.N. program in all of Hudson County,” said Dr. Yam. “We’re proud and thrilled to have received this stamp of quality and excellence.”

FACULTY NOTEBOOK

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Anna Brown, Ph.D., associate professor of political science and director of the social justice program at Saint Peter’s College, partnered with James Marsh, Ph.D., professor emeritus of philosophy at Fordham University, in editing Faith, Resistance and the Future: Daniel Berrigan’s Challenge to Catholic Social Thought. The book studies the activist Catholic priest’s consistent, comprehensive, theoretical and practical approach to issues of social justice and peace over the past 50 years. Published by Fordham University Press, it contains essay contributions from multiple scholars.

In addition to the book release, Dr. Brown appeared in the award-winning documentary “An Encounter with Simone Weil,” which made its New York City theatrical premier on March 23 at the Quad Cinema. The film has been screened at festivals worldwide and tells the story of French philosopher, activist and mystic Simone Weil (1909–1943).

BUSINESS
The AMA Handbook of Financial Risk Management, written by John J. Hampton, Ph.D., professor of business at Saint Peter’s College, and published by the American Management Association (AMA), won the 2012 Innovation Award from the publishers of Business Insurance magazine.

The Business Insurance Innovation Awards program recognizes leadership, inventiveness and ingenuity in products and services designed for professional
MODEL UNITED NATIONS
A POWERFUL RECRUITER

Spring break is never a quiet time at Saint Peter's College. For the past 21 years, more than 200 high school students have annually flocked to campus to exercise their political skills as delegates of the Model United Nations. As the program continues to grow, so does its strength as a recruiting machine.

The conference, held at the Roy Irving Theatre and Pope Hall on March 13 and 14, was organized by the partnership of the Guarnini Institute for Government and Leadership and the Saint Peter's College Department of Political Science.

"[It] allows high school students to engage in a dialogue and debate the very same issues that are current within the international community," said Nicholas Chiaravalli, J.D., executive director of the Guarnini Institute. "It broadens their perspective on the issues that our world faces."

According to Chiaravalli, although the conference is organized and managed through the Guarnini Institute and political science department, it is actually run by current Saint Peter's students. One of the many students who forfeited her spring break to work this year’s event was Amanda Maldanado '13, secretary general of the Model U.N. Managing her peers and coordinating the activities of hundreds of teenaged delegates comes with ease to the political science major. Maldanado has been involved with the Model U.N. since high school.

"One of the main reasons I chose to come to Saint Peter’s was that I fell in love with the Model U.N.,” Maldanado said. “After my senior year of high school, I wanted to continue to participate, I wanted to be on the opposite end working with the staff."

FIVE-YEAR COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS IN ACCOUNTANCY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Two degrees in five years. Students at Saint Peter’s College will now be given the opportunity to attain bachelor’s and master’s degrees within a streamlined term. The College recently announced it is offering five-year combined degree programs for B.S./M.S. in accountancy and B.A./M.A. in criminal justice.

“With the growing challenge of securing that first job out of college, these programs will promote and enhance our students’ marketability in the competitive workforce,” said Marylou Yam, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at Saint Peter’s College. “Students enrolled in these programs will save time and money as they receive their degrees within five years.”

Students in their junior year, who have completed the necessary requirements, are now eligible to apply. Once accepted, students take two graduate level courses during their senior year and an additional two courses during the summer semester between years four and five. During their fifth year, all courses are at the graduate level.

According to Dr. Yam, earning an advanced degree will not only provide Saint Peter’s students with a head start in the working world, but it will also help in the pursuit of high-level positions in their field.

ENGLISH

Barbara Kuzminski, secretary in the English department, was honored with a Phenomenal Women of the Community Award at New Jersey State Senator Sandra B. Cunningham’s “It’s All About You” Awards Brunch on March 31. Kuzminski was recognized for her volunteer work with New Jersey Sharing Network, a nonprofit organization that facilitates the donation of organs and tissue for use by the 4,700 New Jersey residents currently awaiting transplantation.

On May 13, 2011, Kuzminski and her family suffered the loss of her 20-month-old grandson, Jonathon Paul Kuzminski. Her son and daughter-in-law’s selfless decision to allow his organs to be donated resulted in the saving of two young lives. Inspired by this, Kuzminski vowed to educate and raise awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation.

Currently, Kuzminski serves as the co-leader of Donate Life Bayonne, and she has brought the Workplace Partnership for Life to Saint Peter’s College, which is raising awareness throughout the community.
SERVING STUDENTS

CARLA THARP NAMED ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE AND DEVELOPMENT

Since graduating from Saint Peter’s College in 2001, Carla Tharp has risen through the ranks of higher education. Having worked at multiple institutions, her ambition always has been guided by her desire to serve students. As the newly appointed associate vice president of student life and development at Saint Peter’s, she will have the opportunity to do just that.

“Not to quote Tim Tebow, but I’m very excited about my new position,” Tharp laughed. “I’m very excited.”

In only a matter of 10 years, Tharp has acted as an adjunct professor of psychology, graduate assistant, director of residence life and dean of students. And that’s just at Saint Peter’s. She also spent time as resident director at Wagner College and assistant director of residence life for community development at Susquehanna University. “I used to think that I needed to leave Saint Peter’s to get an outside perspective,” she said. “But what I’ve learned through the years is this is the place where I want to be. I kept coming back because I love the environment and I love the students.”

As the associate vice president of student life and development, Tharp will supervise eight areas of the College: athletics, residence life, counseling, health services, student activities, dean of students, Sodexo (food services) and recreational life. “My true role is to try to lead all of those areas collaboratively, to really serve the students,” she said. “We’re going to plan events as an area rather than individual offices.”

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

As a Jesuit institution, Saint Peter’s College is committed to serving the community, and the signing of a partnership with Hudson County Community College (HCCC) reinforces this mission.

On March 21, an agreement was signed that will provide HCCC students with the unique opportunity to pursue their bachelor’s degree at Saint Peter’s at the price equivalent to that of a state university.

To participate in the program, HCCC students must have graduated with an associate’s degree and must be academically qualified. Students participating in the HCCC partnership program are not eligible for other Saint Peter’s College scholarships or grants.

Students participating in the HCCC partnership program will be responsible for all other fees, such as books, room and board and student activity fees.

“The partnership with Hudson County Community College further solidifies our commitment to the growth and well-being of the surrounding community,” said Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., president of Saint Peter’s College.

According to HCCC officials, a majority of their graduates go on to pursue their bachelor’s at state institutions like Rutgers University and Montclair State University.

“Saint Peter’s College is committed to providing a high quality and affordable Jesuit education,” said Marylou Yam, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at Saint Peter’s College.

Saint Peter’s opened a comprehensive transfer advisement center at HCCC to counsel students about admission, transcript evaluation, academic advisement and registration.
STUDENTS AND STAFF CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Nine students and two staff members celebrated their faithful triumph of the Sacraments on April 22 at St. Aedan’s: The Saint Peter’s College Church.

Through the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), 11 members of the College community were given the opportunity to explore their faith at the Jesuit institution.

“The Catholic Church is saying that you still have an opportunity to go deeper into your faith journey,” said Rev. Rocco Danzi, S.J., chaplain of campus ministry. “It’s really speaking to Jesus’ line out of the Bible, ‘Come and see.’”

It was the second year that RCIA welcomed Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, to the momentous occasion. “I invite Bishop Donato because I want them to know that they deserve the best that the Catholic Church has to offer,” said Fr. Danzi. “He is so wonderful and makes an effort to get to know every one of them.”

It was a year of many “firsts” for the program that Fr. Danzi says will only keep improving. To better acquaint Bishop Donato with the candidates of the sacrament this year, Fr. Danzi organized a dinner prior to the Mass. It was also the first year that this Mass was held at St. Aedan’s: The Saint Peter’s College Church.

In addition, for the first time, the Mass was blessed with a special guest sponsor. When a student’s sponsor was unable to attend, Saint Peter’s College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., kindly stood in his place.

872 DEGREES AWARDED AT FINAL SAINT PETER’S COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

While commencement is always a special day, the 121st commencement exercises that took place on May 21 at the PNC Bank Arts Center had special meaning. The 638 students granted bachelor degrees, and the 234 awarded graduate degrees, marked the final graduating class of Saint Peter’s College. Next year’s commencement will be the first for Saint Peter’s University.

At the same time, the ceremony was the first in which graduate students from the Department of Criminal Justice received their diplomas.

Saint Peter’s College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., set the tone. “While the story of your life is still being written, its words will now be inspired by the education you received at the College and the Jesuit values that have been instilled within you,” he said.

Keynote speaker at the event was lecturer and career diplomat Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury. Formerly the Permanent Representative to the United Nations from Bangladesh, Ambassador Chowdhury has held several executive positions with the global organization. He was honored with a doctor of humane letters degree, honoris causa.

The Most Reverend John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D., ’64, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark, Regional Bishop of Bergen County and pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Franklin Lakes, N.J., was similarly honored.

Class valedictorians Bikesh Dhunju and Rabindra Shrestha were both students in Nepal prior to attending the College. Dhunju was awarded a B.S. in computer science. Looking back, he recalled when he arrived, “I thought I wanted to get through my four years as quickly as possible. Today, as I stand before you, I wish I could put the last four years of my life on repeat.”

Shrestha, who received a B.S. in accounting, told the audience, “Saint Peter’s has taught us to be ‘men and women for others.’ Meeting with students from different backgrounds has been an amazing experience. I know I have made lifelong friends here.”

Every year, the PNC Bank Arts Center is the site of innumerable concerts and performances. Still, no audience will surpass the joy of the 872 new graduates, their families and friends on what was a very special day in May.
Students See the Forest

Thanks to the work of a Saint Peter's alumnus, 19 students learned firsthand about striking a balance between nature and commerce, as well as an unexpected career choice.

The students who signed up for the Introduction to Environmental Studies elective last January knew it was going to be a little different. After all, flyers announcing the class promised to disprove the conventional wisdom that "the lumber industry is only for burly men in flannel shirts" and "the use of wood in building and manufacturing is so last-century."

The innovative series of weekly lectures, combined with a special one-week visit to Mississippi State University, was team-taught by Patricia Redden, Ph.D., of the department of chemistry and Michael Held, Ph.D., of the department of biology.

According to Dr. Redden, "My half of the course is an introduction to major environmental issues. We examined subjects such as the use of natural resources, population, food and water resources, energy, agriculture, transportation, and the impact of political and economic decisions."

Dr. Held, a botanist ecologist, traveled with 19 students to Mississippi during spring break for a workshop on timber production, its place in the economy and its environmental impact. "Most of us flew out on the Sunday before Saint Patrick's Day at 6:00 a.m. We had to be [at the airport] at 4:00 a.m. I think some students were thinking, 'Oh, what did I get myself into?' But after that, they really got into it."

Mornings were spent in the classroom. Afternoons were dedicated to field trips.

The students got to see an industry in action, talking to people and also seeing firsthand its environmental impact. "Often, students don't grasp that what they are using in their lives comes from somewhere and there is an environmental cost for everything," said Dr. Held.

These explorations were exciting for students and instructors. "We went to a pine plantation, where they grow the lumber and a mill that engineers lumber material. We went to mills that actually make the boards everybody sees at Home Depot," recounted Dr. Held.

The Saint Peter's students were able to participate in this imaginative program thanks to a grant from an educational foundation conceived by the North American Wholesale Lumber Association (NAWLA), which paid for all transportation, lodging and meals. Saint Peter's alumnus and Board of Regents member Gary Vitale '74 is president and CEO of NAWLA.

"Classroom work is combined with field trips. We cover everything from forest stewardship to distribution, then we go into carbon sequestration and sustainable forestry, managed forests, unmanaged forests, the advantages of different species of trees, engineered wood and how it is used in commercial buildings," said Vitale.

The workshop took place at Mississippi State University in rural Starkville because of its extensive research programs and proximity to forests and mills.

AN EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE

For the students themselves, it was an eye-opening experience. Ryan Breval '12 recalled, "When we got off the plane, we didn't see any stores. We didn't see any houses. It was all land. Even coming up to the hotel, it was just the hotel. I wasn't
expecting that at all.” Or as Christie Jenty ’13 put it, “It was basically empty, trees everywhere. Not like here in Jersey.”

Saint Peter’s was one of four colleges chosen to represent each section of the country and the only Jesuit institution to participate.

Vitale wanted to ensure balance. “We really needed to get a school from the East Coast, an urban school—because the other schools are in areas where forestry is prevalent. And I said, ‘Let’s include Saint Peter’s.’”

Vitale appreciates the irony of a graduate of an urban college heading up an organization with a distinctly rural focus. “I was born in Jersey City, then I moved to the country...Secaucus,” he joked. “Now I am president and CEO of NAWLA. As things evolve throughout your career, you need to stay open.”

He added, “We’re not seeing college students really coming into this industry. It’s enormous, roughly $20 billion annually. But it operates pretty much under the radar as far as colleges go.”

The last day of the workshop featured a career panel, with representatives from all aspects of the lumber industry. They had earned degrees in biology, business, education and communication, but not forestry, popularly thought of as a prerequisite for work in this field.

“I think that was important for all of the students, especially ours,” said Dr. Held. “They always ask: ‘What am I going to do with my degree?’ And they got to see there are opportunities out there in the lumber industry. When they leave us, they will have the skills to do anything.”

That’s certainly the case for Breval. “It’s changed my attitudes,” he said. “A lot of the people we met told us that initially the lumber industry wasn’t what they set out to do. It opened my eyes to see you could pretty much end up anywhere.”

Workshop graduates are eligible to apply for summer internships at member companies of NAWLA. It’s no surprise that students gave Dr. Held rave reviews for the program.

“I think all of them were thrilled about being involved. They appreciate everything that went into it and told me they learned a lot. For many of them it may not have been the first time they flew, but it was the first time they had been outside the Northeast. I think they were really happy they chose to take the course,” explained Dr. Held.

Plans call for this collaborative program to continue for two more years, providing students from a variety of majors a chance to explore a key industry from both an academic as well as a career perspective.
140 Years and Counting

The mission of Saint Peter's College is inexorably linked to the history of Saint Peter's College. While the faces and buildings have changed, one thing that has remained steadfast is a dedication to the principles of a Jesuit education. Now Saint Peter's stands on the threshold of a new era, with the word *Collegium* in the College's seal soon to be replaced by *Universitas*. From this perspective, it is remarkable to look back at the people and places that have defined our *alma mater* for 140 years.
SUSPENDING OPERATIONS
America's entry into World War I had a profound influence on Saint Peter's College, with the College suspending operations in 1918. Long after the war ended, the doors remained closed. America had changed greatly during the 1920s. If Saint Peter's was to reopen, it would have to adapt. Rev. Robert Gannon, S.J., was given the task of assembling the resources and talent necessary to revive the College.

THE FIRST FACULTY
The first Jesuits at Saint Peter's College faced a formidable task. Beyond ensuring that their students understood complex subject matter, they had to create the intellectual infrastructure of an entirely new college. They also confronted the fact that even by 1900, only four percent of college-aged adults enrolled in post-secondary education. Within minority communities, that number was even lower.

1928
MONTGOMERY STREET AND THE BOULEVARD
Saint Peter's College started downtown at what is now Saint Peter's Prep, with a stop at the Chamber of Commerce building on Newark Avenue. Now with both Day and Evening Divisions, space was at a premium. After several tries, it was decided to purchase a residential estate located on the west side of Hudson Boulevard, between Montgomery Street and Glenwood Avenue. The College's arrival signaled a shift in "uptown" life.

1935
SCHOLAR TO A NATION
Will Durant, Class of 1907, was a prolific writer, historian and philosopher. In 1926, he wrote The Story of Philosophy, a nationally recognized book that popularized philosophy for the first time, transporting the concept of intellectual discourse from the classroom to the living room. In 1935, the first installment of what eventually would be the 11-volume The Story of Civilization was published. Co-authored with his wife Ariel, the two won both a Pulitzer Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom for this epic achievement.
1936
BUILDING A DREAM
It’s one thing to envision a College. It is something altogether different to build one. Ground was broken for Gannon Hall on March 27, 1936. Stately academic buildings are built by hand, chiseled from stone. The symbolism is unmistakable. Like the instruction Saint Peter’s provides, these structures were built to last. And like the student body, many of the workers were either immigrants or the sons of immigrant parents. Stoncutters and masons gave the new campus buildings their distinctive look.

1944
THE FIRST FEMALE STUDENTS
While the Evening Division of the College had accepted female students from its inception, daytime classes remained “men only” until 1966. There was, however, at least one exception. The June 22, 1944 edition of the Paww Paw featured a group identified as members of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. They were training at Saint Peter’s for four months as part of the “war effort.” Drawn from across the country, they prefigured Saint Peter’s own undergraduate and graduate nursing programs.

1965
HONORING DR. KING
It was a blistering hot September day in 1965 when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. visited Saint Peter’s College to attend the annual Michaelmas Convocation. Earlier that year, he had led the historic Selma to Montgomery Civil Rights March. It was a turning point in American history. Saint Peter’s was the only college in New Jersey to award Dr. King an honorary degree. Rev. William H. Gray III, a well-known pastor in his own right and director of the College’s Afro-American Studies Program, was instrumental in arranging for Dr. King’s visit. Rev. Gray would go on to Congress, eventually becoming the fourth highest-ranking member of the House and the first African-American to ever hold this position.
1968
MR. SPC BASKETBALL
Don Kennedy won more games than any coach in the history of Saint Peter’s men’s basketball. He took the Peacocks from a sleepy, small-school program to the heights of collegiate sports. His 1968 “Run, Baby, Run” team embodied the spirit of the school and its students: determined to make the most of what they had, constantly on the move, always working together as a team, knowing when to shoot and when to pass. They stunned perennial national powerhouse Duke, 100–71, on their way to the semi-finals of the 1968 National Invitational Tournament.

1968
THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT
Over the years, Saint Peter’s has proven popular with presidential hopefuls. In 1968, Richard Nixon made a campaign stop, undaunted by Hudson County’s traditional reticence toward Republican candidates and the presence of anti-Vietnam War protesters. Earlier that same year, Minnesota Senator Eugene McCarthy—whose insurgent run for the Democratic nomination as a “peace” candidate led to President Lyndon Johnson’s withdrawal from the race—spent time on campus. History repeated itself 40 years later, when candidate Barack Obama addressed a packed Yanitelli Recreational Life Center.

1974
THE WAY WE WERE
Completion of the McIntyre Lounge addition to Dinneen Hall marked something of a milestone for commuter students. The Lounge offered an alternative to the high-decibel Hudson Room and the always-quiet confines of the Theresa and Edward O’Toole Library. An exterior billboard offered the College an opportunity to publicize itself, its programs and a then-new logo.

1983
ROOMS WITH A VIEW
For some, a panoramic view of Glenwood Avenue might not seem very exciting. But for Saint Peter’s first resident students, it was a beautiful sight. The development of student housing meant Saint Peter’s could now recruit beyond northern New Jersey. It also promoted a new type of campus life, one that didn’t involve searching for a parking space and then remembering the relevant Jersey City street cleaning regulations.

1994
SERVING THE NATION
Established in 1994 by long-serving Hudson County Congressional Representative Frank Guarini H ’94, the Guarini Institute for Government and Leadership at Saint Peter’s College has brought together local, national and international experts to discuss key public policy issues in an open, non-partisan forum. The Institute, based in an iconic red brick building at the corner of Kennedy Boulevard and Montgomery Street, administers the College’s Washington Center Internship Program through the Department of Political Science, as well as several United Nations programs.
2007
MAKING HISTORY

Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., made history when he was inaugurated the first lay president of Saint Peter's College in October 2007. His tenure has encompassed the expansion of the College's highly regarded undergraduate and graduate programs, the establishment of the School of Nursing and School of Education, as well as the offering of the institution's first doctoral programs. Unchanged is Saint Peter's status as New Jersey's only Jesuit college and its unshakable commitment to the ideals of a Jesuit education.

2012
STUDENT CENTER

Construction of The Mac Mahon Student Center represents the next step in the development of campus life, creating a dynamic public space that will serve the needs of both residential and commuter students. Together with the designation of St. Aedan's: The Saint Peter's College Church, it also symbolizes Saint Peter's ongoing commitment to Jersey City. Thanks in part to a relatively mild winter, construction has remained on schedule. Planning is already well underway for the formal opening of the student center in 2013.

2009
THE FOURTH STATE OF MATTER

Thanks to a $2 million federal grant, Saint Peter's became home to the Center for Microplasma Science and Technology (CMST), the first and only research center of its kind in the United States. Microplasmas are created when heat or electrical energy are applied to gases, like air. Little understood until recently, they promise to have a wide range of applications. The presence of the CMST not only offers an opportunity for cutting edge research, but also introduces Saint Peter's students to this emerging field.

Recently published Saint Peter's College, by Professors Joseph McLaughlin, Ph.D., '77 and Thomas Metteo, Ph.D., provides fascinating insights into the people and places that contributed to our 140-year history. The book is available online at www.barnesandnoble.com.
A New Brand. A New Day.

Shapes, sizes, colors, typefaces—the symbols of Saint Peter’s continue to reflect the needs of the college and tastes of the times. With the transition soon to university status, we will seize the opportunity to present a new brand identity that draws on our history and looks to the future.

The SPC Logo Through the Years

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This fall, Saint Peter’s University magazine will show its new colors as we unveil our new brand.
While the Hon. Kevin G. Callahan, J.D., is one of the newest faculty members at Saint Peter’s College, his association with the College goes back, literally, to his childhood. A proud member of the Class of 1969, he served 27 years on the New Jersey Superior Court. For 10 years he was Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. Following his retirement from the bench in August 2011, he joined the Department of Criminal Justice at the College.
You sometimes joke that you were born on campus. Does that make you Saint Peter’s first resident student?

Actually, I was born down the street, at Margaret Hague Hospital. My family lived in a small house on Montgomery Street, next to what today is Rankin Hall. But when I was growing up, you could buy stylish Buick sedans there. I was a friend of the son of the Saint Peter’s groundkeeper, and more than once I found myself cutting the lawn and shoveling snow for the Jesuits. I got back here just in time to see my old house being demolished. I didn’t take it personally...

Why did you enroll in Saint Peter’s College?

I never thought of going anywhere else. It was home. After I graduated in 1969, with a major in history and a minor in curriculums, I stayed connected to Saint Peter’s. Even though I attended Seton Hall Law School, they let me come back and study for the bar exam in the Theresa and Edward O’Toole Library. That was back when the only place you could find case law was in books.

You went on to succeed as an attorney, then appointment to the New Jersey Superior Court. What was it like to serve as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division?

I had the greatest time as a judge. I got every mega-case that came along. I tried more than 600 felony cases, including more than 200 homicide cases. Sitting on the bench, I saw many defendants aged 16 to 25. That’s why, after I retired, I got into teaching. I’m still talking to young people. Only now they’re students. I’ve gotten away from death and destruction. Haven’t missed it a minute. A day here is full of life.

Why did you get involved with the effort to organize an association of Saint Peter’s alumni in the legal community?

I was always impressed by the number of Saint Peter’s graduates attending legal dinners and professional events. I’m trying to instill a reattachment to the school, encourage re-involvement. Something more than just making a donation, though donations are welcome! We started small, establishing a steering committee. It’s a truly diverse group, representing a range of legal specialties. We’ve had an excellent response so far.

How else is the Department of Criminal Justice working to “reattach” graduates?

Recently, I moderated a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) lecture on “Understanding Income Taxes: A Courtroom Perspective.” It was offered free to Saint Peter’s College alumni. In addition to providing attorneys with 4.5 CLE credits, it brought them back to a campus that, for many, has changed a good deal since the last time they were here. Besides offering a valuable service, sessions like this maintain a conversation with alumni. We’re looking to bring some alumni back to campus to teach as adjuncts. In fact, two of the presenters at this workshop are alumni. We are our alumni, and vice versa.

That wasn’t the only event you moderated, was it?

No. In early April, I participated in the 12th Annual Stephen D. Doyle Conference Criminal Justice Symposium. This year, the topic was Drug Courts and the Hon. Sheila Venable, the Criminal Presiding Judge of Hudson County, attended. She is also the Chief Drug Court Judge for Hudson County.

Later in the month, I moderated a panel on gang violence at a Crime Victims Awareness event sponsored by the Guarini Institute for Government and Leadership. New Jersey Attorney General Jeffrey Chiesa was the featured speaker.

How do current students benefit from these events?

The criminal justice department has become a key component of academic life here at Saint Peter’s. We’re now the second largest major. This school really wants to be involved with the community, so our students get a full 360-degree education. They need an understanding of the reality of the law. From my own perspective, I was a lawyer before I was a judge, a student before I was a lawyer. This is where the entire process starts.

An essential part of that process is learning how the principles of criminal justice are applied in a real-world setting. How are today’s students being taught the realities of the legal system?

A fundamental goal is to help our students, especially through internships. Actually, those internships work on a number of different levels. Our students make the case, as it were, for the value of a Jesuit education. The students we send to observe trials show the folks at the courthouse the good side of young people. It’s a side they don’t see a lot of there. After experiencing firsthand how the law works, many students come back and tell me, “I want to be an attorney.”

It’s obvious that you are deeply involved in department activities, and thrive in the classroom. What took you so long to return to Saint Peter’s?

Restrictions as a Superior Court Judge constrained me from engaging in many activities due to conflict of interest rules. That said, I retired in August and started here three weeks later.

So, what’s it like to return to “the old neighborhood”?

I feel like I am home again! Although, looking out the window at the new student center being built, I could never have imagined that as a student.

Hon. Kevin G. Callahan, J.D. ’69 is professor of criminal justice at Saint Peter’s College. A former New Jersey Superior Court Judge, he retired last year as the Senior Criminal Judge in New Jersey with a quarter-century of service in the division. He has written more than 1,000 decisions regarding felony crimes and taught state and local judges and attorneys for the past 25 years at various universities and institutions.
The numbers are alarming. The real cost of a college education in the United States has grown more than 100 percent over the last three decades, a rate that is exponentially higher than the wage increases and cost of living adjustments of most Americans. The latest figures from the College Board put the average cost for 2011-2012 that includes tuition, fees, room and board at $17,131 for four-year public colleges (a six percent increase over the previous year) and $38,589 for private, nonprofit institutions (a 4.4 percent increase over the previous year). At this rate, it's estimated that a private four-year undergraduate education will cost $280,000 or more when today's pre-schoolers enter higher education in 2026.

Perception, for the most part, has driven the national dialogue about the rising price of college. One view held among elected officials, the media and even the general public is that gold-plated amenities, prestige games among colleges and universities, and bloated administrations are chiefly responsible for escalating costs that take an increasing share of middle class income and price the less privileged out of a college education.
RETHINKING COLLEGE COST

Two economists from William & Mary College have found otherwise.

Robert B. Archibald, Ph.D., and David H. Feldman, Ph.D., who studied the higher education sector within the context of the broader economy and in their book, Why Does College Cost So Much? (Oxford Press), conclude that the price trajectory is similar to other service industries such as law, healthcare and entertainment.

“The starting point for any book about higher education in the last 40 years is the observation that the cost of higher education has grown faster than the inflation rate,” said Dr. Archibald. “They then decide there must be something wrong with higher education. If you turn that question around and say, ‘Why has the price of goods gone up more slowly than higher education?’ it makes you look at different things.”

Two factors help explain the phenomenon.

Unlike the manufacturing sector, where product cost is lowered or becomes stable over time with improvements or outsourcing, higher education can’t achieve the same kinds of productivity gains. In fact, the high standards of a Jesuit education at an institution like Saint Peter’s College means that measured productivity will often go down. Increasing output at any college or university can only be achieved through measures such as increasing class size, trading full-time faculty for adjunct professors or delaying the kinds of technologies that keep research and learning at the cutting edge.

Tuition assistance in the form of merit awards or financial aid also drives up the list price and contributes to sticker shock. Drs. Archibald and Feldman take particular aim at merit awards, noting that when colleges and universities compete for a fixed pool of high profile candidates, the cost to non-scholarship students grows. If institutions reduced incentives for students who have a high likelihood of attending college regardless of the size of the offer, the list price would come down and the process would be more inclusive because students driven away by sticker shock would see a more realistic price.

FINANCIAL NEED DRIVES TUITION

At Saint Peter’s, where the $28,900 tuition in 2011-2012 was slightly higher than the average for private nonprofits, the discounting is primarily directed to students with demonstrated financial need.

“For many schools like us, it’s not the merit money, it’s the financial need money,” said College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D. “People look at the sticker price of around $30,000 and think, ‘Wow, that’s a lot of money.’ But the average student is paying a lot less than that because we give institutional aid based on family need. We’re using our resources to attract our bread and butter kids and

Financial aid has become even more challenging in recent years with the economic recession driving more requests for assistance, coupled with the elimination of state aid to New Jersey’s independent colleges and universities. Uncertainty also persists with direct state aid programs to students such as Tuition Aid Grants (TAG) and Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) that go up and down every year. “There’s no magic solution to this,” said Dr. Cornacchia. “That’s why I think institutions need to find a better way to make college affordable.”

SIMPLER SOLUTIONS

The William & Mary economists propose a simpler, universal financial aid system modeled on Georgia’s HOPE scholarship program (a program that provides grants to all students who earn a B average in high school) that is easily understood by families and can help students better prepare for college. The president of Saint Peter’s College envisions a significant reduction in discounts that would bring the list price down so families could make a more realistic appraisal of their ability to pay. That day, he concedes, may still be a ways off.

“I don’t think any of us have the answer yet,” Dr. Cornacchia remarked in regard to proposals by academics and policy makers to improve college affordability. “But we’ve done everything on our end, from trimming our budgets, scrutinizing staff levels and cutting back on all manners of waste, to ensure that a Saint Peter’s education remains affordable. Our commitment to students is measured not just in academics, but also in their ability to afford the education and persist until they graduate. When students come here, we’re going to do everything to help them stay, have a good experience and graduate.”

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Construction of The Mac Mahon Student Center continues on schedule, lowering its final beam on March 2.
WASHINGTON, D.C., ALUMNI CONTRIBUTE TO A CAMPAIGN THEY CAN ALL AGREE ON

Anne and Thomas J. Whalen Esq. ’60 welcomed alumni, students and administrators of Saint Peter’s College to their stunning home on Massachusetts Avenue’s Embassy Row, kicking off the Students at the Center: The Campaign for Saint Peter’s College, Washington, D.C., regional launch on Thursday, April 26.

“I consider that my educational experience at Saint Peter’s has been the principle reason for whatever professional success I have had as a lawyer,” said Mr. Whalen. “I have great loyalty and gratitude to the College, and I have supported its efforts and goals.”

Due to generous gifts from contributors, Saint Peter’s has reached 81 percent of the $62 million target goal for the Students at the Center campaign. The Whalens and fellow believers in the College’s mission have contributed generously toward the D.C. regional goal of $600,000.

Please join this historic effort. To make a gift offline or for further information, contact Jamie Bredehoft, director of annual giving, at (201) 761-6114 or jbredehoft@spc.edu. For updates, visit www.spc.edu/campaign.
True Believers

Love of country and a strong desire to serve spawned a generation of officers and leaders who embraced the military and made lasting contributions to our nation.

When Col. Tom Steffens ’85 arrived on campus for the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program at Saint Peter’s College in 1981, the U.S. Armed Forces was in the midst of dramatic change. The draft had ended eight years prior and the conversion to an all-volunteer military was well underway, ushering in new standards and a higher degree of professionalism and discipline.

The Army ROTC program at Saint Peter’s was instrumental to this effort. While military instruction programs were phased out at colleges and universities throughout the Northeast, The Jesuit College of New Jersey continued to field a small, yet dedicated, officers training corps. In addition to a comprehensive course load, cadets studied military history, learned how to critically analyze problems in ethics courses and earned top honors competing in Pershing Rifles Company N-8, the nationally recognized military fraternal company and drill unit.

Following graduation, many exceeded the required years of service and made the military their career.

“It was a very fundamental and thorough process that we underwent as cadets,” recalled Steffens, who recently marked his 27th year as a career Army officer. An accounting major at Saint Peter’s, Steffens was commissioned as a finance officer, served with peacekeeping forces in the Sinai Peninsula, commanded the 9th Finance Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Iraq and has held senior leadership posts at the Pentagon. A formative Jesuit education and ROTC training helped him persist for the long haul. “Saint Peter’s was good to us,” he noted. “There are a number of us that did full careers with the Army. It’s a tribute to the school that so many folks stayed in.”

The service record of the College’s post-Vietnam graduates is quite extraordinary. A Tribute to Service, a College initiative currently underway to publish online the names of all alumni who served in the military, has documented a significant number of leaders who’ve made lasting contributions to the country and served with great distinction in the Persian Gulf War, armed conflicts in Kosovo, as well as multiple tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Col. Peter Malik ’85 was a Dallas police officer with more than 15 years in the U.S. Army Reserve when 9/11 occurred. He immediately volunteered for active duty and was later deployed to Afghanistan, where he assisted the Afghan National Army in operations and served as battalion commander of U.S. Army South in San Antonio, Texas. One especially gratifying moment was helping to facilitate the reintegration process of three American hostages rescued from Colombian guerrillas in 2008.

“Why do we stay? We just believe so much in our military,” he said. “It’s patriotism. It’s a belief in our nation and building our future. We stay with it because we want to ensure that the freedom we enjoy is there for the next generation.”

“I think love of country has kept us going,” said Col. Edwin “Wingo” Domingo ’82, who is also nearing retirement after 30 years in the Army and has led troops in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait, commanded Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico and held numerous leadership posts in the Pentagon. “I feel honored and humbled by the challenging responsibility and opportunity the Army has given me.”

Born in Manila, “Wingo” (a nickname he earned from his Pershing Rifles buddies) immigrated to the United States in
agreement with Seton Hall is still in place today. In addition to awards and grants from the Army, Saint Peter's has continued its support by providing free housing for ROTC scholarship recipients and awards additional scholarships for academic achievement and leadership potential.

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The nation's veterans are still finding their way to The Jesuit College of New Jersey. "I love it here," said Blake Boles '13, a communication major who served two tours of duty in Iraq. After he was discharged from the Army, Boles, a comedy writer and performer, wanted to be near New York City and found Saint Peter's Yellow Ribbon Program online. Since 2009, the College has matched any outstanding tuition and fees not covered by the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act so that eligible veterans, like Boles, can complete a degree at little or no cost.

Boles, who served as a gunner in Ramadi, a prime area under attack during his first deployment in 2004, says Saint Peter's has been welcoming and accommodating. Administrators, faculty and Jesuits, he added, have "shown a level of care and concern and have taken a proactive personal interest. They not only understand the issues we veterans might have, they've also encouraged us to get involved so things will be better for future veterans."

Now, Boles and classmate Mariana Toledo '14, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an ammunitions and explosives technician, are forming a veteran-student organization to help returning members of the armed forces acclimate to college life. "The idea is to have those who have 'been there and done that' help other student-veterans through the process. It's veterans helping other veterans," said Toledo.
For the first time in more than a decade, a Saint Peter's College sport has nabbed back-to-back championships. The Peahens indoor track & field team raced their way into Saint Peter's record books, winning their second consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championship on February 17 at the New Balance Track and Field Center in New York City. It's been 12 years since the women's basketball team performed a similar feat in 1999 and 2000. On May 6, the Peahens fortified their domination of the conference by also winning a successive outdoor MAAC title.

Although few top performers were lost between seasons, Head Coach Mike Massone was wary about the chances of repeating. "We didn't lose a lot of athletes in terms of numbers, but we lost an incredible amount of leadership" he said. Track and field isn't always recognized as a "team" sport, but according to Massone, there's a huge mental factor in winning championships. "You never know how a team will blend together and whether or not your freshmen will buy into your philosophy," he said. "But what has remained constant is their willingness to sacrifice personal goals for the good of the team. We were successful because we have a very unselfish team."

Renee Brzyski '13 epitomizes these qualities. As a key contributor to the team's success, for Brzyski, breaks are few and far between. "Running five events, trials and finals, I was running from event to event to event," said Brzyski. "But whatever Coach puts me in, I try to do my best to get points for the team."

According to Brzyski, the entire team compensated for the loss of last year's leadership. "Every class was well represented and had leaders," she said. "The freshmen really stepped up this year and got a lot of first places, and sophomore Shona Potruziski did a great job."

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"The seasons went really well, and went by really fast," said Shona Potruziski '14. In addition to winning the MAAC championships, the sprinter and jumper says a highlight of the season was getting the opportunity to compete against some of the nation's most prestigious programs at Penn State.

Like their Big 10 competitors in Happy Valley, many of the Peahens' opponents in the MAAC practice on massive campuses in state-of-the-art facilities. But the Peahens don't feel confined by their limited space. "You don't need a super spacious campus," said Massone. "We get the job done here in Jersey City with hard work and determination."

"I come from Princeton, so it's much different here," said Brzyski. "Our track is right on Route 440, so there are trucks flying by, and it's not our track so we share it with the public and high schools. It can get a little complicated sometimes, but Coach is well prepared with personal workouts at every practice, and we make sure to get it all done in whatever time we have."
As the Peahen runners have accumulated a bounty of individual medals, so has their coach. This winter, Massone was honored as MAAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time. “I’m an older guy, and as you hit the twilight of your career, it’s a very rewarding feeling,” Massone said. “But at the same time, I know that any coach is only as good as his team. If you get the athletes, and they believe in you, any coach can build a successful program.”

Massone’s team is his biggest fan base. “He definitely deserves the recognition,” said Brzyski. “We all expected him to win, and if he hadn’t, it would have been really upsetting.”

“He knows what he’s doing when it comes to training us,” said Potrzuski. “He always has the big picture and a greater goal in mind. We know that there’s always a purpose behind what we do.”

Winning four championships in her first two years as a college athlete, Potrzuski is confident in her decision to come to Saint Peter’s. “I think we all ended up here for a reason,” she said. “We’re producing just as well as all of the big name programs. Considering we are such a small school and have such great athletic success, I know that coming to Saint Peter’s was the right choice.”

HONORABLE SENIORS
AWARDS DINNER RECOGNIZES SENIOR STUDENT ATHLETES

After a year full of record-breaking performances, the Saint Peter’s College Department of Athletics honored the departing senior class of Peacocks and Peahens at the annual Senior Student-Athlete Awards Dinner at the Casino in the Park in Jersey City on April 30.

Individual and team awards were presented throughout the evening by Daniel Drutz, director of sports information, and Joe Quinlan, recently appointed director of athletics at Saint Peter’s College. The senior athletics staff chose the recipients for academic and community service awards based on specific criteria, including GPA and service participation.

Award Winners:
Female Athlete of the Year:
Ronnah Parham,
Women’s Cross Country/Track and Field
Male Athlete of the Year:
TJ Sumigray, Golf
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year:
Tellisia Williams,
Women’s Cross Country/Track and Field
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year:
Darnell Allen,
Men’s Cross Country/Track and Field
Team Academic Excellence Award:
Women’s Tennis
Team Community Service Award:
Bowling
Bill Stein Peacock Pride Award:
Tara Wuorinen, Academic/Athletic Coordinator

Top (left to right): TJ Sumigray, Male Athlete of the Year, Ronnah Parham, Female Athlete of the Year, and Joseph Quinlan, director of athletics. Bottom left: Bill Stein, former athletic director, and Tara Wuorinen, academic/athletic coordinator, Bill Stein Peacock Pride Award Winner. Bottom right: Tellisia Williams, Female Scholar Athlete of the Year, and Darnell Allen, Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Renee Brzyski ’13
1950s

1957
Ronald W. Tobin, Ph.D., was the first foreign scholar to be elected to the prestigious Associazione Sigismondo Malatesta, whose main office is in Rome. The Sigismondo Malatesta Association was initiated in 1988 in the Rocca Malatestiana of Santarcangelo di Romagna as a private institution of scholars that promotes and implements, in different Italian cities, initiatives in literature, theater, cinema, economics and historical and social sciences.

Additionally, Dr. Tobin recently edited Changing Perspectives: Studies on Racine in Honor of John Campbell (Charlottesville: Rookwood Press, 2012). It is composed of 17 essays on France's greatest tragic dramatist by scholars from the United States, France, England, Germany and Australia.

1960s

1969
Hon. Kevin G. Callahan, J.D., Hudson County Superior Court Judge, was the youngest superior court judge in New Jersey when he donned his robe in 1984. He retired in 2011 after presiding over criminal matters for 25 years. He also acted as the 2012 Grand Marshal of the Jersey City St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11.

1970s

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Gary S. Horan, FACHE, president and chief executive officer of Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, N.J., was named in the Top 50 hospital executives in New Jersey as recognized by NJBIZ in their annual Power 50 Healthcare listing.
The Saint Peter’s College community honored Frank D’Amelio ’79 and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties (BBBS) at Hearts & Minds: The Saint Peter’s College Annual Scholarship Dinner on March 29 at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange, N.J.

More than 300 guests attended the annual event in support of the College’s General Scholarship Fund, which ensures deserving students are given the opportunity to access a quality Jesuit education despite financial constraints.

D’Amelio was recognized for his professional achievement as the executive vice president, business operations and chief financial officer of Pfizer Inc. The advocate of the General Scholarship Fund credits his success to the education he received at Saint Peter’s College.

Clockwise from left: A view of the evening as seen from the balcony; Saint Peter’s College President Eugene Cornacchia, Ph.D., with honorees Carlos Lejnieks H ’11 (left) and Frank D’Amelio ’79 (right); honored guest BBBS President and CEO Carlos Lejnieks H ’11 with BBBS mentors from the College and their BBBS “Littles”; Dr. Cornacchia; honored guest Frank D’Amelio ’79; his wife, Carmel Zampaglione D’Amelio ’79; and the event emcee, John Montone ’76, from 1010 WINS.

1971
Robert Albrecht released the album A Tale of Two Cities: Jersey City and Hoboken in April.

1973
Sharon Pastore was inducted into the inaugural class of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Honor Roll, which is part of the Conference’s exhibit at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

1980
Julia F. Lomba was nominated by the Jersey City St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee as the 2012 Honorary Irishwoman. She marched alongside fellow honorees and Grand Marshal Hon. Kevin G. Callahan ’69 on March 11.

Lou Ruvolo was appointed director of the College’s graduate business program. He teaches courses in marketing and management at the undergraduate and graduate level and also in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies (SPCS). Ruvolo is completing his second year of doctoral studies at Pace University, where his concentration is in management, specifically in the area of ethics.

Two Saint Peter’s College alumni were honored in Irish America magazine’s 15th annual “Wall Street 50,” which recognizes the outstanding accomplishments and successes of the best and brightest Irish-American and Irish-born leaders of the financial industry.

John Cannon ’89 was recognized for his role as managing director in the Equity Sales Trading Group at Credit Suisse in New York. A first generation Irish-American born in New York, Cannon earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Saint Peter’s. He has spent 22 years as a sales trader on Wall Street.

Francis A. McGrail ’79 is managing director and regional executive for Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management. He is responsible for the oversight and development of the Bank’s business with high-net-worth individuals and families in Boston and the New England region. McGrail also serves as vice chairman of the Board of Trustees at Saint Peter’s College.
ALUMNI NETWORK

Alumni in Healthcare holds second event

Following the success of the inaugural Alumni in Healthcare event held last November, the Network reconvened six months later, on May 2 at the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City. Guest speaker S. Vincent Grasso, D.O. ’85 led a discussion about the evolving relationship between doctor and client as more and more patients are encouraged to participate jointly in their medical care decisions.

Alumni in the healthcare industry, current students studying this profession and medical specialists from the surrounding area gathered for an evening of networking to discuss the latest trends and technology and how to incorporate these changes to expand the doctor-patient relationship. Dr. Grasso's discussion on patient satisfaction goes hand-in-hand with the principle of cura personalis, or care for the whole person, a value he learned at Saint Peter’s and continues to utilize in his career.

Of the College’s more than 30,000 living alumni, healthcare professionals comprise the second largest group of graduates following business professionals. The network was founded by Angelo A. Caprio, M.D. ’74, chief medical officer and vice president of medical affairs at Hoboken University Medical Center; Nikki Mederos ’07, ’10, director of external relations and patient relations at Palisades Medical Center; Gary S. Horan, FACHE ’70, president and chief executive officer of Trinitas Health and Trinitas Regional Medical Center; and Joseph P. Pieroni ’68, president and chief executive officer at Daiichi Sankyo, Inc. (retired).

1992
Friedberg Properties, announced that Margaret “Peggy” Andrews joined its staff of professional real estate associates. Andrews will be located at Friedberg’s Pascack Valley office, 213 Rivervale Road in River Vale, N.J.

1996
RE/MAX Traditions Real Estate in Oakland, N.J., recently celebrated Eileen Weaver Bassi’s five-year anniversary with the company.

1998
Renee Gatz, author of Wise Words & Witty Expressions, was recently featured in Wise Irish Women: A Journey of Love, Loyalty, and Friendship to Inspire the Irish Spirit, an inspirational and motivational book based on women with deep ties to Ireland. Authored by Patricia Connorton Kagerer and her cousin, Laura Prendergast Gordon, it contains contributions from Gatz and 35 other women of Irish descent who share personal stories that encapsulate Irish charm, luck, love of family, and of course, Irish gumption.

2000
Thomas Beauford was appointed president of The Western New York Chapter of The National Black M.B.A. Association. Beauford received his bachelor’s degree from Saint Peter’s College and earned his M.B.A. and M.S. from the University at Buffalo.

Engagements
Frank L. Scarpoli ’05 proposed to Cynthia Bayiokos in Staten Island, N.Y. at their local St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 4, 2012. Bayiokos attended Saint...
**JESUIT HERITAGE WEEK**

Saint Peter's College welcomed multiple guest speakers as it celebrated the third annual Jesuit Heritage Week from March 19–28. The five-day festival featured lectures, presentations and activities that focused on Jesuit identity and its principles.

Jesuit Heritage Week was created by Alpha Sigma Nu, the Honor Society of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. At Saint Peter's, the week of events are completely run by students. “They organize the programming, they arrange the space and communicate with invited guests,” said Vice President for Mission and Ministry Rev. Michael L. Braden, S.J. “We provide them with the resources, and every year they have different speakers and events.”

“We are a Jesuit college and it’s important for people to be aware of our Jesuit ideals,” said event organizer and treasurer of the Saint Peter’s chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, Kapil Bastola ’12. “We try and bring in an array of speakers to show people what Jesuits are doing all around the world. Their experiences display how Jesuit ideals are upheld.”

This year’s lectures included a presentation by Rev. A.E. Orobator, S.J., who spoke on education in Africa and the Jesuit mission. “He discussed how difficult his life was growing up in Africa, but how he excelled and now oversees an entire region,” said Bastola. “He also described the great things that are being done in Africa, but there are still many people not getting an education. It struck me.”

In addition to presentations, Alpha Sigma Nu organized the popular Jesuit Scavenger Hunt. The game challenged students to discover facts and document campus landmarks that point to the Jesuit heritage of the College. This year’s winner was Tyler Carlé ’15.

**THE LATINO VOICE OF HUFFINGTON POST**

As the entertainment editor of Huffington Post Latino Voices, Lee Hernandez ’07 spends his day scouring the Internet for big stories in one of the world’s most electrifying atmospheres. “As soon as I walked in, I could feel the energy,” said Hernandez. “I knew I was in a place that was leading the way.”

Hernandez began his editorial career as a post-grad intern at Latina, an American monthly lifestyle magazine for bilingual, bicultural Hispanic women. Throughout his six years at Latina, he climbed the newsroom ladder, eventually being named senior editor of the magazine’s digital platform.

In March, Hernandez took his talent and passion for Latino entertainment to the Huffington Post newsroom, and he’s been busy ever since. “My day begins by going through more than 40 entertainment websites to look for stories,” Hernandez said. “There’s a lot of entertainment news out there, but we narrow it down for our Latino audience.”

Within his first month at Huffington Post, Hernandez was already interviewing Latin superstars. “I just interviewed Eva Longoria. She’s someone that all Latinos look up to and admire,” he said. “She’s a philanthropist and someone who gives back to the community that I’m writing for. I find her fascinating.” And he also participated in the company’s most historic celebration. “I was in the newsroom with more than 200 people when we popped the champagne after winning the Pulitzer.”

Hernandez is very proud to be a part of the industry-leading company, and he looks forward to the future. “I’m getting a master class every day from the people who lead the media industry,” he said. “Whatever happens with digital news is going to happen because of sites like the Huffington Post. We’re ahead of the curve.”

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**Births**

Patricia Q. Shechan H ’77 welcomed her first great granddaughter, Shannon Marie Garlatti, born on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17.

Peter’s College for two years before transferring to John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Gabriel M. Poalucci ’03 and wife, Bernice, lifelong residents of Bayonne, N.J., welcomed their first baby on January 1 at 2:15 a.m. at St. Barnabas Hospital.

Frank L. Scarpati ’05 proposing to Cynthia Bayiokos.

Luke Gabriel Poalucci
A DEED ON A DARE

When Eugene R. Boffa, Jr. ’66 wrote his first political mystery, The Deed, it was done on a dare. According to the Schumann Hanlon attorney, he was encouraged to write by client and close friend Warren Murphy. “I had been Warren’s attorney for many years and he always said that I was a good storyteller,” said Boffa.

Murphy, an award-winning author himself, most famous for co-creating The Destroyer series and penning the Lethal Weapon 2 screenplay, was very persistent about his lawyer’s literary endeavor. “He began to write his own wills and said, ‘I’m going to play lawyer until you write a book,’” Boffa laughed. “I had to act quickly because I couldn’t risk losing a client.”

Boffa’s creation came in the form of The Deed, an action-packed novel of speculation and adventure that follows CIA anti-hero Mac Daniels. After selling three reprints and stirring interest from Hollywood producers, Boffa has begun to write Mac’s second escapade, which is tentatively titled Yellow Cake.

Working full-time at a major law firm, Boffa must carefully plan his time to craft Mac’s narratives. “I’m a lawyer here at Schumann Hanlon and I have to make a living,” he said. “While writing is a lot of fun, it’s hard work. It’s the hardest thing I’ve ever done.”

According to Boffa, his quest to become a modern Renaissance man dates back to his years spent at Saint Peter’s. He was a natural science major who became a lawyer, and now a lawyer who moonlights as an author. “The truth of the matter is, what Saint Peter’s gave me was a good Jesuit education,” said Boffa. “In order to write, you have to be disciplined, and thanks to the ‘Jebbies,’ I have the discipline and training to do it.”

Founded in 1850, Schumann Hanlon, the oldest law firm in Hudson County and the second oldest in the state of New Jersey, provides a full range of legal services to businesses and individuals.

A Day of Reflection

Saint Peter’s graduates were given the opportunity to collectively reflect and pray during the Alumni Lenten Retreat on March 3 at Saint Peter Hall. The recollection was facilitated by Carmel Galasso ’79 and Rev. José-Luis Salazar, S.J.

“It was a day that alumni could step out of their normal routine and spend time in discussion and prayer,” said Galasso. “It was a great way for alumni to focus on time with God during the Lenten season.”

Behind the piano, Galasso led the group in song, while Fr. Salazar guided them in prayer and reconciliation services. “It was a small group, but it was a good group,” said Galasso. “The feedback was very positive.”

According to Galasso, Saint Peter’s College alumni specifically chose a Lenten event. “It has been my experience that Lent is a time that people will do something extra in their spirituality.”

Due to the positive feedback, Galasso says the Lenten retreat is set to be an annual event.

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MAKING HEALTHY PLACES

Television nationwide this year are welcoming the insight of Richard J. Jackson M.D., M.P.H. '69 as he hosts the four-episode series Designing Healthy Communities on PBS. The program is a component of a multimedia project that provides a provocative and challenging view of the impact of the “built” environment on our public health—how we live, where we live and what we must change to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities. “Built environment is the product of human imagination,” said Dr. Jackson. “With a different vision, without money at the center, we can create an environment that can humanely serve people best.”

In 2011, Dr. Jackson released his second co-authored textbook, Making Healthy Places (Island Press), a multidisciplinary collaboration that offers built environment solutions for health, wellbeing and sustainability. According to the Saint Peter’s alumnus, the theories of the book identify with principles instilled at the College. “The first chapter is called ‘What Does Love, or Caritas, Have to Do with the Built Environment?’” Dr. Jackson explained. “In many ways, it relates to my Jesuit education at Saint Peter’s. You have to use your core values to take care of one another by ensuring others live with a decent quality of life.”

Dr. Jackson has devoted his life and career to trying to better the lives of others. A pediatrician, he has served in many leadership positions in both environmental health and infectious disease with the California Health Department, including the highest-ranking, state health officer. As the director of the CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health, he instituted many federal changes, such as leading the establishment of the U.S. National Pharmaceutical Stockpile to prepare for terrorism and other diseases, which was activated on September 11, 2001. Currently, he is a professor and chair of environmental health services at the School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles.
The Saint John’s Bible on display in McIntyre Lounge.

The 200-year-old ink used by calligrapher Donald Jackson was made of egg white, honey and soot.

The fine art reproduction of the first known handwritten and illuminated Bible in more than 500 years, the Heritage Edition of The Saint John’s Bible was displayed in McIntyre Lounge to more than 60 enraptured Saint Peter’s College alumni and friends on March 22. The work of world-renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson was presented by guest lecturer Tim Ternes, director of The Saint John’s Bible, at the Hill Museum Manuscript Library in Collegeville, Minn.

The 1,150-page Heritage Edition is limited to 299 publications and took 12 years to complete. It was brought to campus by a single, generous benefactor as part of a gift to Students at the Center: The Campaign for Saint Peter’s College. As one of 60 fortunate institutions to possess the timeless work of sacred art, Saint Peter’s is using the Heritage Edition to strengthen the Catholic and Jesuit identity of the entire campus community.
Requiescant in Pace

Saint Peter's College wishes to extend its prayers and condolences to the families of alumni, members of the College community and friends who have passed away.

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Daniel Smith ’72  
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REV. JOHN P. RUANE, S.J., 1920–2012

Rev. John Ruane, S.J., an integral member of the Saint Peter’s family since 1973, passed away on May 5. Many in the Saint Peter’s College community remember him as a long-serving professor of philosophy. His fellow Jesuits recall him as treasurer, house consultant and rector’s admonitor of the Jesuit community prior to his retirement in 2009.

“With many years of service to the College, his professional and personal contributions were countless,” recalled Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., president of Saint Peter’s College. “Fr. Ruane was not only a valued colleague, he was also a very special person and a true friend to so many of us.”

Fr. Ruane’s local roots run deep. Born 92 years ago in Jersey City, he graduated from St. Peter’s Prep in 1937. He took his first vows toward ordination as a member of the Society of Jesus in 1939. One of his first duties as a seminarian brought him to the Ateneo de Manila in the Philippines in July 1941.

Following the Japanese invasion of the Philippines in late 1941, all priests and seminarians were placed under house arrest. Later, they were sent to the notorious Los Banos internment camp, where they were held with more than 2,000 military and civilian prisoners. The internees were close to starvation and facing execution when they were liberated by American and Filipino soldiers in February 1945.

After returning home to the United States, Fr. Ruane was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1949. He graduated with a degree in theology from Woodstock College and went on to earn a doctorate in philosophy from the Université catholique de Louvain in Belgium.

His career as an educator took him back to the Philippines, to St. Joseph’s College in Gettysburg, Pa., and to Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. before he joined the faculty at Saint Peter’s College. He also participated in sabbaticals at Fordham University, Georgetown University and Boston College.
Like the College itself, Saint Peter’s College magazine has covered a lot of ground since its inception in 1980. Today, the magazine is the signature publication of the College and the primary news source for more than 30,000 alumni as it chronicles the life and successes of students, faculty, administrators and, of course, its graduates.