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Thoughts from the President

Throughout history, people have lived with the horrors of war and struggled to make sense of it. We know facts and figures about conflicts, as well as information about the combatants. Often unreported are the stories of those who bring help and hope to those afflicted. In this issue, we share such an inspiring narrative.

Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe has witnessed unspeakable atrocities in her homeland, Uganda, where factions have fought for decades. Her work has educated hundreds of young women, giving them the tools they need to pursue independent, fruitful lives. More than that, she has helped them heal psychological wounds inflicted during their captivity under a brutal warlord.

Sister Rosemary is a graduate of a School of Leadership and Professional Advancement master’s program that helps women religious deal with unique challenges encountered in the world’s most volatile regions. She is a shining example of the global impact our alumni have every day.

The global impact of the Duquesne community also is being felt in other parts of the world, specifically Haiti and Honduras. In this issue, we tell the story of an alumnus who recently ran an ultramarathon through the deserts of Jordan to raise money for earthquake victims in Haiti. In these pages, we also focus on a group of students who teamed with a professor to study the economic, environmental, sociological, and cultural implications of water around the globe, then took what they learned to Honduras, where they provided clean water to rural villagers.

Closer to home, our doctoral psychology students are using innovative art therapy to help children in Pittsburgh’s Hill District explore their feelings about substance abuse, poverty, and conflict in their own families and communities. This partnership, also described in this issue, demonstrates the mutual benefit of Duquesne’s outreach for students, nonprofits, and the public.

Whether helping those far away or responding to the needs of our neighbors, we all can be touched by Sister Rosemary’s optimistic outlook: “If you dream big things, big things happen.”

That’s always been the Duquesne way. Thank you for being a part of it.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Duquesne University President
Law School Jumps Significantly in *U.S. News* Ranking

**Duquesne’s School of Law** leaped 23 spots in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2015 Best Graduate School Rankings.

Last year, Duquesne placed among top-tier law schools for the first time in a decade. This year, Duquesne jumped up to the 121st spot, shared with seven other institutions, including DePaul University in Chicago.

The law school was also ranked 12th best Legal Research and Writing program in the country, and advanced to No. 48 nationally in part-time law programs.

“This significant rise in our ranking demonstrates that Duquesne Law School is being recognized as a first-rate name in legal education,” says Dean Ken Gormley. “Despite declines in enrollment nationally, we’ve insisted on sticking to our high standards. The University has strongly supported us in insisting on excellence rather than compromising our standards to fill seats. It’s rewarding and humbling to receive this positive endorsement from our peers around the country.”

The law school, which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, has continued to garner regional and national attention. In September, it opened the Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education in the Uptown neighborhood of Pittsburgh to provide expanded legal services to underserved individuals and valuable skills training to students. The clinic doubled its space and launched several new programs, including a Veterans Clinic that was touted in *Stars and Stripes* newspaper as a model for others.
Students recently won an important case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit through Duquesne’s Federal Litigation Clinic. This spring, students from the clinic are scheduled to handle a federal jury trial, a rare experience for young lawyers, let alone for students.

During the past months, Duquesne law students have racked up an impressive string of victories in trial and appellate advocacy competitions regionally and nationally, including: first place in the 41st Academy of Trial Lawyers Mock Trial Competition Championship for the coveted Gourley Cup, besting law schools including Penn, William & Mary, Pitt and Catholic University; and Duquesne’s Appellate Moot Court team brought home a best advocate and a best brief award in the elite American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition in New York.

This year, Jan Levine, the law school’s director of legal research and writing, became the first professor in the United States to be honored with the two highest legal writing awards in the same year.

U.S. News reviewed 194 accredited law schools based on 12 factors, including quality assessment and peer ranking, selectivity, placement success, faculty resources and specialty rankings.

The School of Nursing has been ranked No. 6 in the nation among the Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs by U.S. News & World Report.

The School of Nursing was ranked No. 7 in 2013. The ranking process considered the school’s 96 percent retention rate, as well as considerations of the selectivity of the admission processes, service and technologies available, peer ratings, student engagement, faculty credentials and student indebtedness. This graduate program is offered entirely online.

“The latest U.S. News best online program ranking is a credit to the strength of our faculty and students, who make the Duquesne University School of Nursing one of the most innovative nursing schools in the country,” says Dr. Mary Ellen Glasgow, dean and professor of nursing.

U.S. News Rankings Recognize Graduate Schools of Education, Nursing, Business

The School of Education’s five Ph.D./Ed.D. programs, previously ranked at 161, rose to 126 among the 356 doctoral-degree granting institutions surveyed. Methodology for the ranking included research activity, which was the most heavily rated factor, as well as quality assessment by other deans and directors of graduate-level education studies, school superintendents and those hiring the school’s graduates, and education experts familiar with the school. Student selectivity and faculty resources also were included.

“To have our graduate programs rise 35 slots to be ranked 126th by U.S. News & World Report is an important quality indicator, especially as there are 1,760 schools and colleges of education nationally. We are proud that our graduate School of Education is among the top six highest ranked graduate schools/colleges of education in all of Pennsylvania,” says Dr. Olga Welch, dean of the School of Education.

The Donahue Graduate School of Business was recognized as one of the top part-time MBA programs in the country, soaring from No. 181 to 125 in the 2015 U.S. News’ survey of 453 accredited master’s programs. Recruiters and company contacts, as well as other MBA deans and directors, rated programs on their quality. Placement success and student selectivity were among the other factors weighed in the ranking.

“It’s great to see our part-time MBA program moving up the national rankings,” says Dr. Dean McFarlin, dean and professor of management. “Students interested in a part-time MBA literally have hundreds of choices in our region alone, so we are proud that ours is among the top 10 highest ranked programs in all of Pennsylvania and among the top three in our part of the state.”

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For children, creative play is real work. It’s a child’s natural medium of expression—a way to explore the world, learn new skills and process emotions.

The doctoral student therapists who work at Duquesne’s Psychology Clinic understand this, and for more than a decade, they’ve been working alongside the Hill House Community Collaborative to help the children of women and families struggling with substance abuse issues.

“We know that the children we serve face many different challenges,” says Dr. Jessie Goicoechea, director of the Psychology Clinic. “This might include oppression, racism, the stresses associated with urbanization and living in a low-income setting, and certainly the issues faced by families with addiction issues. Prevention efforts are key for these children’s mental health, and we’ve always wanted the prevention efforts to be culturally specific and child friendly.”

With this in mind, the clinic partnered with the Hill House to establish Children’s Art and Talk Groups (CHAAT). Working with Goicoechea, Terri Baltimore, Hill House’s vice president of neighborhood development, sought and secured funding from the Staunton Farm Foundation. This grant supports art
therapy for local children that brings together therapists from the Psychology Clinic with artists of color from the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

The therapists bring their expertise in clinical psychology, and the artists bring their expertise in art. Projects have included the creation of drums, papier-mâché masks, papier-mâché hand molds and a collage of found objects from community walks. Beyond the visual arts, the artists also engage the children in African drumming, storytelling, dance, and breathing and movement art. So far, all participating artists have been African-American, which helps ensure the cultural relevance of the therapeutic activities for the children.

“There’s some important research that shows that for African-American children and adolescents, pride in their race and ethnic background could be as important as self-esteem for their mental health,” explains Goicoechea. “With this in mind, we made sure that some of the therapeutic activities really focused on the participants’ race and ethnicity.”

Beyond what it does for therapeutic outcomes, the partnership between white therapists and African-American artists also provides the children with a positive model of how to work together and collaborate.

The Psychology Clinic, which is the primary training facility for Duquesne’s doctoral students in clinical psychology, benefits, too. The CHAAT initiative provides Duquesne students with experiential training and learning beyond what they’re reading in books about multicultural counseling.

Denise Mahone, a clinical psychology doctoral student who has participated in CHAAT, found the experience helpful for understanding non-traditional therapeutic environments.

“The work with CHAAT gave me a sense of the challenges of working as a psychologist outside the typical therapy milieu,” says Mahone. “The question shifts from ‘How does the client bring her world into the session room?’ to ‘How do I bring myself as a therapist into the complex world of this community?’”

Objectives for the therapy include self-discovery, self-expression, an increase in self-confidence, emotion regulation, learning how to identify and communicate feelings, improving conflict-resolution skills, and enhancing connections to the local neighborhood and broader community.

To develop the curriculum, Goicoechea and the seven participating doctoral students created plans based on their knowledge of child and clinical psychology. With drafts in place, they went to the participating artists for input and feedback.

The collaboration has reaped tangible benefits for the children.

“One thing that stands out is how many of the children over the course of the program really came out of their shells,” reflects Goicoechea. “At first, and understandably, some of the kids were shy, especially around our therapists. But on the final day of a particular cycle, the kids on their own decided to make goodbye cards for the therapists. They were very heartfelt thank-you cards, and I think that level of attachment attests to the children’s feelings about the community they helped to create.”

Beyond the camaraderie being built among program participants, CHAAT is helping to creatively build community that has even more widespread impact.

“The creativity is not just in the service of the children’s development as individuals,” explains Goicoechea. “It’s also in the collaborative process between institutions, between city neighbors. The creativity is also about community building.”

Future prospects for CHAAT look bright.

“We are committed to continuing with the program and are currently looking for funding sources,” says Goicoechea.

In the meantime, the Psychology Clinic continues its outreach to youth in the Hill District through similar programs. For example, in the 2013-2014 academic year, at the invitation of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh’s African American Achievement Trust Collective Focus Program, the Psychology Clinic provided three psychoeducational outreach programs to local middle school students. The clinic anticipates providing at least three more in 2014-2015.
Undergraduates Show Unprecedented Satisfaction with DU

More students than ever are satisfied with their first semester at Duquesne, with 97 percent returning to campus this spring.

Besides this unprecedented first semester retention rate, Duquesne’s Enrollment Management Group and University Retention Committee announced that the University’s six-year graduation rate is 76 percent, 11 percentage points above the national average.

Duquesne’s retention rate from the freshman to the sophomore year is more than eight percentage points above the national average for doctoral-degree granting institutions, says Paul-James Cukanna, associate provost for enrollment management.

“Retention and graduation rates are important gauges of student engagement, and our results reflect both the strategic investments of President Charles J. Dougherty, as well as the diligent work of many academic, administrative and student services colleagues across campus,” says Cukanna.

MBA Sustainability Places Second in Worldwide Competition

A team from Duquesne’s MBA Sustainability program placed second in an inaugural world competition in Switzerland based on a case study to improve sustainability operations at an international oil and gas company.

In the first Corporate Knights-Schulich Business for a Better World case competition, 28 teams from around the world were challenged to use a business plan to improve the global energy operations of Suncor Energy based upon sustainability metrics.

“Our students have just underscored that Duquesne operates an innovative, world-class program that’s among the very best anywhere by besting 27 of 28 teams from some of the finest MBA programs in the world,” says Dr. Dean McFarlin, dean of the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business.

The Duquesne team, sponsored by the Alcoa Foundation, included Alcoa Fellow Laura Demetriou Monahan; Sustainability Fellow Jana DiSanti; and Peace Corps Fellows Alison Etheridge and Stephen Sumpter.

Presentation Focuses on Women Living with HIV & AIDS in Africa

To help further the University’s strategic goal of placing an emphasis on Africa, the Center for African Studies, in collaboration with the Rev. Pierre Schouver, C.S.Sp., Endowed Chair in Mission, presented Women and HIV/AIDS: Cultural Challenges and Transformation in Contemporary East Africa.

The event, held March 24, featured Mary N. Getui, chairperson of Kenya’s National AIDS Control Council and professor at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, who discussed the impact—social, economic, political and spiritual—HIV and AIDS have had on African society, especially women.

Refurbished Crucifix Installed on Campus

Duquesne’s newly refurbished Pirkner Women’s Guild Cross was installed on March 6 at its new location in the grassy area between the Rockwell Hall skywalk and the upper entrance to the School of Health Sciences.
Three Students Selected for Goldwater Scholarships

Three Duquesne undergraduates have been named winners of prestigious Goldwater Scholarship Awards for the 2014-2015 academic year.

In a national competition, the scholars are selected from students in the fields of science, engineering and math based upon their impressive academic qualifications and intentions to pursue doctoral degrees. Only 283 students of the 1,166 applicants were chosen for the scholarship awards up to $7,500 a year.

Of the scholars selected, Duquesne was among the 17 percent of institutions with three or more awardees.

Duquesne’s Goldwater Scholars, based in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, are: Ben Jagger, mentored by Dr. Ralph Wheeler, chair of the chemistry department; Sarah Kochanek, mentored by Dr. Jeffrey Evanseck, professor of chemistry and biochemistry; and Claire Nicole Saunders, mentored by Dr. Simonetta Frittelli, chair of the physics department, and Dr. Stacey Levine, associate professor of mathematics in the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts.

Mobile App and Mobile-Optimized Website Launched

Capitalizing on the trend that Americans are using smartphone and tablet apps more than personal computers to access the Internet, the University has launched two new mobile-friendly initiatives:

Mobile App
This app is available in both the Android marketplace and the iTunes App Store and has numerous features, including a link for current students to access their class schedules and final grades. To download the app, go to the Play Store (Android) or App Store (iPhones) and search for Duquesne University.

Mobile-Optimized Website
The University's website has been mobile-optimized in a framework that makes for easier navigation on all popular smartphones. Now, visitors to www.duq.edu will be served a separate mobile design, with consistent branding, when accessing the site on a smartphone.

New BSN Program Launching for Registered Nurses

The School of Nursing is unveiling a new program for the fall that will make it easier for registered nurses (RNs) to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Nationwide, nurses are licensed to practice after passing the test for the RN credential. Frequently, RNs opt to earn associate degrees or a nursing diploma rather than devoting four years to obtaining a BSN.

However, national trends—including an aging population and the increased demand for health care services through the Affordable Care Act—and recommendations from a group of experts that 80 percent of the country’s nurses should have a baccalaureate degree by the year 2020, are fueling the need for the program.

Every course of the new program will be offered online. RN-BSN students will receive transfer credits for their previous nursing courses and other college credits can be transferred.

For more information, visit www.duq.edu/RN-BSN.

Rice on the Road Returns with New Excursions


The innovative, five-part lecture series explored social justice issues through excursions featuring mobile panels and on-site conversations. Community partners, residents and local leaders joined with University faculty, staff and students to discuss these important issues and the special role of community-engaged scholarship in encouraging awareness, education and responsible action for justice.

Topics in the series included: Human Trafficking in Pittsburgh; Looking in the Mirror of Racial Consciousness: The Culture of White Racism and Black Self-Determination; Fracking: Understanding its Local Impact; and Exploring Community Trauma.
Ground Broken for New Theater

Construction has started on a $4.5 million, 10,500-square-foot theater on Seitz Street, next to the School of Music. A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the theater, The Genesius Project, in April. Genesius is a legendary Christian saint and the patron saint of actors.

The upper level of the red brick-and-glass structure will include a main entrance and lobby, a theater seating up to 160, a rehearsal hall and a mobile ticket counter. The theater’s lower level will feature dressing rooms, set building shops, costume storage, mechanical/electrical rooms, offices and a green room.

The new theater will be used by Duquesne’s Red Masquers, Spotlight Musical Theater Company, School of Music ensembles, as well as performance and production classes.

“In keeping with the University’s commitment to sustainability and good environmental stewardship, the new theater will be fitted with energy-conscious lighting controllers and an efficient white roof that may provide a decrease in the building’s cooling costs,” says Rod Dobish, executive director of facilities management.

The theater is expected to be operational for the 2015-2016 academic year.
The University’s new biomedical engineering program is set to launch this fall with a curriculum that emphasizes medical applications, while also providing biomedical fundamentals in the context of a liberal arts education.

The program has limited enrollment to emphasize a high-quality classroom experience and mentored research. With more than 130 applications received, approximately 20 freshmen will make up the inaugural class. Due to the selective process, out of those accepted, the average SAT test score is 1290 and the average GPA is 3.9.

“I am very excited about the great demand to get into the program and the high-quality students who we have chosen to accept,” says Dr. John Viator, director of the biomedical engineering program. “Our limited class size will allow for close contact with faculty, ensuring personalized attention in all aspects of a superb undergraduate engineering education.”

Biomedical engineering, like any branch of engineering, uses scientific and mathematical principles to solve relevant problems facing the world, with a specific focus on improving human health. It is a large field and encompasses many distinct areas.

One such area will be a focus on melanoma, as Viator was awarded a $1.4 million grant by the National Institutes of Health to be the principal investigator of a five-year study to detect, capture and analyze these potentially cancerous cells.

“This project will use specialized laser technology to analyze blood samples of patients so that we can detect the spread of cancer months or even years before conventional imaging will detect it,” says Viator. “It may change the way we fight cancer in the future. Also, it gives our students a great opportunity to engage in cutting-edge, biomedical research.”

Outside of this specific project, a cross-disciplinary curriculum has been developed that incorporates engineering, math, science and liberal arts coursework.

“The program will exploit the existing strengths in health care and the sciences at Duquesne, bringing a new dimension to a great liberal arts institution,” says Viator.

Students will be required to complete 133 credit hours, including 52 credit hours of engineering content. Engineering classes begin the first year with one course taught each semester by Viator. The program culminates with a capstone course, where teams of three students will conceive, plan, build and test a medical device prototype over the course of a year.

To help students accomplish this task, the program has formed a partnership with TechShop, a Pittsburgh facility with access to world-class tools and equipment.

“TechShop is a business venture that provides top-notch machining and fabrication tools to members,” says Viator. “Kind of like a gym membership, but instead of elliptical trainers and free weights, there are lathes, 3D printers, laser cutters, welding machines, powder coaters and other equipment. Having TechShop available to our engineering students provides a new dimension to their experience at Duquesne, building upon their solid theoretical and mathematical education.”

Graduates of the program will be prepared for a career in health care, manufacturing, research or government, or for graduate studies, law or medical school, or other professional doctoral programs.

“Starting an engineering program from the ground up is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, not only for me, but for our students,” explains Viator. “Each student will be a full partner in building a program that will be the envy of the nation. They will have more impact in creating something great than any other students, anywhere.”

For more information about the new biomedical engineering program, visit www.duq.edu/bme.
Clean water is something many people take for granted. Turn on the tap, visit a water fountain, or pull the lever on the office water cooler and an almost unlimited supply of cold, clean drinking water is at your fingertips.

And because water is so plentiful in the United States, it can be difficult for Americans to comprehend how clean drinking water can be so scarce for people living in other parts of the world.

Seventeen Duquesne students got a firsthand look at problems caused by water scarcity when they visited Honduras in March to provide clean water to rural villagers. They were armed with the tools they needed to build a water filtration system and the materials to educate residents on clean drinking water. However, one of the most important things they took with them was a good understanding about water itself, knowledge gained from a new course on our Bluff dedicated to the economic, environmental, sociological and cultural implications of water.

“I’ve learned so much about low-cost, simple water filtration that I feel like an expert,” says Lauren Drumm, a junior environmental science major who made the trip to Honduras.
“The course opens your eyes to the water crisis and how much more complex it is than there just not being enough water.”

The course is a collaboration between Dr. Stan Kabala, associate director of the Center for Environmental Research and Education, Spiritan Campus Ministry and Pure Thirst, a student-run organization that focuses on issues of water.

Members of Pure Thirst, who were beginning to plan their Honduras trip, craved more knowledge about the global factors that affect the quality and quantity of water available in developing nations. Kabala’s one-unit online course, Water, Environment and Development, gained notice on campus and drew the attention of Spiritan Campus Ministry, which was working closely with Pure Thirst. Spiritan Campus Ministry and Pure Thirst approached Kabala last year and asked him to create a full-semester, three-unit course on water quality to prepare them for their trip. Kabala quickly accepted the challenge.

“The course is just one piece in this constellation of activity,” he says. “Why wouldn’t we do this?”

And just like that, a new course, ENVI 456—also called Water, Environment, and Development—was born. At its very core, the course is about water—something that everyone needs but, in a lot of places, there simply isn’t enough of it to go around. It revolves around the themes of adequacy (do people have enough?), accessibility (can they get to it?), cost (can they afford it?) and quality (does it make them sick?).

Through activities such as course readings, lectures, case studies and guest speakers, students are able to closely examine the environmental, technical, economic and social factors that affect the quality and quantity of water available in developing nations. They also learn about tools that can bring water to those without it—low-cost solutions made from local materials that are simple enough for people to make and maintain on their own.

“The course has helped me to get a more well-rounded view of the water crisis around the world,” says Matthew Burnett, Pure Thirst’s founder and current director. “And through the trip to Honduras, I was able to see firsthand the filtration systems that we discussed in class and to see why those particular systems were chosen for that particular area.”

The course is now part of the University’s core curriculum, in the Global Diversity theme area.

“I first saw ENVI 456 as an opportunity to create a course that linked ecological and health considerations with the economic and social realities of life in developing countries,” says Kabala. “I soon realized that the linkages were much broader—connecting science, ethics and service in a manner that enabled students to concretely improve the lives of the people they met and worked with in Honduras.”

For more information on Pure Thirst and the recent trip to Honduras, visit www.purethirst.org.
For more than 25 years, Fathers Edward and Leonard Bushinski were familiar faces on our Bluff. Fr. Len taught scripture studies from 1959-1987 and then worked in the University Archives. Fr. Ed was a campus icon, teaching a marriage course to more than 15,000 students from 1961-1988. His unique classroom style—complete with skits and posters taped to the walls—earned him a devoted following.

Bill Bell, P’92, knew them better than most. He was their nephew. "My earliest memory of Duquesne was when my family traveled from Philadelphia in the late ’70s to visit Fr. Joe Lauritis in Mercy Hospital," he recalls. “Fr. Joe was my great uncle and the reason why Fr. Ed and Fr. Len entered the Spiritans. At one time, there were four Spiritan relatives all on campus, with the inclusion of Fr. Francis Malinowski, who was a cousin.”

Bell’s older siblings preceded him to Duquesne. "I visited them many times during their school years and stayed in the dorms with my brother Ed,” he remembers. “I knew from an early age that Duquesne was where I would be going; it was just a matter of choosing a major. My brother was in pharmacy, so I chose that when I enrolled and have never regretted that decision.”

Bell, now a senior account executive with PerformRx, a benefits management firm, would explore the University’s history with Fr. Len in the archives and often encountered Fr. Ed. "As a freshman, I would see him every morning at the flagpole in front of College Hall as I walked to class,” says Bell. “He would ask me how things were going and if I had any difficulties adjusting to life on campus. I got to see him in the cassock pulling the duct-taped bag that contained his charts. It was a nice few minutes together to talk before beginning our day.”

Few of Bell’s friends knew of his family ties. “I tried not to make it known, as I wanted to be just like everyone else,” he explains. “When Fr. Len passed away in 1991, people noticed that I had family on campus during finals week. Fr. Ed presented me with my diploma in 1992, so at that time, the secret was out!”

Though he never had the opportunity to take Fr. Ed’s marriage class, Bell and his wife, Maureen, heard and heeded his wise advice. “Maureen and I met at church many years ago, so we feel that there is a higher presence watching over our marriage and us,” he says. “We have both read Fr. Ed’s book The Call to Marriage. It has been a great source of inspiration and guidance.”

After retiring from the classroom, Fr. Ed served as an ambassador for the alumni relations office. Bell follows in his footsteps as a leader in the Philadelphia alumni chapter and a former member of the Alumni Board of Governors. He represents Duquesne at college fairs, and he and Maureen organize an annual send-off for freshmen from the area before the fall semester begins.

Most recently, the Bells have established an endowed scholarship to assist professional phase pharmacy students from the Philadelphia area. “I was given a tremendous opportunity to attend Duquesne University and obtain a pharmacy degree with little or no financial consequence,” he explains. “I feel it is my duty to give back to Duquesne all that it has given me.

“I would hope that my uncles are looking down and are proud of me and know that I was blessed to have them.”

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Aphasia impacts about 1 million Americans, interrupting or eliminating the ability to comprehend and express language as a result of brain damage, most often from stroke. This far-reaching challenge was addressed by the Department of Speech-Language Pathology’s fifth annual symposium, *Beyond Impairment: Planning Evidence-Based Interventions for Aphasia Using the A-FROM Model*, held on March 21 in the Power Center Ballroom.

Dr. Marjorie Nicholas, associate chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in Boston, delivered the symposium’s keynote.

OnlinePhDProgram.org has named Gumberg Library to its *Reading & Research: 101 Vital University Library Websites* list.

OnlinePhDProgram.org helps future doctoral candidates find the program that meets their needs and goals by offering helpful blog posts, articles and other information about online Ph.D. programs. Schools included on this list are recognized for maintaining a website that is “rich with content while still easy to use.”

As part of a leadership summit, approximately 100 high school seniors visited campus on Jan. 23 as part of We Promise, a group of African-American males in the Pittsburgh Public Schools who are on the cusp of earning a Pittsburgh Promise scholarship. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the student organization Collegiate 100, in conjunction with Pittsburgh Public Schools, the event included a welcome by School of Education Dean Dr. Olga Welch.

More than 350 young musicians and performers were featured on March 24 in the collaborative concert *One Roof, One Voice*, presented by the Mary Pappert School of Music at Heinz Hall for the Performing Arts. The event included performances by the Duquesne Symphony Orchestra with conductor Jeffrey Turner; Voices of Spirit and the Pappert Chorales under the direction of Craig G. Cannon and Robert Allen Kurth; the Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras with conductor John Wilcox; and the Children’s Festival Chorus with director Christine Jordanoff.

The story of how a Civil War-era log cabin’s rich and unique history was revealed was the focus of a Women’s History Month event on March 27 in the Power Center Ballroom. *Not Even Past: Six Acres and a Mule or Searching for Vicey Skipwith* was presented by Dr. Angelita Reyes, professor of African and African-American studies and English at Arizona State University, and sponsored by the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, the McAnulty College NEH Endowment, the Departments of English and History, and the Center for African Studies.

On March 27, *The Music of Stevie Wonder* was performed by the School of Music’s Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Mike Tomaro. In addition to the Jazz Ensemble, *The Music of Stevie Wonder* featured faculty soloists, including guitarists Bill Purse and Ken Karsh, vocalist Maureen Budway and student vocalists.
University’s Michael A. Musmanno Collection Details Important Historical Events

By Thomas White, University Archivist

Though the famous murder trial of Sacco and Vanzetti and the Nuremberg trials happened far away from Pittsburgh, Duquesne is one of the best places to get details about these and other important historical moments of the twentieth century.

The University Archives, on the first floor of the Gumberg Library, houses the papers, photographs and artifacts of the late Justice Michael Angelo Musmanno, who played a vital role in the trials. The collection tells the story of a young man born in 1897 on the outskirts of Pittsburgh who grew to become a dynamic and controversial figure in politics and law.

Donated to Duquesne by the Musmanno and Cercone families in 1980, the collection also features original materials related to the Coal and Iron Police, the anti-communist movement and the Adolf Eichmann trial. Some of Musmanno’s personal items—including rare and important artifacts, such as a baseball signed by Honus Wagner—are also contained in the collection.

Though he was born to a working class family, Musmanno set his sights on getting an extensive education. After receiving multiple degrees from George Washington University, Georgetown, National University, American University and the University of Rome, Musmanno began to practice law in Pennsylvania. He made a national name for himself by joining the appeals team of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, immigrant anarchists accused of murder in Massachusetts who were widely believed to have received a biased trial. Though Musmanno disagreed with their politics, he strongly felt that they should receive a fair trial. It became one of the most important legal cases of the early twentieth century. Correspondence from Sacco, Vanzetti and their supporters is contained in the collection along with other documentation.

Musmanno also waged an early campaign against drunk driving, tried to end the Sunday Blue Laws in Pennsylvania, and, through a sustained campaign of public pressure, helped to bring about the end of the Coal and Iron Police.

Musmanno served in the state legislature before becoming a judge in the county court (1932-1934) and common pleas court (1934-1951). The outbreak of World War II drew the patriotic judge into military service. He initially served as a naval aide to General Mark Clark, but after the Allied victory in southern Italy, he was appointed military governor of the Sorrentine Peninsula. Musmanno was awarded numerous medals for his service, including the Purple Heart. As the war drew to a close, his legal background and education led to his involvement with two important post-war jobs.

First, Musmanno joined a group of Navy investigators tasked with determining the fate of Adolf Hitler and creating a picture of his final days. As a result, he interviewed everyone who escaped Hitler’s bunker at the end of the siege of Berlin. The extensive interviews have been preserved in the collection, and have also been digitized by the Gumberg Library at http://digital.library.duq.edu. The interviews were used as the primary source for Musmanno’s book Ten Days to Die, which was turned into a motion picture.

Another somber task awaited Musmanno at Nuremberg. He was presiding judge for the Einsatzgruppen trial, where the leaders of the Nazi mobile death squads were tried and convicted. All of Musmanno’s original documentation from Nuremberg, including papers, photographs and films, is accessible to researchers.

After seeing the work of totalitarian governments
firsthand, Musmanno turned his attention after the war to communism. By the late 1940s, he was leading a campaign to make the Communist Party illegal in America and participated as an expert witness in several local anti-communist trials. He also authorized a raid on the local Communist Party headquarters. The propaganda materials that were confiscated make up part of the collection, as do the various trial documents and his other anti-communist records.

It was during his anti-communist campaign that Musmanno was appointed to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1952.

In 1961, he attended the trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann and served as a witness for the prosecution.

Musmanno’s extensive collection documents every aspect of his life and provides insight into the important historical events in which he was involved. The collection is open to researchers and the public during regular hours of the University Archives or by special appointment. For more information, please visit [http://guides.library.duq.edu/archives](http://guides.library.duq.edu/archives).
Duquesne University’s forensics program has crime-solving in its DNA.

The program, which has long taught students how to extract and analyze DNA, has the eyes of the law enforcement world upon it as it pioneers new evidence collection methods and processes.

In the area of DNA research, students are firing hundreds of rounds at the Allegheny County Police Academy Range to develop procedures for recovering DNA from spent cartridges. In the field of gunshot residue studies, students are measuring how much byproduct remaining on skin and clothing after a gun is fired might be transferred from the police environment to a suspect.
Duquesne’s forensics program, at the cutting edge of providing students with in-the-field experiences, has been working for several years around these firearm issues.

Dr. Lisa Ludvico, assistant professor of biology, became aware of a study that was unsuccessful in attempts to recover DNA from fired bullets. Ludvico and adjunct professor Ron Freeman, former commander of Pittsburgh City Police, brainstormed. Because most people load their own guns, DNA and fingerprints should be present. But why wasn’t the evidence recovery successful in the study Ludvico read?

“Like most great research,” notes Ludvico, “it just starts with a question.”

Freeman’s first thoughts went to friction. When a gun is loaded, the friction between fingers and ammunition causes epithelial cells to shed off the fingers. Friction between the ammo and the trigger also creates heat. Was the heated chamber hot enough to degrade DNA?

He and Ludvico involved students in field tests, working with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire, which shared an instrument to measure the temperature of the spent casings and the gun’s chamber.

It was only half the temperature that burns DNA.

The next step was to try again. Instead of firing single shots, students fired successive rounds, increasing the gun’s internal temperature. Students discovered the temperature still wasn’t high enough to destroy DNA. This time, Ludvico instructed students to swab not only the spent cartridges but the inside of each envelope used to hold them.

Those simple instructions generated a breakthrough.

“There was more DNA inside the envelope than on the casings,” says Freeman.

The next question revolved around not only the presence of DNA, but the quality and preservation of DNA and fingerprints. Ludvico and her students conducted field studies to determine the most efficient way for crime scene investigators to retrieve the spent cartridges—and it wasn’t the gloved hand so often seen on TV. They found it’s far more effective—quicker and less disruptive of fingerprint and DNA evidence—to skewer the empty casing on a small wooden rod and dump the cartridge inside a small metal container or paper envelope (moisture and plastic are enemies of DNA, explains Ludvico).

For the world of criminal investigation and forensic evidence, this was an “aha” moment, one shared with the Allegheny County
Medical Examiner in case there was interest in adopting these field techniques. The Chicago Police Department, which has a new $1.6 million forensics lab, also is hoping to apply Duquesne’s tactics, says Freeman.

While possibly impacting work in the field, students also gain experience using a mass spectrometer to produce digital images, and creating and using an in-house genotype process, as well as a commercial one.

“We really like to expose our students to the newest technology,” says Ludvico. “Many forensic science students don’t have access to this type of equipment and processing.”

The fired shot earns the attention of Freeman, Ludvico and their students, while Dr. Stephanie Wetzel, assistant professor of chemistry, and her students focus on who is holding the weapon.

In research that may establish a new baseline standard for criminal investigations, Wetzel’s students are examining gunshot residue, the microscopic “leftovers” containing barium, lead and antimony that collect on skin and clothing after a person has fired a weapon. Accused shooters might claim that they never fired the gun—instead, they say, the residue on them was transferred from the arresting officer, the handcuffs or the seats of the cruiser. It’s not an unbelievable claim, but how much ambient residue actually is transferred?

To establish that baseline, Wetzel’s students are working with four Pittsburgh area police forces, volunteering to be handcuffed, ride in the back seat of cruisers, then have the amount of residue on them measured. With Duquesne’s state-of-the-art scanning electron microscope and liquid chromatography mass spectrometer, which allow chemicals to be detected and separated, students determine the amounts involved in the transfer.

Fourth-year student Leah Ali, who has been part of this project since her sophomore year, says that preliminary data shows the amount of gunshot residue transferred is negligible. The baseline finding is significant because none previously existed.

Ali is hoping to graduate next year with her master’s degree and a published paper showcasing these results. She concurs with Wetzel’s assessment that the hands-on work with the microscope and spectrometer, as well as the experience of doing the evidence-based research, are invaluable to her knowledge and to career prospects.

“If you perform research, you learn valuable skills you need down the road: troubleshooting skills, reassessment, redirecting research,” says Wetzel. “Students have the opportunity to work on high-level instruments on campus. They advance differently when you have hands-on experiences versus learning just to use the equipment for a class.”

Other students are determining the differences between organic and inorganic residue elements and how they stick to organic materials, such as cotton, and inorganic materials, such as polyester clothing, as well as the difference in residue content and amounts from reloaded ammunition.

The potential for more real-life applications lies ahead. Several students already have been chosen to present at the annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in February and their findings could improve processes in the field.

“It could allow us to catch more criminals,” says Freeman.
RUNNING FOR A REASON

Alumnus Completes Arduous Race to Benefit the Poor of Haiti

BY SETH TAGGERT, A’13

What could compel someone to run a grueling seven-day foot race through the deserts of Jordan?

Christopher Murrer, L’09, embraced this daunting challenge as a way to celebrate his personal triumphs while helping those less fortunate overcome their own difficult circumstances.

For Murrer, an attorney in Washington, D.C., running in any setting is, in itself, a victory. While in college, he suffered a collapsed arch in his foot that eventually required reconstructive surgery and years of rehabilitation.

“In 2010, I couldn’t finish a 5K without walking,” recalls Murrer.

Since then, he has completed six marathons, two Ironman triathlons, and two 24-hour-long obstacle courses, along with other races and a competitive swim across the Chesapeake Bay.

“I consider myself to be insanely fortunate,” he explains, “and I swore that I wouldn’t let it go to waste.”

These remarkable feats pale against the rigors of The Sahara Race, part of a series of contests through the world’s most extreme climates. Usually held in Egypt, this year’s race was moved to Jordan due to political instability in the region, but the rules and conditions were just as tough.

Runners were required to carry all of their own food, safety gear and clothing over the entire route; the only assistance provided was water and medical support, along with tents for sleeping between the six daily stages, which ranged from 22 to 56 miles.

While Murrer was running in the Middle East, his motivation was half a world away. His friend, Ian Rosenberger, is the founder of Team Tassy, a Pittsburgh-based charity formed in the wake of Haiti’s 2010 earthquake and named for a boy Rosenberger met during a rescue mission there. Tassy had a life-threatening tumor in his face; Rosenberger raised funds for an operation that saved the child’s life.

“Ian realized that Tassy’s immediate struggle was medical, but the underlying problem was much larger,” explains Murrer. “Team Tassy prepares and places the poor of Haiti into good, dignified jobs so that they can pull themselves out of poverty forever.”

Murrer crossed the finish line in the ancient city of Petra on Feb. 22, completing the 155-mile course in a total running time of 38 hours, 33 minutes. More importantly, by securing donations in support of his effort, he and his team also raised more than $50,000 for Team Tassy.

“I would definitely do another event, but mainly because our fundraising was so successful,” says Murrer. “Finishing the race provided an immense sense of accomplishment. But reaching our fundraising goal and knowing that Team Tassy was better able to save and improve lives, was much more satisfying.”

Murrer considers his achievement an extension of Duquesne’s mission.

“Duquesne prides itself on preparing students to pursue their goals while instilling the notion that they should use their gifts, skills and resources to serve others,” he explains. “Ian and I utilized our abilities, skills and resources to pursue an endeavor that grabbed attention, spread the word about Team Tassy, and will help Team Tassy to serve a very poor, but capable, community in Haiti.”

To learn more about Team Tassy, visit www.teamtassy.org.
WAR & peace
SISTER ROSEMARY NYIRUMBE
Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe still remembers coming upon the open door. She knew she had closed it earlier. And, after years of living through a violent civil war that shattered her community, she knew the open door could only mean one thing—someone capable of harming her and the other sisters had broken in.

Sister Rosemary prayed, as she always did at times of peril throughout the war, for God to give her the right words. As she encountered the soldier who had broken in, she discovered he needed food and medicine. She handled the situation calmly, giving the man what he needed and sending him away. Once again, divine intervention seemed to steer her away from danger.

The story of Sister Rosemary’s courage, optimism and strength is told in Sewing Hope, a new film and companion book, which capture the small nun’s big heart as she works to help young people traumatized by the decades-long civil war in Uganda regain their lives and dignity. Sister Rosemary’s goal is not only to educate the girls, but to give them the confidence to rebuild their lives.

“I love children, the vulnerable, the weak,” says Sister Rosemary, GLPA’08. She’s helping those considered most vulnerable—girls who were kidnapped, raped and forced to kill others in the name of the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA), a militant movement led by Joseph Kony best known for massive killing sprees throughout Uganda and abducting children who were ordered to become child soldiers.

St. Monica’s Vocational School in Gulu, Uganda, where Sister Rosemary is assigned,
War & Peace

is trying to alleviate the effects of the horrific trauma inflicted upon these child soldiers—girls like “Sharon,” who told the haunting and harrowing story of being forced to kill her own sister or be killed.

“I will never forget her,” says Sister Rosemary. “She was not able to look at people. This girl was not able to look at me.”

Sharon’s years in captivity were horrible. Sister Rosemary wanted to help her deal with her terrible memories to give her a brighter future. But, she soon found another problem—because Sharon was abducted so young, she had very little education and was not able to keep up in her classes at St. Monica’s. Sister Rosemary decided to introduce a course in practical dressmaking and cutting.

“I introduced that class and I saw 20 girls wanted to go to that same class,” says Sister Rosemary. “I thought, ‘We have a problem.’”

Sister Rosemary then realized many students in her school were former captives and had made daring escapes from the LRA. She started giving them a lot of her time, listening to their stories and keeping their confidences. She knew there were more girls in need of her help, so she made a radio announcement that offered practical courses and babysitting for any young women who were held captive. Almost 240 girls responded to the radio announcement, many showing up at St. Monica’s with their children.

“I didn’t know I was putting myself in trouble,” says Sister Rosemary, laughing at the memory of being overwhelmed with students.

Like with every situation in her life, Sister Rosemary put her trust in God.

“When you say yes to God, he takes you an extra mile,” she says.

In addition to educating young women, St. Monica’s became a place of refuge for the former captives and also a hiding spot for those afraid of being abducted. Between 2003 and 2006, St. Monica’s would hide up to 300 children every night, when the LRA would raid villages.

“It was the most painful thing to see,” says Sister Rosemary, of the children who became known as “night commuters” because they would go to school during the day, but seek refuge outside of their villages at night.

―Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe

“If you keep your dreams to yourself, they won’t work. If you share them with other people, good things happen.”
“They were running away. It was a very, very difficult and complicated situation.”

Sister Rosemary pleaded with local religious communities to give her blankets and food for the children. Keeping these children safe took a toll on her.

“I didn’t get a lot of sleep,” says Sister Rosemary, who still can’t fall asleep before midnight and has frequent nightmares. “My mind was thinking, ‘Are they safe, is everything okay?’”

Eventually, the war subsided. But, her community remains devastated and she continues to do whatever it takes to help the families in her midst.

Word of her success at educating traumatized young people and rebuilding people’s shattered lives has spread. Earlier this year, she received the 2014 UN Women Impact Award. In 2007, she was honored with the CNN Heroes Award. Several nonprofit organizations have partnered with her to provide funding for her work and send volunteers to help at St. Monica’s, which now offers courses in tailoring, catering, agriculture and business administration, as well as a daycare center, kindergarten and medical clinic.

Education plays a huge role in her life, and she continues to seek out learning opportunities for herself. In 2008, she was given the opportunity to pursue her master’s degree in the Leadership in Mission program conducted by the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement at Duquesne’s Italian Campus. In the course of the program, she worked closely with women religious from many other parts of the world as they studied and learned together and developed new skills for carrying out their apostolic work. She enjoyed her time in Italy and the opportunities it provided her to visit many sites of key historical importance to the Church. She continues to use her leadership skills every day, most recently overseeing the construction of two more vocational schools in Atiak, Uganda, and Torit, South Sudan. She is proud of the success of her work, and she has no plans to slow down:

“The older I get, the more my dreams grow, and the clearer my visions get,” she writes in Sewing Hope. “I have learned that if you keep your dreams to yourself, they won’t work. If you share them with other people, good things happen. If you dream big things, big things happen. I will never stop dreaming big.”

For more information on Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe’s work, please visit www.sewinghope.com.

Left: Purse-making at St. Monica’s.
Above: Reggie Whitten (co-author of Sewing Hope), Sister Rosemary, Rachelle Whitten and Forest Whitaker.
Not so long ago, obesity was largely dismissed. When Gary Foster, Ph.D., A’81, entered the field of obesity research nearly 30 years ago, he was surprised to find the disease being treated as a punch line rather than a serious public health crisis affecting over one-third of the adult population. In his years studying obesity, Foster has seen a dramatic shift in both popular opinion and attitudes in the medical community.

Today, many people see obesity as a disease that results in shortened lives, sickness and disability. In fact, the American Medical Association recently classified obesity as a disease.

Foster’s passion about obesity research is being directed at millions of Americans in his new position as chief scientific officer, Weight Watchers International, Inc. There, he manages the company’s science-based program, directs all clinical research initiatives and oversees new innovation in programs and product offerings, all geared at helping people lose weight and live healthier lifestyles.

Foster admits that being at Weight Watchers creates a fair amount of pressure knowing that he, in part, is responsible for helping so many people lose weight and effectively manage their weight.

“We’re in the middle of an obesity epidemic,” says Foster, “and it can be refreshing, challenging and at times a tad intimidating to realize I play an active role in something with stakes this high. I’m encouraged that by using evidence-based approaches and continually innovating those approaches to meet consumers where they are, we can fight back against the obesity epidemic and see strides in restoring our population’s health.”

His interest in health and helping others can be traced back to his work with low-income populations.

“TIPING THE SCALE: Catching Up With Weight Watchers’ Gary Foster, Ph.D.”

BY MICHELLE BOEHM

“After graduation, I landed at the University of Pennsylvania as an obesity researcher where I was lucky to have three exceptional and supportive mentors,” says Foster. “Without them, I’m not sure where my psychology degree would have taken me.”

To date, it has taken him far. In 2006, Foster founded the Center for Obesity Research and Education at Temple University’s School of Medicine. He has authored more than 175 scientific publications and three books on the etiology and treatment of obesity. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. His research on the school-based prevention of obesity was cited by the American Heart Association as one of the top 10 advances in cardiovascular research in 2008. He is a former president of The Obesity Society and is an honorary member of the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Today, he is poised to put his decades of research expertise to use in his high-profile role with Weight Watchers.

“Looking back,” says Foster, “my entire professional life has been focused on better understanding, preventing and treating obesity. Now, at Weight Watchers, I am in a position to help develop the tools millions of people can use to embark on a healthier lifestyle.”
1. President Charles Dougherty greets Jack Reilly, B’54, and Gerry Miller, S’55, GA’57, PhD’59, at the Sarasota, Fla., alumni reception in February.

2. Alumni and friends enjoyed Reverend John Sawicki’s evening of wine education and celebration of Founder’s Week in February.

3. The Duke joined alumni, parents, students and friends at a pre-game reception held before each of the men’s basketball games at the CONSOL Energy Center.

4. Andrea (Komanecky) Mayer, HS’09, DPT’11, and Ryan Mayer were recently married in Strongsville, Ohio. They are shown with many Duquesne alumni and friends who were there to help them celebrate their special day. Submit your wedding announcements at www.myduquesne.duq.edu.

5. Alumni, parents, and current and prospective students came together for their annual gathering in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in March.

6. The Red and Blue Brew, held in March, brought alumni to campus for beer samples, food and good company while benefiting a great cause: The Young Alumni Impact Fund.
DART Volunteers Help Students Discover our Bluff

Finding the right college or university has never been easy. High school students are bombarded with glossy direct mail—and e-mails, texts and tweets—introducing them to hundreds of schools.

As a high school teacher in Connecticut, Anthony Gargano, E’03, sees students struggle with the process every day. “My goal is to help students find the school that will help nurture them into the individuals they wish to become,” says Gargano.

Outside the classroom, he pursues that objective as a volunteer with the Duquesne Alumni Recruitment Team (DART), a group of trained alumni that helps the University attract potential students. DART volunteers assist the Admissions staff by representing Duquesne at college fairs, sending letters to accepted students, hosting events and other forms of outreach.

DART members are drawn to the program for different reasons. For Gargano, it was the expectation of service that was instilled on our Bluff. “There is a difference, in my mind, between being a Duquesne graduate and living your life as a Duquesne graduate,” he explains. “One of the greatest lessons I learned at Duquesne was that community comes before the individual, and making a difference is the most satisfying feeling an individual can experience.”

Michelle Buzzelli, HS’07, took a different path. An aide in the Admissions Office as a student, she was later jokingly told that she couldn’t leave until she signed up to assist at college fairs. “It sounds like coercion, but it wasn’t,” the Maryland resident quips. “I loved my time working with the staff in the Admissions Office. I know the hard work and the effort and love they give to their positions and what they do for Duquesne. As a DART volunteer, they make me feel like I’m a part of something and someplace that I love, even when I live away from Pittsburgh.”

Chad Baker, P’00, and his wife Karen, A’00, live in Charlotte, N.C. “We feel that it is important to give back to Duquesne as volunteers because we both had a wonderful experience and enjoy spreading the word to others who may not be familiar with the University,” they explain. “The most rewarding part is when we get to share our personal experiences and knowledge of Duquesne with prospective students.”

That personal interaction often helps students find their way through the barrage of marketing messages. “I have the opportunity to talk with individuals who are facing the same challenges and questions that I had in searching for a school that addressed who I was and who I wanted to become,” says Gargano. “The look on a student’s face when they realize that Duquesne might be the right choice for them is what makes volunteering with DART so special.”

The time commitment required of DART members is flexible; training and materials are provided. To learn more or volunteer, contact Lauren Moran, associate director of Alumni Relations, at 412.396.4275 or moranl1@duq.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP

Looks Back, Alumnus Gives Back

Fifty years ago, the Baby Boom arrived on our Bluff, as children born in the years after World War II began to enter college.

“It was a great time to be at Duquesne,” remembers Robert Fragasso, E’67. “We were the sons and daughters of the ‘Greatest Generation,’ and they were making a better world for us. Many of us were the first in our families to go to college, and we were getting an opportunity for a higher education that our parents and grandparents never had.”

Fragasso typified the new wave. The son of Italian immigrants—a tailor and a seamstress—he commuted to both class and a job, and was active as a member of the Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

“We were all working students,” he recalls. “We needed to work to get through school, but whether we lived at home or in the dorms, the campus was the center of our lives.”

After graduation, Fragasso pursued a career in financial planning. As founder, chairman and CEO of Pittsburgh-based Fragasso Financial Advisors, he has helped clients save for retirement, education and other goals for more than 40 years.

Fragasso credits his experience at Duquesne for much of his success. “Duquesne provided me with a thorough classical education,” he says. “You wouldn’t think that the history courses I took would help me as an investment manager, but they do as we consider the market’s peaks and valleys. Mostly, though,
Alumni Chapters
Spread Spirit of Duquesne

By Liz (Samuel) Richards, A’68
Chicago Chapter
Alumni Board of Governors

Duquesne Alumni Chapters are a bit like your family—full of untold resources to discover and pool. Over the last several years, the Alumni Board of Governors has further committed itself to alumni service by increasing the number of alumni engaged with chapter activity throughout the country, and providing proven and tangible resources to help them grow.

Now, in addition to Pittsburgh, there are chapters in New York, Philadelphia, Charlotte, Washington, D.C., Cleveland and Chicago, with resources available for other regions with strong alumni support. Starting those chapters and sharing resources through increased synergy is one of the alumni board’s major accomplishments, and the cornerstone for future alumni involvement.

The Office of Alumni Relations has established start-up programs, informational materials and communications services, along with staff liaisons to each chapter. The Chicago Chapter has put together sample documents and checklists to serve as resources to new chapters or those looking for additional ideas.

One of the most visible results of this synergy, in addition to new chapter establishment, has been the explosion of activity, with chapter events increasing to include casual get-togethers, networking events, theater trips, picnics, wine tastings, sporting events and day trips of local or historical interest. Alumni who want a familiar “touchstone” in cities where they live and work can benefit greatly through an organization in which everyone has a common history, no matter their year or school of graduation.

In addition, established chapters are creating endowed scholarships for their area’s incoming Duquesne students, further promoting the name of Duquesne in their cities. All chapters are encouraged to engage in community service projects annually, carrying the mission of Serving God Through Serving Others from the Bluff to wherever they live and work.

We’ve come a long way from the days when Pittsburgh was the only place to find Duquesne alumni! The name Duquesne is now recognized across the country—without being asked how to pronounce it! If you are interested in getting involved with a chapter in your area or learning more about launching a new alumni chapter, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumnionline@duq.edu or 412.396.6209.

Alumni are shown at a recent wine tasting sponsored by the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter.

In appreciation, Fragasso and his wife, Janine, recently committed to establish two new endowed scholarship funds. “It’s part of the payback,” he says. “I think we all have that obligation.”

Fragasso’s fund, the Nick Capelety Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is named for an uncle who loaned money to help him pay tuition.

“My scholarship is to help the needy student—the young man or woman who would not be able to find their way to attend without that help,” he says.

His wife’s scholarship, the John and Wilma Jean Dillon Memorial Scholarship, has a different focus. “Janine’s dad served with Patton’s Army in World War II, so she started a fund to help veterans who are attending Duquesne,” explains Fragasso.

Fragasso was also instrumental in an effort among brothers of Alpha Epsilon and its successor fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, to endow a scholarship in memory of their longtime advisor, the Rev. Joseph Duchene, C.S.Sp.

“We’re very pleased that the Father Duchene scholarship is over a million dollars, and helping quite a few young people,” he says.

Fragasso returns to campus frequently for fraternity events and other activities, and is impressed to see the investment paying dividends. Of today’s students, he observes, “These are good, solid young people, no different than we were back in the ‘60s. There are people who are trying to better their lives and better their communities. Why wouldn’t I invest in that?”

Robert and Janine Fragasso support a number of local causes in addition to Duquesne. They are shown here at a gala to benefit Animal Friends.
Our Bluff in Brief

DU Honored with People Do Matter Award

Duquesne was presented with the Pittsburgh Human Resources Association’s 2014 People Do Matter award in March.

Duquesne received the award in the “People” category for its Minority Development Internship Program. Initiated by President Charles J. Dougherty, the program demonstrates the University’s commitment to promoting an inclusive work culture that values diversity and attracts, develops and retains talented employees of all backgrounds.

Launched in 2007, the program was built on the principles of equal employment opportunity and has seen success in increasing diversity amongst candidates, hires and promotions. Nine individuals have served as interns and of those nine, seven have obtained permanent employment at Duquesne; one remains active in the program and the other is pursuing a corporate career.

Public Affairs Wins Two CUPPIE Awards

Two Duquesne publications produced by the Office of Public Affairs were recognized with awards by CUPRAP, the Association of Communicators in Education.

The School of Business Centennial Book won a gold award in a print category and the Viewbook won a silver award in the viewbooks category.

This year, CUPRAP received more than 300 entries and awarded only 35 CUPPIES.

Symposium Focuses on Phenomenology & the African and Africana Worlds

The Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center held its 32nd annual symposium, Phenomenology and the African and Africana Worlds, in February to explore phenomenology in Africa and the diaspora—its challenges, its possibilities and its insights.

According to Dr. Jeffrey McCurry, director of the Phenomenology Center and organizer of the event, some of the most interesting and challenging phenomenology work is being done by African and Africana thinkers, philosophers, cultural theorists, psychologists and theologians.

The symposium explored how phenomenology, as an approach to understanding, can illuminate dimensions of African and Africana experience and in turn how the experience can illuminate and challenge traditional notions of phenomenology.
**Time Travel in Experimental Evolution Focus of Darwin Day**

An experiment that has been 25 years in the making was the focus of the 2014 Darwin Day held in February.

Speaker and evolutionary biologist Dr. Richard E. Lenski, the Hannah Distinguished Professor of Microbial Ecology at Michigan State University, presented *Time Travel in Experimental Evolution*. The lecture addressed how Lenski’s laboratory propagated 12 populations of Escherichia coli in a simple environment for 25 years and more than 50,000 generations.

Darwin Day, an annual international celebration of the life and work of Charles Darwin, is sponsored by the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences. The event emphasizes the importance of science education in today’s modern world and the impact evolutionary biology has on many aspects of our lives.

**Holy Spirit’s Role in Church Teachings Focus at Holy Spirit Lecture**

Since its inception, the Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium has featured world-class scholars who explore the theology of the Holy Spirit in dialogue with contemporary issues. Dr. Richard Gaillardetz continued this tradition when he presented *How Does the Holy Spirit Assist the Church in Its Teachings?* at the eighth annual Holy Spirit Lecture in January in the Union Ballroom.

Gaillardetz, the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College and president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, reflected on the Holy Spirit’s role in the Church and on how bishops teach “in the light of the Holy Spirit” as defined by Vatican II in the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation.

During his presentation, Gaillardetz shared how members of all churches are looking for ways to empower their members—ordained and non-ordained alike—to participate in the teaching ministry. He believes a common misunderstanding in Catholicism regarding the Spirit’s assistance given to the bishops is the result of an underdeveloped understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church.

**Second Forum Continues Discussion on Equal Access to Education as Social Justice**

On the heels of the successful first School of Education Community Forum in October, a second forum, *Doing the Right Thing and Doing the Thing Right: Critical Issues for Sustained Community Engagement*, was held on March 12 in the Power Center Ballroom, to provide continued dialogue on the issue of education as a social justice right for all students.

This forum capitalized on the work in the Pittsburgh region that is aimed at educational equality. The participants—including representatives from businesses, foundations, civic organizations, educational institutions and government—convened to better collaborate on their existing programs and services, and to work on moving dialogues into actions.

Dr. Jacqueline Jordan Irvine, the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Urban Education, Emerita, Emory University, set the stage for the event. The program was closed by William Peduto, mayor of Pittsburgh, who noted what the city is doing to advance educational equality and provided the groundwork for collaboration with the School of Education in future Community Forums.

**Canevin Center Launches**

As the academic year drew to a close this spring, the School of Education was preparing to celebrate the launch of the Canevin Center for Educational Transformation and Social Justice, named in honor of John Francis Regis Canevin. Canevin was the first American and native son of the Pittsburgh Diocese to become bishop of Pittsburgh. The focus of the May 2 event, however, was not on a building or a place or a person. Rather, it is the epicenter of a School of Education mission to bring equality and education to all young people by creating and facilitating social justice projects between the school and community stakeholders through partnerships in K-12 schools in the Pittsburgh region and beyond. The initiative is funded through a grant from the Heinz Endowments.
NEW GRANTS

Dr. Aleem Gangjee, School of Pharmacy, $169,805 in additional Year 4 funding, a subcontract from Wayne State University on a grant from the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, for Discovery of Novel PCFT Targeted Agents. This brings the total award to date to $737,420.

The McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, $50,000 from the Phillip H. and Betty L. Wimmer Family Foundation for the Faculty Enrichment Program. Dr. James Swindal, dean, will administer the award.

The A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, $23,500 from the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation to be used for research fellowships, faculty outreach, courses and seminars. This brings the total award amount to date to $125,500.

Dr. Antony Davies, associate professor of economics, will administer the award.

Dr. Aleem Gangjee, School of Pharmacy, $506,757 for Year 2 of an award from the National Institutes of Health’s National Cancer Institute for Purine Synthesis Inhibitors with Selective Folate Receptor Tumor Transport. This brings the total award amount to date to $1,090,535.

Dr. Mary McKinney, director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), $236,742 from the Small Business Administration for anticipated funding for the 2014 calendar year.

William O’Rourke, School of Business, $5,000 from the Alcoa Foundation for the MBA Sustainability Program.

Dr. Olga Welch, dean of the School of Education, $20,000 from The Heinz Endowments to continue a survey of well water quality in Western Pennsylvania counties with unconventional gas drilling. The period of the award extends to June 30, 2016.

Dr. Jan Janecka, biological sciences, Bayer School, $10,000 from the Snow Leopard Conservancy for support work under the collaborative Snow Leopard Conservation Genetics Program.

Dr. Melanie Turk, School of Nursing, $35,000 from the Aetna Foundation for Wise Choices: Nutrition and Exercise for Older Adults.

Dr. Robert Furman, School of Education, $3,500 from the II-VI Foundation for the Calcu-Solve Super Bowl, sponsored by the School of Education. This brings the total award to date to $9,500.

The McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, $30,000 from the Alcoa Campus Partnership for Diversity in Computational Technology. This brings the total award amount to date to $120,000. Dr. Lili Shashaani, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, will administer the award.

The A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, $18,000 from the Alcoa Campus Partnership for the school’s study abroad program. This brings the total award amount to date to $84,000. Dr. William Spangler, associate dean of academic affairs and research, will administer the award.

The A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, $12,000 from the Alcoa Campus Partnership for Supply Chain Management Academic Development Program. This brings the total award amount to date to $41,000. Dr. John Mawhinney, assistant professor of supply chain, will administer the award.

Dr. Elizabeth Lev, art historian and professor at the Duquesne Italian Campus, $15,000 from The Sister Fund to support
research and publication of a book she is writing that will evaluate the representation of women in Michelangelo’s body of work. Dr. Roberta Aronson, executive director of the Office of International Programs, will administer the award.

**Dr. John Stolz**, biological sciences, Bayer School, $40,000 from The Institute of Professional Environmental Practice for the Center for Environmental Research and Education.

**Dr. Carl Anderson**, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $10,000 from Strategic Process Control Technologies for a project modeling drug risk assessment and simulation development. This brings the total amount to date to $165,000.

**Dr. Jane Cavanaugh**, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $394,234 from the National Institutes of Health’s National Cancer Institute for Novel Small Molecule Inhibitors of MEK5_ERK5 for the Treatment of Breast Cancer.

**The Department of Physics**, additional $10,210 from the Jefferson Laboratory, Newport News, Va., for Implementing the RICH Detector to the CLAS12 Geant4 Simulation Package. This brings the total award to $30,210. Principal investigator is Dr. Fatiha Benmokhtar, visiting professor.

**Students in Action**

**St. Vincent de Paul at Duquesne** is a unique chapter of St. Vincent de Paul because students serve the homeless population of Pittsburgh directly. Every Sunday night, the group prepares food and toiletries, and makes its way into downtown Pittsburgh, serving between 8 and 12 homeless people each week. “We have been serving the homeless in Pittsburgh for almost 20 years and we will hopefully continue for another 20,” says student Joe Ratay.

**Duquesne students** are helping Pittsburgh residents work in the community garden of Ballfield Farm, near the city’s Riverview Park. Since 2010, neighborhood gardeners have been banking on the scientific expertise of students and faculty at Duquesne to help their garden grow. For instance, the gardeners wanted to tap the knowledge that would turn an area where water was collecting into a rain garden. So students, using their scientific discipline, administered percolation tests, figuring how deep they needed to mulch to make the ground arable.

Student support has helped turn a once-overgrown, trash-filled spot into a picnic space, bridge and table included. Students even developed booklets that can help parents and their kids identify wildlife they see in the area.

For the 18th time in as many years, a group of juniors and seniors from the **School of Nursing** spent spring break in Nicaragua experiencing health care in a developing nation. Fourteen students, along with three members of the nursing faculty and one nursing alumna, worked in a Managua barrio, where they assessed health needs of families in their homes and conducted health screenings of older adults, pregnant women and children.
Tabata Named to NCAA Prestigious Academic Cabinet

Junior women’s soccer goalkeeper Devon Tabata was selected to represent the Atlantic 10 Conference as a member of the prestigious NCAA Division I Academic Cabinet. Tabata is the first member of the Atlantic 10 to serve on the Academic Cabinet since former La Salle Faculty Athletic Representative Dr. Annette O’Connor. She is also the first A-10 student-athlete to serve on an NCAA Cabinet in more than five years. Her two-year appointment began upon being named in early December.

A member of the A-10’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), Tabata is no stranger to working with the NCAA on a national level. In July, she was named to the NCAA Division I SAAC.

“Being appointed to an NCAA cabinet is an outstanding opportunity,” states A-10 Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade. “As our representative on the NCAA Division I SAAC, Devon has already proven her abilities as a leader, and this appointment is an affirmation of those abilities. We are pleased to have her represent the Atlantic 10 Conference on an NCAA Cabinet.”

The cabinet is made up of 22 members that represent different conferences in Division I. Tabata is the one member of the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee that serves as a member of the cabinet in an advisory capacity.

The Academic Cabinet provides a wide variety of services to the NCAA and its membership. The cabinet is responsible for review and consideration of the portions of Division I legislation that relate to principles of sound academic requirements.

“I am honored and excited for the opportunity to represent the voice of student-athletes within the NCAA governance system,” says Tabata. “The opportunity to serve on the Academic Cabinet was of particular interest because of my personal belief in the student-first philosophy and making sure that it remains a focus.”

The cabinet also works with the NCAA Division II governance structure to ensure that consistent policies exist when possible, while maintaining each division’s philosophy and legislative intent. The group also works on policy or legislative recommendations concerning relationships between the association and the nation’s two-year colleges as represented by established regional and national organizations.

The cabinet also oversees academic policies; establishes, manages and monitors eligibility standards-related policies; and administers waivers as specified by legislation and/or policy.

“It was clear upon first meeting Devon she would be a campus leader,” says Duquesne’s Assistant Athletic Director for Student Services & Senior Woman Administrator Sherene Brantley. “She has more than lived up to that expectation and is always a great representative. I am thrilled she now has another opportunity to increase the sphere of her influence.”

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Tabata has started 30 matches in net for the Dukes during her first three seasons. She has made 176 saves and has recorded seven shutouts.

Tabata is majoring in finance and is a member of Duquesne’s Dean’s List, the Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll, Duquesne’s Director of Athletics’ Honor Roll and was named the 2013 Duquesne Student-Athlete of the Year.
A Sharp Shooter

Sophomore guard Micah Mason finished the 2013-14 season as the top 3-point shooter in all of college basketball. In addition, he became the first Duquesne men’s player to lead the nation in an NCAA men’s basketball statistical category.

The first-year transfer from Drake hit 65 of 116 shots from the 3-point arc in shooting a nation’s-best .560. The percentage, which was the best by any player in Division I, II or III, was the best by a Division I player in 22 years. It also tied the ninth-best shooting season in NCAA history.

Mason, who has two years of eligibility remaining, is on pace to challenge the NCAA record for career 3-point field goal percentage set by Green Bay’s Tony Bennett (currently head coach at Virginia), who went 290 of 584 (.497) from 1989-92. The NCAA requirements are both a minimum of 200 made and 2.0 made/g. Mason is currently at .538 (105 of 195) in 55 career games.

TOP 3-POINT SHOOTING SEASONS IN NCAA HISTORY

Micah Mason put together one of the top 3-point shooting seasons in NCAA history in 2013-14. He attributes his accuracy to plain hard work.

“Thousands of shots. That’s the only thing I can really tell you,” says Mason. “A lot of practice went into it.”

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James Christopher Rocco
Basketball Theater Dedicated

The Department of Athletics formally dedicated the James Christopher Rocco Basketball Theater on February 7. Housed on the second floor of the Palumbo Center, the facility features 24 theater-style leather chairs along with an 80-inch television screen for video playback and analysis. The project, funded by a donation from the Jim (P’79) and Pam Rocco family, is named in memory of the late James Christopher Rocco.

“We would like to thank everyone at Duquesne who made this possible,” says Jim Rocco. “This media room is a perfect fit. ’J’ could have watched Dukes hoops all day long. It means so much to us to have our son’s name and memory forever linked with the basketball program he has loved and followed since he was a child.”

“We are very grateful to the Rocco family for their generous gift,” says Director of Athletics Greg Amodio. “The project, which is a wonderful tribute to their son, greatly enhances both our men’s and women’s basketball programs. It is another important step in moving both programs forward.”

“The basketball theater is an invaluable tool that we use extensively every day,” says Men’s Basketball Coach Jim Ferry. “We use it for game review, preparation and individual instruction. It is basically our classroom for teaching the game of basketball. Having an upgraded state-of-the-art facility of this quality allows us to compete with other programs in the Atlantic 10.”

“The commitment the Rocco family has shown has been a blessing,” agrees women’s coach Dan Burt. “Now we have a media suite that is the finest—not only in the Atlantic 10 Conference, but in America.”
1960s

Clare E. Wherley, CPA, CFP, A’66, was selected as a 2014 Five Star Certified Public Accountant. The Five Star program is the largest and most widely published financial services award program in North America.

Dale Meisel, A’68, retired as warden of the 1,352-bed Lehigh County Prison. He was commissioned through Army ROTC at Duquesne and he previously completed a career in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps.

Mary Frey, E’69, executive director of the Samaritan Center, was awarded the 2013 Kathy Goldfarb-Findling Leadership Award by the Gifford and Allyn Foundations.

1970s

Bishop David Zubik, A’71, GE’82, has been appointed Catholic Charities USA’s new episcopal liaison.

Bernard E. Beidell, CEAP, A’72, received the 2013 EAPA Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the International Employee Assistance Professional Association, “for his 39 years as an employee assistance (EAP) professional and for his contributions to the EAP field, to EAPA, and to the profession itself throughout his career.” He is currently the director of the Office of Employee Assistance for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, L’72, was elected president judge for a five-year term by a unanimous vote of support by the board of judges of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. He has presided over thousands of criminal cases and served as an adjunct professor of law at Duquesne for more than 20 years.

Ernest Orsatti, L’74, has joined the law firm Rothman Gordon and will focus on labor and employment law.

Dr. Gianni (Nanci DeVincenzo) Hayes, GS’75, GE’77, has released her 24th book, Time, A Seasonal Collection of Short Stories (Cambridge Press). Each story is “set during a season and reflects how we fit into the frame of existence as life passes from one period to the next.” She is a former college department chair and professor, talk radio host, and founder and president emeritus of the 23-year-old Writers Bloc, Inc.

1980s

Carol A. Behers, A’80, L’83, and Robert Raphael, of Raphael, Ramsden & Behers, P.C., authored the 10th edition of the Pennsylvania Family Law Citator, published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. She also was a course planner of Sophisticated Issues in Family Law, presented in Pittsburgh, Mechanicsburg and Philadelphia.

Michael A. Leon, B’82, opened Leon’s Billiards & More, a retailer of top quality pool tables, games and game room furniture, in Wexford, Pa.

Henry Sneath, L’83, a principal and shareholder at Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton, P.C., recently gave three presentations. He spoke at the annual meetings of the Kentucky and South Dakota Defense Lawyers Associations on the topic of Transitioning Your Law Practice, and at the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County’s Annual Federal Court Practice Program on Business Litigation in the Federal Courts.

David Duncan, A’84, was re-elected to his second term as majority election inspector for the 14th Ward, 38th District, City of Pittsburgh.

**Alumni Spotlight**

Lamman Rucker, a Duquesne alumnus, activist, actor and educator, returned to campus in March to serve as the keynote speaker at the Office of Multicultural Affairs’ eighth annual Unity Banquet and Scholarship Benefit. The event recognizes Duquesne students who are committed to academic excellence, diversity and inclusion.

“It’s very meaningful to be invited back to my alma mater and be a part of something positive that is designed to unify and uplift the campus and greater Pittsburgh community,” says Rucker, B’96, GE’00.

Rucker is best known for his roles on the hit sitcom Meet the Browns and the Tyler Perry productions of Why Did I Get Married? and Why Did I Get Married Too? He also has appeared on the daytime dramas As the World Turns and All My Children.

Outside of his acting career, Rucker is a passionate activist and spokesman for several non-profit organizations and engages in numerous community service initiatives.

“I’ve tried to be an example of the standard of excellence that Duquesne represents. I hope I’ve done a good job. I’m very appreciative and deeply honored,” says Rucker.
**Patricia Darnley, MBA’86,** has been named as the new president and CEO of Gateway Health.

**Kelly Conroy, B’87,** is CEO/executive director of the Palm Beach Accountable Care Organization and recently received the Hero in Medicine Award from the Palm Beach County Medical Society. She is married to Joseph Conroy and recently celebrated their 25th anniversary.

**Robert Graziano, A’87,** has been named a 2014 Ohio Super Lawyer by Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine.

**Chris M. (Cassidy) Kormis, A’87,** associate dean and chief marketing officer of Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business, spoke at the B-School Communications and Development Symposium of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in St. Petersburg, Fla. She presented a session dedicated to understanding how to create a successful integrated marketing and communications plan with the aim of increasing the visibility and awareness of a global business school brand. In addition, her article, *What It Takes to be a CMO in Academia,* was recently published by Forbes.com.

**Kevin McQuillan, B’87,** has been named to the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Film Industry Association.

**Harry Bauman, GE’88, Ed.D.’11,** has been appointed assistant superintendent of McKeesport Area School District.

**Diane Dean, N’88,** was selected as a winner of the 2014 Business Women First Award by the Pittsburgh Business Times and is one of 25 winners who will be honored at an awards dinner. She is owner of Epiphany! Counseling and Wellness Center.

**Dr. James R. Marhold, A’88,** is the founder and CEO of Declarations, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides homes and support for individuals with disabilities in New Jersey. He is completing his second term as an elected member of the board of directors of the National Council for Behavioral Health in Washington, D.C. He has also been elected to the executive committee of the board of directors of Phoenix Productions, a not-for-profit theatre company in central New Jersey.

**Lisa Kindler, A’89,** has been named executive director of the Ohio Valley Oil and Gas Association.

**Thomas Mangan, A’89, GS’95,** leads the emergency preparedness and response program for the Allegheny County Health Department, which has received a Public Health Ready Award from the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

### 1990s

**Wendy C. (Jenkins) Baklarz, B’92,** is employed as an account manager with LIN Media, representing WYTN, WYFX, MyYTV and BounceTV in Youngstown.

**Susan A. (Smith) Vernick, A’92,** is a contracted author, writing for *The Quiet Hour,* a quarterly Christian devotional with a circulation of 125,000. She signed to write seven devotionals for publication in May 2015.

**Dan Dingus, B’94, MBA’98,** was promoted to president and chief operating officer at Fragasso Financial Advisors. He also remains the director of portfolio management. He is responsible for “helping clients reach their goals through the management of portfolios and original research of investment opportunities.” He is an accredited investment fiduciary and serves on the boards of the Pittsburgh Stock and Bond Association and Veteran’s Leadership Program of Western PA.

**Dennis Very, L’95,** has joined Dinsmore & Shohl as a partner in the Pittsburgh office.

**Diane Kappas, MBA’97,** has been appointed vice president of PPG Industries’ Americas, for the protective and marine coatings business.

**Mark Boerio, MBA’98,** has been named senior vice president, inventory planning and allocation, at RadioShack Corp.

**Amy Baez, HS’99, GHS’00,** was awarded the 2013 Educational Activity Book of the Year by Creative Child Magazine for the combined handwriting workbooks published by her company, Playapy. *Treasure C.H.E.S.T.* and *Heads, Tummies & Tails* are both available at www.playapy.com.

**Christian Bareford, L’99,** joined the Law Offices of Ira Weiss as an associate attorney.
Campus took on a different look during the tenure of Duquesne President Rev. Henry McAnulty, C.S.Sp., who oversaw the construction of many new buildings, including: Mellon Hall, the Duquesne Union, Duquesne Towers and College Hall (all shown either completed or during construction in this 1969 photo).

Michael Grandinetti, B’99, master illusionist, performed during the halftime show of the University of Michigan vs. Michigan State game, where “while surrounded in the arena, caused people to appear, disappear, shrink in size" and “for a spectacular finale, Grandinetti levitated 10 feet above the court to retrieve the game ball for the second half.”

John McDonald, GA’99, has released his first full-length CD, Right Place, Right Time. It is described as “a feel-good, up-tempo musical fusion that combines tropical instrumentation, world beat rhythms and evocative lyrics with poignant themes.”

### 2000s

Scott Wible, A’00, received the 2014 Advancement of Knowledge Award from the Conference on College Composition and Communication for his book, Shaping Language Policy in the U.S.: The Role of Composition Studies. The award is presented “for the empirical research publication in the previous two years that most advances writing studies.” He is an associate professor of English at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Thomas Oberst, S’01, A’01, co-discovered a Saturn-mass exoplanet (a planet that orbits other stars).

Dr. Rose Marie French, M’02, was nominated for the Arizona Governor’s Arts Awards for promoting arts education and performance in the greater Phoenix area. She is the horn professor at Grand Canyon University and on the faculty at Arizona State University, Phoenix College and Paradise Valley Community College. She is founder of the Mill Ave Chamber Players, a professional woodwind chamber ensemble, and a hornist for the Phoenix Chamber Brass. She also maintains a private studio and teaches at Rosie’s House, a non-profit music academy that provides free instruction and instruments to underserved youth.

Michael Cope, GA’03, was promoted to director of content at Elias/Savion-Advertising, Inc., overseeing content development and management for all accounts.

### In Memoriam: Brian Anselmino

Brian Anselmino, B’90, of Canonsburg, Pa., died of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on Feb. 22 at the age of 45. Captain of Duquesne’s men’s basketball team during the 1989-90 season, he became a starter his sophomore year and led the team in rebounding his junior and senior years. Anselmino was employed as a territory manager with medical sales company Thoratec, and was active as a coach for local high school and AAU basketball teams.

Maria Osborne, Pharm.D.’03, BCACP, was recently elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Educational Foundation. She is a clinical pharmacist within the UPMC St. Margaret Family Practice offices involved in the Script Project (Successful Collaborative Relationships to Improve Patient Care), a medical home research study being conducted in Pittsburgh.

Michael A. Sundo, B’03, L’10, is controller at the Jewish Healthcare Foundation.

Mark Dausch, B’04, L’07, was selected by the Legal Intelligencer as one of 2013’s “Lawyers on the Fast Track” in Pennsylvania.

Natalie Thompson, A’04, L’12, has joined the title, energy and natural resources groups of Babst Calland.

Barron Whited, GE’04, guidance counselor at Agora Cyber Charter School, recently appeared on TV discussing the “Benefits of Giving,” “New Year’s Resolutions for Parents” and “Advice for Strengthening Families in 2014.”

Lina Dostilio, GE’05, Ed.D.’12, has been elected chair of the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement.

Andrew Hardy, LPA’07, was selected as Non-commissioned Officer of the Year for the 1st Battalion, 166th Regiment.

Katie Kokolus, S’07, GS’08, received her Ph.D. from the University of Buffalo/Roswell Park Cancer Institute in immunology.
On the Road
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DU physical therapy student Kayla Purnell and Erin Purnell, A’12, who is currently pursuing a graduate degree in computational mathematics, are shown at the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland.

More “On the Road” photos are available on Duquesne’s alumni website.
To view photos, visit:
www.myduquesne.duq.edu/alumniphotos

Jesse Perkins, A’07, was named Tree Pittsburgh’s Volunteer of the Year for his work, which has included planning and participating in monthly tree planting, pruning and mulching events.

Martin DiGiovine, L’08, has joined the law firm of Cohen & Grigsby as senior counsel.

Shereen L. Fish, E’09, has been promoted to sr. buyer/planner with Alco Inc./Traco Division.

Erin Heusler, B’09, has been promoted to senior interactive project manager with SKM Group.

Holly O’Neill, E’09, GE’11, is the new children’s librarian at Sayre Public Library.

Elizabeth Williams, GA’09, college archivist at La Roche College, is the author of Pittsburgh in World War I: Arsenal of the Allies (The History Press). She “painted a portrait of what Pittsburgh was like during World War I” and includes the many contributions from the region.

2010s

Derek Dissinger, L’10, has been hired by the law firm Barley Snyder as an associate in its finance and creditors’ rights and real estate groups.

Dawn Eischen, LPA’10, has been selected as public affairs director for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Rachel Lusk, L’13, joined Lamb McErlane PC as an associate in its litigation department.

Marriages

John A. Papatrefon, B’91, married Cecilia Yvonne Bustamante.


Dennis Krzywicki, B’03, married Elizabeth Gild.

Shannon Matula, A’06, married Chad Baker.

Mallory Curcio, N’07, married David Anthony Antico, N’07, GN’10.

Megan E. Peters, HS’08, GHS’09, married Brock A. Weaver, DPT’10.

Shereen Graham, E’09, married Timothy Fish, A’06.

Andrea Komanecky, HS’09, DPT’11, married Ryan Mayer.

Tyler Esno, A’10, married Breanna Wojtaszek.

Molly E. Beahr, A’11, L’14, married Carl Walker Metzgar, L’07.

Stephanie Swales, Ph.D.’11, married Frank Scalabrino, Ph.D.’11.

Erin Pischke, GA’13, married Andrew Gutierrez, GA’11.

New Arrivals

ThanhHau Tanner, son of Susannah (Baron) Hoang, B’01, MBA’03, MS-ISM’03, and Binh Hoang, A’00.

Kara James, daughter of Cristina Miller, Pharm.D.’02, and Nick Miller, Pharm.D.’02.

Eli Luigi, son of Sarah (Massaro) Vresko, HS’02, GHS’03, and Robert M. Vresko III, B’02.

Stella Ruby, daughter of Brooke M. (Paul) Baumann, HS’03, GHS’04, and William Baumann, GE’11.

In Memoriam: Delphina Briscoe

Delphina Briscoe, E’55, GE’63, passed away Feb. 1 at age 80. Briscoe began her career teaching elementary grades in the Pittsburgh Public Schools in 1959, and spent more than four decades with the district, serving as a principal, executive director for elementary schools and assistant superintendent. She was active in the Hill District community of Pittsburgh as a lifelong member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and president of Ebenezer Development Corp., and was an inaugural inductee of the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne University Alumni in 1978.
Composer and professor Joseph Willcox Jenkins died Jan. 31 at age 85. Jenkins joined the Duquesne music faculty in 1961, after serving as an arranger for the U.S. Army Field Band and Chorus and the Armed Forces Radio Network, and holding a Ford Foundation fellowship. He retired as a professor emeritus in 2009, though he continued to teach music courses through 2012. The recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Teacher of the Year Award in 2000, Jenkins composed more than 200 works for band, orchestra, chorus, voice and instrumental ensembles.
In Memoriam: Frederick N. Egler

Noted Pittsburgh area attorney Frederick N. Egler, A'43, passed away Feb. 28 at age 91. Legendary for his skill in civil cases and his customary bow tie, Egler helped to establish the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County and was a recipient of the St. Thomas More Award. He was named to the Century Club in 1980 and taught evening courses in Duquesne University's School of Law. Egler and his wife of 60 years, Ruth—a former University Board member—were longtime supporters of Duquesne and of Oakland Catholic High School.
Alumni Reunite, Reconnect at Homecoming

When Thomas Wolfe wrote *You Can’t Go Home Again*, he clearly wasn’t referring to Duquesne alumni.

Hundreds of alumni are preparing to return to our Bluff this fall for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. They will come from near and far, each for their own reasons, but their motivations usually boil down to two distinctive factors—the people and the place.

Robert McNamara, A’71, had old friends on his mind when he traveled from Los Angeles for a reunion of Kappa Sigma Phi brothers last fall.

“As life becomes increasingly busy, it’s always nice to reconnect with friends and former classmates as if only little time has passed since we left Duquesne,” reflects five-year reunion attendee Colleen (McDonough) Gigliotti, HS’07, GHS’08.

Regardless of when they were students, or where they now live, Homecoming attendees marvel at the changes in surroundings.

“We remember Duquesne as a hilly, compact, friendly campus full of familiar faces,” observes Gannon, who still resides in Pittsburgh. “It’s still like that. The architecture of the campus, however, has become modern and very attractive, and the student body comes from all over the world. There are many resident students and fewer commuters.”

“The campus has been transformed,” agrees fellow Pittsburgher Patricia Schlicht, N’72. “But Duquesne remains a close-knit, friendly, welcoming university that remains true to its mission.”

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend offers a wide range of activities for alumni from all eras and their families—educational programs presented by the schools, reunion receptions and dinners for classes and affinities, a kids zone, football game and post-game tent party. For some, though, the best times take place between the organized events.

“My favorite moments were spent simply sitting on the Perron catching up with close friends, walking through the updated Union, and meeting current students who are so enthusiastic about Duquesne,” remembers Gigliotti.

All four of the alumni mentioned served on reunion committees, and recommend volunteering to fellow graduates.

“Do it!” exclaims Schlicht. “Start to plan now. Get in touch with your college friends and come to Pittsburgh for the weekend. It will be one of the best decisions you ever made!”

Reunion classes this year include 1964, 1974, 1989, 2004 and 2009, and activities are being planned for Greek alumni, International Student Organization alumni, and former student leaders, but all alumni are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

“If you haven’t attended, you are doing yourself a disservice,” says McNamara. “Our attendees agreed that it was the quintessential item on our collective bucket lists to check off.”

The “Rejuvenate the Spirit” Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is Oct. 3-5; registration opens July 1. For details, visit www.duq.edu/homecoming. For reunion committee information or to volunteer, call the Alumni Relations Office at 412.396.6209.
Alumni Calendar

May 27-28, 2014
5th Annual Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore Summer Conference
The (UN) Common Core: Pathways to Opportunity or Mechanisms of Social Injustice?
May 27: 4:30-8 p.m.
May 28: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Duquesne University Power Center, Fifth Floor
Registration deadline: May 23
Contact/RSVP: Melissa Price at pricem@duq.edu or 412.396.1852.
Learn more at: www.duq.edu/sizemore.

June 1, 2014
School of Law Commencement
A.J. Palumbo Center
Contact: lawschool@duq.edu or 412.396.6300.

June 23-Aug. 2, 2014
Everyday Miracles: Medical Imagery in Ex-Votos
Open during Gumberg Library summer operating hours
Gumberg Library, Fifth Floor
For more information, contact feszm@duq.edu or wolvertone@duq.edu.

June 26, 2014
Alumni and Parent Reception with President Dougherty
6-8 p.m.
Offices of DLA Piper
Washington, D.C.
Contact/RSVP: www.myduquesne.duq.edu/DC2014 or 412.396.6209.

July 28, 2014
20th Annual RSHS Golf Invitational
Edgewood Country Club
Registration and lunch beginning at 11 a.m.; noon, shotgun start; reception and awards banquet at 5:30 p.m.
For more information, contact Deb Durica at 412.396.5551 or durica@duq.edu, or visit www.duq.edu/rshsgolfouting.

Sept. 17, 2014
Pittsburgh Fall Law Alumni Reception
5-8 p.m.
LeMont Restaurant
Contact/RSVP: lawalumni@duq.edu or 412.396.5216.

Sept. 22, 2014
15th Annual School of Pharmacy Golf Invitational
Registration starts at 10:30 a.m.
Southpointe Golf Club
Contact/RSVP: www.duq.edu/pharmacy/golf.

Sept. 22, 2014
The Fifth Annual Duquesne Athletic Fund Laurel Valley Golf Invitational
Laurel Valley Golf Club, Ligonier, Pa.
Contact: Bryan Colonna at 412.396.5927 or colonna770@duq.edu.

Oct. 3-5, 2014
Homecoming and Reunion Weekend: Rejuvenate the Spirit
Special celebrations for ISO Alumni, Greek Alumni, Classes of 1964, 1974, 1989, 2004 and 2009. All are welcome!
Registration opens July 1 at www.duq.edu/homecoming.
Questions? Contact 412.396.6209 or alumnihomecoming@duq.edu.
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Oct. 10-19, 2014
Tour Italy in the Footsteps of Michelangelo: Rome to Florence with the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts
Beginning in Rome with walking tours of the city and various tourist attractions to a visit to Duquesne’s Rome campus and ending with Florence and Orvieto, this trip is a wonderful way to experience Italy during a beautiful time of the year.
More details can be found at: duq.edu/academics/schools/liberal-arts/events/alumni-trip.
Contact: Jason Broadwater at broadwaterj@duq.edu or 412.396.2565.

Oct. 16-17, 2014
The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law 14th Annual Symposium: The Science, Law and Politics of Cold Case Investigations
Duquesne University Power Center Ballroom
To learn more, visit www.duq.edu/forensics or contact 412.396.1330 or wechtinstitute@duq.edu.

Alumni activities are added frequently throughout the year. For more details and a complete schedule of alumni events, go to www.myduquesne.duq.edu.

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