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Thoughts from the President

Every day on our Bluff, we see the Spirit of Duquesne at work. We see students and faculty engaged in important scholarship and service-learning activities, we see Spiritan fathers carrying out the work of Duquesne’s founders, and we see staff and alumni living out our mission through their dedication to serving God by serving students.

But, the impact of our work and our Spirit goes beyond our campus borders, and even beyond the borders of Pittsburgh. In this issue, we report on Duquesne’s remarkable impact—in excess of $477 million worth of economic activity in 2011 alone. Impressive as that figure may appear, it doesn’t tell the entire story. We can document and calculate institutional purchasing, taxes, and other payments to government entities, employees’ salaries, and student spending. We can tally volunteer and service-learning hours and attach monetary values. We can count the research dollars received from government and organizations, and estimate how much visitors to our campus have spent.

We cannot, however, precisely measure the impact our institution has on individuals and their overall quality of life—especially the people and communities we touch and change through our outreach. Some of these initiatives are described in our cover story. Others, such as our Law Clinics and Center for Environmental Research and Education, are featured in separate articles.

Nor can we put a price tag on our involvement around the world—this issue includes articles about a professor’s machine that turns plastic bottles into roofing material for the poor living in tropical climates and a faculty member who helps professionals and governments in developing countries to navigate the complexities of health care ethics.

Most of all, we cannot assign numbers to the value Duquesne has added to the lives of our alumni. We know that many of you remain in the Pittsburgh area and contribute to our region’s vitality, while others do the same in cities and towns across our nation and beyond. But we can only imagine how our influence is multiplied—how your Duquesne experience has shaped your career, motivated you to serve, or even inspired you to climb the world’s highest mountains, like alumna Pamela Pappas, who is profiled in this issue.

We also appreciate the impact of our student-athletes and coaches. In these pages, we introduce Duquesne’s new head men’s basketball coach. We are pleased to welcome Jim Ferry to lead our team to the next level of national achievement.

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Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Duquesne University President
In alignment with Duquesne’s strategic goal to place “a new emphasis on Africa and the African diaspora,” Dr. Gerald M. Boodoo, associate professor of theology, has been named acting director, Center for African Studies, effective July 1, 2012.

“The Center for African Studies will be a unique, University-wide program to benefit students from all schools in terms of their career possibilities,” says Boodoo.

Initially, Boodoo’s work will be to develop a minor in African studies that consists primarily of courses already offered at Duquesne. “We also are exploring the possibility of creating a capstone course in African studies across a wide range of topics,” he says.

Originally from Trinidad and with a research focus on the Caribbean, part of the African diaspora, Boodoo is a good fit to lay the foundation for the new center, says Dr. James Swindal, dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts.

“Gerald is a great person to get this up and going, especially because he has experience in successfully directing interdisciplinary programs,” says Swindal. “And because this is a University-wide effort, he’ll have an array of resources available to help along the way.”

Work to establish the Center for African Studies has been under way for a number of years. The Rev. Casimir Nyaki, C.S.Sp., visiting assistant professor of philosophy, has completed significant background work on the program, developing the initial proposal and meeting with more than 30 faculty and administrators to build interest and support.

“The uniqueness is that this is an academic program, but at Duquesne, it’s also concerned with studying for the betterment of the people in Africa and also of African-Americans in our own neighborhood in Pittsburgh,” explains Nyaki.

The Center for African Studies will be an important reflection of the Spiritan tradition at the core of the University.

“One of our founding fathers, Fr. Francis Libermann’s whole heart was focused on Africa,” says Nyaki. “He had a revolutionary commitment to helping the African people.”

Duquesne’s Commitment to Africa Captured on Website

Following the lead of Duquesne’s Spiritan founders, University faculty and students are finding many ways to engage with the people of Africa.

A new website, www.duq.edu/mission/african, presents information about community service and academic initiatives that further the University’s strategic goal to emphasize Africa and the African diaspora. These include academic collaborations for theology degrees; visits to hospitals, schools and orphanages; and exploration into renewable resources. These initiatives have given Duquesne students new insights into how their studies can be applied in the world.

The website also provides basic facts to enhance understanding of African countries. Eight of the continent’s 54 recognized states are currently profiled, with more to come.
The story of the Holy Ghost fathers, the Spiritans, began more than 300 years ago in France. Today, pages from the history of the Congregation are now readily available for viewing online and on some smartphones, making this knowledge more accessible worldwide.

Duquesne’s Center for Spiritan Studies, in collaboration with the University’s Gumberg Library, began preparing the Spiritan Writings Digital Collection in 2007. This online archive contains articles, books and papers—in French, Portuguese and English—that cover the history, philosophy and teachings of the Spiritans, including:

- 16 volumes of writings by the Congregation’s founder, Venerable Francis Libermann
- Chronicles of the Spiritan Congregation from 1874-1975
- Publications focusing on Spiritan life and mission today

“The collection is a treasure trove of Spiritan culture, which has now been made available to a global community through technology,” says the Rev. James McCloskey, C.S.Sp., Duquesne vice president for mission and identity.

The latest addition to the archive website is a mobile phone application that enables Android phone users to bookmark the website on their phones by scanning a QR code, providing quick, easy access to the digital archive.

Dr. George Worgul, theology chair and University coordinator for academic programs in Africa, requested the app and QR code to provide access to the archive for students at Catholic University of East Africa and other Spiritans in Africa, who often lack reliable Internet connections and electricity. Many Africans rely on cellular data networks to view websites on their phones rather than on desktop computers.

“The traditions and history of the Spiritan Congregation are a valuable and precious resource, and this collection makes it possible to share them with both the University community and a broader, global audience,” says McCloskey.

First Missiology Symposium Offers Insight on Spiritan and Duquesne Service Mission


Mission Today: Where and Why, held March 14, offered insight, study and reflection on the joint mission of the Spiritans and Duquesne, which is to serve those in need around the world.

“It is through the Spiritan insight into mission that Duquesne University’s own self-understanding emerges,” says the Rev. Elochukwu Uzukwu, C.S.Sp., a Spiritan and associate theology professor at Duquesne who organized the symposium.

Uzukwu, who also serves as the Rev. Pierre Schouver, C.S.Sp., Endowed Chair in Mission, says the Spiritans believe that service to people in need, particularly those in difficult areas, encourages better understanding of issues including racism, gender, social justice, peace and the integrity of all creation.

“Inviting theologians whose works are dominated by these issues confirms our commitment to mission and identity and the Catholic intellectual tradition at Duquesne,” says Uzukwu.

Keynote speakers from Vanderbilt University, Catholic Theological Union, Union Theological Seminary in New York, Georgetown University and Xavier University of Louisiana demonstrated what has always been the Catholic approach to faith and witness in the world—unity in diversity or ecumenism, says Uzukwu.

“The study of our mission widens this understanding of unity...just look at the diversity in our own Duquesne community, and you appreciate the pertinence of the missiology symposium,” continues Uzukwu.

Uzukwu adds that Schouver (the Spiritan for whom the endowed chair is named) envisioned the Spiritan Congregation as a group that would constantly re-examine its history and tradition in order to “sharpen our vision as we seek to know where the Spirit is leading us in our time. For it is the Spirit that ‘underlies everything’...to give meaning, passion and power to our ministry.”
pioneering program at DU

Celebrates 20th Anniversary

“We continually change the program to address new issues that emerge.”
Duquesne was one of the first colleges in the country to offer an environmental master’s program that focused on training professionals in the management of environmental issues.

This year, the University is marking the 20th anniversary of this pioneering program, which has since grown into a center for training environmental professionals and sustaining an atmosphere of learning.

Over the past two decades, more than 400 students have graduated and received the degree of Master of Science in Environmental Science and Management (ESM) in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences. The program was created because of industry, government and the agency sector demand, and a need for professionals who could manage key issues and policies in the field, says Dr. John Stolz, director of the Center for Environmental Research and Education (CERE), which houses the program. When ESM began, the country was debating whether to discontinue adding lead to gasoline; now, concerns focus on Marcellus Shale, a target for energy development in the region, and sustainable efforts.

The program continues to evolve, training professionals in today’s relevant matters. Now, more than half of the 40-plus students enrolled in the program are full time, some of them supported by grant funding.

“We continually change the program to address new issues that emerge in the field, most recently in regard to sustainability broadly and specifically to conservation biology,” says Dr. Stanley Kabala, associate director of CERE. “One of the key elements of this program is high exposure to various professions that are represented by our adjunct professors; they have immensely contributed to the program because their professional expertise keeps it current.”

After graduation, most students pursue careers in environmental management, consulting and government.

“Our students getting jobs validates our program in that our graduates are sought after by companies, and they are viable candidates for these positions because of the experience and education that they receive here,” says Stolz.

ESM graduates have taken positions running the gamut from glam to government. For instance, graduate Lindsay Baxter, GS’08, served as the City of Pittsburgh’s first sustainability coordinator, working with all city departments and conducting community outreach; Maureen Copeland, GS’08, community manager of GTECH Strategies, works in Pittsburgh’s urban areas to transform vacant lots into productive green spaces; and Brad Waldrón, GS’01, serves Caesars Entertainment—with operations on four continents and more than 70,000 employees—as manager of environmental services.

When the ESM program started in 1992, such jobs didn’t even exist, notes Stolz. “No one was thinking about coordinating sustainability in 1992,” he says.

In addition to the work its graduates are doing in the field, CERE’s accomplishments include a number of collaborative and multidisciplinary partnerships:

- CERE teamed with the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement last year to train Ghanaian environmental professionals on energy extraction and deliver water purification pots to two villages in Ghana through the Emerging Leaders and Environment Program, supported by a $350,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State.
- Through a federal grant program, CERE and Duquesne’s Small Business Development Center brought graduate engineering students from Monterrey, Mexico, to study renewable energy management at Duquesne.
- The University Academics Sustainability Committee, formed in 2009 by representatives of various schools across the University, launched Duquesne’s first multidisciplinary undergraduate course in sustainability, incorporating the disciplines of environmental sciences, politics, sociology, economics, business, ethics and philosophy. The new course focuses on engagement, critical thinking and a holistic understanding of sustainability problems, and solutions are learning goals rather than technical knowledge.

Looking forward, Stolz says the program intends to keep ahead of the curve.

“Keeping our curriculum current and providing opportunities for our students will always be the highest priority. We will continue to serve as a regional resource on issues of energy and the environment, and look forward to expanding our international presence, building on our existing collaborations with China, Germany, Mexico and Ghana.”

Details of upcoming celebratory anniversary events will be announced on the center’s website, www.duq.edu/environmental-science.
Nursing Dean

Eileen Zungolo to Retire

— By Richard Tourtellott —

Dean of Nursing Eileen Zungolo, under whose leadership the School of Nursing has enjoyed unprecedented growth and achieved a number of noteworthy accomplishments, will retire on July 31, 2012.

During her decade-long deanship, the school has increased the number and quality of graduate and undergraduate students and expanded the nursing faculty, thereby enhancing the school’s academic and clinical credentials in every nursing specialty area.

Zungolo also helped launch a community-based undergraduate curriculum, a curricular change that complements and strengthens the University’s commitment to community service, and she helped the school create the online Doctor of Nursing Practice program. This new degree in nursing emphasizes practice and is offered along with the research-focused Ph.D. program. It was also during Zungolo’s tenure that the School of Nursing established the Jacques Laval Endowed Chair in Justice for Vulnerable Populations and inaugurated the Rita M. McGinley Symposium, a national scholarly forum for addressing issues of social justice in health care.

This year, Zungolo is celebrating her 50th year as a nurse, and for more than four decades of that time, she has focused her talents and energies on nursing education.

Zungolo’s early nursing experience was in urban, acute care health care settings, including a Veteran’s Administration hospital in New York and a medical-surgical unit at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco; pediatrics at Babies Hospital, Columbia Presbyterian, in New York City; and an intensive care unit at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, where an event took place that inspired her to become a nurse educator.

Zungolo saw a newly graduated nurse improperly performing a procedure and contaminating her patient. The junior nurse afterwards rationalized her carelessness by saying that the patient was soon to die...
regardless of what she did. Shocked at abject callousness in one so young, Zungolo knew at that moment that she had to be an educator.

She earned graduate degrees in nursing education from Columbia University and, after a period as associate dean at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, became chair of the nursing department at Idaho State University in Pocatello. After that, she was associate dean of nursing at the University of Illinois in Chicago and nursing dean at Northeastern University in Boston.

At Northeastern, one of the first things she did was apply for a multimillion-dollar grant from the Kellogg Foundation to fund a program for improving health care education as well as community health. Northeastern was awarded the grant, and her tenure there as dean brought national prominence in the field of community-based nursing education to Zungolo and the members of the nursing faculty.

By 2002, the School of Nursing at Duquesne was searching for a new dean, and members of the nursing faculty were exploring ways to redesign the curriculum so that Duquesne students could take a leading role in preventing illness and injury by maintaining health and wellness in the community. Zungolo was a perfect fit and, by August 2002, she was the new dean. A welcoming and collaborative faculty, not to mention the example and guidance of the Spiritans, who, says Zungolo, are genuinely interested in their students, helped her decide to accept the position at Duquesne.

Though retiring as dean, she will remain a Duquesne professor, teaching online graduate nursing courses from a new home just a few miles from the vacation house in New Jersey that her grandfather built almost a century ago and which her family still uses.

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And this summer, she will attend the 50th reunion of her nursing school class from St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Del., an annual summer event she has seldom missed.

"I'm the only one who's had an academic career, but when I talk to them I hear the values we learned in our basic education remain true," says Zungolo. "Those values are a real commitment to quality nursing care and the integrity of the whole person."

According to Duquesne President Charles Dougherty, those are the very values that characterize Zungolo’s style as a leader. At an April 17 University reception in her honor, Dougherty announced that Zungolo would become Dean Emerita, a distinction that underscores her commitment to Duquesne’s highest ideals and the effectiveness of her leadership.

"We thank Dean Zungolo for furthering the mission of the Spiritans and Duquesne University, and for leading the School of Nursing to new heights over the last 10 years,” says Dougherty. “Her devotion to nursing education has been an inspiration to both students and faculty in the School of Nursing.”

DU Nursing Major Earns Prestigious National Award

A Duquesne Naval ROTC (NROTC) student is one of only four in the country to be honored with the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation Scholarship.

Tara Dowling, who was selected from 200 nominees nationwide as the Navy recipient, received the award at a surprise presentation in April.

Tara and Erin, her identical twin, are both NROTC members and nursing students at Duquesne. “I can’t talk about Tara without talking about Erin,” says Dean Eileen Zungolo of Duquesne’s School of Nursing, who was on hand for the recognition and has taught both women.

“They are the children you always wanted to have. They are excellent students, involved in campus ministry, and were inducted into the honorary nursing society and the interdisciplinary honor society.”

Dowling also received the NROTC All Around Performance Award, the Academic Excellence and Physical Fitness awards, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship, and serves as a Eucharistic minister with Spiritan Campus Ministry at Duquesne.

She and Erin plan to join the U.S. Navy Nursing Corps after graduation.
Discarded Plastic Creates Opportunities for Developing Nations

Professor’s Invention Provides Simple but Strong Roofing Material for Tropical Climates

Business Professor Dr. David Saiia has designed a simple machine that can turn discarded plastic bottles into a superior roofing material for tropical climates.

Saiia, an associate professor of strategic management and sustainability, is past the midway point for obtaining a United States patent for the device, which could be described as a tabletop, hand-powered, special-purpose lathe.

Reducing the volume of plastic waste that chokes even the most out-of-the-way village in the poorest nations and turning it into strips of translucent, impervious roofing material at a negligible cost is a worthy goal, but Saiia’s concept goes beyond the machinery and even past the roof. Ultimately, his purpose is to create business opportunities for local entrepreneurs in developing regions of the globe, like the farmers in the fragile cloud forest of Ecuador, where Saiia got the idea for his machine.

Saiia was leading business students from Ithaca College on a field trip to investigate sustainable enterprises for the small farmers of the Maquipucuna region, who need alternatives to logging or raising crops that produce short-term profits but long-term damage. He says he “literally sketched (the machine) on the back of a napkin.”

By turning the machine’s crank, an empty plastic bottle rotates against a cutting blade, producing a long coil of plastic material, which is then fed through a pair of opposed rollers that straighten the coil and form a crease along its length. A normal-sized bottle yields a strip of plastic about one meter in length.

The strips are attached to a bamboo slat approximately one meter in length, producing a one-meter square “panel” of the plastic thatching, which can be fixed to rafters to form a roof in short order. The roof it makes, according to Saiia, will allow the air in steamy interiors to escape but can last up to 10 times as long as organic thatch. He also believes that his plastic thatch is better than the corrugated metal or fiberglass roofs seen in developing regions, which trap heat and smoke and produce a rattling, often deafening, din during downpours.

Saiia and students in the MBA Sustainability program conducted an analysis to determine requirements to launch the product. They concluded that the existing machine, along with opportunities for franchising it, could benefit from making it partially or perhaps fully automated.

Saiia is working on designs for a bio diesel-powered model and is looking for other uses for the plastic strips that the machine creates. “That’s the obvious next step in terms of a business plan,” he says. “Get the primary product out there and then determine how you extend the line.”

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DU Part of Consortium to Support Forensic Science Technology Center of Excellence

Forensic science and law programs at Duquesne are working with RTI’s Center for Forensic Sciences and two other partners to support the national Forensic Science Technology Center of Excellence, funded through a National Institute of Justice (NIJ) grant totaling $6 million.

The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law and the Master of Science program in Forensic Science and Law (FSL) in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences were invited to participate in the national center. The invitation was based upon the accreditation of the FSL program by the Forensic Education Programs Accreditation Commission and Duquesne’s reputation for researching DNA and chemistry issues within the field, coupled with the ability of the Wecht Institute to bridge the gap between science and the legal community, says Dr. Fred Fochtman, director of the Wecht Institute. Duquesne’s share of the grant will be $225,000 in the first year of the project, with anticipated funding of up to $615,000.

Duquesne—in partnership with RTI in North Carolina, which has conducted research on forensic science, violence and justice systems for more than 30 years; the University of North Texas Health Science Center’s Department of Forensic and Investigative Genetics and the Center for Human Identification; and Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Forensic Science—will work to develop, evaluate and transfer technologies to forensic service providers, law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies. The overall goal of the center, which will operate as part of the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center System, will be to support NIJ’s research and development program and to conduct the testing, evaluation and rapid dissemination of new technology for use in the field.

“We are excited at the possibilities presented by our inclusion as a partner in this prestigious group,” says Fochtman. “Duquesne is known across the field for the quality of its students, and we look forward to helping to transition cutting-edge techniques to forensic practitioners. Our researchers, particularly those working in DNA and chemistry studies, are eager to contribute to the fight against crime.”

In support of this endeavor, Duquesne will provide:

- Field testing, evaluation and demonstrations of new technologies
- Technology assistance to state, local and corrections agencies and forensic service providers
- Hands-on technology transfer and assistance to RTI in defining NIJ program directives, ongoing research and development projects, and technological efforts in forensic sciences

Duquesne’s programs are known for bridging law and science, says Ben Wecht, program administrator for the institute. “We bring advances in technology and technology transfer to the benefit of the judicial system, so that we can help all components of the legal process,” says Wecht. “The ultimate goal is to solve crimes and serve justice.”
New Statewide Group Introduces PA Wind Power Coalition at DU Launch

Wind energy industry leaders, environmental advocates and policymakers met in February on the energy-efficient Duquesne campus to announce the launch of the ChoosePAWind coalition and the coalition’s new website—www.choosepawind.com—which touts the economic and environmental benefits of wind power for Pennsylvania.

Speakers included Stephen Schillo, vice president for management and business, who talked about the University’s decision to buy all PA-generated wind power to supplement the power generated in the on-campus Energy Center.

“We are proud to be part of this initiative and a purchaser of Pennsylvania wind,” says Schillo. “The operation of Duquesne University has been green for years because of our commitment to environmental responsibility. But we’ve taken it a step beyond, with the purchase of all PA-generated wind power. Wind energy contributes to sustainability efforts and has played a role in creating jobs and boosting the local economy.”

Two DU Teams Win Telly Awards

Two documentary teams led by Dr. Dennis Woytek, assistant professor of journalism and multimedia arts, have captured two separate Telly Awards.

Memory: A Holocaust Survivor’s Story tells the story of Howard Chandler, an 83-year-old Holocaust survivor who returned to his home village in Poland. There, he visited the concentration camps where he was imprisoned during World War II, including Auschwitz-Birkenau, where nearly 3 million people lost their lives.

Woytek, the producer/videographer/editor, and Jessica Blank, assistant student journalist, traveled to Poland with Chandler in 2011.

We Are All Immigrants, which features generations of immigrants who share the pains and joys of settling in Pittsburgh and recounts the immigrants’ contributions to the region, was a year-long project undertaken by the PATH to Justice Committee of the Tri-Diocesan Sisters Leadership Conference, which represents 12 congregations of Catholic women in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Woytek served as producer/videographer/editor and local radio broadcaster Lynn Cullen was the writer/narrator for We Are All Immigrants.

Woytek has led award-winning work spanning topics as diverse as Medjugorje and Negro Leagues star Josh Gibson. He also has documented a trip to the Holy Land with Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik and Rabbi Aaron Bisno of Pittsburgh’s Rodef Shalom Congregation.

Faculty Committee Launches Unique Sustainability Course

The University Academic Sustainability Committee (UASC) recently inaugurated the University’s first multidisciplinary undergraduate course in sustainability.

The three-credit class, Imagining a Sustainable World, was offered to students in the Honors College and, according to Dr. Stan Kabala, a UASC member, launching the course is the most ambitious effort of the UASC to date. Formed in 2009, the UASC works to develop University-wide commitment to sustainability in the curriculum, to support the research initiatives of students and faculty, and to sponsor events related to sustainability.

Along with student teamwork, team-teaching fuses ideas and issues related to the academic disciplines of environmental sciences, politics, sociology, economics, business, ethics and philosophy in order to prepare students to be informed and engaged decision-makers on sustainability issues. Engagement, critical thinking and a holistic understanding of sustainability problems and solutions are the learning goals, rather than technical knowledge.

The course was created and is now being taught—by a nine-member faculty team representing a wide range of academic disciplines—as a pro bono initiative. In other
words, Kabala explains, all of the curriculum design and administrative work required to make the course a reality, as well as the time spent instructing students and evaluating assignments, is being donated by members of the UASC.

Fair Trade/Fair Food Symposium Explores the Face Behind the Label

In this era of global economic interdependence, decisions made in the United States about what to eat, drink, wear and buy affect the lives of people in other countries—textile workers in Asia, farmers in Africa, artisans in Latin America.

The “fair trade” and “fair food” movements seek to raise awareness of these tenuous relationships and other aspects of conventional trade that often exploit women, children, the poor and vulnerable.

Duquesne’s Spiritan Campus Ministry, in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services, the University’s Office of Mission and Identity and the Charles Owen Rice Lecture Series, introduced the campus community to these issues through a symposium. The Face Behind the Label: Exploring the Dignity of Work Through Fair Trade and Fair Food Practices, held on March 20, featured speakers on topics including fair trade and Catholic social teaching, the fair trade supply chain, labor rights and advocacy, as well as a movie screening and a fair food reception and networking session.

“The symposium served as an overview of fair trade and fair food practices and, as the title suggests, put a human face on the people who produce our food, clothing and other goods,” says Matt Walsh, assistant director of Spiritan Campus Ministry. “Raising awareness and inspiring action around these issues is an expression of the joint Spiritan and University mission of promoting sustainable relationships and human dignity.”

Appellate Moot Court Team Garners National Victory

Second-year law students Kaitlyn Kacsuta and Ginevra Ventre won first place at the 2nd Annual National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition hosted by the West Virginia University (WVU) College of Law’s Moot Court Board.

Kacsuta and Ventre, who were coached by fellow law student Andrew Stiffler, defeated a team from Louisiana State University Law School in the final round. Law Professors Richard Gaffney, Julia Glencer, Erin Karsman and Jan Levine, along with Director of Academic Excellence Devin Misour and Adjunct Professor Ryan Purpura, assisted the team in its oral preparation.

Eighteen teams from across the country participated in the competition. The Duquesne team received a $1,000 scholarship in recognition of their outstanding appellate advocacy skills and received an award for writing a brief.

The National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition, according to WVU, highlights the emerging trends in energy law as well as recent developments in sustainable energy production.

Law School Signs Agreement with Costa Rica’s Supreme Court

The School of Law and the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of Costa Rica have entered into a historic academic agreement that will include faculty and judge exchanges between the two organizations. The new partnership is the only one of its kind that the Costa Rica Supreme Court has with a law school.

President Charles J. Dougherty signed the five-year agreement on April 4 with Luis Paulino Mora Mora, president of the Supreme Court of Justice of Costa Rica.

The agreement is designed to enhance legal and judicial education, improve and modernize the administration of justice, and advance the rule of law.

Law Professor Robert Barker was the principal drafter of the agreement and accompanied Dougherty on the trip to Costa Rica.

“The agreement envisions academic cooperation between the law school and the Judicial School of Costa Rica, which serves to provide continual training for judges there,” says Barker. “It would include exchanges periodically of personnel, professors and judges. The agreement is set up in a way that it can also be expanded in the future, so there are numerous possibilities.”

Per the agreement, each specific exchange will be agreed upon by Law Dean Ken Gormley and the director of the Judicial School of Costa Rica.

“This is a unique and important position that Duquesne has with the judiciary of Costa Rica, which has one of the most respected judicial systems in the world,” says Barker. “They selected the School of Law to help them to further improve the quality of the judiciary there and to help with other academic projects. That is certainly an indication that Duquesne has a fine reputation and that we are highly regarded there.”
University Earns More Top Rankings


“We are honored to receive national recognition for our schools, programs and student service,” says Duquesne President Charles Dougherty. “Students, faculty and staff on our Bluff work hard every day to make sure we are reaching for the highest levels of academic achievement and living out our mission of service to others.”

The awards include:

- **For the third consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has named Duquesne among the Most Popular nationally ranked universities.** To compile its list, U.S. News looks at school yield—the percentage of accepted applicants who actually enroll at national, research-oriented universities, a marker that U.S. News calls “one of the best indicators of a school’s popularity among students.” Based upon figures from fall 2010, the latest U.S. News list shows that Duquesne accepted 4,989 students and enrolled 1,416 students for a 28.4 percent yield. These figures were comparable to Carnegie Mellon University, Wake Forest University and the University of Pittsburgh. Duquesne’s last freshman class was the most selective ever and represented 26 states and Puerto Rico, and more than 50 other countries.

- **According to U.S. News & World Report Best Grad Schools rankings, the School of Law’s Legal Research and Writing program jumped from No. 10 to No. 6 in the nation for the Best Law Schools Specialty Rankings: Legal Writing Programs list and its part-time program is ranked No. 42 in the Best Law Schools Specialty Rankings: Part-time Law Programs list. Other Duquesne graduate schools included in the 2013 rankings are the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, which is ranked No. 48, and the School of Education, which is ranked No. 124. The John G. Rangos School of Health Sciences has four graduate programs in the top 75 specialty programs in the U.S. News rankings: the physician assistant program is ranked No. 25, the occupational therapy program is at No. 36, the speech-language pathology program is ranked No. 62, and the physical therapy program is at No. 63. U.S. News ranked the John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business’s part-time MBA program at No. 152, while the clinical psychology program in the Graduate School of Liberal Arts is ranked No. 157. U.S. News & World Report—which examined more than 1,200 graduate programs when considering these rankings—publishes the graduate rankings to help prospective students better understand the graduate school landscape.”
• National Jurist magazine has ranked the School of Law No. 22 out of approximately 200 American Bar Association-approved law schools in the nation for preparing its students for the rigorous bar exam. In its February cover story, Who are Bar Exam’s Biggest Stars?, National Jurist outlined how it evaluated the bar exam pass rates for all ABA-approved law schools and compared the results with statewide averages to identify schools that outperform what their students’ incoming LSAT scores would predict. Duquesne, with the exception of Widener University, holds the highest ranking among all Pennsylvania law schools and is ranked ahead of law schools including Yale, William and Mary, Pepperdine and Vanderbilt, among others.

• Duquesne has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the sixth consecutive year in recognition of its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has administered the Honor Roll since 2006, acknowledging schools and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. For the third consecutive year, the University also received the recognition of Honor Roll with Distinction, which lauds exemplary programs and levels of student involvement. Duquesne is the only school in Pittsburgh, and one of only 109 universities in the country, to earn the Honor Roll with Distinction recognition. The CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school’s commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships, and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.

• SuperScholar ranked the University second on its list of The 25 Best Online Colleges and Universities of 2012. The list, which the online publication refers to as its first Smart Choice rankings, highlights the top schools for online bachelor’s degrees. Rankings were based on factors such as a school’s perceived credibility and prestige in the marketplace, academic quality, student support services and overall student satisfaction. Duquesne’s online programs evaluated for the SuperScholar list are offered by the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement, which offers five accelerated online undergraduate degree programs. For the rankings, SuperScholar focused on regionally accredited institutions listed in the National Center for Education Statistics database with a diversity of online undergraduate programs. Other schools in the top five are Northeastern University, Penn State World Campus, Washington State University and Drexel University.

• For the second time in as many years, the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration has been named among the nation’s top 100 undergraduate business schools by Bloomberg Businessweek. The ratings use a number of factors to rank undergraduate business programs, including surveying senior business majors, comparing graduates’ median starting salaries and tallying the number of alumni placed in the nation’s top MBA programs. In addition, the rankings evaluate academic quality—as gauged by average SAT scores, student-faculty ratio, the size of classes in core business courses, the percentage of students who land internships, and the number of hours that students have to devote to their class work.

• Duquesne has again been named one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada, according to The Princeton Review. The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2012 Edition, created in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, is a free guidebook profiling universities that demonstrate a notable commitment to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation. The guide recognizes that Duquesne “has forged a solid-as-steel commitment to going green.” It draws attention to the fact that for more than 13 years, Duquesne has produced most of its electricity from an on-campus cogeneration plant. Because of its energy generation as well as the purchase of wind power credits, Duquesne relies 100 percent on clean energy. Sustainability is always a priority during construction; campus buildings have achieved LEED certification and the new Des Places residence hall, scheduled to open this fall, is being built to LEED standards. On the academic side, Duquesne’s 12-month, award-winning MBA in sustainability is noted as “one of the only MBA programs in the world that fundamentally and thoroughly incorporates sustainability into its curriculum.” The University’s Center for Environmental Research and Education has long provided educational opportunities for students and professionals and “conducts applied research on critical environmental problems of the region.”
Duquesne University Impact Report 2011

In fiscal year 2011, Duquesne University’s total financial impact on the local economy surpassed $477 million.

Through economic development efforts, community engagement initiatives and relevant research, Duquesne University makes a profound impact on individuals, families, organizations and the community at-large, and contributes to the vibrant pulse of the Pittsburgh region.

Each year, the University compiles a report that highlights Duquesne’s important social and economic contributions. The report for fiscal year 2011 shows that as one of the area’s largest employers and purchasers of goods and services, Duquesne helps build and strengthen the local economy. The University provides jobs, educates the future workforce, and shares research and resources. In 2011, the direct and indirect financial impact of these efforts surpassed $477 million. But, Duquesne’s imprint on the region goes well beyond dollars and cents.

More than 130 years ago, members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit founded Duquesne University to increase educational opportunities for children of immigrant steelworkers. The University continues to uphold this legacy of serving the less fortunate and empowering others through education. In 2011, more than 8,400 Duquesne students, faculty and staff provided 245,456 volunteer hours, a total estimated dollar value of more than $5.2 million. In addition, more than 2,000 students and faculty members worked with—and learned from—service-learning community partners last year.

Supporting and strengthening the local economy is more than an institutional commitment. It is an ideal shared among—and practiced by—students, faculty, administrators, employees and alumni.

Impact on the Economy

Duquesne University continues to make a profound impact on the local economy as an employer and buyer of local goods and services, and through the spending power of our students, alumni and visitors.

Purchasing

In fiscal year 2011, Duquesne University purchased $75,390,502 in goods and services from local vendors and suppliers. For each dollar spent locally, economists estimate that 68 cents continues to ripple through the economy as vendors and suppliers apply their receivables toward operating costs, salary and other expenses. That makes the total local financial impact of Duquesne’s spending $126,656,043.

Taxes and Other Payments

Duquesne University pays a variety of taxes to Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. In fiscal year 2011, the University’s total of taxes and other payments surpassed $2 million.

Employment

We employ 2,838 dedicated full-time and part-time workers, who earned $159,163,029 in total salary and benefits for fiscal year 2011. The bulk of these payments resulted in a major impact on the local economy as employees redistributed their wages through area
purchases, investments and charitable contributions.

In total, the direct and indirect financial impact of our employees surpassed $185 million.

Student Spending

Duquesne University is the higher education home for students from nearly every state and more than 80 nations. Our total enrollment in fiscal year 2011 was 10,230 students: 5,811 undergraduates, 3,732 graduates and 687 law students. In the University’s continuing efforts to make our first-class education more affordable to students of all socio-economic backgrounds, $71,646,116 in University-based financial aid was distributed to eligible students.

The spending power of our students permeates throughout the local economy during their University tenure as they support Pittsburgh’s many retail and dining facilities, as well as cultural, recreational, entertainment and sporting events. During fiscal year 2011, they spent $83,729,608 locally, which brought the total financial impact of student spending to $144,665,741.

Alumni

While current students certainly have an impact on the region, those contributions are greatly amplified throughout their lifetimes as they join our growing body of 84,677 living alumni of record. The 66.4 percent who stay in Pennsylvania post-graduation make an impact on our region’s economic vitality and serve as leaders in their workplaces and communities. They are identified not only by the distinctive Duquesne class ring they wear, but also by the values they embrace.

Impact in the Community

Duquesne University is committed to giving back to Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities. We work to make a positive difference in the lives of others by providing hundreds of thousands of hours of service through efforts such as volunteerism and service-learning.

We regularly provide hands-on help to our neighbors in need, stocking food pantries and distributing blankets to the homeless. We tutor children and mentor teens to help them achieve their potential. We not only promote wellness, we improve health outcomes with ongoing health screenings, medication counseling and nursing care to the elderly or uninsured.

And we work to preserve and enhance the integrity of creation with regular neighborhood clean-ups and restorations, environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.

This relationship between campus and community is reciprocal, enabling us to engage with—and learn from—a diverse group of extraordinary people. Community leaders, senior citizens, parents and children, working professionals, and disadvantaged residents share their real-life issues with Duquesne students, faculty and staff. Our engagement with them drives our volunteer projects, service-learning initiatives and research toward community-identified goals involving peace, justice, health and literacy.

Spiritan Campus Ministry

Spiritan Campus Ministry (SCM) invites students and employees to take part in outreach opportunities that immerse them in the lives of others, providing a new perspective that enriches them in mind, heart and spirit.

During the annual Pittsburgh Plunge, students spend time in inner-city neighborhoods, volunteering at local schools, food banks, homeless shelters and other organizations. In
**$5 million +
financial impact of volunteering**

In addition to providing direct service, they spend time with community residents affected by poverty as well as those working for change.

Spiritian Campus Ministry recognizes a diversity of faith, welcoming all volunteers and encouraging them to take part in activities that inspire them, in Pittsburgh and beyond. For example, SCM volunteers work with the homeless in downtown Pittsburgh, migrant farmers in Immokalee, Fla., and children in a Dominican Republic mission.

Students are often surprised by their first service experience, and typically respond by saying, “I thought I would be giving, but I got so much more than I gave.”

**Volunteering**

Duquesne University Volunteers (DUV) is the University’s umbrella organization that coordinates efforts by student organizations and individuals to volunteer, raise funds and generate awareness for charitable causes they believe in—from animal welfare to world peace.

Volunteerism is on the increase at Duquesne, as incoming students who have volunteered through their high school, church or community appreciate the opportunity to continue a high level of community service. In fiscal year 2011, more than 8,000 DUV members logged more than 245,000 hours of service. Their donation of time and talent led to a total financial impact of more than $5 million.7

At Duquesne, we seek to provide context for student volunteers, sometimes through older residents who share their stories and the history of their neighborhoods and at other times by learning the multiple challenges that cause some families to need help from a food bank. This gives students a greater understanding of what it means to serve—from providing manpower and sharing skills to simply spending time. This realization leads to thriving relationships and community conversations as students become ambassadors for the organizations and individuals they serve and advocates for actions that can change lives.

Duquesne volunteers serve in the south Pittsburgh community as active stakeholders and residents. Others participate in tutoring programs with the Brashear Association, Allegheny Youth Development, Providence Family Support Center and the Josh Gibson Foundation. Volunteers make semester-long commitments to groups such as Strong Women, Strong Girls and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, and volunteer weekly at sites such as Gwen’s Girls and even the HEARTH women’s shelter.

Members of the University community also provide generous monetary support to local agencies. Even in a tough economic climate, Duquesne students raised $139,803 and provided in-kind contributions of food, clothing, educational supplies and other items for a variety of charitable causes in fiscal year 2011.

**Agencies Served**

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### 2010-2011 DUV Impact

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* Value based on the 2010 estimated dollar value of $21.36 per volunteer hour, established by Independent Sector.
Additionally, Duquesne’s strong tradition of providing financial support to our community through the United Way of Allegheny County’s Impact Fund continued with employee and student donations totaling $82,636.

Service-Learning

At Duquesne, more than 2,000 students and faculty participated in service-learning, an academic effort that engages the University community with members of local nonprofits in collaborative projects that provide mutual benefits.

Students, guided by faculty, commit to semester-long partnerships with community organizations to help them build capacity and accomplish specific goals. Service-learning courses allow students to not only give to the community, but learn from it.

All service-learning projects combine three key concepts to enhance student learning and social responsibility: academic instruction, meaningful service and critical reflective thinking. This provides opportunities for students to truly engage with our neighbors in Pittsburgh and has become a cornerstone of the Duquesne education experience.

Duquesne partners with community leaders to meet the needs of their residents, including the disadvantaged, youth and the homeless. We work to preserve our environment through efforts such as stream rehabilitation and nature conservancy. Initiatives we spearhead help to promote voter registration and increase corporate social responsibility. Finally, we put forth tireless efforts to support our neighbors in the Hill District and Uptown, Hazelwood and Hilltop areas of Pittsburgh.

Impact of our Research

In our ongoing effort to make a tangible impact on communities and their residents and help drive economic growth in the region, our research efforts focus on areas relevant to local and national priorities, such as education, disease prevention, and energy and environmental issues.

Active in Research

Duquesne University currently holds 45 issued patents, with 27 patents in process.

Research at Duquesne is driven by our dedicated faculty who develop successful proposals that secure necessary funding to explore relevant theories and topics. With education as our primary driving force, our undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to be involved in the research process by working directly with experienced faculty mentors and sometimes presenting or publishing their own research. This exposure instills in our students an understanding of the importance of academic and scientific research.

Every day, our researchers are forging new developments and planning proposals to secure external funding to continue this important work.

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Duquesne’s Center for Pharmacy Services has served 1,286 patients and dispensed 11,930 prescriptions.

Duquesne’s Center for Pharmacy Services

Impact of our Resources

Through specialized centers and institutes in our science, liberal arts, health sciences, law, education, nursing, pharmacy and business schools, Duquesne has taken a proactive approach to sharing our resources and expertise with our surrounding communities and their residents.

Pharmacy in the Hill

The Center for Pharmacy Services is located in the heart of the Hill District, a medically underserved area. Staffed by licensed pharmacists, the pharmacy is owned by Duquesne University and operated by the Mylan School of Pharmacy—serving both the public and the University community. The center helps patients manage their medications and live healthier lifestyles by offering free delivery of prescription medication, free health wellness screenings and medication therapy management.

The pharmacy also helps patients find the most affordable options for medications, says Kim Spruce, Hill House Health Center outreach worker. In a neighborhood with a poverty rate three times the county average, that’s critical to having patients take their medications as scheduled.

About 20 percent of its clients cannot afford to pay for their medications, but the pharmacy seeks to improve access to affordable medications by coordinating resources and delivery options.

Opened in December 2010, the Center for Pharmacy Services is the first pharmacy in the Hill District in 10 years. As a first-in-the-nation, university-based pharmacy, the center is on the leading edge of helping community members manage their medications and live healthier lifestyles.

Centers and Institutes

Duquesne’s centers and institutes provide tens of thousands of hours of services and support to the region, resulting in an immeasurable impact that adds value to the community and on the economy. To view a full listing of more than 40 centers and institutes, visit www.duq.edu/about/centers-institutes.cfm.

Impact in the Future

To meet the demands of a continuously growing University, Duquesne continues to expand our nearly 50-acre campus, which now contains 45 buildings, six of which are student residence halls. With the purchase of numerous buildings on Fifth Avenue and our Power Center retail complex as a key component to the revitalized Forbes Avenue corridor, Duquesne has helped beautify Pittsburgh’s Uptown area—the gateway between Downtown and Oakland. We remain committed to the continual implementation of sustainable principles in the management and development of our campus.
Duquesne Countertenor
Wins Met’s 2012 National Council Auditions

Andrey Nemzer, a countertenor in the Mary Pappert School of Music, was selected as one of five winners in the Metropolitan Opera’s 2012 National Council Auditions, considered to be one of the most prestigious competitions in North America.

A Russian native, Nemzer was selected from nine finalists who performed arias with the Metropolitan Opera’s Orchestra in front of an audience that included influential opera executives, artist managers and music critics. He received a $15,000 cash prize as the Great Lakes region representative in the competition, which has launched the careers of several major opera stars.

“It’s like having your star player win the MVP award in the NCAA Tournament,” says Music School Dean Dr. Edward Kocher. “We are thrilled that Andrey’s talents were recognized by the distinguished Metropolitan Opera at this renowned competition.”

Nemzer, 29, is a teaching assistant and pursuing an artist diploma degree in music performance at Duquesne’s School of Music. A resident artist of the Opera Theater of Pittsburgh, he studied piano and clarinet as a child and is an alumnus of the Moscow Choir College, through which he toured as a soloist under the direction of Viktor Popov, the People’s Artist of Russia. At the Moscow Academy of Choral Art, Nemzer studied solo singing and choral conducting. He also sang at Russian premieres of Lulu and Peter the Great staged at the Helikon Opera Theatre.

No stranger to competition, Nemzer was the winner at the X All-Russian Vocal Student Competition Bella Voce in 2002, and was the Best Competition Soloist at the V International Choral Competition The Singing World in 2009. In addition, he was awarded a prize at The Pittsburgh Baroque Competition in 2010, and won The Mildred Miller International Voice Competition in 2011, for which he was awarded his residency at the Opera Theater of Pittsburgh.

According to the Metropolitan Opera, the National Council Auditions are designed to discover exceptional young talent; provide a venue for young opera singers at all different levels to be heard and to assist with their development; and search for new talent for the Metropolitan Opera and the Met’s Lindemann Young Artist Development Program.

Andrey Nemzer

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Recent Grants

The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law, $225,000 from RTI International, with funds originally awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice, to be used to perform testing, evaluation and demonstrations of new technologies in a field environment. Dr. Fred Fochtman and Ben Wecht will administer the award.

School of Nursing, $3,986 from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses for the project Quality of Life of Parental Caregivers of Children (one to 36 months) with a Tracheostomy. Dr. Linda Goodfellow will administer the award. She is the faculty adviser for doctoral student Rachel Joseph, who is the award recipient. The award extends to June 1, 2014.

Dr. Jeffrey Evanseck, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, $45,204, a subcontract from Wayne State University through a grant from the National Institutes of Health. The funds are to be used for the project Enzymology of N5 CAIR Synthetase. This brings the total award to date to $215,084.

Mylan School of Pharmacy, $53,732 from the Commonwealth Universal Research Enhancement (C.U.R.E.) program of the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The funds will be used for the project A Biomaterial Approach to Inhibit Melanoma. Dr. Wilson Meng will be the principal investigator and Dr. Ellen Gawalt, chemistry department, will be a co-investigator.

Department of Biology, $53,732 from C.U.R.E. program of the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The funds are to be used for the project Determination of the Role of Pilin Glycosylation in Pseudomonas Aeruginosa Infections. Dr. Peter Castric will be the principal investigator.

Dr. Temple Lovelace, School of Education, $45,870 from the Center of Life for the FUSION Program, which aims to help families, schools and the community improve urban student outcomes in the Hazelwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Rodney Hopson, School of Education, $22,000 from the OMG Center for Collaborative Learning for the project Increasing Diversity in the Evaluation Field Through Training, Mentoring and Professional Development. This brings the total award to date to $953,035.

The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law, $2,500 from the Elsie H. Hillman Foundation. Dr. Fred Fochtman and Ben Wecht will administer the funds.

Dr. Aleem Gangjee, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $380,747 from the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for Pneumocystis Jirovecii Targeted Antiopportunistic Agents. The total anticipated award amount is $1,903,735.

Dr. Diane L. Williams, Department of Speech-Language Pathology, $29,486 on a subcontract from Carnegie Mellon University, on a grant from the National Institutes of Health through the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for Biological and Information Processing Mechanisms Underlying Autism.
McAnulty College & Graduate School of Liberal Arts, $30,000 from the Alcoa Campus Partnership for Diversity in Computational Technology. This brings the total award to date to $60,000. Dr. Lili Shashaani of the mathematics department will administer the award.

Dr. John Shepherd, chair and professor of the journalism and multimedia arts department, $125,750 from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for Backpocket Journalism: Good Enough or Not Good Enough. The award extends through Nov. 30, 2013.

Duquesne University Tamburitzans, $11,416 from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Paul Stafura will administer the award.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC), $245,125 from the Small Business Administration. The award will be administered by Dr. Mary McKinney, director.

Program for Academic Excellence, $77,782 from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. Dr. Judith Griggs, director of the Learning Skills Center, will administer the award.

Center for Environmental Research and Education (CERE), $43,000 from the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice. Dr. John Stolz will administer the award.

Dr. Diane L. Williams, Department of Speech-Language Pathology, $32,867 on a subcontract from the University of Pittsburgh on a grant from the National Institutes of Health, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for Biological and Information Processing Mechanisms Underlying Autism. This brings the total award amount to date to $99,587.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC), $100,000 for the 2012 training budget, and the SBDC Center for International Regulatory Assistance, $20,000 for program support, both from corporate funds. The SBDC also received $60,984 from the Small Business Administration (SBA) and $5,475 from the SBA as a subcontractor for a Defense Economic Transition Assistance Program. Dr. Mary McKinney, SBDC director, will administer the awards.

Dr. Shahed Khan, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, $112,500 Year 2 funding from InnoSense LLC from the U.S. Department of Energy for Direct Conversion of Carbon Dioxide to Methanol. This brings the total award amount to $225,000.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC), $7,200 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Northwestern Region PREP program, and $83,414 for the Southwestern Region PREP program, as well as $23,732 from the Small Business Administration for public service. Dr. Mary McKinney, director of the SBDC, will administer the awards.

The School of Education, $190,400 from the Heinz Endowments for tuition to fund master’s-level study for the Heinz Fellows Program. Education Dean Dr. Olga Welch will administer the funds.

Dr. Partha Basu, Department of Chemistry and Biology in the Bayer School, $82,768 from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of General Medical Sciences as part of the Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health Related Research Programs, and will be used for Models for Nitrate Reductases and Related Enzymes.

Dr. John Stolz, Department of Chemistry and Biology, $153,636 from the Heinz Endowments for an ongoing baseline study relating to Marcellus Shale. The total award amount to date is $194,796.

Dr. Ellen Gawalt, Department of Chemistry, $5,000 from Cabertech Inc., a division of Westmoreland Advanced Materials, for lab supplies. The total award amount to date is $17,957.

The Office of Research, $7,500 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Assistance Grant training program, for conducting seminars. Dr. James Phillips, director of sponsored research, will administer the award.
Snapshots

1. John (B’54) and Donna Reilly joined Dr. Charles and Judge Sandra Dougherty for an alumni event at the Polo Grill in Lakewood Ranch, Fla., on February 23.

2. Alumni families participated in the Young Alumni Council Easter Egg Hunt, which was held on March 25. Fr. Sean Hogan, executive vice president for student life, was on hand to provide a blessing of the baskets.

3. The first four members of the Nursing School’s Alumni Association Hall of Fame were inducted at the school’s 75th anniversary gala on March 24. The four accomplished alumnae earning the honor are (clockwise, from the left, standing): Rita M. Carty, N’65, Patricia L. Valoon, N’65, Sr. Louise Grundish, N’63, and Sr. Mary Jean Flaherty, N’56.

4. Demetrius Ivory, WTAE meteorologist; Mary McIntyre, president of the Duquesne University Women’s Guild; and Sally Wiggin, WTAE news anchor, are shown at the Women’s Guild Stepping into Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon held on April 22.

5. The Office of Multicultural Affairs presented the 6th annual Unity Banquet and Scholarship Benefit on April 13 in the Union Ballroom. The keynote speaker at the banquet was Patricia J. Williams, the James L. Dohr Professor of Law at Columbia University School of Law, who paid posthumous tribute to Derrick Bell, a DU graduate, the first tenured African-American professor at Harvard Law School and the first African-American dean of the University of Oregon School of Law.

6. Caroline Lobo, president of DISHA (Duquesne Indian Student Association), and Shreya Vaishnav, vice president of DISHA, are shown during Holi, the Indian celebration of color, one of the many events held during Duquesne’s International Week.
An international bioethics curriculum aimed at introducing ethics principles to health care students in developing countries is being designed in part by Duquesne’s Dr. Henk ten Have, director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics.

“The curriculum can be used in areas where there is not a lot of ethics being taught, specifically in Arab and African countries,” explains ten Have. “The students in those countries are interested in ethics because they see that some of the problems there come from the behavior of health care professionals.”

The curriculum is a project of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) Advisory Expert Committee for the Teaching of Ethics, which ten Have chairs. The first version of the UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum was released in 2008, and to date, 10 universities in Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe have piloted the program. With results from these test sites, the UNESCO group recently reconvened to improve upon the curriculum so that it can be more widely translated and distributed.

Because academic textbooks can be unaffordable for schools and students in the developing countries that need the ethics curriculum most, the program is available online as two PDFs. One document is a syllabus and teaching manual for use by instructors, and the other is a hyperlinked document that students can use electronically to read course literature and view related videos online.

Beyond financial hurdles, universities that want to offer the ethics curriculum also need assistance finding qualified instructors.

“These universities don’t have ethics experts on site,” says ten Have. “I am in the process now of finding a rotating team of teachers willing to go to these countries and demonstrate how the course can be taught as a way to train future teachers.”

Ten Have will start pulling the team together soon so that instruction can begin in the second half of 2012. He hopes that other Duquesne professors will become involved with the effort.
Dr. James Swindal has been named dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts. Swindal, professor of philosophy, has served as acting dean since July 2011, while continuing his role as chair of the Department of Philosophy.

“The McAnulty College is at the heart of our University in many important ways, and I am confident that Jim has the skills and commitment to bring us to a new and higher level of excellence,” says President Charles J. Dougherty. “With Jim’s leadership, we are now in a position to move forward to enhance our teaching, research and service to God by serving our students.”

In the past year, Swindal has administered the launch of the Center for African Studies, a University-wide program that aligns with Duquesne’s strategic goal to place a new emphasis on Africa and the African diaspora. Swindal has participated on the College and University Core Revision Committees and numerous search committees at Duquesne, as well as the Diocese of Pittsburgh Higher Education Board. He received Duquesne’s 2009 Beard Ethics Leadership Award, among numerous other honors and distinctions.

“It is a great privilege and responsibility now to serve as the dean of the McAnulty College,” says Swindal. “I look forward very much to serving the faculty and staff of the college in this position—and ask for their support—as we all continue our work for the education of our students in our Catholic and Spiritan tradition.”

An expert in ethics, Catholic philosophy and neopragnatism, Swindal arrived at Duquesne in 2005. He previously taught at John Carroll University in various positions and was a teaching fellow at Boston College, where he received his doctorate in philosophy.

Widely published, Swindal most recently wrote Action and Existence: A Case for Agent Causation, released earlier this year by Palgrave Macmillan. He also served as co-editor of The Sheed and Ward Catholic Philosophy Anthology, the first anthology of Catholic philosophy.

Active in a number of professional organizations, Swindal has served as president of the Philosophers in Jesuit Education and as local coordinator of the annual meetings for the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, and the Critical Theory Roundtable.

Swindal obtained his Master’s of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Calif., his Bachelor’s of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) from Gregorian University in Rome, and earned both his master’s and Licentiate of Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) in philosophy at Gonzaga University. He completed his bachelor of arts in political science at Seattle University and continued post-graduate studies at the University of Washington-Seattle and the University of Frankfurt in Germany.
Gangjee Developing Compounds to Battle Fatal Infections With $1.9 Million NIH Grant

Where others see infection, Dr. Aleem Gangjee sees a tragedy waiting to happen.

Gangjee, distinguished professor in the Mylan School of Pharmacy, knows far too much about the patients who beat cancer or HIV or survive a transplant, only to succumb to a simple infection that turns deadly because of their compromised immune systems.

A medicinal chemist best known for his cancer research, Gangjee has received a $1.9 million, five-year award from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, an arm of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to develop compounds that show promise of defeating the stubborn fungal infections that can further sicken or claim the lives of immune-compromised patients.

Gangjee and his collaborators at the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, University of Cincinnati and Indiana University are targeting a specific enzyme in the fungus pneumocystis jiroveci, which is critical for synthesizing DNA. Because the fungus grows only in the human lungs, the researchers face special challenges.

The fungus can’t be grown in a petri dish culture. Only in 2002 did scientists learn that the fungus, when introduced in animals, adapts to the specific animal; for instance, in rats, the 3-D shape of the fungal enzyme is 30 percent different from that of the human fungal enzyme.

But, says Gangjee, Hauptman-Woodward collaborators have managed to splice an extract of the fungal enzyme’s DNA into insects, which grow it unaltered from the human strain. Gangjee took a page from his cancer research book and, with his University of Cincinnati collaborator, is developing a method of culturing the fungus in a hollow fiber that can be implanted into mice without changing the fungus and fearing rejection in an attempt to develop an animal model to test his compounds.

“We still don’t know the 3-D shape of the fungal enzyme, but we now have compounds that are very, very highly selective for this fungal enzyme, about 99- to 100-fold selective,” says Gangjee, who aims to improve this selectiveness to 1,000-fold for even greater therapeutic advantage.

Not only do Gangjee’s compounds work specifically on the human fungal enzyme, they remain effective against the top strains of the infection that resist current treatments.
DU Researchers Collaborate to Study Chronic Pain

About 116 million Americans live with chronic pain. It is the most common reason to seek medical treatment and costs $600 billion annually in health care and related expenses. At any time, approximately 20 to 30 percent of U.S. residents are coping with chronic pain.

For 10 years, Dr. Jelena M. Janjic has been one of them. An assistant professor of pharmaceutics in the Mylan School of Pharmacy, she has a passionate and dedicated focus on improving therapy for chronic pain patients.

In spring 2011, after having approached a few faculty members with the idea of organizing a multidisciplinary research group focused on chronic pain, Janjic planned a meeting. She was joined by Dr. John Pollock, associate professor of biological sciences in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, and other faculty from the School of Pharmacy and Bayer School, who discussed research interests related to chronic pain. As a result, Duquesne’s Chronic Pain Research Consortium, led jointly by Pollock and Janjic, was established.

The consortium includes 17 faculty from the pharmacy school, the Bayer School and the Rangos School of Health Sciences, with expertise in pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, molecular imaging, animal behavior, pharmaceutics, immunology, neuroscience, neuropharmacology and neurobiology. The group focuses on the way the immune system, stress and pain systems interact for patients with cancer pain, neuropathic pain, fibromyalgia and regenerative therapies.

“It is a great range of talent, all eager to work collaboratively in a

Professor’s Clinical Trial Indicates Melatonin’s Positive Effects on Bones

Melatonin, a natural hormone produced by the brain’s pineal gland, is widely known for its positive effects—in supplement form—on controlling sleep and wake cycles. But its effects may be even wider. Dr. Paula Witt-Enderby, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, recently published findings of a study that indicate melatonin’s ability to modulate bone markers and menopause quality of life in women.

Through the Melatonin Osteoporosis Prevention Study, Witt-Enderby and Dr. Judith Balk of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine studied 18 perimenopausal women, 13 of whom took a nightly dose of 3 milligrams of melatonin for six months while the other five took a placebo.

“We wanted to see if we could intervene at that critical time in a woman’s life (perimenopause) and see if we could help them sleep better and see if there was any efficacy on improving their bone health,” says Witt-Enderby.

The melatonin group showed a trend toward a normalization, where the balance between bone breakdown equals that of bone formation. “For many women transitioning through menopause, the equilibrium between these bone cells is lost and the cells involved in the breakdown of bone begin outpacing those cells involved in bone formation. This could lead to bone loss over time,” explains Witt-Enderby. “We think that perhaps the melatonin treatment is re-establishing that equilibrium that gets thrown off course when a woman goes through menopause. That is an important finding.”

In addition, the melatonin group reported a significant improvement in the physical symptoms of menopause compared to the placebo group. The melatonin group also, according to daily diaries they kept, moved toward “normalizing” their menstrual cycles, says Witt-Enderby.

Witt-Enderby and Balk, who want to expand the trials to work with approximately 120 women over a two-year period, have applied for a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Other members of the melatonin study team include Dr. Christine O’Neil, professor of pharmacy practice; Dr. Frank D’Amico, professor of statistics; Holly Lassila, assistant professor of pharmacy practice; and doctoral pharmacy student Mary Kotlarczyk. Their findings were published in the January 2012 issue of the Journal of Pineal Research.
real way,” says Janjic, who studies theranostics (combining therapy and diagnostic imaging) to explore how drugs can be made more effective by being delivered to specific tissues in new imaging-supported ways. She realized that her research into cancer theranostics could also relate to the cellular and molecular mechanisms of chronic pain.

Pollock saw connections between Janjic’s and his own work in tissue engineering and regeneration therapy, particularly the interaction between the immune system and the peripheral nervous system.

Defining a research project that could involve a number of faculty resulted in being awarded an Interface Seed Grant for $100,000 from the Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative. Additional funding has been provided by the Bayer School and the pharmacy school.

Pollock and Janjic will share the grant for the research project, titled Acute to Chronic Pain Transition in Postsurgical Recovery: Combined Input From the Immune System and Peripheral Nervous System. It will explore the molecular biology of nerve cells as they respond to pain (Pollock) and also nanoparticles (Janjic).

Janjic and Pollock hope this research can lead to therapies that will suppress pain and increase function for people with chronic pain. “We need to provide people who are managing and living with chronic pain more ways to reduce and eliminate pain,” says Janjic.

Grant Will Help JMA Faculty Develop a Study of Mobile Journalism

The Journalism and Multimedia Arts Department (JMA) is developing a new study to evaluate how audiences assess the quality, usability and trustworthiness of mobile content. The study will be supported by a two-year, $125,750 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Dr. Charlie Gee, assistant professor in the JMA department, will lead the research team, which includes colleagues Drs. Giselle Auger, Zeynep Tanes-Ehle, John Shepherd and Professor Maggie Patterson.

The group’s research will focus on the effect of new technology news gathering, story type and in-field editing on news credibility, quality and transparency, according to Gee. The study will investigate these effects on various age demographics.

“We are excited that the grant will allow us to enhance the experience and understanding of students engaged in news-gathering techniques,” says Gee.

A unique course, which will be offered by special invitation, will provide JMA undergraduates who are advanced in the study of news production with the opportunity to participate in the research. The course is being developed for the fall semester, with the intention of making it a mainstream course in the curriculum by 2014.

“One of the goals is to establish a set of best practices for mobile journalism,” says Shepherd, chair of the JMA department. “What smartphone works best, what size tablet, how do we reduce the shakiness. So, if a (radio or television) station is thinking of using mobile devices, they can look at what we found to be the best.”
For homeowners in the Pittsburgh area, property reassessments are of critical concern. A county-wide reassessment spawned thousands of appeals, many from low-income residents who can afford neither legal fees nor the resulting higher taxes if the assessments stand.

The School of Law is helping with the appeal effort. Recently, 22 students from the Community Enterprise Law Clinic provided free assistance to Pittsburgh homeowners challenging new property valuations.

From its earliest days, Duquesne’s School of Law has emphasized the practical aspects of legal education. Founding Dean Joseph Swearingen required students to observe trials at the nearby Allegheny County Courthouse. In the 1940s, Dean C. Gerald Brophy arranged for students to work in the county register of wills office. Positions in the district attorney’s office opened up in the 1970s, and some 20 years later, under the direction of Professor Joseph Sabino Mistick, a comprehensive clinical education program was in place.

“Clinical experiences prepare students for practice, allowing them to learn by doing, under the supervision of experienced attorneys,” explains Tracey McCants Lewis, Esq., acting director of clinical legal education. “They also introduce students to employment opportunities.”

Students, however, are not the only beneficiaries. “Clinical experiences also instill our professional tradition of pro bono work helping those who can’t afford legal services,” she adds.

Duquesne law clinics have long had a measurable impact. In the 1990s, for example, after county budget cuts forced the public defender to lay off 14 attorneys, Criminal Law Clinic students represented more than 800 accused persons at preliminary hearings in a single year. Students in today’s Criminal Advocacy Clinic work with attorneys in the Allegheny County Office of Conflict Counsel to represent juvenile and adult defendants through all stages of their proceedings, from arrest through appeal.

Another program, the Bill of Rights Clinic, receives referrals through a variety of community agencies, including a partnership with the Pittsburgh Chapter of the NAACP. Once a month, clinic students hold walk-in sessions at the NAACP’s headquarters in Pittsburgh’s Hill District neighborhood. Potential clients explain their grievances, with students determining whether they have sufficient grounds for a case and whether to pursue the matter. Most cases eventually settle out of court; last year, clinic students settled 10 employment discrimination cases for a total of $76,000.

They don’t just take “easy” cases. In similar monthly sessions with the Formerly Convicted Citizens Project, students help clients complete applications to the State Board of Pardons. The stakes are high. Many clients are unable to get jobs because of their criminal histories. And the odds are long. Just one of every four pardon applications submitted statewide in 2011 was even accepted for a hearing; only about half of those granted hearings ultimately received pardons.

In the past several years, students from one clinic made oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the U.S. District Court, while the Unemployment Compensation Clinic in 2010 handled 87 cases and received the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award for contributions to legal aid.

The Law School currently operates six in-house clinics, with three more to open in the fall of 2012. Facilities are currently located on the sixth floor of Fisher Hall, though the school will soon begin raising funds to renovate a building on Fifth Avenue in the Uptown community to provide more convenience for clients, and additional space for students and supervising attorneys. Naming opportunities are available for the building and for a variety of interior spaces.

For more information about the Law Clinics, visit www.duq.edu/law/clinics. To learn about plans for the building and giving opportunities, call the Development Office at 412.396.5690.
Students in Action

Every day in many local communities, Duquesne students make a difference in the lives of those in need. These students take Duquesne’s long-standing mission of service to heart with their willingness to give of themselves for the benefit of others. Here are some recent examples of Duquesne students in action:

Spiritan Campus Ministry sponsored four cross-cultural mission experiences (CCMEs) over spring break. CCMEs are an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a situation for a short time to better understand the problems as well as the positive aspects of a specific demographic, location and culture. Through hands-on service, educational opportunities, discussions, prayer and reflections framed by Catholic social teaching and the Spiritan tradition, participants encounter a holistic approach to justice in relation to their lived faith experience. While this understanding of justice is rooted in the Catholic tradition, students of all faiths are invited to participate, recognizing that there is a similar call in other religious traditions to serve the poor and disadvantaged.

Students traveled to Baileysville, W.Va., Immokalee, Fla., and New Orleans, La., and some stayed in Pittsburgh to serve efforts concerning immigrant farm workers, formerly homeless men and women, Hurricane Katrina victims, ESL programs, Habitat for Humanity sites and food pantries.

The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP) presented Duquesne with its inaugural Downtown Champion Award in March. The PDP launched a volunteer program to engage downtown stakeholders in its Clean and Safe Program, a sanitation and greening program. Duquesne was honored with the Downtown Champion Award for student participation in the program.

“Duquesne University students consistently contributed to our volunteer efforts throughout the year...”

“One of the major contributors to our success was (Duquesne’s) student body,” says Jeremy Waldrup, president and chief executive officer of the PDP. “Duquesne University students consistently contributed to our volunteer efforts throughout the year, bringing volunteers to clean and rake the river walks, remove graffiti, and weed and mulch public space and greenways on multiple weekends.”

Passion about social justice issues, particularly in relation to those who are new to the culture and social systems of the United States, has resulted in sophomore Caitlyn Depp being the first Duquesne recipient of the Newman Civic Fellows award.

The award honors inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Depp, a Community Engagement Scholar and integrated marketing communications major, helps adult students at the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council master reading, writing and socialization skills so that they can use their newly developed skills to live in America with confidence and assurance.
Pamela Pappas, P’93, has been on top of the world. She recently climbed Mount Everest, the highest point on earth with an elevation of 29,035 feet. What makes Pappas’ journey even more remarkable is that Everest was just one stop on her ultimate goal—to climb the highest mountain on each continent.

“I went on a climb in Mexico and I got addicted to it,” she explains. “It contains all the elements I like about hiking, with the additional mental and physical challenges of making the summit. I wasn’t planning on climbing Everest, but it was the next logical step in all of the climbs I had been doing.”

Due to political and geographical arguments as to how borders are defined, there are actually nine mountains included in the debate of the highest mountains on the seven continents. Thus far, Pappas, who plans to climb all nine, has conquered Denali in Alaska, Aconcagua in South America, Vinson in Antarctica, Kilimanjaro in Africa, Elbrus in Europe and Everest in Asia. Before the end of the year she will complete the list by climbing Carstensz Pyramid and Kosciuszko, both in Australia, and Mont Blanc in Western Europe.

The most challenging of all Pappas’ climbs so far was Everest. A record keeper in Kathmandu estimates Pappas is only the 132nd female and 20th American female to ever summit. It was a 10-week journey, but the physical and mental training started long before the climb began.

“You have to be prepared to suffer on a mountain like that,” says
Pappas, a nuclear pharmacist who lives in Tampa, Fla. “As long as you have your mind set that it’s not going to be a vacation on a cruise ship and embrace the suffering, it’s pretty straightforward from there.”

Each climb requires a unique training regimen to prepare the body for specific conditions. Pappas had to drag a sled up Denali and was able to do so because her training consisted of pulling a wooden crate loaded with 150 pounds of lead through sand. That crate was attached to an additional 80-pound pack on her back. With the high altitude of Everest, she had to focus her training towards anaerobic exercises so her body could function on limited oxygen. To help simulate the lack of oxygen, she would jump rope while breathing through a straw in her mouth.

Pappas’ intense workouts, which last two to three hours a day, give her the physical ability to take on the mountains, but the mind can be the climber’s biggest adversary.

“Your brain will convince you that everything you’re doing is outrageous,” she explains. “The brain is there to protect you. Your brain says to get down the mountain because you’re freezing. But your body is extremely resilient. You have to learn in training that the body is a machine or else you will feel weaker and weaker going up a mountain when you should actually feel stronger and stronger.”

While there is a mental struggle to block out negative voices, sometimes the fatal dangers of a climb are inescapable. At Everest, which has a 5 percent death rate, according to Pappas, she had to walk over a fellow climber who passed away and had to be left behind. She had met him earlier in the ascent.

The awakening of those survival instincts brings the biggest adrenaline rush for her.

“Real life is pretty predictable,” says Pappas. “You’re getting up and going to work or going to school, you’re pretty protected from things. But, up there, there is no room for error. You drop a glove, you lose a hand. If you don’t eat the right foods, you’re probably going to collapse. If you get dehydrated, you’re probably going to die.”

Pappas, who recently attended a Duquesne alumni event in Sarasota, Fla., credits the University with providing her and fellow alumni with the foundation to stay productive and vital.

“Duquesne is an environment that encourages you to accomplish things throughout your whole life,” she says. “It’s so inspirational to see people accomplishing things in every phase of their life and not thinking, ‘I have to accomplish everything by the time I’m 30 or by the time I’m 40.’ There were alumni at the event in their 60s still owning businesses and writing books.”

From Academic Walk to the top of Mount Everest, her journey will continue as she climbs new mountains and learns more life lessons along the way.

“The most important thing I learned is that there is nothing holding you back from accomplishing your goals except for you,” says Pappas. “I think we waste a lot of energy in our lives worrying about the outcome and worrying about what’s going to happen, but if you have the drive to do something and the willpower—just focus and do it.”

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Athletics Update

Jim Ferry Named Head Men’s Basketball Coach

Jim Ferry, who led LIU Brooklyn to its second consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this March, has been named men’s basketball coach at Duquesne. He is the 16th head coach in the 95-year history of Duquesne basketball.

“I’m extremely excited about the opportunity to coach at Duquesne University,” says Ferry. “I look forward to the challenge of taking this program to the next level.

“I was very impressed by the commitment shown by President Dougherty and Greg Amodio during the interview process. They have a clear vision of where they’d like this program to be. I look forward to making that vision a reality.”

Ferry has won 254 games in 14 years as a head coach at the Division I, Division II and Division III levels. He took over a 5-22 LIU team in 2002-03, and guided it to 52 wins, a 34-2 record in Northeast Conference play and back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances in 2011 and 2012.

In 2011, the Blackbirds were the fourth-highest-scoring team in the

THE JIM FERRY FILE

PERSONAL
Age: 44
Birthplace: Elmont, N.Y.
College: Keene State College ’90
Degree: public safety science
Three-year basketball letterman at Keene State College
Played one year at New York Tech before transferring
High School: Valley Stream North
Family: Wife, Kelly, children, Victoria, Hannah, James and Leo

COACHING EXPERIENCE
1990-91—Assistant Coach—Keene State
1991-98—Assistant Coach—Bentley
1998-99—Head Coach—Plymouth State
1999-02—Head Coach—Adelphi
2002-12—Head Coach—LIU Brooklyn

AS A HEAD COACH
1998-99—Plymouth State (1 yr.)
—22-8 (.733)
1999-02—Adelphi (3 yrs.)
—82-11 (.882)
2002-12—LIU Brooklyn (10 yrs.)
—150-149 (.502)
Total—14 years—254-168 (.602)

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES
• 2000, 2001 & 2002 NCAA Division II at Adelphi
• Sweet 16 in 2000, Elite 8 in 2001 & 2002
• 2011 NCAA Second Round at LIU Brooklyn
• First postseason appearance in 14 years (since the 1997 NCAAs)
• 2012 NCAA Second Round at LIU Brooklyn
• First back-to-back appearances in school history

Jim Ferry with Dr. Charles Dougherty and Greg Amodio
nation in finishing 27-6. The 27 wins were the most by an LIU team since 1937.

LIU ranked second nationally in scoring at 81.4 points per game in posting a 25-9 record this past season. It was the first time since 1941 & 1942—then under legendary head coach Clair Bee—that LIU won 25 or more games in back-to-back seasons.

Ferry left the Brooklyn campus with a 27-game home win streak—second only to national champion Kentucky’s 52 consecutive home victories. The Blackbirds will return four starters in 2012-13 including 2011-12 NEC Player of the Year Julian Bond.

Ferry, who was named NEC Coach of the Year twice (2005 and 2011), coached one Player of the Year, two NEC Rookies of the Year, 11 all-conference honorees and eight all-rookie selections in 10 seasons at LIU.

Ferry went 82-11 in three seasons at Division II Adelphi University from 1999 through 2002. He led the Garden City, N.Y., school to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2000, and NCAA Elite 8 appearances in 2001 and 2002. He was named NIT/Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Division II Coach of the Year all three seasons.

Ferry’s Adelphi teams went 62-4 in winning three-straight New York Collegiate Athletic Conference championships. His 2001 Panthers won 31 consecutive games in posting a school record 31 wins (31-1).

Ferry got his head coaching start at Division III Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H., where he led the Panthers to a 22-8 record and an appearance in the New England Tournament finals in 1998-99.

He was named New Hampshire Coaches Association Division III Coach of the Year following the season.

Ferry reached the 100-win plateau (104-19) in his first four seasons as a head coach.

A 1990 graduate of Keene State College in Keene, N.H., Ferry started his coaching career as an assistant at his alma mater in 1990-91. He served as an assistant coach at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., for seven seasons prior to taking the head coaching position at Plymouth State.

As an assistant, he helped the Falcons to a 1992-93 Northeast 10 regular season championship and trip to the NCAA Tournament.

### NCAA Tournament by the Numbers

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Figures From the Past

Dr. John S. Ruggiero

The School of Pharmacy, allied to the sciences but operating as a distinct unit, moved into the 1960s with a new dean, Dr. John S. Ruggiero. He had been groomed for the post as assistant dean under Dr. John G. Adams, who had been handpicked by Hugh C. Muldoon, founder of the school. Although Adams served the school well, his heart lay in teaching. Once his five-year plan was launched and he was confident of Ruggiero’s administrative abilities, he announced his resignation in 1961.

Ruggiero was barely 30 when he assumed the deanship and began working out details of the new plan. The five-year program, a national requirement for all accredited colleges of pharmacy, called for two years of pre-pharmacy in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, but acceptance standards had yet to be decided for admission to the final three years in the School of Pharmacy. The staff numbered only six full-time professors, two part-time faculty members and seven graduate assistants. Facilities were limited to eight rooms in Canevin Hall, an old house used for graduate research and a World War II Quonset hut. On the promise of a new science hall, Ruggiero began increasing the faculty, more than doubling the full-time personnel. He also introduced new programs such as bionucleonics, toxicology and electronics for scientists as specialties for both students of the school and in-service institutes for teachers, scientists and others in the field. The small graduate program in pharmacy maintained a steady growth under his direction, with students branching into various master’s degree programs. Despite the lack of facilities, the school continued to reach beyond its circumstances in its quest for excellence.

When the new Richard King Mellon Hall of Science finally became a reality in 1968, the fourth floor had been designed for the pharmacy school. Thanks to the new science building, the School of Pharmacy was able to conduct more research. On the basis of such research, it received permission to begin a Ph.D. in a pharmaceutical research program in 1969.

Ruggiero was strongly supportive of decentralized authority. He placed much of the authority to organize departments in the hands of his department heads, and appointed an assistant dean to coordinate student advisement and direct alumni activities. In 1961, the School of Pharmacy began an annual continuing education program for alumni. The school’s reputation for a strong academic program, a highly qualified staff and a superb new facility were essential in maintaining enrollments.

-Excerpted from The Spirit that Gives Life by Dr. Joseph F. Rishel, Professor of History

PEEKING INTO THE PAST

During World War I, Duquesne started a military training program. Members of the two infantry companies practiced on campus, on the playing fields behind Old Main. In 1918, Duquesne established a unit of the Students Army Training Corps. Shown here is part of that squadron.
Newman Legacy Lecture Examines Catholic Identity in Higher Education


The Rev. Michael Buckley, S.J., author of *At the Origins of Modern Atheism*, presented the lecture, which focused on Newman’s *The Idea of the University* as a source of inspiration and challenge to contemporary higher education. While many universities today singularly focus on research and the production of knowledge for commercial use, Buckley argued that, for Newman, the primary purpose of universities is to cultivate intellectual excellence in students to aid their maturation into whole persons.

Dr. Kevin Mongrain, the inaugural Ryan Endowed Chair in Newman Studies at Duquesne and director of the National Institute for Newman Studies, says his goal in developing the lecture series was to bring top-quality scholars to Pittsburgh to share ideas about Newman’s teachings.

Author Challenges Racial Stereotypes, Offers Strategies for Educators

Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, an author and expert on issues related to African-American family and culture and the achievement of black males in the United States, spoke at Duquesne on Feb. 15, discussing the racial achievement gap, differing instructional strategies for girls and boys, and little-known success stories of African-American students in urban areas.

“Everyone wants to fix black children, but the fact is, they thrive in a nurturing environment with dedicated teachers,” says Kunjufu.

Dr. Darius Prier, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership, says that Kunjufu’s lecture challenged cultural stereotypes toward urban youth that often mischaracterize their capability and potential for academic success.

“I think the pre-service teachers and current educators who attended came away with practical strategies in how to change the culture of schools to produce a successful, nurturing environment between teachers and students,” says Prier.

Is Climate Change Driving Another Mass Extinction?

Extinction, evolution and rapid climate change were the topics of Duquesne’s annual free Darwin Day discussion in February.

Renowned paleontologist Dr. Peter D. Ward, professor at the University of Washington in Seattle, addressed the causes of major mass extinctions—periods of time when more than half of all species on Earth disappeared—and the evolutionary effects they had in shaping our world.

Ward, a favorite on PBS, *NOVA*, TED and Animal Planet, discussed *Mass Extinctions: The Third Tier of Evolution*, and weighed whether we are experiencing a new mass extinction driven by human-induced climate change.

“There have been five major mass extinctions, all attached to rapid climate change, requiring rapid changes in organisms,” says Dr. David Lampe, associate professor of biology and Darwin Day organizer. “Organisms that didn’t adapt went extinct.”

About one-third of all amphibian species are endangered and nearly 170 species are believed to have gone extinct over the last two decades, even in protected habitats. Many plants are also in danger.

“Everything,” says Lampe, “is based on a predictable climate.”

Symposium Celebrates Saint Giuseppe Moscati, ‘Doctor to the Poor’

Giuseppe Moscati, the first modern physician to be canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church, was celebrated during an international symposium on April 10 at Duquesne.

Moscati was known for sending disadvantaged patients home with an envelope that included not just a prescription, but also money. He also was one of the first doctors to experiment with insulin in the treatment of diabetes.

Saint Giuseppe Moscati: Professor, Scientist and Doctor of the Poor featured several lectures as well as a roundtable panel about religion and science. Speakers included The Most Rev. David A. Zubik, D.D., bishop of Pittsburgh; The Most Rev. William J. Waltersheid, S.T.L., auxiliary bishop of Pittsburgh; and Dr. Francesco Cesareo, president of Assumption College.

The symposium was presented by the Center for International Relations and the Office of Mission and Identity, in collaboration with the Order of Malta American Association and the Honorary Consulate of Italy in Pittsburgh.
**Law School Hosts Renowned Legal Figure**

**Judge Richard Posner**

The Duquesne University School of Law presented the inaugural Dr. John and Liz Murray Excellence in Scholarship award to Judge Richard A. Posner at a special event on March 22.

The Excellence in Scholarship award was made possible by an endowment fund established in 2011 by University Chancellor Dr. John E. Murray Jr. to enhance and enrich the scholarly environment and culture at Duquesne’s law school.

Posner, who is a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago and a senior lecturer at the University of Chicago, is renowned for his role as a jurist, legal theorist and economist. At Duquesne, he delivered the address, *Appellate Decision Making and Appellate Advocacy—One Judge’s View.*

“Judge Richard Posner is one of the most highly respected, brilliant judges and legal scholars in the United States today,” says Law Dean Ken Gormley. “It is a true honor that Judge Posner agreed to visit Duquesne to accept the first Murray Award for Excellence in Scholarship. Judge Posner, like Chancellor John E. Murray, Jr., embodies the very highest standards of excellence within the legal profession. It is impossible to imagine a more fitting individual to receive this special inaugural award.”

Identified as the most cited legal scholar of the 20th century by *The Journal of Legal Studies,* Posner has written nearly 40 books, including *Economic Analysis of Law,* *How Judges Think* and *The Problems of Jurisprudence.* His work has also been published in numerous legal and economic journals. As a judge, he has published more than 2,700 opinions.

A Harvard law graduate, Posner has taught courses in administrative law, antitrust, economic analysis of law, law and literature, family law and many others. He served under Thurgood Marshall in the Office of the Solicitor General in the U.S. Department of Justice. President Ronald Reagan first nominated Posner in 1981 for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, for which Posner served as chief judge from 1993-2000.

Honors presented to Posner, who served as president of the American Law and Economics Association, include the Research Award from the Fellows of the American Bar Association, the John Sherman Award from the U.S. Department of Justice, the John Sherman Award from the U.S. Department of Justice and the 2005 Learned Hand Medal for Excellence in Federal Jurisprudence from the Federal Bar Council.

**Namesake of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act Speaks at Duquesne**

Lilly Ledbetter recounted her decade-long court battle with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for equal pay at a luncheon hosted by the School of Law on April 16 in the Power Center Ballroom.

Ledbetter, a production supervisor at a Goodyear tire plant in Alabama, filed the lawsuit in 1998 under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 after discovering that her pay was less than that of her male counterparts with equal or less seniority. While the lawsuit, which reached the U.S. Supreme Court, did not go in Ledbetter’s favor, it did result in the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. Enacted by Congress, it was signed into law by President Barack Obama and amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Ledbetter discussed issues including the harassment she endured at Goodyear and how her formal complaints were ignored; the Supreme Court’s ruling against her; how her case came to then-Sen. Barack Obama’s attention; and what the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act means in practice.

The event was co-sponsored by the law school, the Women in the Law Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Institute for Gender Equality. Proceeds benefitted the law school’s Public Service Law Fellowship Program.

“Lilly Ledbetter’s name has become synonymous with the quest for equal rights in employment opportunities,” says Law Dean Ken Gormley. “She has earned a permanent place in American history as a trailblazer when it comes to gender equality in the workplace. This area is central to the mission of the law school.”
1950s
The Institute of World Politics Professor and Senior Diplomat in Residence Thomas P. Melady, A’50, was recently appointed to the Holy See Mission to the United Nations for the Disarmament Commission in April and the Arms Trade Treaty negotiations in July. Melady is former U.S. Ambassador to Burundi, Uganda and the Holy See, and president emeritus at Sacred Heart University.

Ernest (Ernie) Matteo, M’52, was recently inducted into the Pittsburgh Jazz Hall of Fame. He played clarinet and saxophone in many of the area’s jazz bands and taught instrumental music in the Pine-Richland School District. The award was given posthumously.

1960s
Dr. Rosemarie Rizzo Parse, N’60, distinguished professor emeritus, Loyola University Chicago, was recognized by a special issue of Nursing Science Quarterly (January 2012). The entire 25th anniversary issue honored her years of work and research in the profession.

John Colton, B’62, recently retired as CEO and founder of John Colton & Associates, Inc. As a manufacturer representative in Cocoa, Fla., since 1972, the company has sold valves in Central and South America, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Kennedy Space Center and every county in Florida.

Bert Ghezzi, A’63, is the co-author (with Dave Nodar) of Discover Christ: Developing a Personal Relationship with Jesus (Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division). He has written over 20 books and his articles have appeared in the Catholic and religious press.

Carol (Mamula) Morgan, A’63, read the part of Rosa Garcia in the play, The Son, by playwright James Beller through New Playwrights Forum at St. Margaret’s Armenian Church in Washington, D.C., and read the part of the security guard in the play, Spinning into Butter, by Rebecca Gilman at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop in Washington, D.C. She performed in a promo film made by Discovery Channel TV, Deadly Sins, which was shown in February. She describes herself as “the lady lighting candles in beautiful historic Corpus Christi Catholic Church on the grounds of a famous art school in Baltimore, Maryland Institute College of Art.”

1970s
Jonathan Klemens, S’70, P’76, GLPA’07, is the author of Mountains and Rivers: Complementing your Healthcare with Alternative Medicine, and more than 40 essays and articles. He recently published historical fiction short stories and Scottish culture essays, available on Kindle and www.jklemens-ravencrest.com.

William DeStefano, L’71, has joined the white collar defense and investigations practice of Stevens & Lee in the Philadelphia office. With 40 years of experience in white collar defense and investigations, he will chair the white collar team. He has defended corporations and individuals against criminal investigations and indictments, and has represented clients in a complete range of commercial civil cases, including antitrust and trade regulation litigation. He has tried more than 100 criminal and civil cases to verdict over the last 40 years, primarily in the federal and state courts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

Gary DiCroce, B’71, MBA’76, retired in June 2011 from the Allegheny County Health Department as human resource officer after 28 years. He previously held the James J. Byrne Award for Responsible Leadership.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
The contributions of James J. Byrne, B’57, executive director of The Beard Institute at Duquesne, have been recognized by the University.

In March, Byrne received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the 30th annual senior/alumni business school luncheon.

As executive director of The Beard Institute, Byrne oversees programs and events related to business ethics, sustainability and responsible financial management for faculty, students, alumni and members of the business community.

Byrne joined Duquesne in 2007 after spending a career in the technology sector, beginning with General Electric in New York and culminating in his service as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the international software firm OpenConnect.

In addition to serving on the boards of four U.S. public companies, Byrne was invited to serve on the boards of corporations in Mexico, Hong Kong, Germany, France, Israel and the United Kingdom. He also was a founder and board member of the Microelectronics and Computer Corp., a consortium of American companies collaborating in advanced research and development.

In honor of his years of leadership and contributions to Lennox International and to the advancement of the School of Business, Lennox and the Donahue Graduate School of Business established the James J. Byrne Award for Responsible Leadership.
human resource positions in the private sector for more than nine years with the A & P Tea Co., Joseph Horne Co. and Herbick and Held Printing Co., all located in Pittsburgh.

John R. Zonarich, L’74, managing attorney of the Harrisburg firm of SkarlatosZonarich LLC, has been licensed to practice law in West Virginia. He sought admission to the West Virginia bar “to help meet widening demand for estate representation across state lines as part of his firm’s growing elder law practice.” His firm is “combining various areas of legal representation into a unified team and also utilizing a certified registered nurse practitioner to serve as director of care management so we can address health care solutions along with legal solutions for our clients.” He is certified as a civil trial specialist by the Civil National Board of Trial Advocacy, is a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and has been named multiple times to the Pennsylvania list of “Super Lawyers.”

Kathy Ryan Bosaw, N’75, graduated from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., with a DNP degree in December 2011. She teaches nursing in the master’s degree program at Graceland University in Independence, Mo. She was recently granted tenure and promoted to associate professor.

Thomas J. Froehlich, Ph.D.’75, former program director and founder of the Information Architecture and Knowledge Management program, was honored on its 10th anniversary by Kent State University School of Library and Information Science for providing inspiration and leadership. Froehlich, a professor in the School of Library and Information Science, was cited as one of the visionaries who “recognized the need to create an academic program that would address the growing demand for a new kind of information professional.” His research interests include curriculum development in information science and emerging roles for information professionals and a philosophical framework for relevance research. The majority of his published work is concerned with ethical consideration in the information professions, evolving in part from his philosophy background. He teaches courses in information science, ethics, network and software resources, online searching and user interface design.

Dr. Leo “Lee” Fallon, B’76, was appointed by the governor of Florida to the state board of pharmacy. Since the late 1980s, he has worked as a Walmart Store Inc. pharmacy manager. He manages the pharmacy at the Walmart Supercenter in Buffalo Ridge Plaza Shopping Center. Career highlights include Pharmacy Department of the Year 2011 for the state of Florida and also the eastern United States. He served from 2006-07 as president of the Florida Pharmacy Association and received the association’s James H. Beal Award, which designated him as Pharmacist of the Year.

Lynne (Baker) Pompetti, N’79, has been selected as one of the 100 Great Nurses in Dallas Fort Worth. She has been practicing as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist since 1984, and will celebrate her 40th year of continuous nursing practice in June 2012.

Kevin Pollock, M’81, GM’89, is band and orchestra director at Franklin Regional High School. In January 2012, the Franklin Regional High School band performed a field show in the Tournament of Roses Bandfest and the Tournament of Roses Parade. The band has also performed at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York twice. Pollock’s daughter is also a school of music graduate, Kerri Beth Pollock, M’11.

Thomas P. Quinn, R.Ph., P’81, has been named general manager for Physicians Interactive (PI). He is responsible for the company’s global eSampling commercial operations and business development strategy. The company has announced that it has been awarded with the first medication eSampling and eCouponing patent, which “protects and recognizes PI’s innovative and proprietary online and mobile eSampling and patient assistance solution.” He and his wife, Peggy, are the parents of three children. Two are graduates of Duquesne, Tom Jr., B’07, and Kathleen, B’11. Tom Jr.’s wife is Lisa (Mentzer) Quinn, N’07.

James W. Saxton, L’82, chair of Stevens & Lee’s health care litigation group and co-chair of the health care department, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Lancaster Family YMCA for his more than 25 years of board service. He served as chair of the YMCA Foundation Board and held the positions of president and vice president of the board of directors. He was also a presenter at the 2012 Minimally Invasive Surgery Symposium in Salt Lake City. In his presentation, How New Patient Safety Requirements Will Impact Your Practice, he discussed
Joe Baker, Jr., B’86, completed the 2011-2012 season as an assistant coach with the Wilmington University (Del.) women’s basketball program. It was his 13th year of coaching at the college or junior college level. He is the former head women’s basketball coach at Rutgers University-Camden from 2002-2004 and during the 2005-2006 season, and also served as interim head coach for the Lady Raptors during the 2004-2005 season. He started his coaching career as an assistant men’s basketball coach at Salem Community College (1996-2002).

Baron “B.B.” Flenory, A’87, will be inducted into the Western Chapter of the Pittsburgh Basketball Legends Hall of Fame this spring and was recently inducted into the Pittsburgh Basketball Legends Hall of Fame. He is already a member of the WPIAL, Pennsylvania Basketball, Duquesne University Sports and Alle-Kiski Valley Sports halls and played professionally for five seasons in Caracas, Venezuela. He currently works as a transition specialist at Pressley Ridge.

Lori (Bishop) Andrews, CFA, B’92, now serves The Hawthorn Group, PNC’s Family Office Business. As a senior investment officer, she manages portfolios and trusts for those families considered to be ultra high net worth. She has 20 years of investment management expertise, the chartered financial analyst (CFA) designation and has completed her MBA.

Dr. Miles K. Davis, A’91, has been named the new dean of Shenandoah University’s Harry F. Byrd, Jr. School of Business. He is currently associate professor of management at Shenandoah and founding director of the Harry F. Byrd, Jr. School of Business Institute for Entrepreneurship. He is an authority on entrepreneurship and his most recent work focuses on the areas of integrity, values and principles within the business world, as well as faith-based entrepreneurship. He is also a managing partner at The Prosperity Fund, LLC, and a principal at Davis, Adolphe and Gibson, LLC.

The Saint Joseph’s University board of trustees has elected C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J., Ph.D., GA’74, as its 27th president. Fr. Gillespie will officially take over as president on July 1. He currently serves as associate provost for University Centers of Excellence at Loyola University Chicago, where he leads five academic centers and, for the past year, simultaneously served as interim dean of the School of Social Work, managing a successful transition to a new permanent dean.

After earning his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Saint Joseph’s College in 1972, Fr. Gillespie went on to earn master’s degrees in psychology from Duquesne and in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley. He holds a Ph.D. in pastoral psychology from Boston University.

“I am honored and truly humbled to be coming home to serve my alma mater, Saint Joseph’s University, as its 27th president,” says Fr. Gillespie. “It’s an exciting and wonderful opportunity to work with faculty, students, staff and administrators, as well as alumni, trustees and friends who share a commitment to its Jesuit values and to boldly advancing the university into the future.”
Natalie (Kress) Abel, E’93, vice president of business development for Energy Savers, Inc., has received the 2012 Women in Business Award presented by The Pittsburgh Business Times as well as associate member for 2011 of the Greater Pittsburgh Hotel Association. She offers energy saving solutions for commercial real estate owners and industrial end-users and her expertise includes providing management consulting services to corporations, in-depth analysis of operational and financial reviews, and project management consulting.

Bernice Boyden, B’94, GE’96, is the author of Inspirations to Leadership, Seven Secrets of Success for Every Professional Woman and co-author of Ready, Aim, Excel.

Aimee L. Burton, L’94, an associate at Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz, LLC, presented at the Annual Family Law Update at the Washington County Winter Bench Bar Conference. She and her co-presenter reviewed recent case law updates in the areas of custody and divorce, as well as changes to the current support rules for an audience of attorneys, judges and legal professionals.

Bella (Ryan) Martin, A’96, is the co-author of Universal Methods of Design (Rockport Publishers). The book “showcases 100 human-centered research methods that design teams can use to better understand their customers and end-users” and is currently available on Amazon.com. She is currently working as a user experience design consultant at Delta Air Lines and lives in Atlanta.

Dana L. Bacs, L’97, has been named a partner in the firm of Goehring Rutter & Boehm. She is a member of the firm’s litigation group and has a broad civil litigation practice, including the areas of commercial, product liability, personal injury, nursing home defense and employment law. She also serves on the ACBA’s Civil Litigation Section Council and is president of the Mt. Lebanon Montessori School and Academy’s board of directors.

Mike Bowman, LPA’97, started The Quarter Roll Financial Entertainment Magazine in Pittsburgh a few years ago. He notes the magazine is “different from other financial publications in that it doesn’t give investing or insurance-related advice in the usual textbook-like style of writing typical to most financial magazines.” The magazine brings real financial stories about celebrities to everyday people and lets “readers enjoy a more entertaining way of learning about what works and doesn’t work with everyday personal finance.”

Jeremy Hartzell, B’97, GB’00, L’00, has been named president of the board of directors of the Pittsburgh affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. He is employed at BNY Mellon, where he is responsible for income tax accounting implications of corporate structure transactions, including mergers and acquisitions. Previously, he was a senior tax manager at Deloitte Tax LLP and an adjunct professor in Duquesne’s Palumbo-Donahue School of Business.

David M. Kacinko, HS’97, GHS’98, was recently hired as the first staff occupational therapist at Conway Medical Center (S.C.). Due to his efforts “to educate staff on the benefits of occupational therapy with services rendered to patients, the hospital system now provides occupational therapy services to all aspects and units of the 160-bed hospital, including the award-winning Joint Replacement Center.”

Michael Grandinetti, B’99, master illusionist, was featured in the December issue of MAGIC Magazine.

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Laurie Duerr, B’00, received an MBA with a concentration in management and global business from Rutgers University. She is currently the procurement manager at Sanofi Pharmaceuticals in Bridgewater, N.J.

Lee Frank, CPA, B’01, GB’03, Masters of Taxation’03, has joined the tax team of Horovitz, Rudoy & Roteman LLC. As the firm’s newest tax manager, he has over eight years of public accounting experience ranging from manufacturing and construction to real estate and investment partnerships.

Frank Kosir, Jr., L’01, has joined the real estate & lending practice group of Meyer, Kostick & Scott LLP as counsel. He has significant civil litigation and general practice experience in all areas of real property law. He also has extensive experience in real estate development, sales, construction and leasing with his family’s home construction company, which has operated for more than 50 years. He is a member of the executive council of the Allegheny County Bar Association’s real property section and served as a member of the board of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s real property probate and trust law section. He frequently lectures at continuing legal education programs and has been recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star in real property law.

Nicholas Burkett, B’02, L’08, has joined the public accounting firm of Malin Bergquist as a staff accountant. Previously, he was in the accounting and real estate departments of Giant Eagle.

Tracy Stinchfield, Ed.D.’02, has joined the graduate psychology department at Immaculata University as an assistant professor. She won the North Central Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Supervisor of the Year Award in 2008, and received Chi Sigma Iota’s Outstanding Professor of the Year Award in 2008 at Southern Illinois University. Other institutions where she has taught include Idaho State, Duquesne University and Wilmington College. She is also an editorial board member of The Family Journal and Counselor Education and Supervision.

Mike James, L’03, has published his first full-length collection of poetry, Past Due Notices, Poems 1991-2011 (Main Street Rag). Much of the collection centers around his years in Pittsburgh and samples can be found at www.mainstreetrag.com/MJames.html. His poetry has been widely published in magazines and newspapers and his books of poetry include Not Here, All Those Goodbyes, Pennies From An Empty Jar, Nothing But Love and Alternate Endings. Since 2005, he and his wife, Diane, have run Yellow Pepper Press, a small poetry broadside press.

Lisa Miracle, A’04, GE’07, is being honored as one of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s Pittsburgh’s 50 Finest. She is currently enrolled in the M.S.Ed. School Administration and Supervision Program at Duquesne.

Jessica L. Nulph, B’04, is a senior negotiator at BNY Mellon. She recently married Steven M. Pitcher.

George Yancy, Ph.D.’05, associate professor of philosophy at Duquesne, has published Reframing the Practice of
Philosophy: Bodies of Color, Bodies of Knowledge with SUNY Press. The book is described as “the first to create a textual space where African-American and Latin American philosophers voice the complex range of their philosophical and meta-philosophical concerns, approaches and visions.”

Todd Goodman, GM’06, is the recipient of two international composition awards, the 2012 British Trombone Society Composition Prize for his trombone concerto and the 2012 Commission from the North American Tuba Repertoire Initiative. His Concerto for Tuba was described as “an astonishing work that showcases the many abilities of the modern day solo tubist.” His many recordings include Duquesne University Wind Symphony’s Winds of Summer release on the Duquesne University Press. He currently serves as the resident composer for the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center in Midland, Pa.

Kathy Detar Gennuso, GLPA’08, was invited to present her paper on The Ethical Justification of the Use of IT in Patient Safety Initiatives at Biostec 2012 in Portugal. Biostec is the International Joint Conference on Biomedical Engineering Systems and Technologies. She is a current student in the bioethics doctoral program, and founded and is CEO of the Institute of Consultative Bioethics, a provider of comprehensive bioethics products and consulting services.

Nicholas Bell, L’09, MBA’10, has joined the firm of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott as an associate attorney. He is a member of the litigation and dispute resolution group at the firm and represents clients in both state and federal courts in a variety of complex commercial and business disputes. Previously, he served as a law clerk for Judge Joy Flowers Conti, A’70, L’73, of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Emily Nenni, L’09, joined McGuire, Wood & Bissette, P.A. (Asheville, N.C.) as the newest member of the litigation practice group. She focuses on assisting individuals and business organizations with all aspects of commercial and civil litigation, family, corporate and entertainment law, and personal injury and estate litigation. She is an ongoing contributor to Pisgah Legal Services’ Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyers program and is a member of the Leadership Asheville Forum and Young Professionals of Asheville. She has served as secretary to the young lawyers division of the 28th Judicial District Bar and as liaison to the western chapter of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys.

Marriages

Brian Cooper, A’90, married Shelley Anne Almquist.

Jessica L. Nulph, B’04, married Steven M. Pitcher.

Cara Crowley, E’06, married Muggs Young.

Alyse Vesely, E’06, married Mark Bonacci.


New Arrivals

Rooney James, son of Shawn Kirk, A’95, and Christa Kirk.


Antonio Joseph, son of Patricia J. (Gousie) Gonzalez, M’99, and Fernando Gonzalez, A’00.

Vienna Noelle, daughter of Jennifer DeRienzo, Pharm.D.’01, and Philip DeRienzo, Pharm.D.’01.

Ashlyn Haley, daughter of Allison (Hramika) Murray, A’01, B’01, L’04, and Patrick Murray, L’03.

Ashlyn Louise, daughter of Kelly (Ziembba) Thomas, Pharm.D.’03, and Craig Thomas.


Daphne Vivienne, daughter of Dr. Kathryn Couture Kelly, S’05, and Edward W. Kelly, A’04.

Connor Raymond, son of Kelly (Gensler) Welsch, A’05, and Dan Welsch.

Mia Antoinette and Dominic Louis, twins of Bree (Coberly) Capezzuto, Pharm.D.’06, and Jason Capezzuto.

Vincent Francesco, son of Amanda (Battini) Tropiano, B’06, and Nicholas Tropiano, B’06.

In Memoriam

Jack C. London, P’40

William C. Dague, B’48

William T. Conlon, Jr., B’52

Ernest (Ernie) Matteo, M’52

John W. Brust, A’53

Melina D. Sance-Krisko, P’53

Edgar Duncan, P’54

Raymond Fleckenstein, A’55

James E. Moody, Sr., B’56

Joseph A. Delisi, MBA’61

John O’Dell “Jack” Riley, B’63

Mary Lou LaFrankie Braum, A’65

James R. “Jimmy” Linder, A’66

Pam Barnett Stewart, A’67

Janet Dinardo Lassi, N’68

Kenneth J. Marchilena, A’73

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In Memoriam

Former Business Dean and Board Chair Thomas J. Murrin

The University is mourning the loss of Thomas J. Murrin, who died Jan. 30 at age 82. Murrin’s considerable impact as chair of Duquesne’s Board of Directors and dean and professor of Duquesne’s Palumbo•Donahue School of Business continues to this day.

“People who worked with him remember him with fondness and respect for his achievements as a business leader and an educator,” says Provost and Vice President of Academics Dr. Ralph Pearson.

Murrin, who served as dean from 1991 to 2000, helped develop innovative programs in the business school to distinguish its teaching, research and service with an emphasis in the areas of global competitiveness, advanced technology and economic growth. He also taught the popular graduate course, Executive Insights into Contemporary Global Issues.

In 1989, Murrin, recognizing even then the importance of business competition in an international platform, made a $1.5 million gift to Duquesne to establish the Thomas J. and Marie C. Murrin Chair in Global Competitiveness, an important endowed chair post in the Palumbo•Donahue School of Business. After serving as dean, Murrin continued to teach in the business school up to his retirement in 2006.

Before joining Duquesne, Murrin served for 18 months as deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, for which he was nominated by President George H.W. Bush. He also was a U.S. delegate to the NATO Industrial Advisory Group and was a member of the Defense Policy Advisory Committee on Trade with the Department of Defense.

Murrin’s longest tenure was with Westinghouse Electric Corp., where he started as a manufacturing and materials engineer in 1951 and retired as its president in 1987.

Murrin earned a bachelor’s in physics from Fordham University, where he was a starting tackle under Coach Vince Lombardi. He was a fellow of the National Academy of Engineering and received numerous honors.

A member of numerous boards and several organizations, including Duquesne Light and Motorola, Murrin chaired Gov. Tom Ridge’s Technology 21 program, the Pittsburgh Public School System Assessment Panel and the Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative. He also served on the Airport Authority Board of Allegheny County, the Holy Family Institute for Learning Abilities and Mercy Hospital’s Foundation, among others.

“He was really committed to service to the University and to the community,” says Pearson.

Pharmacy Alumnus Edgar Duncan

Giving students the opportunities to achieve success was one of the things Edgar N. Duncan, P’54, did best.

“I have been very fortunate,” said Duncan several years ago when describing the many mentors who encouraged him to reach his potential. “I enjoy opening doors for others so that they can experience similar opportunities and encouragement.”

Duncan, the first African-American graduate of Duquesne’s pharmacy school, a recipient of the pharmacy school’s Distinguished Alumnus Award and a member of the inaugural class of the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne Alumni, died on Dec. 17, 2011.

He was the first African-American graduate of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, first African-American commissioned as a pharmacist in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), first African-American chief pharmacist at a USPHS hospital, and the first pharmacist promoted to assistant U.S. surgeon general and rear admiral in USPHS. He served as associate dean of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and director of its Center for Minority Health. In 2002 at age 70, he returned to Duquesne as a student to recertify his license to practice pharmacy and worked part time in a pharmacy until just a couple of years before his death.

He established the Edgar N. Duncan Endowed Scholarship at Duquesne and contributed to other Pharmacy School initiatives.
May 17, 2012
Pharmacy School Event in Cleveland
6 p.m.
Crop Bistro & Bar
Lorain Boulevard
Cleveland, OH
An event sponsored by Dean Douglas Bricker for Cleveland-area pharmacy alumni. For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 412.396.6209.

May 18, 2012
Luncheon in NYC with Dr. Dougherty
11:30 a.m. ($30 per person)
Bottino Restaurant
246 Tenth Ave.
New York, NY
Join President Charles J. Dougherty in New York City for lunch and networking. For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 412.396.6209.

June 29 & 30, 2012
AE/ATO Reunion at Duquesne University

June 29
The Inaugural Jimmy Linder Golf Outing
2 p.m. ($125 per golfer)
Birdsfoot Golf Course
Freeport, PA

June 30
10 a.m. - 5K Pledge Run/Walk ($30/person or $50/family)
11 a.m. - Mass
Noon - Barbecue Picnic ($50 per person)
Duquesne University
For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 412.396.6209.

September 27-30
Homecoming Weekend 2012
• Greek Reunion events for AE/ATO, Beta Pi Sigma, Omicron/Zeta, Sigma Lambda, Gamma Phi, Alpha Gamma Omega, Alpha Phi Delta and Sigma Chi alumni groups
• Football alumni reunion
• Century Club Awards
• Young Alumni Oktoberfest
• Saturday Night Dinner Cruise & more

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