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Thoughts from the President

With almost 140 years of offering an education for the mind, heart, and spirit in Pittsburgh, Duquesne has deep roots in the region. Following our Holy Ghost, Spiritan founders, the University’s own mission includes service to the Church, the community, the nation, and the world.

Duquesne students, faculty, staff, and alumni take that call to heart, and have recently been involved in significant work nationally, internationally, and even involving outer space.

In these pages, you will read about the pilgrimage by a group from Duquesne to take part in Pope Francis’ historic visit to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., in September. Students describe their trip as “overwhelming,” “the historical experience of a lifetime,” and “a beautiful experience.” This transformational journey will stay with our students forever.

Alumnus Rossen Milanov believes in the transformational power of music, and—as you will see in this issue—uses his passion for music to entertain and educate people around the world. In his role as music director of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, he looks to make music relevant to a wide audience. In his outreach work with young students in New York and Spain, he hopes to inspire a lifelong love of music.

When NASA recently announced evidence of liquid water on Mars, there was a Duquesne connection. In this issue, you will read about the NASA-funded research of Dr. John F. Stolz, director of Duquesne’s Center for Environmental Research and Education, focused on how microbes can be sustained by arsenic rather than oxygen. This work indicates how certain types of microbes or bacteria could survive the extreme climate of Mars.

Closer to home, it was announced that Ken Gormley will become president of Duquesne when I step down June 30. Ken is well known to the Duquesne community after spending more than two decades on our Bluff, teaching law students and serving as dean of the School of Law. He and I have worked closely together since the beginning of my own presidency. Our cover story includes details about Ken’s scholarly research, his work to enhance the reputation of the School of Law, and his deep commitment to our Spiritan mission.

Whether in Pittsburgh, across the globe, or even beyond the bounds of our planet, Duquesne has a role to play in expanding knowledge and inspiring others.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Duquesne University President
Making a Papal Journey: From Student to Pilgrim

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
Trading the title of student for the title of pilgrim, nearly 40 Duquesne University students ventured from our Bluff into the million-person mass of humanity welcoming Pope Francis on his first U.S. visit.

They headed east to Philadelphia in September to see and hear the leader of the Catholic Church. Though they slept on a school gym floor and endured lengthy waits in security lines, the students embraced the experience, encountering people from around the world and listening to Pope Francis’ inspirational message. It was a pilgrimage.

Perhaps the most exciting moment was when Pope Francis’ motorcade passed in front of them.

“we could see on the Jumbotron the pope was coming up the other side of the (Ben Franklin) Parkway, and the crowd just was surging toward the fence to get a glimpse of him. People were on top of each others’ shoulders to get a picture. It was a sea of cameras and phones,” says the Rev. Bill Christy, C.S.Sp., assistant director of Spiritan Campus Ministry, who helped plan the trip to Philadelphia.

When the pope’s travel schedule became clear during the summer, Christy hatched plans with fellow Spiritans at the Holy Ghost Preparatory School in Bensalem, Pa. With the offer of a gymnasium floor as a bed, the dream trip became a possibility. Due to high demand to make the historic journey, students were chosen in a lottery.

The trip was important not only for the rare opportunity to see the Catholic Church’s leader in action, says Christy, but to be immersed in a celebration of the very global and social issues that form the core of Duquesne’s institutional mission.

“Pope Francis has energized our youth, encouraged them to be boisterous and to live out their faith,” says Christy. “We want our students hearing and embracing the pope’s message, and returning with an excitement to live it every day.”

So it was for John Foster.

A senior history and international relations major, Foster was awed by a papal audience abroad last year. The Student Government Association president was eager to recreate what rocked him in Rome.

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“I remembered the feeling of being in the moment, of having the Holy Father addressing thousands of Catholics from all around the world, right in front of me,” recalls Foster. “It was just that overwhelming.”
That’s why he went to Philadelphia. And he wasn’t disappointed.

“It was the historical experience of a lifetime: the Holy Father in our state, in our city. To be in the presence of the Holy Father with other people...” says Foster, his voice trailing off. “We are not really individual Christians. It’s a Christian community. In the City of Brotherly Love, that’s exactly what it was.”

The worldwide universality of the Mass struck him during the sign of peace.

“All these strangers are hugging each other, exchanging handshakes...little kids, people in their 70s and older, they were all there for the same reason: just to share that moment,” says Foster.

The spiritual message Foster heard from Pope Francis was how to love other people.

“It was just back to his fundamental message of ‘Who are we to judge?’...We’re on this path together,” says Foster, who tries to exercise that message daily, training himself to see the perspectives of others. “It was an opportunity to reflect and grow deeply in our spiritual lives and I think we accomplished that task.”

A group of students, faculty and staff from Duquesne witnessed Pope Francis’ historic U.S. visit.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES “SENSE OF BEING WHOLE”

Gigi Jeddi isn’t Catholic—yet. A freshman international business major, she was eager to see the pope for the first time “because I thought it was a great opportunity to maybe find myself and to find a faith that I could follow.”

Like John Foster, she appreciates that so many were of the same mind. “Being there with crowds of people, it was like being overwhelmed, but for all the right reasons. When you see thousands of people kneel at the same time, that just gives you a different perspective of things. Seeing everyone pray together, there was a sense of being whole,” says Jeddi.

Jeddi, who is joining the Church, recited a rosary with others in the crowd.

“It was a beautiful experience,” she says. “There was a sense of unity throughout the whole process.”

She, too, carries a lasting lesson: “I want to continue to help people to get to their success, as better versions of themselves, and I want to be a better version of myself.”

Such unity can help people to define themselves.

“These moments are mountain tops, and young people are able to see far from them and guide themselves,” says the Rev. Bill Christy, C.S.Sp. “They catch a glimpse of who they are, who they want to be and where they want to go.

“Then they come down off the mountain. And the thing is not to forget what you’ve seen.”

Amen.
For junior Emily Stock, the pope’s visit presented an opportunity to cover a huge international story. Stock was one of four Duquesne journalism and multimedia students who used the event to practice the journalism skills they have learned so far.

The trip was a puzzle with at least 1,000 pieces (the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Dean James Swindal of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts provided travel expenses, and the Department of Journalism and Multimedia Arts loaned equipment). Dr. Dennis Woytek, assistant professor of journalism and multimedia arts, and Mike Clark, WTAE-TV reporter and adjunct instructor, oversaw student teams covering Pope Benedict’s U.S. visit in 2008, so they knew how to secure hotel rooms and credentials. Behind-the-scenes work resulted in Duquesne students reporting alongside major media outlets—knowing that many professionals were denied credentials because of the volume of requests.

Once credentials were received and hotel rooms booked, there were other logistical challenges: getting from Philadelphia to the Canonization Mass of St. Junípero Serra in Washington, D.C. Waking up at 3 a.m. to arrive on time. Maneuvering security lines with bags of heavy equipment. Constantly checking smart phones for road closures. Getting in the security line at noon for the 4 p.m. Mass in Philadelphia—and still being two hours from the checkpoint when the Mass began.

“We ended up watching the Mass on TV,” says Stock.

But they got stories, like the man who waited for 10 hours to get in—and didn’t. They found amazing Pittsburgh connections, and nailed interviews with bishops and politicians.

The experience stretched both Stock’s faith and her professional skills.

“It was a lot of stepping out of comfort zones into the real world,” she says. “You have to approach people on the street. You have to be proactive and really have to follow up if people aren’t answering you in order to get good stories.”

The Canonization Mass was her favorite moment. First, she noticed the space allotted to the Duquesne student journalists: the same amount of space (squared off by pieces of tape) as CNN, the Associated Press and Fox News.

“I was looking around in awe because it was like media heaven on the risers. We were in the same spots with these other larger organizations with extremely experienced journalists who had all the cameras, lights and sound crews,” says Stock. “Then there was us, doing everything, all that we learned here at Duquesne. That was exciting for me.”

This feeling was surpassed only by the proximity of the pope, right in front of the media risers.

“It just couldn’t be a journalist for a second. I just stared. This is the leader of my faith’s world, and he’s 20 feet in front of me,” remembers Stock. “I teared up a little and, even though I was in a huge crowd, it was a personal connection—especially receiving communion that was blessed by Pope Francis.”

“It was a lot of stepping out of comfort zones into the real world.”
New Monument Memorializes a Familiar Ring

A larger-than-life version of the distinctive Duquesne University class ring now greets those walking across campus.

Sponsored by Herff Jones and the Student Government Association, The Tradition Project on the walkway from Rockwell and Rangos halls was developed by recent graduate Franklin J. Giovannelli and student Gregory D. Caspero.

The ring, perched on a blue granite base, was dedicated during a special ceremony in October.

“The ring is as unique in its production as its history merits,” says Steve Bickley, sculptor and professor emeritus at Virginia Tech.

This version of the ring weighs about 100 pounds instead of the usual half-ounce, according to Bickley. The statue showcases the oversized red stone in ruby glass with the Old English “D” associated with Duquesne. The inclusion of 1878 reminds all of the roots of the Duquesne legacy in the year the Pittsburgh Catholic College was founded.

“We want the ring monument to celebrate Duquesne’s long and distinguished history…”

The internal diameter is 19 inches, compared to a more human-sized scale of 1 inch—which would mean the ring is a perfect size for a giant who would be about 114 feet tall, says Bickley.

“Herff Jones is honored to have partnered with Duquesne on The Tradition Project,” adds Ken Langlois, vice president of sales. “We want the ring monument to celebrate Duquesne’s long and distinguished history, and represent the unique experiences and school pride we know students and alumni feel when they look at their own class rings.”

The recognizable ring, unchanged since the 1920s, has united people around the world, according to Sarah Sperry, executive director of alumni relations:

“It’s not only a great memento of their time at the University, but represents their connection to Duquesne.”

DU Magazine, Media Initiatives Receive Awards

The Office of Public Affairs received two awards at the 36th annual Pittsburgh Golden Triangle Awards held in October by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).

The Duquesne University Magazine received an Award of Honor in the Publications category.

The media plan to publicize the University’s pioneering joint undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering and nursing also received an Award of Honor in Media Relations.
Triple Play: Professor, Alumna Earn Three Awards at Emmys

A biology professor who enhances health literacy through multimedia efforts recently captured two Emmy Awards, while a graduate of Duquesne’s journalism and multimedia arts program walked away a winner at a ceremony in Philadelphia in September.

The **Scientastic!** program *Are You Sleeping? Dormez Vous?*, created by Dr. John Pollock, professor of biological sciences, was recognized in the categories of Children/Youth/Teen Program or Special and Musical Composition/Arrangement by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

In addition, May graduate Samantha Barker won a Student Award for Excellence in College Production for her news package.

**Scientastic!**, aimed at 8- to 13-year-olds and produced by Pollock’s Partnership in Education at Duquesne with David Caldwell of Planet Earth Television, premiered on WQED-TV in Pittsburgh and was distributed by American Public Television to more than 100 public television stations nationwide. The show was supported by the Science Education Partnership Awards from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, local foundations and regional organizations.

“Receiving two Emmy Awards is great recognition for the hard work and quality that we have brought to the issue of sleep deprivation among school-age kids, which is an epidemic that affects every aspect of their lives, from grades, athletics, mood and health,” says Pollock, who does basic research on the nervous system. “Creating a show that brings the science of sleep into the worldview of a child while keeping it all fun comes from a great team of students and professionals.”

Student winner Barker was nominated for the College/University Student Production honor for a news package she developed as a student in a news production class taught by Dr. Dennis Woytek, assistant professor of journalism and multimedia arts. Barker served as producer-reporter for a package about a fundraiser walk for blood cancer.

“Without Dennis Woytek and Mike Clark (adjunct professor and WTAE-TV broadcaster), I wouldn’t have had the skills necessary to receive this nomination,” says Barker.

Gamma Phi to Celebrate Centennial

Founded in May 1916, Gamma Phi is the oldest and only local fraternity at Duquesne University.

According to Gamma Phi brother Tom Herward, A’67, “Gamma Phi has been able to survive and prosper for 100 years because we have remained local, clearly paralleling Duquesne’s roots as a largely commuter school. We have had a history built on legacy with relatives and family friends becoming Gammas over these many years.”

The brothers of Gamma Phi have raised more than $60,000 for the Gamma Phi 100th Anniversary Scholarship Fund. While the fund will begin assisting students this fall, the brothers hope to raise the total to $100,000 in time for their centennial reunion during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, Sept. 23-25, 2016.

For more information about the Gamma Phi 100th anniversary celebration, contact Jennifer Black in Alumni Relations at blackj2@duq.edu. To make a contribution to the Gamma Phi 100th Anniversary Scholarship Fund, please visit myduquesne.duq.edu/gammaphi100.

More than two dozen brothers of Gamma Phi Fraternity gathered recently for their 33rd annual reunion in Deep Creek, Md.

Pictured, left to right:  
**Front Row** - John Gargotta, Tom Haas, Jim Savena, Tom Atkins, Harry O’Toole, Jim Slavish, Tom Herward, Pat Walsh, Jim Harkins, Mike Handerhan, Ade Chesler, Gil Kaib and Jim Homer.

Rangos School Celebrates 25th Anniversary with Special Gala

More than 200 faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends gathered in October for a special evening to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the John G. Rangos School of Health Sciences.

The on-campus celebration kicked off with a presentation from current dean Dr. Greg Frazer, who discussed some of the school’s many highlights. Provost Dr. Timothy Austin and founding school dean Dr. Jerome Martin gave remarks, and Alexander Rangos, president and chief operating officer of Chambers Development Co., and son of the school’s namesake, delivered the keynote (the school was named for its primary benefactor, John G. Rangos Sr.).
Strategic Rockwell Renovations Provide New Learning, Engagement and Networking Opportunities

The Palumbo-Donahue School of Business is on its way to achieving distinctive excellence by providing transformative business education and strategic renovations to Rockwell Hall, creating world-class learning environments for students.

Outstanding facilities are essential for attracting top-notch students and faculty who embrace the school’s emphasis on practical wisdom, innovation, community and collaboration, according to Business Dean Dr. Dean McFarlin. Recent renovations on the third and fifth floors of Rockwell Hall underscore the school’s commitment to excellence.

“We hope to enhance our reputation and bolster engagement with alumni and the business community through these changes to Rockwell Hall...”

“Through the use of technology, light, open space design and flexible furniture concepts, we have increased the vitality and visibility of learning activity in the school, enhancing the collaboration and faculty-student engagement so critical to educational success,” says McFarlin.

A favorite gathering space for students, the “Lounge on 5,” promotes informal interactions with a fabulous view of downtown Pittsburgh. The lounge boasts multiple flat-screen monitors and comfortable furniture. A great space to brainstorm, students can share and capture ideas on a writable wall, as well as on glass tabletops.

While a great deal has been accomplished, much work remains. The school will continue to implement renovations that support the holistic redesign plan for Rockwell Hall, including tentative footprints for specific centers of excellence and a newly designed and expanded Investment Center.

“We hope to enhance our reputation and bolster engagement with alumni and the business community through these changes to Rockwell Hall, which will take transformational learning and faculty research efforts to new heights,” says McFarlin.

The school’s Innovation Fund supports the development of new program initiatives, centers of excellence, faculty research, collaborative partnerships and revitalized facilities. To learn more, visit duq.edu/innovation. ♦

Genesius Theater Dedication Kicks Off Inaugural Year of Performances

Nearly 200 faculty, staff, students, alumni and board members gathered for the dedication of the Genesius Theater in August.

The new 10,500-square-foot theater includes seating for up to 130, a rehearsal hall, dressing rooms, building shops, costume storage and a green room.

During his remarks, President Charles J. Dougherty called the new theater a tribute to the generations of Duquesne performers who, in the past, made do on campus without a permanent home. He also described it as an invitation to the city of Pittsburgh to visit Duquesne’s campus.

The Genesius Theater will be used by Duquesne’s Red Masquers, Spotlight Musical Theater Company and Mary Pappert School of Music ensembles for performances. The theater will also accommodate production classes.

The Genesius Theater was named for third-century saint Genesius of Rome, whose public conversion on stage led to his martyrdom. Because of his association with the theater and performing arts, Genesius is the patron saint of actors and other performers. ♦
Did You Know?

No. 1

Duquesne is again the leader in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's College and University Green Power Challenge for the Atlantic 10 Conference in the 2015-2016 academic year. Duquesne uses more electricity from clean, renewable sources than any other school in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

雹 18 million

kilowatt-hours of wind power (nearly twice that of the nearest competitor)

雹 36%

of Duquesne’s total electricity usage is green power

Academics, students and language enthusiasts from across the country visited campus in September for the 28th annual PA Foreign Language Conference, hosted by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

Nearly 700 veterans

and their guests attended Duquesne’s annual Veterans Day breakfast in 2015. And for the first time, the University’s recognition of our veterans continued throughout the week with events including a lecture, a documentary screening and a military appreciation night at the men’s basketball opener.

雹 1135

composite average of Duquesne’s SAT and ACT scores

Calculated by Business Insider, this number makes Duquesne No. 334 on the publication’s 2015 list of 610 Smartest Colleges in America.

Photos. Art.  

Items like these, accompanied by stories related to the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh, were displayed during a two-day museum pop-up event in November curated by graduate students in Dr. Alima Buccionini’s public history class. The students worked with a Carnegie Library branch and the Hill House organization to present Our Hill, Our Home, Our Stories: Collecting Our Neighborhood.

Signage from an August Wilson play.
Alumnus Spreads Passion for Music Around the Globe

CATCHING UP WITH ROSSEN MILANOV

By Christy Hudson
Rossen Milanov’s life revolves around music—whether teaching grade school students about it or traveling the world to work as a symphony conductor and music director with renowned musical ensembles. He even connects his love of cooking to music.

“Food is similar to music,” says Milanov, GM’92. “It brings people together and makes them appreciate fine balances and exquisite subtleties.”

His latest professional endeavor is serving as music director for the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. In this new position, Milanov will be responsible for many aspects of keeping the orchestra running, including making decisions on programming and performing artists; furthering the artistic vision of the organization and how it fits the market it serves; serving on a committee that appoints new musicians in the orchestra; and establishing relationships with donors, the board of directors and volunteers.

“Concerts, operas, ballets, collaborative performances… I am constantly looking for new ways to make our art form relevant in a meaningful way to more people,” says Milanov.

Milanov’s experiences while a student at Duquesne helped to prepare him for his future career as a conductor.

“My most beneficial experience at Duquesne was to be part of the symphony orchestra and to have the opportunity that our conductor, Robin Fountain, gave to me to conduct the opening piece at the first concert,” says Milanov. “The classes of musical analysis and graduate research were also extremely useful.”

Through Symphony in C, Milanov helped members to develop an understanding of what the mission of a musician in the 21st century should include—consummate musicianship, hard work and inspiration. And, most importantly, how those traits are carried into performance.

“I am proud when I feel that my orchestras and I have given everything during our performances,” he says.

Milanov, who is originally from Bulgaria, holds a master’s degree in oboe performance from Duquesne’s Mary Pappert School of Music. He is the recipient of several professional awards, including an ASCAP award for his programming with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra and the title of Bulgaria’s Musician of the Year for 2005.

He says he has been preparing his whole life to be a musician: “I actually never considered any other career. Music chose me.”

In line with the University’s mission, Milanov is passionate about musical education, reaching people of many backgrounds and making the art form accessible to them regardless of their age, musical taste, or social, economic and cultural backgrounds.

“Audiences are different in their response to the performance, as well as in their repertoire taste,” says Milanov. “I try to bridge the differences and always offer something intriguing, surprising and stimulating.”

Although working in these different contexts can be challenging at times, he finds it expands his appreciation of what each group offers. This allows him to see each one individually and to build a concert repertoire that engages his audiences based upon their personal experience.

He also shares this outreach through his work with Link Up—a unique music education program that engages New York City public school students through a combination of instrumental instruction and performance opportunity. Throughout the year, students learn a specific musical repertoire, which culminates with a concert that features the children performing alongside a symphony orchestra in New York’s iconic Carnegie Hall.

Seeing the impact the Link Up program makes on young students, Milanov is working to expand it internationally. He uses a version of Link Up’s successful curriculum and draws upon his professional connection with Orquesta Sinfónica del Principado de Asturias in Spain to provide a similar program to Spanish students.

In addition to working with school-age students, he helps to prepare the next generation of professional musicians. For more than 15 years, he served as music director with Symphony in C, a renowned training orchestra that prepares musicians for careers in professional orchestras. Through Symphony in C, Milanov helped members to develop an understanding of what the mission of a musician in the 21st century should include—consummate musicianship, hard work and inspiration. And, most importantly, how those traits are carried into performance.

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Recent Rankings and Honors for DU Programs and Schools

U.S. NEWS RANKS DUQUESNE AMONG BEST COLLEGES, ONLINE PROGRAMS AND BEST VALUE SCHOOLS

For the eighth consecutive year, Duquesne has been ranked in the top tier of schools by U.S. News & World Report in its annual edition of the Best Colleges rankings. The University advanced one spot to No. 115—the highest in University history—in the 2016 National Universities Rankings category.

Duquesne also rose to tie for the 11th spot among the top-tier national Catholic institutions in the rankings.

Duquesne ranked No. 43 in the Best Value Schools category, which takes into account a school’s academic quality and cost, and only considers schools ranked in or near the top half of the 2016 Best Colleges ranking. For its Best Online Degree Programs category, U.S. News ranked Duquesne at No. 90. In the Best Colleges for Veterans category, Duquesne ranked No. 94.

The A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration was ranked No. 191 in the Best Undergraduate Business Programs category, which focuses on the school’s performance in the Best Colleges rankings and the average freshman retention rate.

UNIVERSITY AGAIN NAMED A TOP 100 BEST COLLEGE VALUE BY ‘KIPLINGER’

Duquesne’s excellent academics and affordability have again earned the University a spot on the Best College Values rankings published by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine.

In the Top 300 Best College Values of 2016, Kiplinger ranked Duquesne No. 71 on its list of 100 best values in private universities. The University has been consistently rising in this Kiplinger’s category, coming in at No. 72 in 2015 and No. 84 in 2014. One of only six Pennsylvania schools included in the best values in private universities list this year, Duquesne was ranked at No. 56 in the “salary yardstick” (of its graduates) category.

For its rankings, Kiplinger assesses value by measurable standards of academic quality and affordability.

PRINCETON REVIEW NAMES GRADUATE BUSINESS SCHOOL AS ONE OF NATION’S TOP 295

The Donahue Graduate School of Business is among The Princeton Review’s Best 295 Business Schools, 2016 edition, based on how students rate their schools.

“The schools we selected for these guides all offer academically outstanding degrees: we recommend them highly,” says Robert Franek, senior vice president/publisher of The Princeton Review.

DUQUESNE, SCHOOL OF NURSING EARN MILITARY FRIENDLY STATUS

For the seventh consecutive year, Duquesne has been recognized for its array of academic, financial and social support for veterans, and named a 2016 Military Friendly School by Victory Media.

This honor also was awarded to Duquesne’s School of Nursing for its continued efforts to advance best practices to support military students.

Military Friendly status is bestowed upon top colleges and universities in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, dedicating resources to ensure their success both in the classroom and after graduation.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION CALLS MBA SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM ONE OF THE WORLD’S TOP 10

In the face of global climate change and resource challenges, Duquesne’s MBA with a focus on sustainability has again been ranked as one of the world’s best MBA programs for future leaders.

Corporate Knights, a quarterly international publication focused on social, economic and ecological benefits and costs, released its 2015 Better World MBA ranking, listing the Donahue Graduate School of Business as No. 10 among MBA programs worldwide and No. 4 among U.S. schools, just behind Harvard Business School.

The ranking highlighted 121 institutions around the globe, looking at the best packages of core courses, research and support centers to foster sustainability-oriented learning.
WASHINGTON MONTHLY RANKS DU AMONG ‘BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK’

Washington Monthly has again touted Duquesne as being a school where students get the “best bang for the buck.” In its 2015 Best Bang for the Buck—Northeast Rankings, Washington Monthly ranks Duquesne No. 67 of the 402 schools included in the list. The list, according to the publication, indicates the schools in the Northeast that are “the best value for a (student’s) money based on ‘net’ (not sticker) price, how well they do graduating the students they admit and whether those students go on to earn at least enough to pay off their loans.”

Duquesne was ranked No. 68 by Washington Monthly in its last Best Bang for the Buck rankings, which were released in 2013.

MONEY RECOGNIZES UNIVERSITY’S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS

MONEY, which already has recognized Duquesne as one of the nation’s schools with the best tuition value, is now calling Duquesne one of the 99 colleges in the country generally providing financial aid to every freshman.

In its listing, MONEY identified public and private schools that have graduation rates at or above the median and “generally made it a practice to give every single freshman a scholarship.”

“Colleges have a choice as to how they will invest institutional-based academic scholarships,” says Paul-James Cukanna, associate provost for enrollment management. “Many limit the funds to a select few. President Charles Dougherty’s philosophy has been to leverage our funds to provide access and choice to as many academically talented and motivated students as possible.”

In compiling the list, MONEY cited a recent survey that shows the average private college awards scholarships to 89 percent of its freshmen. Duquesne offers financial aid to 99 percent of incoming students.

EDUCATION RESEARCH SITE RECOGNIZES DUQUESNE

Using 2014-2015 data from the U.S. Department of Education, the education research site StartClass recently compiled a list of the 25 private universities with the lowest tuition for full-time students. Schools included in this ranking had at least 5,000 undergraduate students and a “Smart Rating” of 80 or higher (based upon criteria including career readiness, admissions selectivity, expert opinion and academic excellence). Duquesne, listed at No. 21, cost $32,636 for undergraduate tuition and fees, and holds a “Smart Rating” of 93.

HIGH RETURN ON DUQUESNE DEGREE CITED

The Pittsburgh Business Times compiled a listing of how much graduates of local colleges make—one way to look at the return on one’s college investment. Duquesne was ranked No. 2, behind only Carnegie Mellon University. Although the average annual cost of attending Duquesne and graduation rates are similar to other regional institutions, the annual average salary of a Duquesne graduate is about 10 percent higher at $54,300.

DU NAMED A TOP CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The national news site Newsmax recently ranked Duquesne as No. 5 among more than 300 Catholic institutions, including the University of Notre Dame, Georgetown University, Boston College and Villanova University, as “integrating faith and reason with a rigorous academic education.” According to the website: “These colleges and universities cater especially to students who have a strong desire to grow intellectually, morally and spiritually, learning to serve and care for others in their local and national communities.”

UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED FOR SAFETY

For parents and their children, the safety of a campus provides priceless peace of mind. To quantify that quality, BackgroundChecks.org compiled a list of the Top 50 Safest Colleges in America, based on 2011-2013 data from schools with 5,000 or more students from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education, which keeps statistics on campus crime. Duquesne is listed at No. 24, with only nine on-campus incidents reported.

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ONE OF COUNTRY’S TOP 50 PROGRAMS

The School of Education’s doctoral program in school psychology has been ranked by Best Counseling Degrees as among the top 50 in the nation.

Duquesne is ranked No. 38 for the programs that lead to a Ph.D. or a Psy.D., allowing graduates to practice in schools, hospitals, agencies, clinics and private practice, as well as to conduct research and teach at the university level.

The ranking was compiled by the website Best Counseling Degrees, which chose the top programs from nearly 60 offerings accredited by the American Psychological Association and approved by the National Association of School Psychologists. The methodology also included the programs’ pass rates for the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology, a licensing test utilized in most states and Canadian provinces, as well as the mean years to complete the program.
Nursing School Benefiting from New Learning and Simulation Center

The School of Nursing’s new 5,000-square-foot Learning and Simulation Center features state-of-the-art video technology and equipment designed to enhance clinical learning for nursing students.

Larger than its predecessor in Fisher Hall, the new center on the fifth floor of Libermann Hall provides a sophisticated, yet realistic, hands-on setting that hones nursing students’ skills.

“The acuity of a hospitalized patient is so high that a beginner/new nursing student is not yet ready or comfortable enough to go into that setting without some practice,” explains Rosanna Henry, director of the Learning and Simulation Center. “Our students get that practice here and gain confidence so that they feel better about dealing with an acutely ill patient.”

In addition to the previous lab’s equipment, the new facility features more than $140,000 of new medical equipment donated by PocketNurse®.

“Due to the generosity of Anthony Battaglia, PocketNurse® president and CEO, Duquesne nursing majors have access to an infant resuscitator, phototherapy unit and incubator, a medication cart, an emergency cart and other anatomical models, simulators, wall diagnostics and modern medical equipment to address their clinical learning needs,” says Nursing Dean Dr. Mary Ellen Glasgow. “Students have the opportunity for a ‘dress rehearsal’ before entering the clinical environment due to this leading-edge learning facility.”

New patient simulators and digital-recording technology allow faculty to watch video before meeting with students in a debriefing room to provide constructive feedback.

The center is equipped with a Mondopad, a large touch-screen video monitor that interfaces with hand-held computers and cell phones, and supports remote viewing from any location that has Internet access. In addition to two classrooms, the updated center includes areas for instruction in acute care, health assessment, basic care, medication and home care.

According to Henry, the new lab space also helps with recruiting nursing majors to Duquesne.

“Prospective nursing students come to campus expecting a state-of-the-art lab,” she says. “The feedback from students who toured the lab in Libermann as part of attending Duquesnefest this past summer told us that lab is what sealed the deal for them to attend Duquesne.”
School of Law Hosts Gandhi: The Lawyer

In November, more than 300 people attended the School of Law’s insightful program exploring Mahatma Gandhi’s life as a young attorney in India and South Africa, and how the years impacted his future as an international human rights leader.

Law School Dean Ken Gormley organized Gandhi: The Lawyer and moderated the panel discussion with two Gandhi scholars: Rajmohan Gandhi and Charles R. DiSalvo. Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, is a respected author, historian and humanitarian. He has written extensively on South Asian history with a special focus on dialogue and reconciliation between divided communities. DiSalvo, a law professor at West Virginia University, is the award-winning author of M.K. Gandhi, Attorney at Law: The Man before the Mahatma.

The panelists introduced interesting insights into Gandhi’s journey.

“In South Africa, when he found his purpose, he found his voice,” said Rajmohan Gandhi, when detailing his grandfather’s struggles and successes. “Mahatma Gandhi taught us to ‘[live] for something much more than for ourselves.’”

Duquesne University presented Gandhi: The Lawyer in association with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust’s India in Focus cultural showcase.

Call for Nominations

The Alumni Board of Governors is seeking nominations by March 31, 2016 to fill vacancies as current terms expire.

Selected members are required to serve on at least one committee, attend scheduled board and committee meetings, and maintain two-way communication between their constituents and the board.

The board meets three times a year as a group, with committee meetings varying in frequency. Committees include Governance, Communications & Marketing, Scholarship & Awards, Programming & Events, and Volunteer Engagement. To nominate alumni or to self-nominate, go to www.myduquesne.duq.edu/alumniboard or e-mail alumnionline@duq.edu.

More Than $500,000 Raised at Hogan Tribute Event

Hundreds of alumni and friends, including members of his family visiting from Ireland, paid tribute to the remarkable life and work of Fr. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., in the Union Ballroom on Sept. 26.

The evening celebrated Fr. Hogan’s 40 years of service to Duquesne University, while also supporting his new role as president of the newly formed Duquesne University Scholarship Association (DUSA). The event raised nearly $500,000, which will help make a Duquesne education more affordable for future generations of students.

Since Fr. Hogan has transitioned from his previous role as executive vice president for student life to become president of the DUSA, more than $4.2 million has been raised toward various Duquesne scholarship funds.

Attendees of the tribute event received a special edition Fr. Hogan Leprechaun Bobblehead. A limited number of this much-talked-about item are still available. Those who make a gift of $100 or more to any new or existing scholarship fund in honor of Fr. Hogan’s new role as president of the DUSA will receive a bobblehead.

To make a donation, contact Stacie Conto at 412.396.5690 or contos@duq.edu, or send a check made payable to Duquesne University, with “Fr. Hogan Bobblehead” in the memo line, to Stacie Conto, 405 Administration Building, Duquesne University, 600 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15282.
Health Care Evolution
UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP ALLOWS DU TO HELP CHINA WITH NEED FOR REHABILITATION SPECIALISTS

By Rose Ravasio, A'90

With China’s booming population aging and living longer, the nation is experiencing a critical need for health care professionals who specialize in physical therapy and occupational therapy.

The John G. Rangos School of Health Sciences, through its partnership with the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM), is hosting 14 health care professionals from China who are taking classes as part of a unique program designed to help them specialize in physical therapy and occupational therapy.

The arrangement was developed with backing from the Chinese government, and Duquesne is the only American university involved in such an arrangement.

“In many of China’s universities and medical schools, they only have a rehabilitation school or department, and what they offer is more comprehensive treatment, rather than a specialty like physical therapy or occupational therapy,” explains Associate Professor of Speech-Language Pathology Dr. Yang Chen, who worked with Rangos Dean Dr. Greg Frazer to develop the program. “Now, there is a big need for rehab, but they don’t have enough manpower to fill that need.”

Through the partnership, the SHUTCM sends eligible Chinese health care professionals to Duquesne to earn a master’s degree in rehabilitation sciences with concentrations in either physical therapy or occupational therapy.

“In China, they want to add specialties to their rehabilitation programs, but they don’t have the faculty members to do it. And in the hospitals, they don’t have the qualified specialists,” says Chen.

Since 2011, the Rangos school has been sponsoring short-term study abroad programs in China and that is how the SHUTCM collaboration developed.

“I take great pride in the fact that our Chinese partners have such trust in our faculty and Duquesne University to assist with the evolution of rehabilitation services in China,” says Frazer.

Student Dongmei Ai is in the physical therapy track. “This program is important because of the urgent demand of high-level physical therapists and occupational therapists in China, and the techniques and knowledge of therapists can be insufficient,” says Ai. “I plan to be a physical therapist in a hospital and, in the long run, I hope to become a faculty member at a college of rehabilitation so that I can teach Chinese students all the contemporary knowledge that I know.”

Of the students participating in the program, nine are taking classes through the Department of Physical Therapy and five through the Department of Occupational Therapy for three straight semesters of study. The group will graduate in August. The first cohort of 12 students graduated, returned to China and assumed positions within the country’s health care system.

Memorial Scholarship Pays Tribute to Business Student

The Ryan Fleming Memorial Scholarship pays tribute to a young man whose hard work and kind nature continue to inspire others. Fleming, a sophomore business student, passed away in 2014 at age 20. Duquesne students now receive support in Fleming’s name through the generosity of the Xerox Corporation.

Fleming was the eldest son of Thomas P. Fleming Jr., superintendent of the Richland School District, and Cambria County Judge Linda Fleming. A high school letterman in football and basketball, he shared a love for athletics with his father, a former high school football coach.

In 2013, he was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, a condition in which an extra electrical pathway in the heart leads to episodes of rapid heart rate, which eventually took his life.

During Fleming’s first year at Duquesne, he became a student assistant to director of football operations John Rosato. Fleming’s uncle was Duquesne head coach Jerry Schmitt, but few of the players or staff members were aware of the connection.

“Ryan refused to call him ‘Uncle Jerry,’” explains his father. “He didn’t want anybody to think he got any kind of special attention.”

Thomas Merlie, senior client manager at Xerox, knew Ryan Fleming and admired his determination, resourcefulness and selflessness.

“Everybody who met him liked him. He knew everyone. No one said a bad thing about him. He had an engaging, soothing, feel-good personality,” recalls Merlie. “He wasn’t a big-time college athlete, but he was part of college athletics in a profound way. Ryan always found ways to be a part of something bigger. If he couldn’t find one way to do something, he’d find an alternate route—one that would benefit others.”

Fleming’s altruism is reflected in the business association between Duquesne and Xerox.

“In our desire to foster a partnership, we want to go above and beyond the standard business relationship between vendor and institution,” explains Merlie. “We want to participate, to be involved in a larger sense, and to contribute in a way that benefits the desires and needs of Duquesne students.”

Sophomore Christine DeAndrea and freshman Katherine Narasimha, both enrolled in the physician assistant studies program, are the inaugural recipients of this scholarship for this academic year.

“Ryan Fleming personified the type of student whom we hope will benefit from his namesake scholarship,” says Merlie. “We at Xerox hope that the scholarship benefits as many students as possible—young men and women who need the help and who will work hard every day.”
“Our team works every day to keep the patient at the center of everything that we do.”

Alex’s philosophy has been inspired by the Spiritan aphorism, and anchored by three key points:
1. practical union
2. solidarity and community
3. selflessness
DU in Pictures

1. Drs. Mark Lesher, P’08, and Danielle (Hoover) Lesher, HS’09, recently took their Duquesne University Magazine to one of THE HIGHEST MOUNTAINS IN EUROPE: the Matterhorn in Zermatt, Switzerland.

2. Thirty-five Duquesne students and SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY staff took the Duquesne University Magazine to Philadelphia for Mass with Pope Francis on Sept. 27.

3. Duquesne’s annual FAMILY WEEKEND, hosted by the Office of Freshman Development, took place in October. The event included a tailgate dinner, family talent show, Greek Carnival, Mass and President’s Brunch. Shown with President Charles Dougherty and The Honorable Sandra Dougherty is freshman soccer player Peace Drevitch.

4. In October, Anjanette Kichline, B’98, and Jennifer Carroll, B’98, took the Duquesne University Magazine to Melk Abbey, in Melk, AUSTRIA.

5. PHILADELPHIA-AREA FRESHMEN were welcomed last summer into the home of Bill (P’92) and Maureen Bell to celebrate their start at DU.
Want to be more involved? Join us at our next event or follow @duqalumni on Instagram! Share your Duquesne alumni photos at #duqalumni.

6. Gregory Priore, A’78, GA’80, and his wife, Debbie, celebrated their third child attending Duquesne at the fall LEGACY BREAKFAST. Brothers Anthony and Daniel welcomed their sister, Claire, to Duquesne!

7. Elizabeth Chitester, a MUSIC THERAPY major at Duquesne, studied abroad this past summer with the Jamaica Field Service Project. For 10 days, Chitester (shown wearing a blue shirt in the center of the photo) worked in local schools and care centers while immersing herself in the traditions, music and culture of Jamaica alongside university students from across the United States and Canada.

8. Members of the Young Alumni Council hosted more than 100 alumni and friends for their ANNUAL DAY AT THE PITTSBURGH ZOO. Keep an eye out for the date of the next Pittsburgh Zoo event, scheduled for this coming summer!


10. Kaylin and Kylah, daughters of Latisha (Powers) Hitchcock, GP’04, showed their Duquesne pride during the Alumni Day at the CLEVELAND ZOO.

11. George (B’77) and Laura Schano recently took their Duquesne University Magazine to BATH, ENGLAND.

The Alumni Association and Chapters host family-friendly events, social activities and networking receptions throughout the year. Join us next time! Learn what is coming up by checking out the Alumni Calendar on pages 48 and 49 or by visiting myduquesne.duq.edu.
Getting Babies Moving

PHYSICAL THERAPY PROFESSOR LEADS STUDY ON INFANTS’ MOTOR, COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

By Rose Ravasio, A’90

Above: Study participant Mason Graham wears a special eye tracker that follows and records eye movement, and records what the baby sees.
Many parents look forward to their baby’s first smile or first steps. But, another major milestone—sitting—may reveal a lot about a baby’s development.

Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy Dr. Regina Harbourne, armed with a $32,778 grant from the Commonwealth Universal Research Enhancement program of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, is conducting research focused on infants with basic neurological disorders that affect their motor development—specifically, learning how to sit up, which is a major benchmark in a baby’s development.

“Sitting is a big turning point for babies because they are able to orient in the same way as the adult world, and their hands get freed up so they can manipulate things,” says Harbourne. “That is a point where they are really able to start to learn in a whole new way.”

In previous similar research, Harbourne found the study’s intervention not only improved the infants’ motor development (with sitting), it also advanced their cognitive development. Her new study further investigates the effects of physical therapy intervention on the motor and cognitive development of infants with neuromotor disorders, and will also allow her to better understand the interaction between early movement and early thinking skills.

According to Harbourne, infants typically begin to sit up between six and eight months of age.

Below: Dr. Regina Harbourne (right) uses play as a physical therapy intervention to help nine-month-old Mason Graham with motor development as Mason’s mom, Debbie, watches.

“Babies with a neuromotor disorder don’t sit up easily,” explains Harbourne. “When these delays occur, it’s important to intervene as early as possible—the earlier we intervene, the faster changes can be made in their progress.”

Infants between 7-16 months old that have a diagnosed neuromotor disorder or developmental delays that put them at risk for a disorder, and have not yet learned to sit on their own, are eligible for the study. The infant and family participate for three months of the study, during which a physical therapist works weekly with the child in the home. The study takes place in the home to get more accurate results about their usual behavior.

“It’s different for infants that come into a new or unknown environment such as a research lab—babies are very aware of something new, so they end up looking all over the place and all around,” says Harbourne.

The babies are randomly split into two groups. One group’s intervention includes giving the infants physical help, during which parents and therapists actually lift them up, initiate movement for them and aid them in moving around. The other group’s intervention practices movement with a problem-solving focus, such as playing toy stacking cups. This group is given hints, but does not receive as much help with movement.

In addition, each infant wears an eye tracker that includes a camera that follows and records eye movement while another camera shows and records what the baby sees.

“Using the tracker, you can see exactly where the baby’s eye is focusing. We look at how quickly the babies move their focus of vision from one thing to another,” says Harbourne. “We measure the timing of all of the visual things, how much they look at their hand before they reach for something or do they just look at the object, and we’ll compare between the two groups. The information will also help us understand exactly what type of thinking processes are changing for the infants.”

The babies are tested just prior to the study, then again each month and one month after they complete the study.

Nine-month-old study participant Mason Graham was born a few weeks early and, after having a seizure at just two months old, was diagnosed with clonus, a disorder in which the baby has involuntary, rhythmic, muscular contractions and relaxations that can indicate neurological issues.

“Physically, he wasn’t sitting up when he should have been,” says Mason’s mom, Debbie. “After he was diagnosed, the tests also showed he had tightness in his legs and back, which may have also contributed to the delay.”

Harbourne has been working with Mason since October, and he now sits up on his own, crawls and is learning to walk with assistance.

“Mason has made tremendous progress in both his motor skills and his thinking skills, and his family can be credited with helping him advance in both these areas,” says Harbourne. “He has actually made more gains than expected.”

Debbie Graham, who is with Mason during each session, says her son’s progress seemed to happen quickly. “He caught up all at once in just over a few weeks,” she says. “We’re so happy he’s had the chance to be in this study. It’s been very good for him.”

Regarding cognitive development, Harbourne found through previous research that the group of infants that received less help with movement did better with problem solving than those who did receive assistance.

“It’s always important for children to learn to move, but what we’re finding out is that moving helps you get smarter, it helps your cognition, and that’s the real importance of this study,” she says.

This cognitive finding will be at the center of Harbourne’s next research project, a study funded by a $3.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, which will enable her to determine whether pushing or advancing a motor skill like sitting and reaching can also push cognition. She plans to start recruiting participants for this study in February.
Creating Knowledge

RECENTLY, DUQUESNE RESEARCHERS HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON FERAL CAT COLONIES, CHRONIC PAIN, ASPERGER’S SYNDROME AND MORE.

FERAL CATS: COMPUTATIONAL STUDY LOOKS AT HOW BEST TO FIX THE NUISANCE

Working with faculty members in mathematics and biology, a Duquesne undergraduate majoring in computer science and mathematics, as well as physics, has created the first computational model to track the size, location and nuisance of feral cat colonies. This issue concerns communities nationwide that hold some 70 to 100 million unhoused cats and kittens.

By the nuisance criteria, the traditional Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) method that diminishes hormone production and mating behaviors wins hands-down over the Trap-Vasectomy-Hysterectomy-Return (TVHR) method that leaves hormone production intact, says Dr. Rachael Neilan, assistant professor of mathematics, who received a Duquesne Faculty Development grant for the project.

Like other researchers, student Timothy Ireland started with a mathematical model based on differential equations, then developed an even more complex, agent-based computational program. This program allows for detailed inputs, such as ages and locations of individual cats, environmental conditions and the use of TNR or TVHR.

Because of his unique approach, Ireland presented his work at the recent National Institute of Mathematical and Biological Synthesis undergraduate research symposium in Tennessee. Ireland’s agent-based model, a cutting-edge technique in applied mathematics, drew much interest and attention.

Ireland and Neilan worked closely with Dr. Becky Morrow, a veterinarian and assistant professor of biological sciences, and Dr. Lisa Ludvico, a DNA specialist and assistant professor of biological sciences, who sought a scientific model for the most effective control strategies and provided the modelers with field-tested assumptions.

“The model is an elaborate computational and mathematical system built on biological assumptions and provides answers to important questions,” says Neilan. “This project illustrates the importance of studying math and how math can be used to solve a real-life problem.”

A WEEK IN CURAÇAO, A YEAR OF ANALYSIS FOR CHRONIC PAIN RESEARCH MEMBERS

Spending a week on the Caribbean island of Curaçao hardly sounds like scientific research. But that’s exactly what it was for Dr. Kevin Tidgewell, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry in the Mylan School of Pharmacy, and Dr. Benedict Kolber, assistant professor of biological sciences in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences.

Tidgewell, the grant/funding coordinator of Duquesne’s Chronic Pain Research Consortium, and Kolber, the group’s research/education coordinator, gathered about 14 liters of cyanobacteria—what looks like seaweed to the untrained eye—in waters off CARMABI, a marine research station run by the Caribbean Research & Management of Biodiversity Foundation.

They found what they expected—plus some types of cyanobacteria not previously reported.

“We knew there would be cyanobacteria there,” says Tidgewell, explaining that other researchers have harvested cyanobacteria from Curaçao containing anti-cancer compounds. “It was a new site for us, and the availability of the research station made the permitting process easier. We were looking for cyanobacteria that produce compounds that could help with pain relief, addiction rehabilitation, depression and Parkinson’s disease.”

Compounds in the cyanobacteria may work by signaling through G-protein coupled receptors that play a role in modulating the central nervous system. The trip provided enough samples to supply Tidgewell and Kolber with about a year’s worth of work extracting and isolating the active compounds. This post-trip research and analysis is funded by a joint National Institutes of Health grant to Tidgewell and Kolber from the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health.
GRANTS FUND RESEARCH SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH ISSUES

In a new initiative that illustrates the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and community-engaged research at Duquesne, two projects have been selected to receive initial seed funding through the Office of the Provost, the Center for Community-Engaged Teaching and Research and the Office of Research.

The first project is designed to improve the maternal-child health crisis affecting African-Americans in the United States, where African-American women are less likely to receive prenatal care and nearly four times more likely to die from causes related to pregnancy as non-Hispanic, white women. Health outcomes for their babies are linked to those of the mothers.

The second project will identify and work with immigrant Ahiska families involved with the Turkish Cultural Center of Pittsburgh, helping to welcome and integrate the newcomers into the Pittsburgh community. After identifying needs such as emotional support, academic and language development, the team will design appropriate programs with cultural center volunteers and teachers.

ASPERGER’S CAN BECOME THE TIE CONNECTING TEENS, DU RESEARCHER FINDS

A Duquesne researcher, looking at the ways autism and society shape each other, has found a small American town where youth with Asperger’s Syndrome have turned what typically is viewed as a negative difference into a positive one.

Dr. Elizabeth Fein, assistant professor of psychology, has found “Aspie pride” resonates with these young people and enhances their social lives—and believes that it might serve as a model for other communities.

“A number of people in that community believed very strongly that Asperger’s brings important strengths and gifts to be cultivated, not just symptoms to be treated,” says Fein, whose work focuses on how autism molds and is molded by society. “Parents and teachers—some of whom were on the spectrum themselves—worked together to form a series of school programs and a community center where teens on the spectrum could come together to enjoy each other’s company and form enduring friendships.”

Fein presented her research in September at an international workshop in Rio de Janeiro. The workshop, Autism Spectrum Disorders in Global, Local and Personal Perspective: A Cross-Cultural Workshop, explored social and cultural impacts of autism.

NEW 3-D SOFTWARE PROMISES TO ENGAGE KIDS WITH ATOMS

A partnership between a professor and student has resulted in a potential tool for teaching kids about molecular and atomic structure and dynamics, allowing them to virtually immerse themselves in the molecular environment that looks like a spectacular show.

Dr. Jeffry D. Madura, the Lambert F. Minucci Endowed Chair in Engineering and Computational Sciences, guided junior computer science major Brian Adams in developing software that showcases atoms in a 3-D environment, integrating with a virtual reality headset designed for at-home entertainment and an off-the-shelf computer.

This scientific tool now can be attained at one-thousandth the cost of a typical room-sized, $300,000 visualization system with multiple projectors.

“No average school could afford that,” says Adams. “But they could afford $350 for each head-mounted device, and they already have computers.”

The goggle-like device that provides the 3-D vision, called Oculus Rift, is a prototype created by some of the biggest names in the gaming industry and a $2.5 million Kickstarter campaign. A computer-mounted camera tracks the user’s every turn, bringing the panoramic experience to life.

“The scientific tools, such as the Oculus Rift virtual reality headset, that we use to visualize the molecular world are typically driven by the gaming community,” says Madura. “Brian is taking advantage of his interests, skills and knowledge of this new state-of-the-art virtual reality system to help us learn how the Oculus Rift can be used to interact and analyze the biomolecular systems that we simulate on supercomputers.”

Adams next hopes to advance hand commands that would allow users to “feel” molecules and to develop movie-like motion and stop-motion so that teachers could point out specific atoms and changes at different points in time.
After an extensive nationwide search, Duquesne has turned to one of its own to be the University’s next leader. On July 1, School of Law Dean Ken Gormley will become the 13th president of Duquesne University.
At a press conference on Nov. 4, 2015 announcing the selection of Gormley, Duquesne University Board of Directors Chair Marie Milie Jones outlined his strengths. “Dean Gormley has outstanding academic credentials, built an extensive network of local, state and national relationships, and has a proven track record of fundraising. He is well positioned to continue the academic excellence of Duquesne, to maintain the solid financial management of the University, and to position Duquesne for significant growth in its endowment through extensive community and national engagement,” said Milie Jones.

Gormley will succeed Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, who will step down on June 30, after a 15-year tenure. Gormley will be the third lay president in the University’s 138-year history.

“Ken Gormley is deeply committed to our Spiritan mission. For the past two decades, he has exemplified the mission through his interactions with students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University,” says the Rev. Jeffrey T. Duaiome, C.S.Sp., provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Province of the United States and chair of the Duquesne University Corporation.

Gormley, who came to Duquesne in 1994 after teaching at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and engaging in private practice, is a nationally known lawyer, scholar, teacher and author.

“It is the greatest honor imaginable to be selected to lead this special academic institution—Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit—to the next level of success and excellence,” says Gormley. “My wife, Laura, joins me in expressing our deep gratitude to the board for the faith and confidence it has placed in me in making this important appointment. For someone who grew up in Pittsburgh and continues to be in awe of the talented faculty, students, staff and alumni of this incredible University that has been an anchor of the region for over 130 years, it doesn’t get any better than this.”

Gormley was appointed dean of the School of Law in March of 2010 after serving as interim dean for 15 months. Under his leadership, the law school has ascended to the top-tier of law schools as ranked by U.S. News & World Report and climbed 25 spots in the past two years.

“Ken has shown a deep commitment to the Spiritan mission throughout his career at Duquesne,” says Dougherty. “I appointed Ken as dean of the law school because I knew he was a leader who combines a strong will to succeed with a genuine desire and ability to build consensus. The credibility he has built in turning around the law school will serve him and the University well.”

The school has gained positive recognition both in Pennsylvania and nationally, including rankings for best value, legal writing and innovative clinics. As dean, Gormley completed the largest fundraising campaign in the history of the law school as part of its Centennial Campaign; hosted alumni events across the country; appointed more females to key administrative positions than any dean in the history of the law school; worked with the University to obtain government grants and private funding to establish a free-standing law clinic serving underserved clients in the region; collaborated with the faculty to support research and dramatically increase scholarly output; and overhauled the law school’s curriculum, international programs and student organizations to better serve its students.

Esther Bush, president and chief executive officer, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, says, “He knows, understands
and empowers others to be successful in living the Spiritan mission of the University. The transformation of the Duquesne University Law School is an excellent example of how Ken enables a team to be exceptional. His appointment is not only great news for the University, but for the city.”

During his 22 years at the University, Gormley has been a member of the editorial board of Duquesne University Press; served as associate vice president for interdisciplinary scholarship and special projects for the University; and organized numerous high-profile programs that garnered national attention, including events featuring U.S. Supreme Court justices, the attorney general of the United States and the president of Costa Rica.

“Ken brings an ability to build consensus and to continue to raise the stature of the University. He will be a real plus for the school and the community,” says Michael Galligan-Stierle, president and CEO of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.


Gormley is a highly sought expert on the Supreme Court of the United States. In addition, he has testified before the U.S. Senate and the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee.

A critically acclaimed author lauded for his fair and balanced approach, Gormley’s New York Times bestseller “The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr” (Crown 2010) received a 2011 Silver Gavel Award (Honorable Mention) from the American Bar Association. His authorized biography “Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation” (Perseus Books 1997) was awarded the 1999 Bruce K. Gould Book Award for outstanding publication relating to the law. Gormley is also principal editor of “The Pennsylvania Constitution: A Treatise on Rights and Liberties” (Bisel 2004), the definitive treatise on the Pennsylvania Constitution that has been cited widely by every court in the state. His latest book, “The Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History,” is expected to be published this year by NYU Press.

Gormley became president of the Allegheny County Bar Association in 2007, making him the first president from academia in the association’s 137-year history. In that role, he made the Bar Association’s Gender Equality Initiative his top priority and helped to establish the new Gender Equality Institute—one of the first entities of its kind in the nation—designed to advance the interests of women in the legal profession. Prior to that, Gormley was twice elected to serve on the Bar Association’s Board of Governors and also chaired its Legislative Committee for four years.

A native of Pittsburgh’s Swissvale and Edgewood neighborhoods, Gormley served as mayor of Forest Hills, Pa., from 1998-2001. His bar memberships include the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Gormley earned a B.A. (summa cum laude) from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977 and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980. He and his wife, Laura, have four children: Carolyn, Luke (a 2015 graduate of the Mylan School of Pharmacy), Rebecca (a senior in the McAnulty College) and Madeleine.

“As dean of the law school at Duquesne University, Professor Gormley demonstrates the quality of leadership that is needed to carry Duquesne University to greater heights as Duquesne begins a significant new chapter in its history,” says Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik, A’71, GE’82. “Given that the new president is chosen from within the University is a significant ‘plus.’ His commitment to Duquesne University and its mission as a truly Catholic university bodes well for its future.”

Gormley and Student Government Association President John Foster at the press conference.

Gormley, his wife, Laura, and their children are ready to cheer on the Dukes!
The Community REACTS

Mark Nordenberg, Chancellor Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh

“The selection of Dean Gormley to be the next president of Duquesne University is great news, not only for the university community, but for everyone who cares about this region. I have worked with Ken for more than 30 years, and he is one of the most extraordinary people I ever have known. He already has earned national stature for the quality of his own work, has built an enviable record of accomplishment in academic leadership and is widely respected as a highly principled person with a warm and caring human touch. He also is totally committed to Duquesne and to the broader community that is its home. I have no doubt that Ken Gormley will quickly come to be regarded as one of Pittsburgh’s truly exceptional leaders.”

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“What an exciting time it is in our history at Duquesne. Knowing that Dean Gormley is our President-Elect, I have the utmost confidence that he will lead Duquesne into the next era of academic excellence. I’m not sure what I admire most about Dean Gormley—his dedication to Duquesne University or his vision in striving to make Duquesne the best it can be, through collaboration with all stakeholders of Duquesne University. Personally, this has been a memorable experience and I am elated to have played a role through all this on behalf of the student body.”

Rich Fitzgerald, Chief Executive, Allegheny County

“Duquesne University has made a great choice in their selection of Dean Ken Gormley as the next president of the University. Dean Gormley has a long history of being involved in this community and is well respected in the legal and university community. With the dean’s innate knowledge about our region and its needs, I know his partnerships with the other leading institutions in our region and their leaders, including President Suresh (of Carnegie Mellon University) and Chancellor Gallagher (of the University of Pittsburgh), will continue to raise Duquesne’s stature.”

Mike Doyle, United States Congressman

“I’ve known Ken for years. He’s a respected constitutional scholar, successful author and talented university administrator. Ken’s done a fantastic job as the dean of Duquesne’s law school, and I have no doubt that he’ll be equally outstanding as the University’s next president.”

Scott Lammie, B’76, Chief Financial Officer, UPMC Health Plan, Senior Vice President, UPMC Insurance Services Division, and Duquesne University Board Member

“Duquesne University of The Holy Spirit prepares students and alumni who are distinguished not only by their academic and professional expertise, but also by their ethics, and guided by consciences sensitive to the needs of society. In fulfilling Duquesne’s critically important and particularly relevant societal commitment, I can think of no better person and leader that embodies our University’s global mission, vision, and our Spiritan traditions and values than Dean Ken Gormley. Our entire University community extends our deepest gratitude and our best wishes to Dean Gormley and his family as Ken Gormley continues his extraordinary career and lifetime of good works in service to our students, our community and our global society as the next president of Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit.”

Frank Coonelly, President, Pittsburgh Pirates

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Mark R. Warner, United States Senator

“I’ve known Ken for 38 years, since we were roommates in law school, and it’s always been clear that his roots run deep in Pittsburgh. Along with his sterling attributes as an author and scholar, I know that he will fill the office of president with vision, energy and the highest integrity.”

Frederick W. Thieman, President, The Buhl Foundation, and Former United States Attorney

“I’ve known Ken for decades and know him as a passionate and articulate leader dedicated to making our community a better place for all, and I stress, all people. His leadership at Duquesne will really elevate the presence of that institution as an important community partner.”

Mike Woronick, President, Allegheny Conference on Community Development

“Duquesne University has made a great choice in selecting Dean Ken Gormley as its next president. Ken is a great hands-on leader who will be focused on building Duquesne University into a great global institution, along with a great student body.”

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Maureen Kelly, L’87, Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Pennsylvania

“Dean Gormley is the perfect selection for president. He is a nationally regarded academic and a well-respected leader who is dedicated to the advancement of Duquesne and our western Pennsylvania community. As dean, Ken has demonstrated incredible energy and vision in enhancing the national reputation of the law school. I believe that he will have a similar dynamic impact on the entire University.”

Maureen Lally-Green, B’71, L’74, Judge (retired) of Superior Court and former Professor of Law

“I have worked with Ken over the years, and I believe that Duquesne University will thrive and achieve new possibilities during his tenure as president. I am convinced that he will lead our beloved University as he has led Duquesne’s Law School—with accountability, transparency, integrity and, above all, devotion to its mission.”

John McGonigle, B’60, L’65, Vice Chairman, Federated Investors, Inc., and Duquesne University Board Member

“Ken is a unique leader who reaches out to members of his team to develop a successful consensus. Ken has earned a high level of respect for his intellect and his work both in the Pittsburgh area and nationally. These qualities will serve him well as he begins the process of leading the University.”

Nancy Perkins, Noble J. Dick Chair in Academic Leadership and Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law

“Ken Gormley’s tenure as dean of Duquesne law school has been marked by his mission-centered vision, evenhandedness, creativity and adaptability. I am sure that under his leadership, Duquesne will enjoy a vital and secure future.”

Fr. Ray French, C.S.Sp., Vice President for Mission and Identity, Duquesne University

“Ken is deeply committed to serving others, authentically connecting with those on the margins in our city. He follows in the path of our founders who believed education is for all—an education of the mind, heart and Spirit.”

William Peduto, Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

“This is a cause for celebration for both Duquesne University and the greater Pittsburgh region. Ken Gormley is not only a nationally respected academic, but a great supporter of our city, and he will be a tremendous partner as we work together to expand our growing eds-and-meds economy.”

Max Baer, L’75, Justice, Pennsylvania Supreme Court

“In my 40 years at the bar, Dean Gormley’s light as a scholar and ethicist is among the brightest I have seen. As dean of my law school, Ken transformed it from decline to esteem. Duquesne University is a special school deserving of special leadership. In the grand tradition of Drs. John Murray and Charles Dougherty, Duquesne’s choice of Ken Gormley has secured its future as an institution. True to its traditions of excellence in academics and in all of life’s endeavors, guided by faith and virtue. I add my enthusiastic congratulations to Dean Gormley and to Duquesne for its sage choice.”

Phoebe Haddon, L’77, Chancellor, Rutgers University-Camden

“I am thrilled that Ken Gormley has been named president of Duquesne University. The law school at Duquesne has experienced tremendous growth in stature under Ken’s deanship and I know that his interest in student success runs deep. His vision and leadership experience, as well as strong ties to the city of Pittsburgh, make him a fine choice as the new president.”

Linda Varrenti Hernandez, L’01, Of-Counsel, Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote, and Former Director of the Allegheny County Bar Association Institute for Gender Equality

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Maxwell King, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Pittsburgh Foundation

“Ken Gormley has been one of Pittsburgh’s savviest players for a long time. He understands law, he understands politics and he is so astute about the power of a great university to help build a strong community. He has done a fine job at the law school and will do a wonderful job of building on Charlie Dougherty’s strong base in building Duquesne.”

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Four new members of the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne University Alumni were inducted on Oct. 9 in Duquesne’s Power Center Ballroom.

The Century Club was established during Duquesne’s 100th anniversary in 1978 to recognize graduates with exemplary records of professional achievement and service to the University and their communities. Of more than 100,000 alumni since 1878, only 327 have been admitted to its elite ranks.

The 2015 inductees are:

**The Honorable Max Baer, Law 1975**
Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

After earning his law degree from Duquesne in 1975, Baer began his career as a deputy state attorney general and spent nine years in private practice before being elected to the Allegheny County Common Pleas Court in 1989.

Seated on the Family Court, Baer became administrative judge of the Family Division in 1993 and enacted reforms to make domestic legal processes less traumatic for disputing couples and their children. He promoted the use of mediation before litigation, scheduled sessions at night to reduce disruption of employment and increased staffing to handle a growing docket of juvenile cases. Baer spearheaded the conversion of the old county jail into a home for the Family Court, including facilities for playrooms and child care.

His focus on children and families has expanded since his election to the state Supreme Court in 2003. Baer was a driving force behind the creation of the Office of Children and Families in the Courts, which has established a statewide structure for accelerating permanent adoptions for abused and neglected children. Under Baer’s guidance, the office has developed training programs for judges, attorneys and social workers engaged in children’s services and dependency law throughout Pennsylvania.

Baer’s advocacy has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, federal Department of Health and Human Services, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Homeless Children’s Education Fund and Pennsylvania Council of Mediators. Baer is a member of the Duquesne Law School Dean’s Advisory Board.

**Lois A. McGovern, Nursing 1968**
Retired President and CEO, Harmony Health Care Inc.

A native of central Pennsylvania, McGovern completed her bachelor’s degree in nursing at Duquesne in 1968. She later earned master’s degrees in nursing and business during her career in hospital management in California, New Jersey and Maryland, and as assistant executive director for nursing administration at the Deaton Medical Center of the University of Maryland. As a consultant for the Maryland Department of Health, McGovern developed innovative patient assessment tools and analyses and action plans for underperforming hospitals.

McGovern transitioned into long-term care administration as a regional manager for Manor Health Care, then acquired struggling assisted living and nursing home facilities that would become Harmony Health Care. When she sold the firm in 1997, it had achieved full occupancy and a sterling reputation for efficiency, productivity and quality of care.

McGovern remains active as a volunteer with Partners in Care, a nonprofit providing transportation and advocacy for low-income Maryland residents, and has served on the boards of the Franciscan Ministries Foundation and the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, and as a member of the Anne Arundel County Commission for Women. On mission trips to Cuba and Costa Rica, she has delivered educational and medical supplies.

McGovern has established a scholarship fund to benefit Duquesne nursing students and has arranged to endow a Fund for Nursing Innovation at the school.
Alumnus Honored with McAnulty Service Award

John A. Staley, founder and president of Staley Capital Advisors, Inc., received Duquesne University’s McAnulty Service Award in October.

The award, named for Duquesne’s 10th president, the Reverend Henry J. McAnulty, C.S.Sp., is the highest non-academic honor the University bestows on its graduates. Staley is only the 25th recipient of the McAnulty Service Award.

A native of Pittsburgh, Staley received his bachelor’s degree in accounting from Duquesne in 1965. He earned a Master’s of Business Administration degree from Northwestern University and became a certified public accountant in 1966. He began his career as a supervisor with Bachrach, Sanderback & Co. Moving to Federated Research Corporation in 1969, he became the firm’s president 10 years later.

Staley has served numerous civic and philanthropic organizations, and shares his business expertise with a variety of educational, cultural and medical institutions.

Staley headed Federated Research until 1994, when he formed Staley Capital Advisors, a private investment management firm serving high net worth individuals and institutional clients. The firm is also involved in corporate merger and acquisition advisory activities.

Staley formerly served on Duquesne University’s Board of Directors and remains an emeritus member. He previously was a member of Duquesne’s Alumni Board of Governors and the Century Club executive committee. Staley is a member of the Century Club class of 1983. A steering committee member for the Spirit of the 90s and Advancing Our Legacy capital campaigns, he remains an active advisor to University officials.

Staley and his wife, Patricia, are the benefactors of one of Duquesne’s largest endowed scholarship funds, providing aid to business students based on need and academic merit.

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Looking for Life on Mars

By David Templeton, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

John F. Stolz was thrilled when NASA announced last week that there’s evidence of liquid water on Mars. It raises the plausibility that life exists, or perhaps once existed, on our closest planetary neighbor.

“Microbes can survive without oxygen as long as they are provided an alternative,” said Mr. Stolz, who holds a Ph.D. in biology. “But nothing can survive without water.”

And that’s where the Duquesne University geomicrobiologist and director of the university’s Center for Environmental Research and Education steps in. For 20 years, with NASA funding, he and Ronald Oremland, a geomicrobiologist in California with the U.S. Geological Survey, have been studying how microbes can survive by breathing and metabolizing arsenic rather than oxygen.

Such bacteria or microbes sustained by arsenic, selenium or perchlorate could survive Mars’ extreme conditions that pose severe challenges to life.

“You won’t see herds of elephants tromping around on Mars,” Mr. Oremland said. “The term we come up with is that it’s habitable. But that doesn’t mean it’s inhabited. It is possible for microbes that can sustain extreme environments, but no pythons.”

Dribbles of Brine

The NASA study published Sept. 28 in Nature Geoscience announced that it discovered water on Mars based on satellite analysis of rills and rivulets running down Martian slopes that weren’t previously seen. That indicates water is ever present there, although the source remains unclear.

Spectrum analysis also found the water to be a brine containing forms of perchlorate, a chlorine salt. That gave Mr. Stolz another reason to celebrate. Research already reveals how certain microbes breathe and metabolize perchlorate, which would be toxic to nearly all other life forms on Earth. But its presence in the water provides another scenario where microbes not requiring oxygen could be living on Mars.

Nora Noffke of Old Dominion University, who’s worked with Mr. Stolz, published a study in December identifying Martian rock forms she says could represent mineralized and fossilized microbial mats. She was first to discover such mats in sedimentary rock on Earth. “There is a high chance of fossil microbes in the rocks,” she said.

But life as we know it isn’t possible without liquid water, even if what NASA discovered is what Mr. Oremland described as “dribbles of dense, nasty brine.”

“For us,” Mr. Stolz said, “what is really exciting is that this means that there could definitely be life there or at least in the past, and we haven’t been toiling in vain.”

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Tough Place to Live

When scientists speak of life on Mars, they aren’t referring to humanoid Martians of “War of the Worlds” fame, or even creatures the size of mice, cockroaches or gnats. Microbes, if they exist at all, would be at the top of the planet’s family tree.

But such microbes would have evolved under extremely harsh conditions, especially after catastrophic events early in Martian history caused its oceans and atmosphere to disappear, leaving today a barren planet with a scant atmosphere.

“Mars is at the extreme of permissible life as we know it,” said Mr. Oremland, who holds a Ph.D. in marine sciences. “It is a cold place that’s half the diameter of Earth, and that tells us quite a lot. It might be Earth-like superficially, but if you do your high school geometry, it’s 12 percent of the mass of Earth, and that means Mars got the short end of the stick. There is not enough gravity for Mars to hold onto the goodies and sustain the geologic processes we have on Earth that have made life occur and persist here in all of its glories over the years.”

For example, Mars has no magnetic field and a scant atmosphere consisting mostly of carbon dioxide. That means

On Oct. 6, 2015, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette published an article about NASA-funded research conducted by Dr. John F. Stolz, professor of environmental microbiology and director of Duquesne’s Center for Environmental Research and Education.
life would need to survive a constant barrage of cosmic radiation. Its temperatures and atmospheric pressures are extremely low.

If microbes do exist, then the next question is whether they are ones shared with Earth. But if microbes or other life forms were discovered on Enceladus, a moon of Saturn that has ice-covered oceans with water vapors shooting from them, it would mean life likely emerged there on its own. That, in turn, Mr. Oremland said, could suggest that life could arise anywhere that has adequate resources to support it.

Healthy Breath of Arsenic

NASA has been interested in the potential of life on Mars. With NASA funding, the Stolz-Oremland research has focused on arsenic and selenium rather than perchlorate as a means to provide certain microbes an unlikely source of energy and sustenance.

To test their theory that arsenic can sustain microbes, they focused on soda or saline lakes, including Mono Lake in California near Lake Tahoe and Searles Lake in the Mojave Desert, where they discovered microbes surviving on arsenic.

All forms of life need water and a source of fuel. Here, we breathe oxygen that provides the fuel to burn calories in the form of glucose, resulting in carbon dioxide and water vapor. Photosynthesis, in turn, uses carbon dioxide plus water and solar energy to produce glucose and release oxygen.

Their discovery of arsenic-based microbes initially had Earthly applications. In time, it led to a ban of arsenic used in livestock feed because the same type of microbes the Stolz-Oremland team discovered were transforming that elemental arsenic in livestock waste into a more toxic arsenic molecule that more readily migrated into water resources.

“We now understand that arsenic can be readily mobilized from rocks and sediments by microbial activity,” Mr. Stolz stated in the journal Microbe. “These activities can result in the contamination of drinking water. It has been estimated that the number of people affected by drinking ground water tainted by arsenic leached from surrounding rocks and soils is in the tens of millions.”

Their discovery of microbes existing on arsenic with little or no oxygen drew NASA’s attention.

“We have been investigating microbial arsenic cycling and the possibility of arsenic-based ecosystems on other planetary systems,” Mr. Stolz said in the same report. “We have been isolating and characterizing microbes that are capable of growing on arsenic. Although it does seem a bit far-fetched, you could base an entire ecosystem on arsenic cycling.”

Theory says life is possible on Mars, but proving that will take time. But the NASA discovery represents a major step forward while also providing a target.

“I think it’s exciting. There are lots of rocks and pebbles we can look under,” Mr. Oremland said. “But it gives us someplace to look in the search for life.”

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INAUGURAL AFRICA WEEK ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT TRADITIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

The Center for African Studies highlighted various African traditions and perspectives during the inaugural Africa Week celebration, held on campus in November.

Africa Week kicked off with U.S. Attention to Africa: Less Isn’t Better, a lecture and discussion featuring experts on U.S.-African relations and history. Guest lecturer Dan Simpson, a columnist and associate editor with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, spent 35 years as an ambassador for the U.S. Foreign Service, during which he held assignments in the Central African Republic, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Other events included a sampling of African food, music, culture and history from various regions, and Motherland, which featured numerous cultural performances from the Union of African Students.

EDUCATION FORUM SPURS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ERADICATING POVERTY

Nearly 75 community leaders in education, government, nonprofits and business collaborated in October at a town hall community forum on campus to help draft educational policy recommendations to help eradicate poverty in Pennsylvania.

The forum, Words + Work = Action: A Public Policy Town Hall Community Forum on Poverty and Educational Transformation with House Majority Leader/State Representative Dave Reed, was hosted by The Canevin Center for Educational Transformation and Social Justice in the School of Education. The event was led by Education Dean Dr. Olga Welch and Reed, who is the state representative for Indiana, Pa.

Reed has been traveling the commonwealth during the past two years hosting more than 100 poverty forums and gathering ideas and recommendations as part of his highly acclaimed, bipartisan Beyond Poverty report.

As part of the forum, Reed was presented with the Crystal Apple Award for his dedication to all Pennsylvanians and for his work with the Canevin Center in helping to bring educational equity to all children. The award is the School of Education’s highest recognition.

IRISH VOICES AGAIN RECOGNIZES PRESIDENT DOUGHERTY IN IRISH EDUCATION 100

President Charles J. Dougherty has again been selected as one of the top influencers in the field of education with Irish heritage.

Irish Education 100, which is available in print and online, takes note of the expansion in graduate and undergraduate student enrollment and in the physical campus that Dougherty initiated, as well as the framework of five-year strategic plans.

Dougherty is a nationally recognized scholar and expert in health care ethics and has served on many health care advisory commissions. He has published five books and more than 50 scholarly articles.
SYMPOSIUM AIMS TO BRIDGE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE

In November, the 15th Annual Forensic Science and Law Symposium at Duquesne addressed the strained relationship between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve with Beyond Baltimore: Bridging Public Safety and Social Justice in the Policing of America’s Streets.

The event, which was co-sponsored by the Cyril Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law, and the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, was offered in collaboration with the Department of Justice National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice.

“In the wake of police-related homicides of Michael Brown in Ferguson and Freddie Gray in Baltimore, among countless other such incidents and the community-wide riots that some of them have spawned, the problem of police-minority relations in this country has never been more critical,” says Program Administrator Ben Wecht. “Beyond Baltimore was intended to offer its onsite and online attendees a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the complex factors behind this historic divide and a platform from which to begin bridging it.”

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ‘NOstra aetate’ COMMEMORATED AT CONFERENCE

In 1965, Pope Paul VI, in conjunction with the Second Vatican Council, issued Nostra Aetate (Latin for “in our time”), which continues to serve as the guiding declaration on the relation of the Church with non-Christian religions. The declaration called for “dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions,” as “a sign and instrument both of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race.”

To commemorate the anniversary of this historic declaration, the Division of Mission and Identity, the Department of Theology and the Rev. Pierre Schouver, C.S.Sp., Endowed Chair in Mission hosted a special two-day conference, Celebrating 50 Years of Nostra Aetate of Vatican II: Transforming Christian Relations with Other Religions.

The event, held in November, featured international experts and researchers from the Christian, Jewish, Islamic and Buddhist faiths to discuss the impact and legacy of Nostra Aetate, and a panel discussion moderated by Duquesne Theology Professor Dr. George Worgul.

NEW ACADEMIC AGREEMENT FORGED WITH UNIVERSIDAD ESCUELA LIBRE DE DERECHO

Representatives from Duquesne and the Universidad Escuela Libre de Derecho of Costa Rica participated in a signing ceremony in October during which an academic cooperation agreement was established between the two institutions.

The agreement establishes a framework for professional and academic cooperation necessary for lectures, classes, research and exchange programs between Duquesne’s School of Law and the Universidad Escuela Libre de Derecho. The agreement is for a five-year term and will be renewable for additional five-year periods.

The signing also strengthens existing ties between the University and legal scholars in Costa Rica. The School of Law and the Supreme Court of Costa Rica’s Judicial School began working together more than 20 years ago, through the work of Duquesne Distinguished Professor of Law Robert Barker, to develop opportunities for legal research and exchange programs for faculty and students.

JUSTICE FOR ALL: TRAINING IN AUTISM DESIGNED TO IMPROVE STATE’S JUVENILE SYSTEM

Dr. Tammy Hughes, professor and chair of the School of Education’s Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education, is in the midst of training 1,000 magisterial judges, meeting the recent amendments to the Pennsylvania Judicial Code that add autism training to mandated continuing education.

As the rate of autism increases, so does the number of individuals with autism who have contact with police.

“In terms of committing illegal acts, the intent of somebody with autism is very different from the intent of somebody without autism,” says Hughes.

With Duquesne alumnus attorney Jesse Torisky, Hughes is conducting training through the Justice Training Project of ASERT—the state’s Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training Collaborative—helping juvenile justice workers to learn such distinctions. Their work, in collaboration with the Western Region ASERT collaborative and the Autism Society of America-Pittsburgh Chapter, continues through the summer and is supported by a $10,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and Bureau of Autism Services.

“The idea is with improved knowledge, people can make better decisions—and get children to the right place for treatment,” says Hughes.
Dr. Kevin Tidgewell, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry in the Mylan School of Pharmacy, has returned from a trip to Cuba where he explored the possibilities of academic partnerships.

Tidgewell was one of 26 Pittsburghers on the November “citizen diplomacy” trip arranged by Lisa Valanti, president of the U.S.-Cuba Sister Cities Association.

Tidgewell, whose research focuses on marine natural products from cyanobacteria as possible medications for central nervous system disorders, addiction and chronic pain, is excited about the possibilities stemming from his trip.

“My focus for the trip was to build collaborations and contacts to conduct future research on the cyanobacteria of Cuba, as it has some of the best-preserved reef in the Caribbean,” says Tidgewell, who met with a range of potential Cuban partners.

“They’re interested in figuring out where and how collaborations could occur,” says Tidgewell, who notes Duquesne colleagues in every school across the University might find ways to partner with Cuban counterparts.

In January, a national initiative focused on changing the relationship between law enforcement officials and the communities they serve brought representatives of police agencies and researchers together on Duquesne’s campus for discussion and the development of a research agenda. The event, hosted by the Center for Community-Engaged Teaching and Research (CETR), was the first in a series of conversations among community leaders, government officials and researchers. Pittsburgh was one of only six cities nationwide participating in the U.S. Department of Justice’s National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice.

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The pinnacle of the visit to three Turkish cities was Environment and Nature in Christianity and Islam, a workshop at Fatih University in Istanbul. Four members of the Duquesne group presented papers focused on topics including sustainability, public health and the environment, and Turkish scholars presented on related topics.

Improving communication and cooperation between Christians and Muslims was the focus of a recent trip to Turkey taken by an interdisciplinary team of six University faculty members.

Group members, all part of the University’s Christian-Muslim Dialogue Committee (CMDC), laid the groundwork for future collaborative opportunities between the University and Turkish organizations and institutions as they participated in events focused on discovering ways to expand intercultural exchange.

The imaging skills that students in Duquesne’s biomedical engineering program used to develop a pothole-detecting drone now are being applied to spotting cancer cells.

Students tackled digital imaging and engineering issues as they designed and built a quadcopter drone that nabbed the attention of NASA and an MIT spin-off at the Maker Faire Pittsburgh in October.

One of the imaging challenges was to develop a way to distinguish a pothole from a manhole, a pothole from a speed bump, and a pothole from new asphalt—software and skills that can be applied to medical research, says Dr. John Viator, director of the biomedical engineering program.

“You use the same skill set—shape analysis—to identify tumors in an MRI or to identify pathological cells in blood samples,” explains Viator.

Image processing is at the intersection of engineering technology and the medical arena. The students demonstrate how cells in a blood sample look the same in a computer-generated image, whether they are cancer cells or typical cells. With their software, the students can assign gradient colors based on nonvisible pigmentation differences in specialized areas of the cell and its edges. The program produces a rainbow-colored version of the cell images—showing which cells are cancerous.
THE ‘PERSON WHO HAS EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE’ AT THE CENTER OF MCGINLEY SYMPOSIUM

In October, the School of Nursing examined the roots of violence in an effort to prevent and minimize its impact on people and communities when it hosted the Sixth Annual Rita M. McGinley Symposium.

The theme of the symposium, Exploring Social Justice for Vulnerable Populations: The Face of the Person Who has Experienced Violence, was selected because of the apparent increase in violence in society. The event’s sub-themes included violence against women; the link between violence and mental illness; ideologically driven violence; and the face of the young black male.

“Tragically, many acts of violence aren’t random events,” says event organizer Sister Rosemary Donley, S.C., the Jacques Laval Chair for Justice for Vulnerable Populations. “They occur within close relationships across age, gender, race, class and economic structures.”

Bethlehem Haven, whose mission is to provide a continuum of care for homeless women that leads to self-sufficiency, was honored at the symposium with the Eileen Zungolo Spirit of Service Award, named for the late dean of nursing.

CAMPUS CELEBRATES SPIRITAN ROOTS DURING HERITAGE WEEK

In September, the campus community came together for the annual Heritage Week celebration, a series of events sponsored by the Division of Mission and Identity to enhance the connections between the University and its founders.

“Heritage Week gives all of us the occasion to celebrate being a part of the Duquesne community,” says Luci-Jo DiMaggio, director of mission animation. “With the birthday of the University and the feast day of Claude Poullart des Places in one week, it's the perfect time to celebrate our identity as a Catholic, Spiritan University.”

The week included fundraising events (sponsored in collaboration with the Center for Engaged Teaching and Research and student organization Pure Thirst) to benefit global water projects, a Duquesne birthday celebration and Founder’s Day Mass.

LAW SCHOOL MARKS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

The School of Law, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee, hosted a conference in October to mark the 40th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure: Appreciating the Past and Anticipating the Future was held on Oct. 8, during the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s planned session in Pittsburgh. The daylong conference, which featured panel discussions and presentations on the history and the future of the rules and appellate practice in Pennsylvania, included speakers from the bench, bar and academia. Luncheon speaker Bryan A. Garner presented The Future of Appellate Advocacy: Three Concrete Steps for Improvement.

In addition to writing more than 20 books on legal writing and language in general, Garner is editor-in-chief of Black’s Law Dictionary, author of Garner’s Modern American Usage and co-author with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia of Reading of Law: The Interpretation of Legal Texts.

MBA SUSTAINABILITY RECEIVES ANOTHER TOP 10 LISTING

Duquesne’s MBA Sustainability program has been selected by a Certified B-Corporation—one of the most widely read websites on ethical, sustainable and profitable business, with more than 450,000 unique monthly readers—as one of the Top 10 Graduate Programs for Environmental Sustainability.

The website, Triple Pundit, is dedicated to social and environmental sustainability, based on a triple bottom line of performance. This organization and its advocates argue that the economy, environment and society are inseparably related, and an understanding of all three is critical to society’s ability to flourish long-term.

Noting the importance of sustainability as an influence on stock performance and corporate benefit, Triple Pundit says that consumers increasingly want companies they support to be environmentally sustainable. “If environmental sustainability is important in business, then it should be important in business school programs, including graduate programs,” the Triple Pundit website states.
Save the Dates for Homecoming 2016:
September 23–25

Football Game Attendance
2,072

#duqhomecoming Posts
359

Homecoming King & Queen Court members
10

Campus Window Paintings
13

Gigawatts of fun
1.21

Kids Zone
- Faces Painted
  35
- Caricatures Drawn
  45
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Thank you to all of our alumni and friends who journeyed “Back to the Bluff” for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2015. With record-breaking attendance and a gorgeous, sunny Saturday, it was truly an unforgettable weekend! Join us this fall for another action-packed weekend on campus: September 23–25, 2016. More information available soon at www.duq.edu/homecoming.
David L. Harper has been named director of athletics at Duquesne. His combination of leadership, athletics expertise and fundraising achievements uniquely positions him to strategically build Duquesne’s program.

“It was very clear to me, and to those who met with Dave during the process, that he is an ideal fit for Duquesne. He is a leader and strategic thinker who understands how to build successful programs,” says President Charles J. Dougherty. “His accomplishments reveal a person who embraces the importance of reaching out and personally engaging all of our constituents—alumni, fans, faculty, staff, students, benefactors and the media. Most importantly, Dave and I share the common vision that our athletic program should reflect the overall excellence and values of our University, and that it must be a fully integrated and vital part of the campus community.”

In his most recent role as vice president for advancement at the University of Dayton, Harper was credited with reviving and significantly increasing alumni support and loyalty. Under his leadership, the university raised a record-breaking $66 million, including the largest single individual gift and largest corporate gift in Dayton’s history.

“I am truly honored and humbled to join Duquesne University. Throughout the entire search process, I learned of the collective will and commitment to have an athletics program marked by academic success and competitive excellence,” says Harper. “There is a very strong foundation to build upon, and I look forward to beginning the relentless pursuit to secure more robust success for the student-athletes, coaches, student body and alumni of Duquesne.”

Harper has a long track record of success in athletics administration. Under his leadership, Dayton’s Division of Athletics experienced increased revenues from donations, sponsorships and ticketing plans/sales. He successfully built and implemented comprehensive strategic plans for the university’s sports programs and various athletic units, as well as several university external relations programs. Harper also served as sports program administrator for five sports. In addition, he was responsible for Dayton’s media contracts, and the men’s and women’s media rights packages; securing exempt tournaments; and serving in various capacities during the NCAA tournament when hosted by the University of Dayton.

From 2003 to 2005, Harper served as assistant athletic director at the University of Michigan, and he began his career at Robert Morris University, where he served as an assistant football coach and defensive coordinator.

Harper earned a Master of Business Administration from Robert Morris University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Wright State University.

Duquesne’s football team made history on Nov. 21, defeating Saint Francis 30-20 on Rooney Field to win the outright Northeast Conference (NEC) title and secure the University’s first appearance in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Playoffs. The Dukes, who finished the season 8-4 overall and 5-1 in NEC play, matched up against 13th-ranked William and Mary in the first round of the playoffs on Nov. 28 and fell to the Tribe 52-49 in Virginia. Thirteen Duquesne players were named to the NEC All-Conference First and Second teams, led by NEC Defensive Player of the Year, junior linebacker Christian Kuntz. Kuntz was also named to six FCS All-America teams after the season.

Three generations of the Mellick family were recently on hand at Rooney Field. Shown are: Richard “Dickie Duke” Mellick, Sr., E’61; Richard “Rick” Mellick, Jr., A’88; and Richard “Ricky” Mellick, III. The Mellick family hosts a tailgate on campus at their RV for every home game.
“Celebration of a Century”
Marks 100 Years of Basketball

The past, present and future of Duquesne men’s basketball intersected in October at the Lexus Club inside CONSOL Energy Center. Nearly 200 friends, fans and staff, including many former Dukes and the entire 2015-16 squad, gathered to look back on a storied history and prepare for a new season.

Featured speaker for the evening was 1977 Eastern Eight Player of the Year Norm Nixon, who went on to play 12 years in the NBA and won two league titles for the “Showtime” Los Angeles Lakers alongside such superstars as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Earvin “Magic” Johnson.

Nixon, now an entrepreneur and broadcaster in southern California, recalled his years as a Duke. “This is where it all started for me,” he told the crowd, recounting his adjustment from his youth in Macon, Ga., to life in Pittsburgh and his opportunity to practice with alumni greats like Sihugo Green and Mike Barr. “They were instrumental in taking my game to another level. I give Duquesne a lot of credit,” Nixon continued. “Not only did the coaches and teachers prepare me for basketball, but they were concerned with the rest of my life on the court. They wanted to be sure I would be successful in all aspects of life, and I really do appreciate that.”

Duquesne’s new athletic director, David Harper, and head coach, Jim Ferry, also spoke. “This is something special,” said Ferry. “As a basketball guy, I was shivering…looking around the room and seeing the passion and love that these former players have for Duquesne. That’s a tribute to everyone who’s ever worn the uniform or worked behind the scenes over the years.”

After introducing the current players and coaches, Ferry looked ahead to the 100th season. “We have a bright future and are working hard every day, and we need your support,” he said. “We’ve had a great 100 years of excitement, now it’s time to start the next 100 years. The new century of Duquesne University basketball starts right now.”

To explore team history and view 100 Seasons updates, visit GoDuquesne.com/DUKES100.

Women’s Soccer Wins Atlantic 10 Championship

In November, the seventh-seeded Duquesne Dukes won their first ever Atlantic 10 Championship, 2-0, against fifth-seeded Fordham at Davidson’s Alumni Soccer Stadium. The Dukes earned the Atlantic 10’s automatic bid to the NCAA Women’s Soccer Championship.

In the week after their Atlantic 10 win, the team’s incredible season came to an end after falling 4-0 to #4 West Virginia. The Dukes finished the season 12-10-1.

“It was a great experience for us and for the kids,” says head coach Al Alvine. “This is kind of uncharted territory for our program.”

Prior to this season, the furthest Duquesne has gone is the quarterfinal round of the Atlantic 10 Championship.

“We are disappointed with the loss, but it was a phenomenal experience for us, with winning the conference championship, making the NCAA Tournament and having the opportunity to go to Morgantown and play against WVU,” says Alvine.
Alumni Updates

1960s

Robert S. Barker, A’63, L’66, GA’74, Duquesne University Distinguished Professor of Law, participated in the meeting of the Council of the Inter-American Bar Association (IABA) in Washington, D.C. He was chairman of the IABA’s Constitutional Law Committee for 12 years, general reporter of the IABA for five years and has been a member of the IABA’s Governing Council since 1995.

Neil Kardos, A’64, has accepted a request by Boeing Korea to return as a Boeing 777 flight instructor at Korean Airlines, Incheon, Korea. From 2006-2014, he worked there as a flight instructor, check pilot and chief flying instructor, after retiring in 2002 from a 33-year career at United Airlines as a pilot, flight instructor, check pilot and as a senior manager in flight operations.

Jane (Cooper) Todd, A’65, has been invited to participate in an artist book residency at the Experimental Printmaking Institute at Lafayette University. As a collaborating poet, she will work with Resident Book Artist MaryAnn L. Miller to design a limited-edition artist book featuring one of Todd’s poems. She was also awarded a poetry residency at the Hambridge Center for Arts and Sciences in Rabun Gap, Ga.

Frank E. Yourick, Jr., A’66, has had two volumes of his book, You Godda Be Kiddin’ Me, published and sold through the University of Pittsburgh Book Store and through the Espresso Book Machine department at the same location (bookmachine@bc.pitt.edu). It is also available by contacting the author (lawman4634@aol.com).

Paul Gentile, GE’67, published his second book, Salvatore and Maria: Finding Paradise (Bottom Dog Press). This is a family biography about “his grandparents’ lives in the mining towns of Colorado and the steel mill towns of western Pennsylvania at the turn of the century.” The author had a 42-year career in education, including the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement at Duquesne.

1970s

Jim Anderson, M’73, produced an album of the music of Sammy Nestico, M’50, featuring the U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors. It will be released in early 2016.

David S. Pollock, L’74, founding partner of the family law firm Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC, was selected for inclusion in the 2016 edition of Best Lawyers in America in the area of family law. This is the 20th consecutive year he has received this recognition. The firm also received recognition for the seventh year in a row as a Tier One Best Law Firms recipient in the area of family law, according to rankings released by U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers for 2016.

Harvey Linder, L’75, has become an adjunct professor in the Emory University School of Law.

1980s

Charlotte (Wertz) Smith, M’80, L’87, published History of South Fayette Township, on behalf of the Historical Society of South Fayette Township with Arcadia Publishing. It is available through www.arcadiapublishing.com, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, and local stores in the Pittsburgh area. A South Fayette resident, she is a substitute teacher with the school district and a columnist with the local newspaper for the last 11 years.

James Saxton, L’82, and Christopher Stump, have opened a “unique law firm focused on defending doctors, hospitals and nursing homes in medical professional liability claims and providing risk mitigation and safety consulting services to health care professionals.” Saxton & Stump is based in central Pennsylvania.

1990s

William F. Caye II, A’90, L’93, former senior deputy attorney general, was awarded the Achieving Greatness Public Service Award in Allegheny County for his career accomplishments. He plans to launch a private litigation and consulting practice following his recent retirement from the Office of Attorney General. He attempted his first run in the primary for Common Pleas judge this past spring.

Joseph Muha, P’90, graduated from the Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School and was presented with the Distinguished Graduate Award.

Michael Grandinetti, B’99, master illusionist, continued his busy performance schedule. Highlights from his fall appearances include the halftime show during the Arizona Cardinals vs. Baltimore Ravens football game, featured guest performer for An Evening of Halloween Magic Pops presentation with the Huntsville (Ala.) Symphony Orchestra, and an episode of Bones on FOX-TV.

Brett Feddersen, GLPA’08, currently serves as principal deputy director, transregional threats coordination cell, The Joint Chiefs of Staff. He previously served as director for transportation security policy on the National Security Council staff at The White House. Feddersen earned his master’s degree from Duquesne while serving in the military.
Jamie Krovontka, A’00, has accepted the position of executive assistant to the chief development officer at The Nature Conservancy, moving from Berkeley, Calif., to Arlington, Va.

Ellen Payne, HS’01, started as a faculty member in the Department of Health and Human Performance at Radford University in August, teaching athletic training and sports medicine courses.

Penny Schnarrs, A’01, GB’09, was recently appointed assistant vice president of constituent relations and resources in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Point Park University.

Jimmy Morehead, M’02, has been named artistic director of the Chicago Gay Men’s Chorus. Serving as only the third artistic director, he begins the group’s 33rd season as only the third artistic director, and resources in the Office of president of constituent relations recently appointed assistant vice president of constituent relations and resources in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Point Park University.

Whitney Grespin, A’06, was awarded a studentship position to complete her Ph.D. with King’s College London’s Defence Studies Department, including teaching responsibilities at the U.K. Joint Services Command and Staff College.

Nicole Healy, B’06, has been promoted to senior IT auditor at Schneider Downs.

Ralph Gigliotti, A’07, E’07, will be taking on the role of assistant director for the Center for Organizational Development and Leadership at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, after eight years of employment at Villanova University. He will be responsible for the development of faculty and staff leadership development initiatives. Additionally, he will collaborate with the Big Ten Consortium for Institutional Cooperation in academic leadership development programming; teach courses in communication and leadership; and co-author a book on leadership in higher education.

Matthew Walsh, GA’07, GE’08, earned his Ph.D. in history from Iowa State University. His dissertation focused on Governor Robert Ray’s Vietnam War-era refugee program in Iowa.

Patrick McKee, GS’13, was recently named sustainability manager at Eastern Kentucky University. He “will be responsible for the development, implementation and facilitation of comprehensive sustainability efforts, including program development and management, education and outreach, and implementing campus-wide initiatives and programs that promote sustainability.”

Cara Murphy, L’13, has accepted an associate attorney position with Sandelands Eyet LLP in Bedminster, N.J.

John Noll, GSLPA’14, was elected to the board of directors of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. He is currently serving in the Navy and is stationed with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Quantico.

Jennifer McPaul, B’05, recently started High Pockets Mobile Boutique, a fashion truck located in Cleveland, Ohio. The boutique specializes in a curated collection of women’s dresses, tops, skirts and accessories that travels to local fairs, festivals and events. McPaul’s business was the winner of the 2015 Lakewood Ideation Challenge. A former county prosecutor (she holds a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law), McPaul believes in dressing for success and that the right clothing can instill a sense of confidence. With a dream of someday opening a brick-and-mortar boutique, the fashion truck is her creative way of starting a boutique that has no boundaries and makes fashion more readily available to women.

Elijah Jacob, son of Mindy (Wietrzykowski) Siyufy, HS’01, GHS’02, and Alex Siyufy, HS’01.

Bailee Patricia, daughter of D. Todd Seitz, L’05, and Aimee Seitz.

Declan Keith, son of Elizabeth “Ashley” (Heller) Wallace, P’05, and Josiah Wallace.

Maddox Edward, son of Melanie Bittner, P’06, and Lance Bittner.

Nolan Matthew, son of Matthew Walsh, GA’07, GE’08, and Dana Walsh.

Landon Raffaele, son of Colleen Gigliotti, HS’08, GHS’09, and Ralph Gigliotti, A’07, E’07.

Bianca Katherine, daughter of Marc Rizzo, P’08, and Celeste Rizzo.

Roman Matthew Beitler, son of Lacee Beitler Faix, B’10, and Matthew Faix, B’08.

Cameron Anthony, son of Shannon (Tarr) Istik, A’10, GE’13, and Anthony Istik, A’10, E’10.

Jenna Farneti, B’09, GB’11, married Steve Fabian.

Claire Prykull, B’11, married Joe Henderson, B’09.

Ashley Lacy, B’11, married Johnathan Blassingame, B’12.

Ciaran Eilor, son of Marnie (Goldblum) Eckert, A’99, GE’03, and Chad Eckert.

Alexia James, daughter of Allison Gardiner, B’00.
IN MEMORIAM

Therese (Hand) Hastings, B’88, passed away Oct. 19 at the age of 76. An active community volunteer, she was a member of the Duquesne University Women’s Advisory Board, 25 Club of Magee-Women’s Hospital, the Civic Light Opera Guild, St. Lucy’s Auxiliary and St. John Capistran Church. The widow of longtime benefactor and Century Club member Donald Hastings, B’61, and mother of Daniel Hastings, B’84, and Holly Spina, GE’92, Mrs. Hastings recently led her family in supporting the renovation of the University Chapel organ.

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IN MEMORIAM

Eleanor V. Fails, age 85, passed away Sept. 17. She taught in the sociology department of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts from 1971-1992, serving as chair the last six years. She also served as director of the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy, a joint research venture of the sociology and political science departments.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas J. Mattei, Ph.D., P'68, GP'70, died Sept. 19 at age 70. Mattei joined the faculty of the Mylan School of Pharmacy in 1969 and was an associate professor at the time of his passing. Formerly an associate dean and division head in the school, he was a driving force behind the establishment of Duquesne's first-in-the-nation school-operated community pharmacy in Pittsburgh's Hill District. His advocacy for the incorporation of active learning pedagogy spurred the recent development of new clinical lab facilities in Bayer Hall.
IN MEMORIAM

Isadore R. Lenglet, H’00, died Sept. 15 at the age of 83. Lenglet served as Duquesne’s executive vice president for management and business for more than a decade during the administration of President John E. Murray, Jr. Prior to working at Duquesne, he was planning director for Indiana County, Pa., taught civic planning at Penn State University and was a vice president at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He was inducted into the Century Club as an honorary member in 1996 and received an honorary degree shortly before his retirement.

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Emeritus David Stock from the Mary Pappert School of Music died Nov. 2 at age 76. A respected composer and conductor, Stock had been a member of the music faculty since 1990. In addition to teaching, he conducted the Duquesne Contemporary Ensemble. Stock’s works have been performed across the world. Among his numerous awards and honors, Stock received fellowship grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, as well as a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Timothy Murrin, A’72
Stephen Nash, B’64
Elmo Navaroli, A’52
Susan Nee, GE’74
Linda Nelson, A’81, GA’83
Henry Nerone, A’40
Michael Nester, P’71
Thomas Newhams, GB’70
John Newton, P’02
William Ney, B’57
Helen Nolan, B’42
Thomas Nunnally, GE’72
Charles O’Black, A’53
Anthony O’Connell, GA’71
Wanda O’Korn, B’01
Leo O’Neill, GB’97
John C. O’Neill, A’50
Joseph James O’Neill, A’32
Jane O’Toole, N’73
Roberta Ochs, GE’76
Anton Oleniczki, B’55
William Opfermann, Pittsburgh Catholic’38
Ruth Osgood, M’43
Charles Page, B’04
Robert Palka, B’68
M. Emmanuel Palus, E’61
Leon Panella, P’66

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Kathleen Panzo, E’61
Joseph Passaro, E’38
Joseph Petaccia, M’53, GM’60
Paul Pfingstl, E’49
Lawrence Piatti, B’66
Rosario Piraino, A’65
Anthony Pizzuto, A’50
August Plut, Pittsburgh Catholic’36
Dorothy Podskalan, N’46
Regina Polich, N’48
John Ponas, P’42
Joelle Preksta, LPA’95, GA’00
Loren Province, A’50
Geraldine Purnell, GA’91
John Quinn
Faye Rankin, E’55, GE’65
Mary Rankin, GE’72
M. Ransil, E’56, GA’68
David Reasbeck, GE’65
J. Michele Reed, N’75
John Reilly, E’55
Mary Reilly, P’53
John Rellich, B’72
Mary Richards, A’51
John Riley, B’63
Joseph Rittmeyer, Pittsburgh Catholic’29
Virginia Robey, GA’01
Laura Robinson, E’72
Nancy Roehm, N’64, GE’67
Martin Rollison, B’74
Robert Roos, A’90
Sidney Root, GE’70
Charles Rossi
Ernest Rossi, A’53
William Rowley, S’63
Ralph Rubachko, B’78
Jack Rubenstein, B’29, GE’36
Edward Rudaitis, A’66
Eleanor Ruffing, E’50
John Rusnak, M’78
Mary Ryan
Jeffrey Sacks, B’71
Margaret Salada, E’73
Joseph Salvatore, B’64
Rasheeda Sayles, E’78
Edward Scanlon, Pittsburgh Catholic’41
Robert Scanlon, B’53
William Scherer, B’52
Karl Schimmel, S’61
Leo Schlanger, B’81
John Schlegel, A’52
Helen Schneider, E’73
Charles Scholl, B’50

Robert Schram, A’50
Raymond Schuler, B’47
Edward Scier, B’68
Steven Segal, B’75
Mary Ann Seibel, M’77
John Sel, A’64
Patty Selker, L’84
Eva Sessions, N’61

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Kathleen Shea, A’89, GA’90
Hilary Sheply, B’60
Carita Shields, B’90
Thomas Shields, B’53
Raymond Shimko, B’81
Thomas Siegel, E’68
Judy Sigal, E’87
John Simko, E’74
Franklin Simmen, E’61
Virgil Simons, M’50
James Sisak, B’57
Emmanuel Skarvelis, A’66
Louis Skerlong, B’48
Mark Skertich, A’01
Walter Slygh, E’64
Edward Smith, B’53
Effie Smith, A’76, GE’79
Harry Smith, B’51
Hilary Smith, E’75
James Smith, E’38

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Dr. Dominic F. Iannotta, E’42, died on June 17 at the age of 94. He was a lifetime educator, teaching and serving as vice-principal and principal at several local schools. He was assistant director at Gateway Technical Institute and teacher at the School of Education at Allegheny Community College. In 1961, he was awarded the Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation medal for teaching. He lectured in history at Duquesne from 1946-1982.
Feb. 16, 2016
Duquesne Day of Giving
Show your love for DU and make an online gift on this day to your favorite school, program or initiative. Learn more and donate at www.duq.edu/dayofgiving.

Feb. 16, 2016*
Wind Symphony & Symphony Band
Dr. Robert C. Cameron, conductor
7:30 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Details: 412.396.6083

Feb. 17, 2016
Spring Job & Internship Fair
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom

Feb. 18, 2016
Alpha Gamma Delta Water Wars
Annual water games to benefit juvenile diabetes research
9 p.m.
Towers Pool
Contact/RSPV: Sarah Jones at jones4@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Feb. 21, 2016
Chicago Alumni and Parent Event: Broadway Show and Dinner
2 p.m. Cabaret at Private Bank Theatre
Dinner at Pette rin's - 150 North Dearborn Ave. (following show)
Details/reservations: www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209

Feb. 25, 2016
Delta Zeta Big Man on Campus
Annual men's pageant talent show benefitting Starkey Hearing Foundation
9 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Contact: Jacqueline O'Toole at otoolej@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Feb. 25, 2016
2016 Darwin Day
African Evolutionary Genomics: A Modern Look at Human Genetic Diversity
7 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom, Duquesne University
Details: www.duq.edu/darwin

Feb. 25, 2016
Philadelphia Law Alumni Reception
5:30-8 p.m.
Maggiano's Little Italy
Details: www.duq.edu/law/philadelphia

Feb. 27, 2016
School of Law Paralegal Institute
Open House
9-11:30 a.m.
Libermann Hall
Details: www.duq.edu/paralegal

Feb. 28, 2016
Washington, D.C. Service Event with Current Students
Our Lady of Peace
12:30 p.m. Lunch with current Duquesne students
1:30 p.m. Service project
Details: www.myduquesne.duq.edu/DCservice2016

March 6-7, 2016
D.C. Law Alumni Reception, Supreme Court of the United States Admission
March 6
Reception open to all law alumni
6 p.m.
Washington Marriott at Metro Center
March 7
SCOTUS admission ceremony for pre-registered law alumni
Details: www.duq.edu/law/SCOTUSadmission

March 8, 2016
NYC Alumni and Parent Event
Museum Tour and Dinner
Fraunces Tavern (54 Pearl St.)
5-6:30 p.m. Private Tours
6-8 p.m. Cocktail Reception and Dinner
Details: www.myduquesne.duq.edu/newyork2016

March 9, 2016
A-10 Tournament Kick-off Party
Brownstone Bar & Restaurant
277 Gold St.
Two hours prior to tip-off
Details: www.myduquesne.duq.edu/newyork2016

March 11, 2016
Alpha Phi King and Queen of Hearts
Game show contest to benefit the Alpha Phi Foundation
6 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Contact: Skyler DeWitt at dewitts1@duq.edu
March 12, 2016
Alumni Lenten Retreat: The Jubilee Year of Mercy
Spend an afternoon on campus with Spiritan Campus Ministry and reflect on how you can pray, fast and give in mercy during the Lenten season.

11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
$25 per person (adults only, includes lunch)
RSVP by March 4: www.myduquesne.duq.edu/lent2016 or 412.396.6209

March 20, 2016
Children’s Liturgy/Easter Egg Hunt
11 a.m. Mass/Children’s Liturgy
Duquesne University Chapel
12 - 2 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Mellon Hall/Lawn
Details and registration: www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209

March 25, 2016
Phi Kappa Theta Monte Carlo Night
Semi-formal casino night to benefit Children’s Miracle Network
7 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: Dan Campayno at campaynod@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

March 30, 2016
Annual Second Century Dinner and Alumni Awards Presentation
Please join us as we celebrate the next class of outstanding Duquesne business graduates, honor distinguished alumni and emerging leaders, and share our vision for the future.
5:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Dinner
Power Center Ballroom
Register online: www.duq.edu/secondcentury
Details: Courtney Cox at coxc@duq.edu or 412.396.5831

April 1, 2016*
Duquesne Night at the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
8 p.m.
Emanuel Ax Plays Brahms and the All University Choir (including Duquesne’s Voices of Spirit) performs “O Fortuna” and other choral favorites.
Details: www.duq.edu/musicevents or 412.396.6083

April 2, 2016
Greek Alumni Reception and Greek Sing
Annual talent competition benefitting the Spiritan Missions in Ghana
5 p.m. - Reception; 6 p.m. - Show
A.J. Palumbo Center
Contact/RSVP: www.myduquesne.duq.edu/greeksing2016 or 412.396.6209

April 8, 2016
Wine Tasting with Fr. Sawicki
Duquesne Union, Africa Room
$40 per person. Tickets are limited to 6 per purchaser.
Registration will open on March 8 at noon.
Details: www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209

April 11, 2016
Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Atlanta Hawks
Join Cleveland-area alumni at The Q for a pre-game reception as the Cavaliers take on the Hawks.
5:30 p.m. Pre-Game Reception
7 p.m. Game Time
Tickets are limited. RSVP by Feb. 24.
Details: www.myduquesne.duq.edu/cavs2016 or 412.396.6209

April 25, 2016*
Duquesne Symphony Orchestra
Jeffrey Turner, conductor
7:30 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Details: 412.396.6083

May 23, 2016
Vinnie Vaccarello & Patsy Crisafi Pinehurst #2 Memorial Golf Invitational
Pinehurst #2, North Carolina
Contact: Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu or 412.396.5927

May 28, 2016
School of Law Paralegal Institute Open House
9-11:30 a.m.
Libermann Hall
Details: www.duq.edu/paralegal

Date to be announced
Red & Blue Brew
The Young Alumni Council welcomes you to this revamped fundraising event benefitting the Young Alumni Council Endowed Impact Fund. Visit www.myduquesne.duq.edu for updates.

June 6, 2016
DAF Spring Golf Outing
Sewickley Heights Golf Club
Contact: Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu or 412.396.5927

Alumni activities are added frequently throughout the year. For more details, a complete schedule of alumni events and to update your e-mail address to receive e-mail invitations, go to www.myduquesne.duq.edu or contact The Office of Alumni Relations.

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