Where does it hurt?

Professors collaborate on chronic pain research

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Thoughts from the President

Last month, I stood outside Old Main on a sunlit afternoon, watching an endless parade of minivans and SUVs pass by. It was freshman move-in day. From dawn to dusk, a new class unloaded belongings, assisted by a small army of student volunteers.

We can all recall the excitement and apprehension associated with our first days at college. Some of us have lived through the process again, through the eyes of our own children.

Along with the clothes, furniture, electronics, and mementos, every car carried a unique story, a distinctly individual narrative that brought each student to our Bluff.

How will the next chapters unfold? The answer will be different for each student. But, as always, we find in these pages clues about what they will experience as members of our Duquesne family.

Our new students will enjoy close and meaningful relationships with the faculty, as hailed by The Princeton Review. This latest ranking is just one of several recent accolades you will read about in this issue.

They will be a vital part of the Pittsburgh community. In these pages, you will discover our latest contributions to our neighbors: more than $450 million in regional economic impact and more than 270,000 hours of voluntary service in one year alone.

They will overcome challenges that seem insurmountable, inspired by fellow students like Marissa James, a recent health sciences graduate who found creative solutions to her own physical challenges. Her story is told in this issue.

They, with their teachers, will work together, crossing disciplinary lines, in search of answers to perplexing problems. Our chronic pain consortium, spanning five schools, exemplifies the imaginative, resourceful approaches that Duquesne encourages and engenders. Read on to discover the University’s dedication to chronic pain research.

They will emerge in a few years, profoundly changed and ready to transform the world, following in the footsteps of graduates like those profiled in this issue: a young music therapist whose work helps patients manage pain; a life coach who recognizes the importance of business attire; and three alumni making it possible for students to travel abroad.

In what will seem the wink of an eye, they will soon join you and more than 80,000 other living Duquesne alums. Then they will extend our mission of serving God by serving students in your work of serving God by serving others. Thank you for sustaining and expanding on our mission. Thank you for all you do for Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Duquesne University President
Duquesne has again been named a top college by The Princeton Review.

In the 2015 edition of the annual Best Colleges book, Duquesne has been selected as one of the country’s 379 outstanding institutions, as well as one of 255 outstanding colleges and universities in the northeast.

The University’s profile in The Best 379 Colleges states: “The eye to a well-rounded future is also a strength of the school, and the faculty maintain ‘a lot of connections with people to help (students) with jobs after graduation,’ making sure that all who matriculate are educated ‘in multiple facets for the field they plan to enter.’”

The profile also praised overall faculty-student interactions, noting that students receive a personalized experience and professors emphasize challenging mainstream thoughts. Duquesne’s 15:1 student-faculty ratio helps to achieve this dynamic relationship.

The campus setting and its location are applauded for allowing students access to professionals with business experience, particularly in the University’s “strong business program.” The secluded campus location “is part of Pittsburgh and at the same time, it is its own neighborhood.”

One of only 24 institutions named to the Fire Safety Honor Roll, Duquesne received a 99 rating, the highest available score and a measure of how well prepared it is to prevent or respond to campus fires.

Only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and four colleges outside the U.S. are profiled in the book, with data obtained from annual surveys of administrators, Princeton Review staff and advisory board input, personal visits to schools and feedback from students at these schools on topics ranging from administration to quality of life.

“Every college in our book offers outstanding academics,” says Robert Franek, the guide’s author and Princeton Review senior vice president/publisher. “Our purpose is not to crown one college ‘best’ overall or to rank these distinctive schools 1 to 379 on any single topic. We present our 62 ranking lists to give applicants the broader base of campus feedback to choose the college that’s best for them.”
For more than a century, Duquesne University has been preparing students for success in an ever-changing world.

As the University community goes about this important work of serving God by serving students, it also drives critical growth in the Pittsburgh region’s neighborhoods and economy.

As one of the area’s largest purchasers of goods and services, Duquesne is an economic force. Students, employees, and visitors make a substantial economic impact on the community, spending money at local businesses and contributing taxes to the city and county.

Innovation is an important output of Duquesne’s work that also helps to boost the community, and the research grants earned by University faculty and staff bring important funding to the region. At the heart of it all, Duquesne’s commitment to service—on the part of students and employees—also contributes to the vitality of surrounding neighborhoods.

In 2013, Duquesne’s total economic impact in the region was more than $457 million, and students and employees contributed more than 270,000 service hours to the local community. This significant contribution to Pittsburgh’s economic and social vitality is outlined in the University’s 2013 Impact Report.

Findings in the Impact Report Include:

- The University attracted nearly $10 million in research funding and secured 10 patents. These dollars support research topics of national interest, such as fighting cancer, stopping bullying and understanding mental retardation, as well as issues important to Pittsburgh, such as helping troubled teens in Allegheny County, revitalizing a local city park and improving educational opportunities in the Hazelwood neighborhood.

- The Small Business Development Center provided 8,396 hours of free consulting and management services to 803 local businesses.

- Nearly 70 percent of professionally employed recent graduates are working in Pennsylvania, demonstrating Duquesne’s role in improving the regional workforce and acting as a pipeline for talent.

- The McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts launched its first startup in 2013, thanks to a subcontract of $318,403 in DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Project Agency) funding related to the software development of Dr. Patrick Juola, associate professor of computational science and mathematics.

- In 2013, campus participation in community engagement initiatives was at an all-time high. In fact, the Corporation for National and Community Service recognized Duquesne’s commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement for a seventh consecutive year, naming the University to its 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction.

To read the entire report, visit www.duq.edu/impact.
Marissa James, HS’12, S’12, DPT’14, serves as a guiding light to patients, a living inspiration that no barrier on their road to recovery is unbreakable.

James, a physical therapist, can inspire her patients to overcome the challenges of improving motion or learning to walk again because she has faced her own set of obstacles: She was born with an arm that extends just below the elbow.

While her birth abnormality has never limited her—she’s a former cheerleader, soccer player and French horn player—her goal to become a physical therapist brought more hurdles than she initially anticipated.

After three years of undergraduate prerequisite work, Duquesne physical therapy students enter the three-year professional phase of the program, which challenges one’s intellect, clinical skills and professional behaviors. Once James reached this stage, the University brought in a physical therapist and professor from Chicago who has the same condition. She met with James and members of Duquesne’s physical therapy department to discuss teaching strategies that could give James the opportunity to be a successful student.

“She was so good at figuring it out herself that she actually taught us. We would say to her, ‘This is how you take someone’s blood pressure, but we don’t know how you’re going to take blood pressure.’ And she would sit there for a minute and figure it out and we would go, ‘Oh, never thought about doing it that way.’”

All physical therapists have to be creative because each patient brings unique challenges. James, however, sometimes has to really think outside the box.

“We all have things that make us unique and make our journey difficult. It all depends on how hard we work to overcome them.”

James would practice her innovative techniques on her professors and classmate and roommate Sarah Anderson.

“Since we were often partners, occasionally I would throw out some ideas for her and sometimes we would problem-solve together,” says Anderson. “The process made me a better clinician because it pushed me to also think outside the box and get creative.”

James never asked for special treatment and the University never changed the program’s standards for her.

“In class, my teachers would demonstrate techniques, but I couldn’t just practice what they taught,” says James. “I would have to look at what they did and figure out how I was going to get the same result a different way.”

“She had to do everything every other student had to do,” explains DiBartola. “She had to figure out how to lift a patient from a wheelchair to a bed, how to adjust crutches, how to safely guard a patient to prevent falling – everything every other student needs...
All physical therapists have to be creative because each patient brings unique challenges. James, however, sometimes has to really think outside the box.

to do and not only did she figure out how to do it, she did it sometimes safer, more efficiently, more effectively than the average student.”

Although she was excelling in the classroom, the clinical phase of the program presented new barriers to break as she began working at clinics with actual patients. At the first clinical experience, an outpatient clinic, James shined. “They (clinical instructors) were amazed,” explains DiBartola. “They couldn’t speak more highly of her and how she did everything they thought she would never be able to do.”

Her second rotation initially was met with trepidation. It was an inpatient clinic where patients require a greater level of care. “They told us how delighted they were and not only how she was exceptional, but how she inspired both patients and the fellow therapists,” recalls DiBartola.

At the clinical, James cared for a patient who was recovering from knee surgery. “He was a really tall, muscular guy who didn’t think I could help get him out of bed, but I did,” she says. “He was discharged my first week, but came back to the hospital weeks later without his cane. He gave me a hug and wished me luck in the future.”

James doesn’t realize she is missing an arm, nor do her family and friends. “It’s the last thing I notice about her,” says Anderson. “You forget that she has to do certain things differently. She practiced different physical therapy techniques, probably more than the rest of our class because she is determined to prove she can be excellent.”

Graduation day in August was validation that all of that extra practice and hard work was worth it. “I was interested in physical therapy because it’s about helping people,” says James. “It’s nice to know the small time I spend with patients will carry over throughout the rest of their life.”

Patients who have been through rehabilitation will have a better quality of life because of her care, but her approach to life leaves an even greater imprint. “In our world, there are so many labels put on everybody because of their particular hardships. Everyone has hurdles to overcome. Some are physical, while others may be emotional. We all have things that make us unique and make our journey difficult. It all depends on how hard we work to overcome them,” says James. “Patients see in me somebody who doesn’t let barriers stop her. It makes them feel, ‘Oh, I can do this, too.’”
From JonBenet Ramsey to Jack the Ripper, unsolved crimes—particularly those involving gruesome murders—have long plagued law enforcement officials and prosecutors. But when does a crime get deemed a “cold case,” and what factors contribute to a cold case being re-opened and what impediments do they typically encounter?

The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law at Duquesne University will delve into the complexity of unsolved crimes when it presents Finding Closure: The Science, Law and Politics of Cold Case Investigations on Thursday, Oct. 30, and Friday, Oct. 31, in the Power Center Ballroom. The 14th annual symposium, which is also being video streamed, is being presented in partnership with The American Investigative Society of Cold Cases.

“At a time of reduced government funding for forensic science labs and police agencies, the re-opening of cold cases can be a legally and politically difficult decision to make,” says Ben Wecht, the institute’s program administrator. “However, as forensic science continues to advance, we owe it to victims and their families, and American society as a whole, to do our very best to apply that science in the hope of bringing such cases to a resolution.”

Various topics and issues of cold cases will be examined, including the consequences of laboratory backlogs and government funding cuts for criminal justice; how much physical evidence is enough to warrant the re-opening of a cold case; what makes for a compelling witness; political hurdles faced by prosecutors hoping to re-open such cases; and the impact of DNA analysis and other recent forensic scientific advances on cold cases.

For more information, including cost, registration, continuing education and distance learning details, visit www.duq.edu/forensics, e-mail wechtinstitute@duq.edu or call 412.396.1330.
Duquesne and Urban Innovation21, supported by $550,000 in external grants, will establish Pittsburgh’s first community biotechnology laboratory space.

The facility, with approximately 1,500 square feet of biotechnology work space, will be open to middle and high school students, as well as to adults, college students and small businesses, says Dr. Alan W. Seadler, associate academic vice president for research and technology. The biomedical-biotechnology facility will serve a wide slice of the community, operating as a hybrid of schools-only labs for education similar to those in Boston and Bakersfield, Calif., and the TechShop in Pittsburgh’s East Liberty neighborhood, which rents its high-tech equipment to small businesses and other community members.

“No biotechnology space is available for use by high school educators and their students outside of what is accessible within their school system, and the university lab spaces which might be used are always in high demand by professors and their students,” says Seadler.

“This lab will provide educational and community outreach, in keeping with Duquesne’s strategic plan, particularly for urban students whose schools might not have these capabilities. It also will give startup biomedical companies access to research-grade instruments.”

These labs and the wide-ranging access to them are a grand slam for education, innovation and economic prospects, says William Generett Jr., Urban Innovation21’s president and chief executive officer.

“The maker lab will not only be a tremendous benefit for students and adults in some of our region’s poorest communities, but also will provide small life science startups with the equipment they need to make their businesses more competitive,” says Generett. “Duquesne brings great experience in running educational labs and translating research to the marketplace. The maker lab will be a big win for everyone.”

As a “maker lab”—a part of a growing national movement to encourage innovation, learning by doing and addressing personal interests, as well as societal concerns—the biotech lab represents another University-community partnership with positive impacts on campus and beyond.

Dr. Andre Samuel, a recent graduate of Duquesne’s doctoral program in biological sciences, has been selected as the director of the community biotechnology lab. Samuel initiated the University’s SIGMA Science Mentorship Initiative in 2010, and continued to reach out to diverse high school students while a doctoral student.

“Because of Andre’s own path through a doctoral program in the sciences, his involvement with schools and urban youth, and his ability to help encourage students and adults to connect with science, we thought he was extraordinarily prepared for the challenges of this new effort to make science more accessible,” says Generett.

Partners serving on the biotech lab’s advisory panel include: Duquesne’s School of Education, ASSET STEM Education, Carlow University, Community College of Allegheny County, Carnegie Science Center, Penn State Center Pittsburgh, ThermoFisher and UPMC.
What's new at DU?

Recent Rankings for DU Programs and Schools

Duquesne has recently been the recipient of prestigious rankings:

- The A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration has again been ranked among the nation’s best undergraduate business schools for 2014 in the annual *Bloomberg Businessweek* list. Duquesne, which received an “A” grade on its teaching and reflects a favorable 24:8 student-faculty ratio, is listed at No. 108. The rankings are based on five components, including student assessment; academic quality metrics; average class size and number of hours students spend on coursework per week; and employer opinion.

- The Palumbo-Donahue School of Business has been named among the 2014 Top Universities for Professional Sales Education by the Sales Education Foundation. In its eighth edition of the *Annual* magazine, the foundation showcases Duquesne and other top universities with verified sales programs that prepare students for professional selling careers.

- An online master’s degree from the School of Nursing is considered to be among the best in the nation for vets, according to *U.S. News & World Report*’s 2014 Best Online Programs for Veterans. The University is ranked at No. 3 in the Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs category. In addition, Duquesne jumped five spots to No. 36 overall for best online bachelor’s degree programs.

- NurseJournal.org has ranked Duquesne No. 19 among the Top 50 Most Social Media Friendly Nursing Schools of 2014. This year’s ranking marks a 14-spot jump for the School of Nursing, which was ranked No. 33 last year. For its ranking methodology, NurseJournal.org evaluated hundreds of nursing schools to see which have the strongest presence among social media platforms.

- Duquesne is among just six private law schools named to *The National Jurist* 2015 Best Value Law Schools list. This marks the first time that Duquesne has been named to the Best Value list. In 2013, the University was ranked No. 4 on *The National Jurist* Best Value Private Law School list.

Inaugural Ghana Trip Fosters Bigger Plans for 2015

Through the Center for African Studies, the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts and the Office of International Programs have entered the world of offering study abroad in Africa—and are planning an even more extended opportunity for students in 2015.

The inaugural study abroad trip to Ghana in May not only presented students with a very different learning opportunity, but served the University’s strategic plan by emphasizing Spiritan identity and mission, focusing on the African continent, and strengthening ties between the University and the worldwide Spiritan mission.

Ten students participated in the two-week trip, guided by Dr. Gerald Booodoo, director of the center; Samuel Celotto, an assistant resident director from the Italian Campus; and the Rev. Alphonsus Beni, C.S.Sp., from the Spiritan University College in Ejisu, Ghana. Under their guidance, students had a full academic and cultural experience in Africa’s first independent sub-Saharan nation, a stable democracy with rising socioeconomic standards, more than 100 different ethnic groups and unifying national pride.

Next year’s study abroad trip will expand to a four-week experience in Ghana, allowing students to earn six credits in the core areas of faith and reason and creative arts or social justice.
Kids’ TV Show on Sleep, Created by DU Professor, Airs Across Country

Nearly 100 public television stations in 34 states recently aired a one-hour show/mini-movie focused on sleep and encouraging kids to ask experts questions.

The Scientastic! program Are You Sleeping? Dormez Vous?, aimed at 8- to 13-year-olds, is part of the multifaceted multimedia science literacy efforts of Dr. John Pollock, associate professor of biological sciences. It was produced in partnership with David Caldwell of Planet Earth Television and explored issues surrounding the national trend toward the lack of sleep and its significant impact on our lives.

To learn more about the show and the science behind the program, visit www.ScientasticTV.com. Original support for the program was provided by the Science Education Partnership Awards from the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation and UPMC, among other funders.

Center for Pharmacy Care Business Model Recognized

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) presented the Academic Research Center for Pharmacy Care with the Outstanding Business Practice Model award at the APhA's recent annual meeting.

The award, which recognizes the center’s work with medication therapy management, honors Dr. Suzanne Higginbotham, director of the center, and clinical team members Dr. Robert Laux, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, and Dr. Monica Skomo, associate professor of pharmacy practice.

In her nomination letter, Higginbotham wrote, “In just five years, the staff has achieved an exceptional level of patient care and dedication to ambulatory practices and community service, innovative management and teaching for student pharmacists.”

Sizemore Conference Focuses on Racial Equality in Education

Educators and members of the Pittsburgh community gathered in May to discuss equality in education at the fifth annual Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore Summer Conference.

This year’s conference, The (Un)Common Core: Pathways to Opportunity or Mechanisms of Social Injustice?, was hosted by the School of Education and the Barbara A. Sizemore Urban Education Initiative.

Featured events included keynote presentations by educators and renowned experts, and educational workshops. The conference is designed to shed light on issues related to improving education for all students, particularly those in urban schools.

App with DU Ties Provides Info for Health Care Providers

So many illnesses require palliative care—relieving the pain and suffering of patients—and an incredible amount of the information that doctors and other health care providers share in this field is available online.

But some areas of hospitals don’t have strong Internet connections. This problem is now solved, thanks to a mobile application that can be accessed without an Internet connection, a helpful gateway created by a Duquesne student, his faculty mentor and a local doctor.

The app for Palliative Care Fast Facts, a commonly used health care reference that provides peer-reviewed, practical summaries on medical topics, is available in the iTunes store. The Fast Facts are concise teaching tools for bedside rounds and for health care providers to use for self-study.

Last fall, Dr. Haipeng (Mark) Zhang, chief resident in internal medicine at the Allegheny Health Network, approached Dr. Jeffrey Jackson, professor of mathematics and computer science in the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, to see if his class could help develop a mobile Fast Facts app. Zhang previously worked with Jackson and his students to create a prototype iPhone app making medical information easily accessible to residents in training within the Allegheny Health Network. The class started the work that student Mike Caterino completed as his senior project before graduating in May.

2014 Sizemore Conference keynote speaker Dr. Vanessa Siddle Walker of Emory University.
Duquesne has launched a program that combines the sought-after credentials of degrees in both biomedical engineering and nursing, becoming the first academic institution in the U.S. and globally to offer this dual degree to undergraduates.

“Duquesne has pioneered the integration of clinical knowledge and patient care with engineering techniques in a single program, creating the first bachelor’s degree of its kind,” says Provost Dr. Timothy Austin.

The five-year program will provide students with a foundational body of knowledge that keeps patient care and practical application at the core of studies supporting innovations and technological advances.

The joint degree could prove a tremendous value to employers and patients, says Dr. John Viator, director of Duquesne’s biomedical engineering (BME) program. In the relatively young and expanding BME field, engineers typically lack clinical expertise.

“This program will give our graduates an RN license to provide the clinical care so innovations can be introduced into the health care system and refined,” says Viator. “Our graduates will have the ability to be involved in all phases of biomedical innovation—from the identification of the clinical problem, through the development of a technical solution, to clinical outcomes evaluation.”

By gaining actual clinical experience, students also will develop new perspectives with respect to a patient’s health and functional needs.

“Engineers do not always fully appreciate the hospital culture and the clinical needs of patients,” says Dr. Mary Ellen Glasgow, dean and professor of the School of Nursing. “This dual degree gives our students both the engineering and nursing perspectives to solve real-world clinical problems.”

Pittsburgh provides a perfect setting for students to access exceptional practical opportunities, and the program will build on Duquesne’s existing connections with the city’s hospitals, startups and medical institutions. Pittsburgh is widely recognized as a health care and biomedical innovation hub. Students can gain rich experiences leading to their capstone projects with health care and technology partners.

Job opportunities for biomedical engineers are expected to grow 27 percent between 2012 and 2022, and nursing careers are expected to expand by 19 percent in the same time frame, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. With the combined knowledge and skills of the two disciplines, opportunities may be limitless for the “nurse engineer,” Viator and Glasgow predict.

“Our students will begin their careers with the preparation, knowledge and worldview usually seen in those with years of experience in the field,” says Austin. “This exciting BME/BSN partnership illustrates Duquesne’s innovative academic programs and the University’s focus on preparing students with the knowledge and skills to serve others.”

Nursing School Wins Grant for Minority Students

For the fifth time in seven years, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation’s largest philanthropy devoted to public health, has awarded the School of Nursing a grant to help students from underrepresented groups and disadvantaged backgrounds enter the field of nursing.

The $50,000 grant is administered through the foundation’s New Careers in Nursing program (NCIN), an initiative established to address the national nursing shortage by diversifying the nursing profession. The grant will be awarded equally to five incoming students in the accelerated Second Degree BSN program.

Since 2008, the first year that NCIN funds were available, the foundation has provided $400,000 to the School of Nursing, helping to pay tuition for 40 eligible Second Degree BSN students at Duquesne.
Health care experts agree: The best prepared nurses enter the profession armed with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. But not every registered nurse (RN) chooses that path, and for many of these nurses, obtaining a BSN seemed an impractical dream.

The School of Nursing’s new RN-BSN program was created especially for registered nurses who want to advance their careers by obtaining a BSN degree, and all classes in the new program will be delivered online. The first group of RN-BSN students began their studies in the fall 2014 semester.

According to Dr. Mary Ellen Smith Glasgow, dean of the School of Nursing, research indicates that nurses with BSN degrees make decisions that result in more positive outcomes for their patients than do RNs without a nursing baccalaureate. Yet, only about half of the nation’s nurses hold BSN degrees.

An aging population, Glasgow points out, along with increasing demand for health care services arising from the Affordable Care Act and the always-present goal of improving health care outcomes are driving the nation’s need for BSNs.

Those are also factors that make the introduction of Duquesne’s RN-BSN program particularly timely. In fact, a recent report issued by the Institute of Medicine, a widely respected, congressionally chartered panel of health care experts, recommends that by the year 2020, 80 percent of the country’s nurses should hold nursing baccalaureate degrees.

Duquesne’s RN-BSN program, because it is entirely online and self-paced, provides flexibility for working nurses. Classes are offered year round in eight-week sessions, and nurses can enroll as either full- or part-time students. In addition, RNs earn transfer credit for their nursing coursework as well as for any previously completed college courses.

Duquesne is a natural fit for an online RN-BSN program because of the nursing school’s record of leadership in online nursing education: The school launched the nation’s first online nursing Ph.D. in 1997, and today offers all its graduate nursing degree programs exclusively online. In addition, according to Glasgow, western Pennsylvania health care institutions are urging their RNs who lack BSN degrees to obtain a nursing baccalaureate, and currently the percentage of the region’s RNs who hold BSN degrees is significantly below the national average.

Professional advancement and the ability of the BSN degree to be the bridge to advanced nursing practice are appealing to career-oriented RNs, like Christine Kreysar, a member of the nursing staff at Grane Hospice, and one of the first to enroll in the new program.

“I love the flexibility that Duquesne’s RN-BSN program gives me,” says Kreysar. “I can work any shifts and still further my education to become the best nurse I can be.”

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

New Online Nursing Program Addresses Critical Shortage

— By Richard Tourtellott —

Nursing’s Health & Wellness Center for Older Adults Earns Prestigious Award

A team of retired nurses, led by a School of Nursing clinical professor and endowed chair holder, has received the Public Service Team Award of the Jefferson Awards, becoming regional winners in the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for volunteerism.

Dr. Lenore K. Resick, executive director of the School of Nursing Community-Based Health & Wellness Center for Older Adults, and a cadre of dedicated volunteer nurses were recognized as regional winners in the Jefferson Awards, presented in May by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Resick, who holds the Noble J. Dick Endowed Chair in Community Outreach, initially saw an opportunity to offer convenient nursing care to seniors who might be at ease in friendly, confidential, one-on-one situations that would allow them to fully understand their health conditions and consequences without traveling to a doctor’s office—and to routinely keep tabs on their status.

For eight years, Resick and the Retired Nurses Working in Neighborhoods (RN+WIN) have been providing residents at urban senior centers around the city with personalized health assessments, blood pressure screenings, tips on managing chronic diseases, and clear explanations about medications and blood work.

The volunteer nurses provide care to approximately 750 older adults at more than 2,000 nursing center visits in 10 Pittsburgh neighborhoods each year, says Resick.

“As nurses, our lives are dedicated to caring for other people—and, through this program, you can see that the caring doesn’t stop with nurses in retirement,” says Resick. “We’re very proud of the work our volunteers do to contribute to better health outcomes in our own community, and we’re extremely pleased that others have recognized their dedication, commitment and impact.”

To learn more about the program, contact: resick@duq.edu.

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New Law Clinic Helps Local Families

— BY ROSE RAVASIO —

Student attorneys from the School of Law’s new Family Law Clinic are helping to provide much-needed legal assistance to clients of the Self-Help Center in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas’ Family Division.

Working under the supervision of family law expert and Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Skills Kate Norton, seven student attorneys spend their Wednesdays and Fridays at the court, where they meet with and interview income-qualified clients who cannot afford to hire attorneys to help with issues such as domestic abuse, divorce settlement, conservatorships, child support and child custody.

To date, the student attorneys have interviewed nearly 210 clients and have appeared in court more than 50 times.

“These students are very interested in family law, and they are truly immersing themselves in these cases,” explains Laurie Serafino, director of clinical legal education and associate law professor. “They’re not just there to provide only an initial consultation—they have the option to handle these cases from beginning to end.”

Serafino emphasizes the importance of the students reaping the benefits of working with a supervising attorney in both the courtroom and the classroom: “She teaches them all aspects of family law, not just from the academic point of view, but also from a clinical point of view. It is the absolute best way to learn—when you have both happening at the same time.”

In addition, Norton encourages the student attorneys to sit in during motions court sessions.

“There, they can observe not only oral arguments and things like that, but also how to apply the substantive law that they learned in the clinic component or in their family law class to actual oral arguments,” says Norton.

Clinical education is one of the instructional cornerstones of the School of Law. Its six law clinics offer students the opportunity to serve the community by providing good counsel, promote the rewards of public service and train in the actual practice of law.
Duquesne alumni, parents and families cheered on the Akron RubberDucks in May following an alumni picnic in the new Duck Club.

Members of the new Charlotte Alumni Chapter lived the Duquesne mission and held a service day in June to help a multiple sclerosis patient with yard work and household projects.

Lead donors to the Philadelphia Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund celebrated their $50,000 goal with a gathering at the Union League of Philadelphia in April.

In June, more than 100 alumni and friends enjoyed the Washington DC Chapter kick-off event hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations at DLA Piper, LLC.

The Pershing Riflemen celebrated a reunion in June with a weekend of memory sharing, sing-alongs and activities on campus and in Pittsburgh.

Duquesne alumni in Pittsburgh and across the country are going off-line to enjoy each other’s company and network the old fashioned way—face to face.

Join in on the conversation at the next event near you. Go to www.myduquesne.duq.edu for the latest schedule of events and more photos.
UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES OF PAIN
There’s nothing simple about pain. The ancients thought that pain was all in the brain, but pain also wracks people’s psyches, jangles their nerves and makes their backs throb. Pain costs Americans up to $635 billion each year for medical treatment and in lost productivity, says the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. That hefty price tag is equivalent to the first 10 years of spending for homeland security, illustrating a nationwide problem of giant proportions.

An estimated 116 million Americans live with chronic pain, and one of them happens to be Dr. Jelena M. Janjic, assistant professor of pharmaceutics in the Mylan School of Pharmacy. As a scientist and as an individual, Janjic was looking for answers, so she approached several faculty members in 2011 to form a multidisciplinary group focused on chronic pain, to explore it as a disease itself and as a byproduct of injuries and diseases such as cancer and Parkinson’s.

The goal was to introduce new ideas into pain research and bring people together across disciplines who typically would not work on pain or even collaborate. Strategically, the founding group—now known as the Chronic Pain Research Consortium—was very diverse.

“Only an integrated approach to pain research may bring new and effective treatments,” says Janjic. Dr. John Pollock, professor of biological sciences in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, responded to Janjic’s invitation. The two have been joined by faculty with expertise in pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, molecular imaging, animal behavior, pharmacetics immunology, neuroscience, neuropharmacology and neurobiology. Fluent in knowledge of the immune system, stress and systems involved in treating cancer and nerve pain, fibromyalgia and other diseases, they decided to tag-team the persistent problem of pain.

The work of the group, which includes faculty from five schools across the University, inspired Provost Dr. Timothy R. Austin to establish a University fund to encourage “grassroots research collaborations” to unite different disciplines to resolve some of society’s biggest issues.

The consortium received the first Provost’s Interdisciplinary Research Consortia Grant award of $25,000 in July and is growing in many directions, thanks to professors’ dedication and funding from federal and foundation sources—such as the National Institutes of Health, The Parkinson’s & Movement Disorders Foundation and the American Pain Society—that already totals about $1.8 million. Here are some examples of how Duquesne researchers are tackling the pain challenge.

WHERE DOES IT HURT?
NEW PROCESSES COULD PROVIDE PERSONALIZED PAIN TREATMENT

Most pain studies focus only on biology or behavior, drug delivery or microscopic cell anatomy, but the research of Janjic and Pollock incorporates each of these areas to personalize pain treatment. Their methods could enable doctors to pinpoint where pain is originating, then provide medication to that precise location—allowing a smaller dose of medication to be effective in curtailing pain while creating few side effects.

This could be a breakthrough for treating pain, Pollock explains, because soreness in one location might actually be caused by a pinched nerve or issue elsewhere.

“The process relies on the interplay between the immune system and the nervous system to work,” he says.
Integrated chronic pain research vision

The first step is to envision the pain with Janjic and Pollock’s non-invasive fluorescence imaging and MRI imaging achieved in collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University, pinpointing the origins of pain-inducing inflammation. Next, researchers specifically locate the immune cells involved in pain, then target them with medication.

Janjic has pioneered targeted drug delivery to treat pain, developing nanodroplets that, when injected intraveneously, accumulate at the inflamed areas. This process could have a huge impact for people with inflammation-related pain, including osteoporosis and arthritis. Patients now are often prescribed pain-alleviating drugs, which over time, tend to be less effective and can damage the liver, kidneys, brain and other organs as they accumulate in the body. The nanodroplets allow drugs to be administered at a lower-than-typical dose because they wouldn’t travel through other body systems. Future studies will continue to refine the process.

“We’re helping to fulfill a completely unmet need in pain research,” says Janjic.

INVESTIGATING EXERCISE AS A TREATMENT FOR EMOTIONS AND MORE

Dr. Benedict Kolber works at the intersection of sensory and psychological response, dealing with both brain and bladder. An assistant professor of biological sciences and consortium member, Kolber has been trying to unravel one of chronic pain’s least discussed ailments: interstitial cystitis bladder pain syndrome. About 1.3 million people cope with this condition that causes frequent bathroom trips coupled with pain, altered sleep habits, loss of productivity and social stress. The medical community currently throws its hands in the air when asked how to deal with this problem that exhibits no visible signs.

Kolber and his team made a scientific breakthrough connecting the painful bladder condition with the amygdala, an area in the brain that regulates emotions and stress reactions. Stimulating the right side of the amygdala increases the body’s response to bladder distention, so the team now is working to find a medicine that would block this stimulation, reduce symptoms and help those who suffer.

Expanding his foray into the emotional and physical connection, Kolber is studying how depression and anxiety often come to accompany chronic pain.

“If we manipulate the brain and eliminate pain, maybe it will help with depression and anxiety, too,” says Kolber.

Kolber works independently, but also as part of a research duo and team looking at different facets of this issue. With Dr. Kevin Tidgewell, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry in the Mylan School of Pharmacy who harvests natural ocean products and investigates their pain-killing compounds, Kolber is examining the possibility of treating pain and depression together and

Dr. Kevin Tidgewell investigates pain-killing compounds produced by natural marine products.
whether these two conditions happen in the same spot in the brain.

One of the consortium’s most wide-ranging, multidisciplinary efforts aligns Kolber and Tidgewell with Dr. Kimberly Szucs of the Department of Occupational Therapy, Dr. Matt Kostek of the Department of Physical Therapy and Dr. Alex Kranjec of the Department of Psychology to look at exercise and pain, plus ways to talk about pain.

“Exercise is one of the best antidotes for pain and one of the best antidepressants ever discovered, but people with depression and in pain don’t want to exercise for a variety of reasons,” says Kolber.

The group is looking to break this cycle by determining the least amount of exercise needed to reap pain-reducing benefits—data that is now non-existent.

In addition, the group is focusing on the language used to describe pain and the quantitative sensory testing of an individual’s pain threshold.

“We could develop better monitoring; we could map an individual’s progress over time, on how pain affects their sleep, work and relationships,” explains Kolber, noting that this information could support health care that would improve patient functions on a daily basis.

ALUMNUS FOCUSES ON HOLISTIC TREATMENTS TO MAKE GAINS ON PAIN

When Gary Breisinger, A’73, started work as a therapist, he often saw people in his community mental health practice who faced medical problems. For many, pain was a big part of their struggle, impacting sleep, relationships and overall quality of life.

Over the past 40 years, Breisinger has observed how the lessons he learned from existential phenomenology—making sure you understand the context in which a person’s pain develops—are increasingly a part of medical and behavioral practices.

A licensed Pennsylvania psychologist working in private practice and consulting at HealthSouth Harmarville Rehabilitation Hospital, Breisinger finds that the way people cope with life challenges in general typically determines how they cope with pain.

HealthSouth Harmarville used to feature an interdisciplinary chronic pain program focused on the mind-body interaction, says Breisinger. Physical treatment revolved around therapeutic aquatics, stretching and the gradual development of strength, flexibility and endurance. Psychological treatment focused on the individual’s development of a personal system of relaxation after exposure to techniques such as biofeedback and self-hypnosis.

“The target in part was to address something called the pain-tension cycle,” explains Breisinger. “When somebody has chronic pain for a long time, a secondary level pain is often created because the body protectively holds itself so tense and tight. If you can help someone alter this pattern and reduce the tension, the benefit in one’s experience of becoming an active agent in their own care often leads to an overall improvement in the management of pain.”

By the early 1990s, changes in health care gradually made this type of treatment too expensive to be considered, he says. The treatment of pain came under the direction of anaesthesiologists. The most frequently offered treatment options became injections (either nerve blocks or steroids to reduce inflammation), procedures to burn nerve endings and continuation of the use of narcotic analgesics, says Breisinger.

Given concerns about addiction, gaps in pain treatment and advances in the field, Breisinger is hopeful that interdisciplinary approaches—like the one in place with Duquesne’s Chronic Pain Research Consortium—will rebound.

While technological advances provide alternatives to treating pain, Breisinger says the human factor hasn’t changed much.

Breisinger tells the story of a man struggling to finish his accounting degree so he could switch from a career as a mechanic after losing his arm, leg and part of his face in an explosion. He was determined to finish the degree to provide for his family—and did. Around the same time, Breisinger saw a woman who said her life was ruined because she slipped on ice and sprained her wrist. Treatment was ineffective for her.

“It doesn’t add up. You see people who have MRI scans with herniations and pinched nerves and they’re fighting, clawing and pushing themselves to go back to work to be independent,” he says. “Others try to convince you that their pain is worse than any human should have to endure.”

Breisinger says decades of experience have proven what phenomenologists believe and a very experienced psychologist once told him: “It is far more important to know what kind of person has a disease than to know what kind of disease a person has.”
MUSIC THERAPY: ALUMNUS FINDS WAYS TO TUNE OUT PAIN

As a music therapy major, Sam Rodgers-Melnick, M’12, believes the Bob Marley quote: “One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.”

As a practitioner and researcher, he sees daily that music can reduce the acute and chronic pain of cancer and sickle cell anemia.

A board-certified music therapist at the University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center in Cleveland, Rodgers-Melnick works with adults receiving cancer treatments and adults with sickle cell anemia, who generally face unpredictable pain crises throughout their lives and often must be admitted to the hospital. The genetically misshapen, oxygen-carrying red blood cells clog in blood vessels and create agony that can damage bones, organs and nerves.

Rodgers-Melnick started working with adult sickle cell anemia patients as a music therapy intern at Seidman, which treats more than 240 adults. He conducted music therapy sessions with patients, family members and staff using drumming to help manage pain and build positive interactions between the staff and the patients.

Patients reported less pain, and feeling more connected with the medical staff and more supported by each other. But one patient’s enjoyment is another’s noise, so Rodgers-Melnick devised a way to keep music personal in shared spaces: a technological wonder called the Seidman Studio, a mobile recording studio with an electronic drum set, keyboard and guitar plugged into a laptop, sending good vibes out through headphones.

“It’s nice having that music technology background from Duquesne,” he says. “I rely on it a lot of the time when working with my patients.”

Music’s soothing effect can be dismissed as a mere distraction, Rodgers-Melnick says, but patients may respond emotionally even when only listening to the music. Part of the reaction may be that patients have so little control over their bodies, the hospital environment and their needed medications and therapies that music becomes even more wonderfully engaging.

Music can also carry information, like Rodgers-Melnick’s raps with teenage patients transitioning to adult care, learning about medications and lifestyle decisions.

Patients may report less pain after 20 to 30 minutes of making music, though music therapy also occurs when patients are well, not just in pain crises. From young guys to 80-year-old grandmothers, Rodgers-Melnick hears feedback that “music therapy helped my pain and made me feel like what I have to say matters.”

“It changes the way they think about pain,” Rodgers-Melnick says.
RISKS AND BENEFITS: DIGGING DEEPER INTO HOW WE TREAT AND STUDY PAIN

For decades, medicine has relied upon opioids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as aspirin and ibuprofen, for pain relief. “They are still our two frontline pain medications,” says Kolber. “But patients are suffering; most therapies treat the symptoms, not the underlying cause, because so much is unknown in pain.”

America’s pain epidemic intersects with the growing abuse of prescribed medications, creating a dilemma for people who might be able to benefit from medications, as well as for doctors who prescribe them. The fear of addiction is a concern for some pain sufferers, says Dr. Vincent Giannetti, professor of social and administrative pharmacy, and a specialist in substance abuse, and mental and behavioral health. He is initiating a survey with Dr. Khalid Kamal, associate professor of clinical, social and administrative sciences for pharmacy, and Dr. David Provenzano, an adjunct professor at Duquesne and a chronic pain specialist with the Ohio Valley General Hospital, to see how Pittsburgh-area primary care physicians handle this issue.

“There’s large variability in prescribing for pain conditions, so we’re developing a study to see what guidelines physicians adhere to,” says Giannetti.

In addition, the team will study physician knowledge, patient assessment and patient monitoring. “The subjective nature in the perception of pain results in difficulty in applying specific guidelines to pain management with individual patients,” says Kamal. “The research is attempting to understand this gap.”

People with the same level of tissue damage and injury will not report the same intensity of pain experience, Giannetti says, and individual characteristics also are critical in the risk of addiction. The reason for taking pain medication plays a key role in becoming addicted, according to Giannetti. Those with a personal or family history of addiction, and those who are anxious or depressed or are using the medication to avoid or escape painful emotions are at a much higher risk. Yet, underprescribing pain medication presents a problem.

Plus, Giannetti asks, how do doctors consider psychological approaches to pain management, such as meditation, systematic relaxation, guided imagery, cognitive therapy and hypnosis? Physicians, patients and policymakers all may be interested in the research results.

“Whether it’s acute or chronic, pain influences every aspect of our lives.”

PAIN RESEARCH LEADS TO NEW TEACHING TOOLS

Another project, headed by Dr. Lynn Simko, clinical associate professor of nursing and a certified critical care nurse, and Dr. Diane Rhodes, an instructor of pharmaceutical sciences who practices in institutional settings, is examining the administration of pain medicine in institutions and nurses’ attitudes toward pain treatment. They have created the consortium’s first interdisciplinary course, Etiology, Assessment and Treatment of Pain for the Health Care Professional.

Pollock is leading an educational project—which recently received a $1.3 million National Institutes of Health (NIH) Science Education Partnership Award—aimed at teaching biology, neuroscience and health literacy principles to school-age children through interactive media that, among other things, will explain why we feel pain. He recruits students from across campus and other consortium members to help develop concepts for these new teaching tools.

GAINING FROM THE GROUP APPROACH

Acknowledging the widespread impact and complexity of pain, six federal agencies—from the NIH to the Department of Defense—announced in May the creation of a database of pain research and training activities to make them more accessible. The University and federal group efforts function similarly, aiming to raise the level of research and results.

“The consortium allows us to operate at a scientific level we couldn’t do otherwise,” says Kolber. “Whether it’s acute or chronic, pain influences every aspect of our lives. We don’t know what causes this disease and we don’t fully know the influence it has on our entire lives, including sleep patterns and emotional well-being.”

Despite the mysterious nature of pain, Duquesne researchers are working to better understand it so that others lead healthier and happier lives.

More about Duquesne’s Chronic Pain Research Consortium is online at www.duq.edu/pain.
In May, 29 MBA students traveled to Costa Rica to serve as pro bono consultants to Hospisomrisas, a nonprofit group affiliated with the National Children’s Hospital in San Jose. There, they presented a strategic plan to “Make Laughter an Epidemic” by launching a foundation to generate funding to entertain sick children and grant wishes to those with life-threatening illnesses.

Students also traveled to Guatemala, where they worked on a potable water field project and learned about Peace Corps initiatives with John Patrick Gibbons, an alumnus of the program and former Peace Corps Fellow at Duquesne.

In June, students who were part of the 2014 Undergraduate Research Program—housed in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences—assisted with a service project for Habitat for Humanity. The students helped with a remodeling project at a house in the West Mifflin suburb of Pittsburgh.

Duquesne physical therapy students from the class of 2015 volunteered this past summer as part of the “Buddies” program at the Pirates Charities Miracle League of the South Hills. Miracle League gives children with special needs the opportunity to play baseball. The custom-designed field features a cushioned, rubberized surface to help prevent injuries, wheelchair accessible dugouts and a completely flat surface to eliminate any barriers to wheelchair bound or visually impaired players.
Since Duquesne’s founding, the Holy Ghost Fathers—now known as Spiritans—have made a difference in the lives of thousands of students. Do you have a fond memory that you’d like to share? Please submit your story, in 250 words or less, for possible publication in a future issue of the Duquesne Magazine or the alumni website.

“Father’s passion for helping students through life’s struggles extends well beyond the brothers of ATO,” says Marquette. “Through the years, there have been countless students who have benefitted from his advice, guidance and the gentle ‘Love and Respect’ he offers to everyone he meets.”

Marquette believes that Fr. McCool’s charism is to be in humble service to others, whether their needs are spiritual or of a more worldly sort.

“We are all inspired by Father McCool,” says Marquette. “Fr. McCool is happy and fulfilled to serve others; it is his own unique way of living the Gospel. Of course, he would tell you he is just being a good friend.

“Since Father’s arrival at Duquesne, I have eaten so many lunches at Trinity Hall, I should probably be getting a bill from the University. It’s always great to spend time with my friend, his spirit is infectious and it’s hard not to be happy when you are with him.”

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A new organ, “one of the finest instruments in Pittsburgh,” will be installed in the University chapel choir loft, and the loft itself is undergoing renovations. The more nuanced instrument will be suitable for liturgical uses and capable of meeting rigorous academic recital demands with its flexibility and expressiveness—and will be in an enhanced choir loft that will be able to be customized into different configurations.

The choir loft project is supported by the Rita M. McGinley Foundation, and the new organ will be provided thanks to an anonymous donor. The choir loft renovations will provide a more flexible space, with moveable risers and seating replacing the fixed risers and pews, says Greg Fuhrman, project director from Duquesne’s Facilities Management Department. This will allow for other configurations for vocal groups and other musicians.

The current railing facing the sanctuary, with its original Gothic wood carving, will remain; however, a low brass rail will be added on top to meet safety codes. Two small wood spindle railings on either side of the loft, in front of the stained glass windows, will be replaced with glass railings so that the windows are more visible from the loft. Where the current loft has carpeting, the redone loft will have wood flooring to help move the sound into the pews below. The blower and motor supporting the organ will be encased in a soundproof box, but the pipes will be gloriously showcased with a loft floor-to-ceiling facade, say Fuhrman and Stephen Steinbeiser, director of liturgy/music.

Temperature, humidity and the acoustic quality of furnishings used in the choir loft are all part of the renovation challenges, as well as sight lines to the altar and other logistical considerations for musicians. As a musician, teacher and former Duquesne graduate student, Rita McGinley would be proud to be involved with this project.

“My aunt Rita, who established the Rita M. McGinley Foundation, took great pride in the fact that, through her grade school and high school years, she and two of her siblings formed

RENOVATIONS START ON CHAPEL ORGAN AND LOFT

BY KAREN FERRICK-ROMAN
DU Retirees Association

The Duquesne University Retirees Association (DURA) continues to provide exciting events for its members. Recently, members were entertained at the CLO Cabaret Theater in Pittsburgh, enjoying a luncheon buffet and a fun-filled courtroom session with “Judge Jackie Justice.” The Vintage Radio Players entertained at the DURA annual luncheon, taking the group back in time by re-creating radio days of old. Upcoming events include a trip to Sugarcreek, Ohio, to the Carlisle Hotel for a show, luncheon and shopping in the many specialty stores located in the complex, and the annual Christmas party in December. Details of these activities will be sent to DURA members and all are encouraged to join in the fun. Check out the DURA website: www.duq.edu/retirees. You may find pictures of some of your Duquesne friends.
Did You Know?

The Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, C.S.Sp., has been named by Pope Francis as bishop of nearly 410,000 Catholics in Ghana’s Sekondi-Takoradi area. Kwofie, a native of Ghana, arrived at Duquesne in 2013 to teach an undergraduate course in critical examination of biblical and historical perspectives. Kwofie’s experience is rooted in his roles as an academic, a pastor and a leader in his congregation.

In May, Duquesne and its Center for Healthcare Ethics participated in key global discussions about the teaching of ethics in Ankara, Turkey, at the second conference of the International Association for Education in Ethics (IAEE). Dr. Henk ten Have, director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics, and secretariat, treasurer and a founding member of the IAEE, delivered the keynote, The Principle of Vulnerability in Present-day Global Bioethics.

Three School of Nursing faculty members—Dr. Linda Goodfellow, Dr. Lenore Resick and Dr. Rick Zoucha—have been selected for induction as fellows to the prestigious American Academy of Nursing. The fellowships recognize individuals for their leadership in education, management and policy, and their work to improve the health of the nation. Selection into the academy is an honor bestowed to less than one percent of nurses.

The Mylan School of Pharmacy recently renewed its collaborative agreement with Italy’s Università Degli Studi di Perugia. The partnership was established in 2009 as the first of its kind between Perugia and an American university, and the first for a school of pharmacy in Italy. The collaboration between the schools allows for faculty exchanges, joint research projects and conferences, as well as student learning experiences/exchanges.

The MBA Sustainability program recently sent a team to the Aspen Institute’s 2014 Business & Society International MBA Case Competition—and it returned with a second-place award in a competition that winnowed its winners from more than 1,000 MBA students around the world. The Duquesne team—students Peter Kassouf, Fan Ding, Derick Florian and Angela Petitto—won an $8,500 prize.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has named Dr. Mikael D.Z. Kimelman a 2014 Fellow. Less than 1,500 of ASHA’s approximately 170,000 members have garnered this prestigious fellowship, which honors professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders. Kimelman is the founding chair and associate professor of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology in the Rangos School of Health Sciences.
Former Sigma Lambda Phi members are shown in Switzerland: Maggi Kane Luca, Kathy Kelly Roberts, Sheila Manning Sullivan, Judy Wyvell Preusser, Kaaren Kelly Walker, Rose Kelly Sutherland and Jane McAnulty King.

Ron Nagy, A’65, is shown holding his Duquesne Magazine in front of the haunting Irish Famine Memorial in Dublin.

Jacki Weaver, E’13, and Alyson Nolte, A’13, took their Duquesne Magazine to Avila, Spain. They are shown standing on the historic walls of Avila with the cathedral in the background.

Eugene Alcala, Carter Forsyth and John Forsyth, B’84, recently took the Duquesne Magazine to the Ice Hotel in Jukkasjärvi, Sweden.

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

Education Professor Selected as Fulbright Scholar

Dr. Misook Heo has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar and recently traveled to Korea to investigate ways of overcoming reluctance among that nation’s Internet users to construct knowledge assets collectively.

Heo, an associate professor who teaches in the School of Education’s Instructional Technology program, performed her research at Pusan National University, one of Korea’s preeminent institutions of higher learning.

Heo explains that in terms of using information technology, South Korea is very advanced, with about three quarters of Internet users there participating in online communities. Complementing that high level of digital fluency, the idea of contributing to collective intelligence is widely accepted. Ironically, however, Koreans are cool to the idea of supplying information that others might edit.

“Koreans are really happy to provide entries to a stranger on the Internet; however, they are not at all interested in providing information that someone else can edit—like Wikipedia,” says Heo, who has expertise in information technology for educational applications, and focuses on the emerging phenomenon of lifelong learning and ways to support it.

As part of her Fulbright research project, she plans to search for and test methods to encourage, nurture and reinforce the behaviors conducive to higher rates of collaborative online knowledge creation.

Every society now recognizes the value of lifetime and informal learning for happiness and progress, Heo points out, and that realization makes the discovery of new methods to support high rates of participation in collective intelligence and other online activities vitally important.

Capacity Crowd Celebrates Business School Centennial

The Centennial Celebration of the School of Business brought more than 400 alumni and guests to a sold-out event at Pittsburgh’s Omni William Penn Hotel in April. Business school alumni Gretchen Smarto (B’82), senior vice president and CFO of FedEx Ground, and Joseph Rockey (B’86), executive vice president of PNC Financial Services Group, served as honorary co-chairs. John McGonigle (B’60), vice chairman of Federated Investors, was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the event, and Adam Hieber (B’03), director of Cerebus Operations and Advisory Company, UK, was presented with the Young Alumni Achievement Award. Jim Mesloh of The Dominion Foundation presented the Dominion Scholar Award to student Jordan Oeler. Since 1992, the award has been given to a graduating senior business major who best exemplifies the ideals of Duquesne and the School of Business.

School of Law Recognizes 100th Graduating Class

More than 170 students were recognized in June at the School of Law’s landmark 100th annual commencement ceremony.

Mark A. Nordenberg, former chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, was awarded an honorary degree by the law school and delivered the commencement address at the ceremony.
Teacher-Scholar Model Sets Course for Award-Winning Student Research

— BY MICHELLE BOEHM, GA’12 —

Within three years, Duquesne University has gone from having a single student receive a Goldwater Scholarship “honorable mention” to having four Goldwater Scholarship student winners—three in one year alone—and four alumni named as National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship recipients.

The Goldwater Scholarship and NSF fellowship are among the most prestigious awards available for students engaged in scientific research, and the rapidly expanding number of students and alumni honored with this recognition is a testament to the effectiveness of the teacher-scholar model adopted by the University and embraced by the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences. The model, which encourages faculty to integrate applied research and scholarly projects into their teaching, has proven especially strong in preparing students for graduate education, enthusiastic professional engagement and personal well-being.

“After more than a decade of building the infrastructure necessary for closely-mentored student research, our faculty is especially gratified that our students’ accomplishments are now being recognized by the most prestigious awards available to science students,” says Dr. Ralph Wheeler, chair of the chemistry and biochemistry department. “We are proud of our students and hope their achievements will inspire others to follow the same path to professional success.”

Sara Katrancha, S’13, who holds the honor of winning both the Goldwater Scholarship and NSF fellowship, can trace the path of her success back to the research she conducted as early as her freshman year. Then, she joined Dr. Rita Mihailescu, associate professor in the Bayer School’s Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, as a researcher analyzing the RNA binding properties of the protein whose absence causes Fragile X syndrome, the most prevalent genetic cause of mental retardation. Her research contributions played an important role in earning her national recognition and have led to her current pursuit of an advanced doctoral degree in neuroscience.

According to Wheeler, Duquesne’s mission to serve God by serving students means faculty deliver innovative, high-quality teaching and simultaneously compete at the highest levels in research. Students are mentored in first-rate research as early as possible, shown real-world applications of their research, and taught leadership through service to others. While maintaining world-class research facilities and programs similar to large research universities, Duquesne closely mentors students, in a way more usually associated with small liberal arts colleges.

“Our students and alumni are creating an exciting and expanding tradition at Duquesne through these achievements,” explains Wheeler. “Their selection is a tribute not only to their exceptional talent and hard work, but also to the dedicated teaching and mentoring students receive from Duquesne’s faculty.”
Dr. Michael Jensen-Seaman, Department of Biological Sciences, $19,810 from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research for Biochemical and Functional Evolution of Hominoid Seminal Proteins. The award period will extend through June 30, 2016.

Dr. Ben Kolber, assistant professor of biological sciences, Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, and Dr. Kevin Tidgewell, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $392,796 from the National Institutes of Health’s National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine to be used for a project titled Cyanobacterial Natural Products to Treat Comorbid Pain and Depression.

Dr. Jennifer Aitken, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, $7,000 from the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy Society and the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society for the Project SEED Program. This brings the total award amount to date to $167,860.99.

Dr. Tomislav Pintauer, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, $390,000 from the National Science Foundation for the project Organic Transformations via Activation of Monohalogenated Substrates in Copper Catalyzed Atom Transfer Radical Addition. The award extends to June 30, 2017.

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Dr. Aimee Kane, Department of Management, School of Business, $50,000 from the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust for Team Receptivity to Newcomers.

Dr. Jamie McConaha, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $10,000 from Pfizer Inc. for a smoking cessation program titled Courage to Quit. This brings the total award amount to date to $20,000.

Drs. Jelena Janjic, Mylan School of Pharmacy, and John Pollock, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, $25,000 from the Provost’s Interdisciplinary Research Consortia Grant for Chronic Pain Research Consortium Interdisciplinary Award. Dr. Ben Kolber, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, and Dr. Kevin Tidgewell, Mylan School of Pharmacy, are co-investigators for the grant.

Dr. John Stolz, The Center for Environmental Research and Education, Bayer School, $34,000 from The Institute of Professional Environmental Practice for public service.

Dr. Alison Colbert, School of Nursing, $30,000 from the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare for the Jonas Scholars program and instructional support.

Dr. Mary McKinney, Small Business Development Center, $23,546 from the Small Business Administration to fund the 2014 calendar year and public service.

Dr. John Stolz, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, $110,720 from the Colcom Foundation for Surveying Well Water Quality in Counties of Western Pennsylvania with Unconventional Gas Drilling. The award extends to May 30, 2016.

Dr. Kimberly Szucs, Department of Occupational Therapy, and Dr. Alex Kranjec, Department of Psychology, $9,840 from the Faculty Development Fund award for Managing Chronic Pain: Testing the Dosing of Exercise Therapy Using a Multi-School Collaborative Approach with Human Participants. The award extends until April 30, 2016.

Dr. Elizabeth Lev, Office of International Programs, $25,000 from The Sister Fund for publication of a book evaluating the representation of women in Michelangelo’s work. Dr. Roberta Aronson, Office of International Programs, will administer the award.

Dr. Fatiha Benmokhtar, visiting professor in the Department of Physics, $17,614 from Christopher Newport University from a National Science Foundation grant for RUI: Studies of Nucleon Structure Using Electromagnetic Probes at Jefferson Laboratory. This brings the total award amount to date to $43,792.

Program for Academic Excellence, $2,492 from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. This brings the total award amount to $98,192. Dr. Judith Griggs, director Learning Skills Center, will administer the award.

Dr. Ira Buckner, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $4,000 from Lipella Inc., for student support in conducting research.

Dr. Melissa Boston, Department of Instruction and Leadership in Education, School of Education, $5,000 from Intermediate Unit 1 to provide travel, training and general expenses.

City Music Center, $2,000 from The Sprout Fund to allow City Music Center personnel Jordan Mroziak and Lisa Hoak to present at the New Media Consortium Summer Conference. Christopher Bromley, director of the City Music Center, will administer the award.

Dr. Robert Maher Jr., Mylan School of Pharmacy, $2,500 from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation to develop a patient-focused research project in a community pharmacy setting.
Dr. Stephanie Wetzel, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, $7,000 from the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy to support the Joseph A. Feldman Equipment Grant.

Dr. Jennifer Aitken, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, $147,000, Year 3 of a three-grant from the National Science Foundation for Optical, Electrical and Magnetic Properties of Multi-Cation Diamond-Like Semiconductors: Intricate Semiconductor Systems for Physical Property Tuning. The total award amount to date is $431,000.

Dr. Ben Kolber, Department of Biological Sciences, principal investigator, and Dr. Matt Kostek, Department of Physical Therapy, co-investigator, $9,700 from a multi-disciplinary Faculty Development Fund award for Managing Pain: Testing the Social Aspects of Exercise Therapy Using a Multi-School Collaborative Approach with an Animal Model of Muscle Pain. The award extends through April 30, 2016.

Dr. Anne Marie Hansen, Department of Occupational Therapy in the Rangos School, $6,500 additional funding from the Frederic W. Sammons Family Foundation for surveying the state of occupational therapy professional education in Africa. This brings the total award amount to date to $11,500. The period of this award will extend through Oct. 1, 2016.

Dr. Lauren O’Donnell, Department of Pharmacology, $10,000 Faculty Development Fund award for Protecting the Neonatal Brain: Conflicting Roles for Innate and Adaptive Immunity in Pediatric Infection. The period of the award extends through April 30, 2016.

Dr. Jill Perry, Department of Foundations and Leadership, School of Education, $27,239 from the Carnegie Foundation to provide support for day-to-day operations for the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate.

Dr. John Pollock, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, $261,900 from the National Institutes of Health to be used for A Partnership in Neuroscience Education. This is Year 2 of the five-year award, which extends until Feb. 28, 2015.

Drs. Stan Kabala, John Stolz and Brady Porter, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, $161,400 from the West Virginia Foundation Water Research Institute and Center for the Allegheny Northern QUEST project. This brings the total award to $290,848 for two years.

Dr. Theodore Corcovilos, Department of Physics, Bayer School, $9,808 Faculty Development Fund award to be used for Creation of Bose-Einstein Condensates of Potassium Atoms For the Quantum Emulation of Material Junctions. The award extends until April 30, 2016.

Dr. Jan Janecka, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, $10,000 Faculty Development Fund award for Adaptations of the Snow Leopards to High Altitude and Refinement of Next Generation Sequencing Methods for Studying Elusive Species. The period of the award extends to April 30, 2016.

Dr. Gulnoza Yakubova and Dr. Elizabeth Hughes, Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education, School of Education, $10,000 Faculty Development Fund award for Video Modeling Research on Mathematics Mastery for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The period of the award extends to April 30, 2016.

The A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, $56,090 from the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust for renovations of Rockwell Hall. The funds will be administered by Dean Dr. Dean McFarlin.

The Mylan School of Pharmacy, $2,500 from the Dollar Bank Foundation for the Hill District Center for Pharmacy Services Community Outreach Initiative. The funds will be administrated by Dean Dr. Douglas Bricker and Terri Kroh, pharmacy director.

Dr. Michael Cascio, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Bayer School, and Dr. David J. Lapinsky, School of Pharmacy, $198,000 from the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Mental Health for Photoprobes for Identifying Potential Anti-depressant and Anti-anxiety Medication. This is Year 2 of the two-year award with current funds totaling $363,000. The period of the award extends to March 31, 2015.

Dr. Alexander Kranjec, assistant professor in the Department of Psychology, McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, $9,970 from Duquesne Faculty Development Fund award for What Is Art (in the Brain)? Investigating the Neural Basis for Conceptualizing Artistic Intent using fMRI. Dr. Julia Sienkewicz, assistant professor of art history, is a co-investigator.

The Biomedical Engineering Program, $1.4 million from the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute for research on Photoacoustic Detection, Capture, and Analysis of Circulation Melanoma Cells. Dr. John Viator, director of the Biomedical Engineering Program, will administer the award.

Mylan School of Pharmacy, $304,291 from the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute for Water Soluble Antimitotics That Circumvent Tumor Resistance. This is Year 4 of the five-year award, with funds totaling $1.3 million. Dr. Aleem Gangjee, of the Mylan School of Pharmacy, will administer the award.
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- Register online: www.duq.edu/homecoming or call 412.396.6209
- Book your hotel
- Call your classmates
- Bookmark the mobile site (www.duq.edu/hcmobile) and follow us on social media
  - DuquesneUniversityAlumni
  - DuqUnivAlumni
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**Friday, Oct. 3 – Sunday, Oct. 5**

**EVENT CHECK-IN:**
Please stop by to pick up your packet of information (tickets, nametags, gift, etc.) and receive event locations and maps!

- **Friday, October 3:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 5-8 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 4:** 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **PNC Atrium, 2nd Floor Student Union**

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**Friday Highlights**

- **50th Reunion Lunch**
- **International Alumni Lunch**
- **President’s Dinner & Century Club Awards**
- **Former Student Leader Reception**
- **Class Reunion Events**

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**Mylan School of Pharmacy**

Breakfast & Continuing Education, “Patient Safety and Duty to Warn”
Presented by Robert Gallagher, PharmD., J. D.

8-11 a.m.

**School of Leadership & Professional Advancement**

Alumni Leadership Mimosa Brunch
Join Dean Dorothy Bassett for a presentation on “Aspiring the Excellence in Leadership: Breaking the Plateau”

9-10 a.m.

**Honors College**

30th Anniversary “Extra Perk” in Assumption Hall
Special guests, former Directors and Graduate RAs
9-10 a.m. (preceding Liberal Arts Panel Discussion)

**McAnulty College & Graduate School of Liberal Arts**

Reception & Panel Discussion, “Remembering the Life of Father McAnulty: The Teacher, Friend, and Mentor”

9 a.m., Reception
10 a.m., Panel Discussion

**Palumbo-Donahue School of Business**

Second Century Breakfast
“Transforming Business Education in the Spiritan Tradition: Launching a Second Century”
Presented by Dean B. McFarlin and key alumni

9-10:30 a.m.

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**School of Nursing**

Champagne Brunch

9-11 a.m.

**Mary Pappert School of Music**

Meet the Dean Breakfast
Introducing Dr. Seth Beckman

9-11 a.m.

**Bayer School of Natural & Environmental Sciences**

Breakfast & School Update
Presented by Dean Philip Reeder, faculty and three Goldwater Scholars

9-11:30 a.m.

**School of Law**

Breakfast & Continuing Legal Education Ethics Program (3 CLE credits)
Presented by Professor Mark Yochum

9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**Rangos School of Health Sciences**

Alumni Brunch

9:30-11 a.m.

**School of Education**

Breakfast & School Update
Presented by Dean Olga Welch

10-11:30 a.m.
The Sisterhood of Success
Alumna Wendy Dodd Maletta Helps Disadvantaged Women Launch Careers

— By Christy Hudson —

Wendy Dodd Maletta, A’88, knows she is very fortunate to have always had strong female role models in her life.

She took the wisdom gleaned from those mentors and has spent years building a professional career and volunteer network centered around supporting and assisting women. “I’ve always been interested in helping other women and young adults see the potential in themselves,” says Maletta.

For the last decade, she has worked to lift women out of poverty through Dress for Success (DFS) Pittsburgh, a non-profit organization that helps women in need prepare for job interviews.

Disadvantaged women looking for career-building employment often face a dilemma: While they possess the drive necessary to pursue the work, they do not always have the money available to build a professional wardrobe. DFS’ mission is to help fill this gap by providing women with professional clothing, a strong support network and other important tools for building a career. Clients from a diverse group of more than 150 non-profit organizations and government agencies come to DFS for assistance, including women in homeless shelters, job training programs and domestic violence shelters.

“Low self-esteem and personal worth are often the greatest barriers someone has to changing their life,” says Maletta.

Maletta became involved in DFS in 2003, and quickly became a co-founder of the organization’s Pittsburgh affiliate.

“I was already aware of Dress for Success Worldwide when a former colleague contacted me, asking if I would attend a meeting to discuss the need for a Pittsburgh affiliate,” says Maletta. “Once I got to know the leaders of the worldwide organization and really understood the mission, I went all-in.”

Maletta worked relentlessly for 18 months to get the affiliate started and became the founding executive director once the doors opened in 2005. DFS’ staff, volunteers and donor support help clients make their way through the process of interviewing for and obtaining a job, as well as navigating the working world.

“What I love best about this organization is that it doesn’t end with nice clothing,” says Maletta. “There are ongoing programs that offer coaching, workshops, mentoring and other valuable support. The sisterhood that exists at Dress for Success is truly awesome and inspiring.”

Although she no longer works at DFS daily, she remains a committed and passionate volunteer, donor and advocate for the organization and the women it serves.

The idea of service is second nature to Maletta, who grew up understanding the true value of helping others through her parents’ example.

“My parents both give their time, talents and resources to help others, and I grew up watching them,” she says.

Even while she is busy helping others create successful careers, Maletta has worked to grow her own. She returned to Duquesne in 2010 for the Professional Coaching Certification Program (PCCP). The program, as well as the connections she made as a student, played a significant role in shaping her current career—she’s owner of Ahhluminating Marketing and Professional Image Coaching, where she coaches clients on how to best market their businesses to reach their fullest potential. She remains close with the faculty of the PCCP and is an active member of the program’s alumni network.

Maletta is in her second year as president of the board of directors of the International Coach Federation (ICF) Pittsburgh. As recognition of her hard work, she was presented with the Avatar Award for New Coach of the Year in 2012 by the ICF Midwest Regional Advisory Committee.

In addition to the work Maletta performs with DFS and ICF, she donates her time to help provide educational opportunities to children and young adults through her role as vice president of the board of directors for Pittsburgh Musical Theater (PMT). PMT is a non-profit professional musical theater company and conservatory that prides itself in providing students with outstanding teachers, role models and mentors—something Maletta strongly believes in.

“I am saddened when I think of how many people are lacking someone to look up to who is part of their immediate world,” she says.

Maletta’s years at Duquesne helped focus her dedication to helping others.

“When I got to Duquesne, I began stretching outside of my comfort zone through internships and volunteering,” she says. “The ‘wealth’ I’ve gained in doing so far exceeds any dollar amount on a paycheck. Duquesne’s philosophy of education and enriching the mind, heart and spirit, provides a great foundation to grow and learn the value of giving back.”
Travel Fund Helps Students Explore the World

The less expensively you travel, the more you experience. This was the philosophy of Professor Walter Burrows, who taught German at Duquesne and took students on life-altering travel tours for decades.

This summer marked the 50th anniversary of his inaugural trip. In the 1964 typewritten itinerary, he wrote, “…by assiduous paying of due attention to parsimony we shall really manage to enjoy a champagne trip on a beer budget.”

Burrows, who passed away in 2006, is remembered for how detail-oriented he and his itineraries were, how flexible and nimble he was in making last-minute adjustments, and how dedicated he was to making the trips as affordable and memorable as possible.

Michael Fialko, A’63, GA’65, traveled with Burrows to Europe in 1966 and 1968, Mexico in 1970, and South America in 1972. He describes Burrows as “…quite a character. A brilliant man. He was in World War II, became fluent in German, and was an honorary military governor of Frankfurt. We found this out during my first trip at a cocktail party. He was kinda shy, very knowledgeable of history, opera, art, and encouraged the carrying of lightweight knapsacks only (to make walking easier).”

Fialko credits the Burrows trips with sparking a lifelong interest in world travel; in fact, he has organized over a dozen trips for friends.

“Professor Burrows changed my life. I had such great personal experiences, and if other students can do the same, all the better,” says Fialko, explaining why he helped to establish the Professor Walter V. Burrows Memorial Travel Fund, which supports travel expenses for students participating in Duquesne’s overseas programs in Rome and Dublin.

In the summer of 1968, Jay Shock, GB’77, traveled with his now-wife Judy Kwiecien Shock, A’69, GA’72.

“In 99 days, we stayed in youth hostels and ate local cuisine,” he remembers. “We got around by train, but the trip also included seven flights. Including souvenirs, I didn’t even spend $1,000.”

Judy remembers her first trip abroad as “a collage of cathedrals and countryside.” She describes walking through the Alps, taking a river cruise, seeing lots of Germany.

Burrows taught them to not be afraid of foreign travel, that life was “so much bigger than Duquesne, so much bigger than Pittsburgh. He really offered us enablement to move around in the world,” she recalls.

The couple looks back on their first time leaving the U.S. and realizes that as 20-year-olds, they took some of these amazing experiences for granted. Along with Fialko, Judy and Jay Shock were the first alumni to establish the Burrows Memorial Travel Fund.

Judy reflects, “I realize now that a great gift was given, and it’s taken me this long to unpack all the details in my mind. I appreciate how meticulous Professor Burrows was and how deftly he dealt with logistics. In a way, he must have loved us. We were his ‘travel children’ and he dedicated his life to teaching us about life and to teaching German.”

Jay adds, “I’ve recently become very aware of the ‘pay-it-forward’ concept and since it’s not possible to give back to him personally, we wanted to make it possible to share the rich experience [of foreign travel] with current students.”

International DU

Duquesne University has international campuses in Rome and Dublin, where undergraduates spend a semester taking courses relevant to their degree programs.

Roberta Aronson, executive director of International Programs, says, “Students acquire strong intercultural awareness, intellectual and emotional openness and adaptability, as well as the greatly increased maturity and self-confidence that develops from study abroad. However, studying abroad contributes to the cost of higher education. Travel funds such as this one help put a valuable educational opportunity within reach of students who could not otherwise afford to have this experience.”

Alumni Relations and International Programs plan to host a reunion of Burrows trip participants during Homecoming 2015. All who traveled with Burrows are encouraged to update their information at www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu, and to join fellow participants on the Burrows Budget Travel Duquesne University Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/700650859972070/).
University Listed as STEM Friendly School

Duquesne has been designated as a top school for educating students with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) talent by STEM Jobs magazine.

STEM Jobs, a national publication that encourages students to pursue careers in science, technical and math fields, listed Duquesne as a top school for producing associate scientists. In a snapshot of 10 top pharmaceutical careers, Duquesne is listed as a STEM Friendly school for educating students about conducting biochemical, biological and immunological tests, and producing documentation that would move treatments to the marketplace.

The lists were developed through a proprietary assessment and occupational relevancy index, says Kelsey Rhea, chief strategy officer of STEM Jobs.

Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference Unveils Steps to Business Success

Stan Sheetz has seen it all in the convenience store business. He’s worked in sales and maintenance, as a truck driver and store manager. Born into the convenience store company that bears the family name, he now serves as chairman of the board for Sheetz Inc.

Sheetz shared his story of Finding and Celebrating Success: What I Have Learned Along the Way at the Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference sponsored by the Small Business Development Center. The 16th annual conference was held on campus in June and featured 15 different breakout session workshops, a luncheon and a business-building trade show.

Although Sheetz was born into the family business, he has managed to grow it aggressively into 467 stores across the Mid-Atlantic region. Along the way, the company has maintained a highly motivated and passionate employee base, and experienced financial success.

Symposium Focuses on Mental Health Care

This year’s Rita M. McGinley Symposium, the fifth of these national interdisciplinary forums organized by Sr. Rosemary Donley, holder of the Jacques Laval Endowed Chair in Justice for Vulnerable Populations, and sponsored by the School of Nursing, is scheduled for Oct. 23–24, 2014. Focusing on critical issues in mental health care practice and policy, this year’s gathering features four speakers who are nationally recognized mental health experts. Visit www.duq.edu/social-justice for more information.

Sewing Hope, Sr. Rosemary Coming to Campus

Alumna Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe’s amazing story of helping those devastated by civil war in Uganda was told in the last issue of the Duquesne University Magazine. She has since been named to Time’s “Top 100 Most Influential People of 2014” list. Sr. Rosemary will bring the documentary about her life, Sewing Hope, to Duquesne’s campus in February as part of the University’s special Founder’s Week programming, sponsored by the Office of Mission and Identity. Meet Sr. Rosemary and view Sewing Hope at 6 p.m. on Feb. 4, 2015. For more details, please visit www.duq.edu/foundersweek.
Visual Sociologists Visit Campus for International Conference

In June, approximately 150 visual sociologists from Africa, North and South America, Asia, Europe and Australia visited campus as Duquesne hosted the 2014 International Visual Sociology Association conference, *Visual Dialogues in Post-industrial Societies: Transforming the Gaze*.

The group, which focuses on making and interpreting images that reflect social life, explored topics such as framing society, making ethnographic videos, using Photovoice and changing health behaviors with visual images.

The group’s annual meetings began 31 years ago with seven members, says Dr. Douglas Harper, professor of sociology and president of the association, as well as a founding member. Today, the organization has more than 500 members from over 30 countries. Dr. Charles Hanna, a qualitative sociologist and director of the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy, serves as a committee member of the association.

School of Education’s Counseling Program Receives Landmark Accreditation

The School of Education’s community counseling program has the distinction of being one of the first in Pennsylvania to receive the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

This level of accreditation opens more opportunities for program graduates, according to Dr. Jered Kolbert, professor and director of the counselor education program.

“This is a more rigorous level of accreditation, grounded in outcomes-based assessments in comparison to the more informal, consumer-satisfaction assessments that were previously required by CACREP,” explains Kolbert. “It enables our students, as licensed professional counselors, to work in Veterans Administration (VA) facilities.

“Some students already do field work with the VA, but previously, most VA counselors had to be veterans themselves," he says. “Furthermore, it may enhance graduates’ ability to be recognized as approved providers by insurance companies.”

“The success of the counselor education program in attaining national recognition for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program is a testament to the faculty’s commitment to excellence in preparing counseling professionals," says Dr. Susan Munson, associate dean. “Further, it is representative of the School of Education’s commitment to prepare educational leaders in the Spiritan tradition of caring through a continuous improvement process benchmarked against national standards and documented with student performance data.

“This national recognition assures that current students are engaged in a high-quality curriculum and assures employers and clients that our program graduates are highly effective counselors,” says Munson.

DU Brings World’s Largest Sports Management Conference to Pittsburgh

In May, the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business and its sports marketing division welcomed more than 500 attendees from around the world to the 2014 conference of the North American Society for Sports Management (NASSM).

Millions of spectators see the world of sports as a means of entertainment, and for the many practitioners, students and academics, this global multibillion-dollar industry provides not only employment, but also subjects and topics for research and education. The annual NASSM conference provides opportunities for academics and practitioners in sports to share, promote and encourage research, scholarly writing and professional development in theoretical and applied aspects of sports research.

Distinguished Law Professor Robert S. Barker and Law Dean Ken Gormley (center) traveled in June to Costa Rica to meet with law students, professors and judges as part of the School of Law’s academic agreement with the Supreme Court of Justice of Costa Rica. The partnership is the only one of its kind that the Costa Rica Supreme Court has with a law school.

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Distance runner Jim Spisak added his name to a long list of academic achievements when he earned a spot on the 2013-14 Capital One Academic All-America Track & Field/Cross Country First Team in June. His selection marks the 55th time a Duquesne student-athlete has achieved Academic All-America status. The Johnstown, Pa., native is just the ninth first team honoree in school history.

Spisak, a graduate student, posted an undergraduate grade point average of 3.76 in education/industrial technology and has a perfect 4.00 GPA through one year of graduate school in education. Duquesne’s 2013-14 Male Student-Athlete of the Year, Spisak qualified for the 2014 NCAA Championship at Eugene, Ore., in the 10,000-meter run after finishing second at the NCAA Regional in Jacksonville, Fla. A two-time Academic All-Conference honoree for both track and cross country, Spisak was the Atlantic 10 champion in both the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs. He holds school records in the 10,000-, 5,000- and 1,500-meter runs.

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**DUQUESNE’S ALL-TIME ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA LIST**
37 student-athletes have been named a total of 55 times

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2014 Dukes Football Home Schedule
Duquesne, which has tied for the Northeast Conference Football Championship in two of the past three years, opens the home season on Sept. 13 vs. Dayton. The seven home games are the most since 2001, when DU scheduled six home games and hosted the ECAC Classic. It is the first time Duquesne has seven or more scheduled home games since 1934 (eight).

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Gomez Awarded Atlantic 10 Postgraduate Scholarship
Soccer player Simon Gomez, an athletic training major who plans to study sports medicine, was one of 10 student-athletes awarded an Atlantic 10 Conference Postgraduate Scholarship in June.

Gomez, a two-time first team All-Atlantic 10 player, is the 14th Duquesne student-athlete to be honored since the inception of the program in 1990-91. DU’s 14 honorees are the most of any A-10 school.

The 2013-14 honorees, who were selected from a pool of 40 applicants, received $7,000 to contribute towards full-time enrollment in a graduate or professional program. Criteria for selection included performance with distinction in both the classroom and the athletics arena, as well as exemplary conduct in the community. Final selections were made by a panel of five Faculty Athletic Representatives (FARs) after the full Atlantic 10 Council of FARs reviewed and ranked the entire pool of applicants.

2014 Hall of Fame Celebration
Volleyball player Diana Wuebker, E’06, GE’07, and football players John Stefanik, E’74, and The Honorable John T. “Jack” McVay, P’80, L’84, will be inducted to the Duquesne University Sports Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 19. To be part of the celebration, which will take place in the Power Center Ballroom, please contact Natalie Hozak (hozakn@duq.edu or 412.396.6566).

2014 Tipoff Luncheon
Save the date to help us tipoff the 2014-2015 basketball season: Wednesday, Oct. 8 in the Power Center Ballroom. For more information, contact Natalie Hozak (hozakn@duq.edu or 412.396.6566).

2015 Men’s Basketball 2nd & 3rd Rounds of the NCAA Tournament to be Hosted by Duquesne University
March Madness returns to Pittsburgh in 2015 at CONSOL Energy Center. Become a Duquesne men’s basketball season ticket holder today to ensure NCAA ticket eligibility! For information on becoming a Dukes season ticket holder, call 412.232.DUKE.

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1940s

George Vrbanac, M’41, former member of the Tammies, recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

Mary T. Murray, A’48, and Paul J. Preston, A’49, recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

1950s

Peter F. Vaira, A’59, L’62, is the author of 2014 Pennsylvania Federal Practice Rules (Annotated), published by Gann Law Books. The book is “the only resource on federal practice in the state to contain an extensive 450-page annotation of the local civil and criminal rules for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.” He currently serves as special counsel to Greenblatt, Pierce, Engle, Funt and Flores, LLC.

1960s

Dr. Rosemarie Rizzo Parse, N’60, distinguished professor emeritus, Loyola University Chicago, hosted the 22nd annual meeting of the Institute of Humanbecoming in Pittsburgh. She is the founder and editor of Nursing Science Quarterly. The focus of this year’s institute was her latest book, The Humanbecoming Paradigm: A Transformational World View.

J.C. Todd (formerly Jane Cooper), A’65, has been named a 2014 Fellow in Poetry of the Pew Foundation for the Arts and Heritage. The Pew Foundation, a national granting organization, selects a small number of arts fellows each year through anonymous nominations.

Clare E. Wherley, CPA, CFP, CEO, A’66, of Lassus Wherley, was selected as a 2014 Five Star Wealth Manager.

1970s

Jim Horner, GE’70, was recently inducted into the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. For more than 35 years, he has been involved in the sport at the high school and college level, and is in the Southwestern Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Hall of Fame. His career spanned 39 years as a principal at Pittsburgh-area high schools.

Rebecca Redshaw, M’71, is a recipient of the Artist Trust EDGE Literary Grant 2014 for the state of Washington.

Scott D. Churchill, GA’74, Ph.D.’84, was named a 2014 Piper Professor by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. The award honors 10 professors in Texas colleges and universities for outstanding achievement in the teaching profession. He is a professor of psychology and human science at the University of Dallas and founding director of its current graduate programs. He will also receive the APA’s 2014 Charlotte and Karl Buehler Award for Significant and Lasting Contributions to Humanistic Psychology, co-named with his psychology department.

David S. Pollock, L’74, partner of the family law firm Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC, was named to the list of 2014 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and the 2014 Top 50 Pittsburgh Super Lawyers.

Tom Etzel, A’77, is founder of the Global Peace Building Foundation (www.globalpeacebuilding.org), a grassroots organization “working with children and youth to build sustainable peace through personal relationships.” Grants were recently issued to PeacePlayers International - Northern Ireland and to Seeds of Peace.

Joyce E. (Alisesky) Ott, N’77, director of RN-MSN & MSN online nursing programs at Robert Morris University, was appointed a board member of the Central Valley Education Foundation, Center Township, Pa. She was also a 2014 Top 50 Pittsburgh Super Lawyers list winner!"}

Alumni Spotlight


Milica “Mila” Govich, E’78, played the mother of lead character Augustus Waters. Emily Peachey, A’13, played the role of Monica.

Govich has appeared on Broadway, in television productions and in movies. She chose to attend Duquesne after seeing the Tamburitzans perform. She was enamored with the group, and it was a “dream come true” to tour with them as a student, which prepared her for regular performance in front of large crowds. Govich says she loves the diversity of people in Pittsburgh and at Duquesne, explaining “they are real people, very kind, very genuine, who would give you the shirts off their backs.”

Today, Govich works as an actress and adjunct professor of theatre at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.

Peachey first got involved in acting about 10 years ago and has been acting considerably ever since. She has had other small parts in movies and television shows leading up to her role in The Fault in Our Stars, including Abduction starring Taylor Lautner and the HBO series Veep.

“I was very blessed to be chosen for the role of Monica,” says Peachey. “It is so amazing to be part of such an incredible story and share this experience with a fellow Duquesne grad!”

Peachey plans to continue acting.

Emily Peachey

Milica "Mila" Govich
commissioned as a faith community nurse after completing a program presented by Pittsburgh Mercy Hospital Parish Nurse and Health Ministry. She will volunteer her ministry to enhance physical and spiritual health at St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Center Township.

Timothy Satryan, M'77, is now serving as the lead pastor of Central Assembly of God in Cumberland, Md.

Sally Griffith Cimini, A'79, L'86, has been selected to receive the Pennsylvania Bar Association's 2014 Sir Francis Bacon Dispute Resolution Award. The award is given annually “to an individual who excels and has had a significant professional impact in the area of alternative dispute resolution in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.” She is a partner in Leech Tishman's Pittsburgh office and chairs the firm’s alternative dispute resolution and employment practice groups.

Mary K. McDonald, L'79, partner at McCarthy McDonald Schulberg & Joy, has been selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2014 in the field of family law.

1980s

Kathy Kelly-Nigro, B'80, was recently promoted to director of corporate brand and advertising for The Dow Chemical Company.

Kathy Maskalick, M'80, has been elected president of Pittsburgh Symphony North for the 2014-2016 seasons. The group’s primary mission is to raise funds for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and to provide scholarships for the students of the City Music Center at the Duquesne University Mary Pappert School of Music.

Peg Guilbert Bowman, M'81, graduated with a Master of Divinity from Trinity School for Ministry and has accepted a part-time preaching position with the South Hills Partnership of United Methodist Churches.

Dr. Janine E. Janosky, A'81, is now dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Anthony F. Williams, B'81, has established Tony Williams Car Service in Pittsburgh. He was also recently selected as Alumnus of the Year from the Alpha Phi Delta Italian Fraternity.

Marie Milie Jones, A’85, L’87, was elected to the Board of Directors of Federated Investors, Inc. She is a founding partner at JonesPassodelis PLLC and currently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors at Duquesne University and as a member of the Board of Regents of Saint Vincent Seminary.

Maribeth (Walsh) McLaughlin, N’85, CNO and vice president of patient care services, Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, was recently named president of the Consortium of Women and Infants Hospitals.

Patricia “Patti” Darnley, GB’86, president and CEO of Gateway Health, was inducted into the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Eberly College of Business Hall of Distinction. She was recognized “for her business achievements, leadership and high level of success in business, specifically health care.” She was previously recognized as the Eberly Outstanding Business Professional of 2005.

David C. Schanbacher, L’86, partner in the family law division of Hoffmeyer & Semmelman LLP, recently served as moderator for a panel presentation at the 9th Annual Family Law Institute Meeting in Philadelphia for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. His 27 years of legal experience focus on family law, divorce, custody, support and DUI.

John P. (Jack) Goodrich, L’87, was the 2014 Parade Grand Marshal of Pittsburgh’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade. He is the principal of the law firm Goodrich & Associates, P.C. and his primary practice areas include personal injury, products liability, workers’ compensation, social security disability, and wills and estates. He is a member of the National Trial Lawyer’s Top 100 Trial Lawyers, the Multi-Million Dollar Advocate Forum and past president of the Duquesne School of Law Alumni Association.

1990s

Joe Matzzie, M’92, released a new album, This Box Makes Noise. The album was crowd-funded with a successful Kickstarter campaign (http://joematzzie.com).

Francis Feld, N’93, recently completed terrorism emergency response training conducted by the Department of Homeland Security at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Alabama. He is a certified registered nurse anesthetist at UPMC Passavant Hospital, a pre-hospital RN for Ross West View EMS in Pittsburgh and University Ambulance Service in State College, and medical group supervisor for the Allegheny County Hazmat Medical Response Team.

Tricia Gilfoyle Pritchard, A’94, GA’99, group sales & events coordinator at Family Bowlaway Fun Center, is presenting “Team Building with a Twist” in Butler, Pa.
workshops are “designed to improve professionals’ communication skills (www.
familybowlaway.com).”

Kelly (McMonagle) Winovich, M’97, GM’01, choral director of Northgate Middle/Senior High School, is a quarterfinalist for the 2nd Annual Grammy Award’s Music Educator of the Year. The purpose of the award “is to give back to inspiring educators throughout the United States who strive daily to keep music alive in schools and communities.”

Christy Carroll Balbo, A’99, was recently appointed to the post of juvenile court judge in Georgia’s Atlantic Judicial Circuit. She is married to A.J. Balbo, A’98.

Michael Grandinetti, B’99, master illusionist, recently appeared at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno in Masters Of Magic. He is also one of the stars in the CW series Masters of Illusion.

Allison Squires, Ph.D., RN, GN’99, is assistant professor and deputy director of international education at NYU College of Nursing and a research assistant professor at NYU School of Medicine. The World Bank recently hired her as a health professions education consultant for a series of projects focused on health labor markets analyses in low- and middle-income countries. She is also a fellow with the Migration Policy Institute, where she leads a policy development initiative aimed at strengthening cross-border development of nursing human resources between five countries in the Americas.

2000s

Erin (Shaw) Stinner, A’00, relocated to Pittsburgh as director of marketing for A to Z Communications, a full-service branding and advertising agency.

Stephen Dusenberry, A’02, wrote and produced a remix version of Audio Playground’s song Hands Up In The Air that went to #1 on the Billboard EDM charts. He is studying at The Berklee School of Music in Boston.

Sr. Carol Ann Papp, OSF, GE’02, was recently awarded the 2014 Principal’s Golden Apple Award for excellent performance in the classroom, church and community. She is the principal of St. Irenaeus School in Oakmont, Pa.

Benjamin E. Orsatti, L’04, associate at Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC, has been named to the 2014 Pennsylvania Rising Stars listings.

Barron Whited, GE’04, guidance counselor at Agora Cyber Charter School, recently completed TV segments on “How Kids Can Explore Future Careers” and “Tips for High School Graduates.”

Robert Edward Healy, III, A’05, GA’06, has been hired as a visiting assistant professor of multiplatform journalism at Duquesne.

Kate Scott, M’06, finished her sixth year as director of music at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Baltimore, Md., directing the adult choir, handbell choir, children’s choir and youth band. She has completed three years heading the Young Organists Scholarship Program of the Baltimore American Guild of Organists chapter. She has been active in archdiocesan liturgies, directing the choir and brass for the 2012 installation of Archbishop William Edward Lori.

Dr. Michael J. Urick, GB’06, GLPA’08, assistant professor of management and operational excellence, St. Vincent College, was promoted to graduate director of the master of science in management.

Mary Tambellini, A’07, provided the illustrations for Easy-to-Say First Words: A Focus on Final Consonants. The book was written by her daughter Cara Tambellini Danielson, a speech-language pathologist, and is available on Amazon.com.

Matthew Walsh, GA’07, GE’08, was awarded the 2014 Mills-Noun Popular History Award by the State Historical Society of the Iowa Board of Trustees for his article Iowa SHARES and the Cambodian Refugees. The award “recognizes the author of the most significant article on an Iowa history topic published in the previous calendar year” and will be presented by the governor. He teaches history at Des Moines Area Community College.

Joseph R. Williams, L’09, associate at Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC has been named to the 2014 Pennsylvania Rising Stars listings.

Alumni Spotlight

Todd Goodman’s newest composition was a finalist for the 2014 American Prize in Opera/Theater Composition. 

Night of the Living Dead debuted on Halloween last year at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater in Pittsburgh. The opera is based on the classic horror film by George Romero. Goodman, M’05, believes it has the potential to draw audiences from both the opera and horror movie fan bases, increasing the potential of introducing operatic performance to new audiences. Night of the Living Dead was performed by the Center for Contemporary Opera in New York City in July.

Goodman actively strives to open up the world of the fine arts to a wide range of audiences. As an educator, he teaches musicianship and composition at the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School near Pittsburgh. In 2012, he received a nomination for the inaugural GRAMMY Music Educator of the Year award and was chosen from more than 30,000 applicants to advance to the quarterfinals.

Goodman is also the founder and artistic director of the student-based contemporary art group Ensemble Immersion, which combines music, dance, literature, film, visual arts, drama, set design, and audience interaction to create unique artistic experiences for audiences.
2010s

John Hoge, M’13, accepted a full-time position as staff composer for SomaTone Interactive Audio, a San Francisco-based video game audio production company.

Elizabeth Gleixner, S’14, has received a Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship, which “recruits top-quality teacher candidates to teach math and science in high-need Ohio schools.”

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Marriages

Stephen Dusenberry, A’02, married Erin Dispennett.

Melissa Hawker, HS’02, GHS’03, married Anthony Brooks, L’09.

Kate Scott, M’06, married Tony Lee.

Andrea Palmer, M’12, married Michael Frescura.

New Arrivals

Caroline Lauren, daughter of Laura (Kreshon) Long, P’96, and Ryan Long.

Julianne Holly, daughter of Kathryn (Gallant) Depp, E’00, and Stephen Depp, A’00.

Charlie Brian, son of Sonia Glinski Blomerth, B’01, and Brian Blomerth.

Cooper Biser, son of Casey (Kuyweski) Biser, E’01, and Stephen Biser.

Nora Jude, daughter of Kelly (Burkhart) Stratton, HS’01, GHS’02, and Matthew Stratton, S’01.

Henry David, son of David Sykut, M’01, and Alexis Sykut.

Catherine Ann, daughter of Kelly Ward-Smith, A’01, and Paul Smith.

Hannah May, daughter of Amy (Dietz) Blomgren, B’03, and Oscar C. Blomgren IV, B’02.

Eloise Josephine, daughter of Lindsay (Douglas) Burris, E’05, and James Burris.

 Julianna Margaret, daughter of Kathryn (Arndt) Davis, N’05, and Brian Davis.

 Evelyn Margaret, daughter of Anna (Kasprzak) Meyers, Pharm.D.’05, and Jacob Meyers.

 Lauren Kate, daughter of Jamie Lynn (Bittner) Summers, Pharm.D.’06, and Daniel Joseph Summers, HS’98.

 Aurora Eileen, daughter of Patti McVey Zappa, A’06, GA’12, and John Zappa, E’08, GE’11.

 Logan Patrick, son of Katelyn (Werner) Gensler, E’07, GE’10, and Raymond Gensler, IV.

 Grace Margaret, daughter of Mary (Goetz) Miller, Pharm.D.’07, and Jeffrey Miller.

 Gianna Isabella, daughter of Lori (Steranchak) Andrade, GE’10, and Matt Andrade, B’07.

 Kayla Lynn, daughter of Sarah Gliberto, M’10.

 Youssef, son of Teresa (Reilly) Zerfa, GLPA’10, and Farid Zerfa.

 Emerson Grace, daughter of Alice Marcus Okonak, N’12, and Trevor Okonak.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we list the following alumni and friends who passed away between March 6, 2014 and July 7, 2014.

Robert P. Adamczyk, P’79
Janet M. Barbuto, E’60
Michael J. Barrett, Esq., L’84
Sr. Rosaria Bednar, CDR, E’49
Sr. Mary Ann Behary, E’63
Peter W. Bender, E’67
Sr. M. Mercedes Benko, OSF, E’69
Ronald M. Benrey, Esq., L’82
Sr. M. Fabiola Billik, CSSF, E’58
Kathleen Black
Joseph K. Blank, A’50
Charles G. Blobner, Jr., A’73
Della M. Boccardi, E’74
James R. Boehl, P’62
Heather R. Botts, Pharm.D., P’01
Carl F. Boyer, Esq., L’80
Russell I. Bradley
Sr. M. Giles Brandt, SC, E’52
Carol L. Brown
Diane M. Burton, B’98
Julia T. Campbell, E’62
Albert E. Cardas, B’49
Christopher P. Carnegie, B’86
William F. Casilli, M’50
Louis C. Catalano, E’50
Phyllis M. Cercone, E’64
Elizabeth Cersosimo, E’55
Elaine M. Chojnicki-Mitsch, A’84
Florence J. Clancy, E’68
Joseph Coholich, Jr., B’48
Gilbert W. Conley, B’49
Loretta A. Conley, N’48
Merle J. Conrad, E’61
Dr. Joseph A. Corrado, A’70
Anthony J. Cortese, A’52
Richard and Doreen Cosentino
Henry R. Cosgriff, A’64
Sr. M. Cyrilla Czystuch, SHS, E’61
Stephen A. Damico, B’74
Vincent J. DeSantis, E’51
Ronald F. Depascale, E’77
Nancy G. Devine, A’64
Arthel J. Didimonicis, M’51
Rose M. Dixon, P’48
Sr. Dorothy Dorsey, E’70
Sr. M. Margueri Dovidaitis, E’53
Angela M. Drabik
Jessica A. DuBose
Anne B. Dunlap, S’05
Edward F. Eddy, A’49, H’78
Marlene K. Egnot
Akira Endo
Joann M. Engel, A’68
Marshall H. Feldman, A’65
Catherine B. Flaherty-Stauder, E’64
Margaret C. Foote, B’75
Jean L. Ford, B’50
Thomas W. Ford, B’53
Sr. Thomas J. Gaines, SC, A’90
Joan Gaughan, Esq., L’81
Cyril J. Getsie, A’54
In Memoriam: J. Roland E. Ramirez, Ph.D.

J. Roland E. Ramirez, Ph.D., of Upper St. Clair, Pa., passed away on April 16 at the age of 89. The son of a Guatemalan diplomat, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and studied at the University of Notre Dame before traveling the world and earning advanced degrees in France. He joined Duquesne's philosophy department in 1956. A specialist in the works of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, he retired from the faculty in 2006. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Constance Ramirez, a retired English professor and dean of the McAnulty College.

In Memoriam: Raymond J. Mulligan

Raymond J. Mulligan, E'49, passed away in Florida on April 28 at age 92. Mulligan came to Duquesne after serving in the Army Air Corps in World War II. After graduation, he began a long career in the consumer products industry, including executive positions with Snow Crop, Minute Maid, Burry's Biscuit and ALPO. He retired in 1981 as chairman, president and CEO of the Liggett Group, a major producer of tobacco products, pet foods and soft drinks. Mulligan later served as director of the LPGA Nabisco/Dinah Shore Golf Tournament. Mulligan was a founding member of the Century Club in 1978, served on the University Board of Directors, and was chairman of “Strategies for a Second Century,” Duquesne’s first capital campaign.

Hyman Ginsberg, P’48
Sr. M. Gemma Godeck, CSJ, E’49
Richard Grabiec, E’67
N. Grebeldinger, Jr., Esq., L’65
John Thomas Grossi, E’63
Michael B. Gunyak
Brian J. Hammer, S’98
Nancy D. Hammill, E’77
Lee B. Hanawalt, E’70
Donna A. Hartman, E’72
David A. Iovino, A’65
Sr. M. Augusta Jancek, VSC, E’53
Chester A. Johnston, Esq., L’52
Barbara L. Jonic, N’69
Sr. Marilyn Joyce, OSF, A’66
Susan L. Jurges, B’86
Paul J. Kane, Ph.D., A’95
Earl M. Keim, Jr., B’59
Tatiana S. Kelly
Harry W. Kennedy, Esq., L’72
Lawrence E. Kerr, B’49
Stephen Klabnik
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Sr. Marie Rose Kotz, CSFN, E’64
Blair L. Krakowski
Gloria W. Kraus
Sr. M. Edward Kudla, SHS, E’61
David R. Kuzma, B’68
Rev. Deacon Dennis J. Lapushansky, M’75
Dianne C. Latulippe, E’62
John P. Leppo, S’76
Donald A. Lipovac
Fr. Michael L. Lisbeth, SM, A’81
Paul V. Logue
Charles D. Lorin, Esq., L’69
Sr. Marie Luraghi, CDP, E’59
Joseph M. Lyle, A’39
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Leonard P. Mandrgoc, A’62
Daniel J. Marchwinski, A’51
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Rev. John W. Markell, E’56
Dr. Leon E. Markowicz, A’64
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John McCartan
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David R. McElhinny, A’76
Eugene J. McShea, B’58
Grace F. Meighen, E’61
Samuel D. Menniti, E’70
Joseph P. Metinko, B’62
Elayne J. Mihalchik, P’56
Sr. Anna Marie Miller, SC, E’68
Josephina Miller, A’76
Sr. Bettina Mollica, OP, A’83
Jim I. Mosley
Raymond J. Mulligan, E’49
Anthony J. Muscante, A’52
Irene C. Musial, Ed.D., E’44
Margaret M. Nery, B’40
Nick Nickolas, E’74
Rev. Barry P. O’Leary, E’85
Jeanne Marie O’Neil, B’52
Rosalie J. O’Neil, E’61
Roy W. Page
Anthony J. Pankowski, S’69
Gerard A. Pantin
Jane M. Pelczarski, E’56
Patricia V. Pellegrino, E’75
Arthur Pepe, M’55
Dana J. Pillsbury, E’89
Robert M. Planck, S’77
Ronald J. Polak, E’59
Robert T. Powell, B’40
Elizabeth A. Qualters, B’43
J. Roland Ramirez, Ph.D.
Thomas L. Renton, B’77
Charles F. Reott, Jr., B’57
John T. Richards, A’13
Rodolphe T. Robichaud, B’54
Richard C. Rodkey, A’52
C. Scott Rombach, A’60
Violet J. Ruparcich
Leo P. Russell
Marian R. Salopek, B’90
Thomas F. Salopek, Ph.D., E’60
Eugene P. Sardone, A’72
Sr. M. Aelred Schroeffel, OSF, E’37
Roseann Schrott, A’64
Robert W. Schumann, B’52
Frank F. Sedlak, B’72
John V. Senise, A’48
Helen L. Shields, B’49
David Shorr, P’54
Mark S. Silberman, B’74
Sr. Roseann M. Simon, CSA, E’65
Taylor C. Sinclair, M’00
John K. Smith, A’58
Edward R. Sinskey, A’53
Joseph E. Stas, E’65
Edward A. Suley, E’71
Shirley G. Sylvester, N’50
In Memoriam: Edward F. Eddy

Edward F. Eddy, A’49, H’78, died March 26 in Fort Myers, Fla. He was 90. He was retired as chairman of Ambi Corp. and previously served as vice chairman of NEC America and president of ITT Communications. A World War II veteran who flew B-24 bombers in the Pacific, he had a wide variety of skills and interests, including oil painting and golf. He rode a bicycle five miles a day and, at age 89 in 2013, fulfilled a lifelong wish to skydive. Eddy was a charter member of the Century Club in 1978, and received an honorary degree from Duquesne that year. He was a former associate member of the University’s Board of Directors.

In Memoriam: Paul T. Mason, Ph.D.

Paul T. Mason, Ph.D., died in Avalon, N.J., on May 12 at age 76. A native of Missouri, Mason received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from Saint Louis University before beginning a 40-year faculty career at Duquesne. His courses and research interests covered a range of topics in European, American and world history. Survivors include his wife, Dr. Jean Hunter, a longtime professor and chair in Duquesne’s history department, who retired in 2007.

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The new Duquesne Union can be seen in this shot, taken during the 1968-1969 academic year. Construction of College Hall is visible in the background.
Alumni Calendar

Sept. 12, 2014
Forensic Friday: The Forensics of Fracking: The Science and Law of Hydraulic Gas Extraction
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: Ben Wecht at wechtben@duq.edu or 412.396.1049.

Sept. 14, 2014
Admissions Open House
8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Duquesne Campus
Do you have a legacy student interested in learning more about Duquesne? Join current students, faculty and staff for an Open House to highlight all that Duquesne has to offer.
Details/RSVP: www.duq.edu/admissions-and-aid, 412.396.6222 or admissions@duq.edu.

Sept. 20, 2014
Katie Westbrook 5K Race and Dog Walk
9 a.m.
Student Bar Association fundraiser for student scholarships
Duquesne Campus
$15 in advance, $20 race day
Details: www.duq.edu/law/KW5K

Sept. 23, 2014
Law Alumni Fall Reception
5-8 p.m.
LeMont Restaurant, Pittsburgh
(This is a change from an earlier advertised date)
RSVP: lawalumni@duq.edu

Sept. 27, 2014
The End of an Era in Pennsylvania Constitutional Law: The Retirement of Chief Justice Ron Castille
2-hour substantive, 1-hour ethics continuing legal education program
9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
School of Law Room 203
$90
Details: www.duq.edu/cle

Oct. 3-5, 2014
Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Join alumni, students, faculty and staff as we Rejuvenate the Spirit on the Bluff for this traditional weekend. More details on pages 30 and 31 of this magazine.
Additional details and registration information: www.duq.edu/homecoming or 412.396.6209.

Oct. 7, 2014
Special Session of the Pa. Supreme Court Honoring Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille
4 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Open to Duquesne University community and the bench and bar
Registration required
www.duq.edu/law

Oct. 8, 2014
Tip-Off Luncheon
11:30 a.m.
Power Center Ballroom
$30 per person
RSVP by Sept. 30 to hozakn@duq.edu or 412.396.6566.

Oct. 17-19, 2014
Family Weekend
Details: www.duq.edu/familyweekend

Oct. 30-31, 2014
Cyril H. Wecht Institute 14th Annual Symposium
Finding Closure: The Science, Law and Politics of Cold Case Investigations
In collaboration with the American Investigative Society of Cold Cases
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. both days
Power Center Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: Ben Wecht at wechtben@duq.edu or 412.396.1049.

Nov. 15, 2014
Men’s Basketball Home Opener
Dukes vs. Bluefield State
2 p.m.- Tip-off
A.J. Palumbo Center
Bring the whole family!
Tickets available: www.goduquesne.com or 412.232.DUKE

Nov. 16, 2014
Women’s Basketball Home Opener
Dukes vs. Princeton
2 p.m.- Tip-off
A.J. Palumbo Center
Bring the whole family!
Tickets available: www.goduquesne.com or 412.232.DUKE

Nov. 21, 2014
Mind, Heart and Spirit Award Reception
7-9 p.m.
Africa Room, Duquesne Union
Help the Young Alumni Council honor distinguished young alumni at this annual reception.
Registration: www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209.

December 2014, January & February 2015 – TBD
Men’s Basketball Pregame Receptions
Join alumni, family and friends for receptions before each of the men’s basketball games held at CONSOL Energy Center.
Details: www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209.
Dec. 1-4, 2014
Fair Trade Awareness Week
Duquesne Campus
Fair Trade Marketplace with local vendors, Fair Trade Dinner and more!
Questions: leccik@duq.edu or 412.396.5093.

Dec. 3, 2014
1911 Society Reception
5:30 p.m.
Hosted by School of Law and Duquesne Law Alumni Association
Power Center Ballroom
Annual event for 1911 Society Fellows and DLAA members only
RSVP: lawalumni@duq.edu

Dec. 5, 2014
Lessons with Carols at Duquesne
Voices of Spirit and the Pappert Chorales
7:30 p.m.
Church of the Epiphany
Details: www.duq.edu/academics/schools/music/ensembles/choral-ensembles

Dec. 6, 2014
Advent Alumni Retreat:
Preparing the Way for Christmas
Spend a day on campus to reflect on the meaning of Advent traditions.
RSVP: aluminionline@duq.edu or 412.396.6209 by Nov. 14.

Dec. 13, 2014
Gaudete Sunday Midnight Mass
Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit
11:30 p.m. carols begin; 12 a.m. Mass
Contact: 412.396.6020

Feb. 4, 2015
Founder's Week Reception and Documentary Watch with Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe
Power Center Ballroom
6 p.m. viewing of Sewing Hope;
7:15 p.m. reception
Sr. Rosemary, GLPA'08, named to Time's “Top 100 Most Influential People of 2014” list, tells her story in this moving documentary.
Details: www.duq.edu/foundersweek

February 2015 – Date to be Announced
18th Annual RSHS Alumni Night at the Men's Basketball Game
6:30 p.m. pre-game reception; 7 p.m. men's basketball game
All alumni are invited to attend with their family/guests. The event is free, but advance reservations are required.
Details: 412.396.5551 or durica@duq.edu.

March 7, 2015
Red and Blue Brew
7-10 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Join the Young Alumni Council for this annual craft beer tasting and fundraiser for the Young Alumni Impact Fund.

March 29, 2015
Easter Egg Hunt
Noon – registration is required
Duquesne Union, Ballroom and College Hall Lawn
Registration will open Feb. 16 www.myduquesne.duq.edu or 412.396.6209. Space is limited.

April 17, 2015
63rd Annual Law Alumni Reunion Dinner
5 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Contact: www.duq.edu/lawalumni

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

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Book of Life
Each year, the Church dedicates the month of November to the remembrance of our beloved who have passed on. Deceased Duquesne University alumni, family and friends of alumni will be remembered at the annual University Thanksgiving liturgy (Thursday, Nov. 20, at noon) in the University Chapel. If you wish to have your deceased loved ones included in our Book of Life, please provide their names online at www.myduquesne.duq.edu/bookoflife14 by October 30. The full list will also be available online November 1 by visiting www.myduquesne.duq.edu.
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