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The class of 2019 recently arrived on our Bluff, ushering in the most diverse class in Duquesne University history. This group of young men and women will enhance the campus community with their distinct backgrounds and cultural perspectives.

These freshmen reflect the University’s strategic plan of sustaining a diverse campus environment. They will be respected for what they bring to Duquesne—but they also will learn about what has been the focus of the University’s 137-year history: its Holy Ghost, Spiritan mission.

One of the core tenets of Duquesne’s Spiritan mission is concern for the environment. This fall, an international conference will be held on campus, focusing on the integrity of creation. As detailed in this issue’s cover story, the conference will explore how humans should and can be good stewards of the world around them. Noted scholars will bring their expertise to Duquesne as the world continues to reflect upon Pope Francis’ recent environmental encyclical and prepares for the United Nations’ Climate Change Conference, scheduled to be held in Paris in December.

Another critical part of Duquesne’s Spiritan mission is reaching out to underserved communities. This issue spotlights an award-winning program that brings academically talented high school students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to campus for a hands-on chemistry research experience. For the last 12 years, Project SEED has opened up the world of science to local students, offering new career possibilities and the idea that a college education is within their reach.

Transformative initiatives are an integral part of the Duquesne experience, and these pages give me an opportunity to reflect on my time at Duquesne as I enter my last academic year before retiring in June. I am proud of so many things—national recognitions for the quality of our schools and programs, the deepened commitment to our Spiritan identity, and the new beauty of campus. But, my best memories involve people. Building relationships with students, faculty, administrators, staff, and alumni has made my time at Duquesne University truly meaningful. I am confident that the campus community and our national network of alums will continue to work together to achieve great things for our university in the future.

Thank you for all you do for Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit. ☼
Transformative Research

PROJECT SEED GROWS SCIENCE SKILLS AND A LIFETIME OF POSSIBILITIES FOR UNDERSERVED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
Take four or more high school kids from economically depressed areas. Mix with graduate students and University faculty. Add to this “recipe” research labs and equipment, and science projects involving complex concepts. Percolate for eight weeks.

What do you get? Project SEED.

Over the summer, another crop of students arrived on Duquesne’s campus to experience this transformative initiative, which for the last 12 years has been opening a lifetime of possibilities for local students.

“In accordance with the University mission, we strive to promote diversity in the chemical sciences by reaching out to these academically talented students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and offering them a hands-on chemistry research experience, allowing them to visualize themselves among the next generation of scientists,” says Dr. Jennifer Aitken, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, who started Project SEED—a program offered in cooperation with the American Chemical Society (ACS)—at Duquesne 12 years ago.

Aitken has grown the Duquesne program to be one of the largest in the area, twice recognized by the ACS with the top honor for exemplary programs, the ChemLuminary Award. This past summer, Pennsylvania’s acting secretary of education, Dr. Pedro Rivera, visited Duquesne to see the program in action. Such recognition is wonderful—but can’t match the seal of approval given by the 50-plus students who have participated over the years.

The Project SEED experience can be intimidating, program alumni say. It got them used to the idea of being on a college campus. It gave them an opportunity to develop critical thinking, to sharpen presentation skills and to exhibit leadership. But the most critical and long-term benefit was that it offered new career opportunities.
possibilities and the realization that a college education was within grasp. For some, it launched a career in the sciences—an overall goal of the program.

ACS and other organizations involved in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields have been taking steps to assure future positions can be filled. To avoid a STEM employee shortage, they are focusing on recruiting minorities, females and students who otherwise might not consider the sciences—including those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Designed as a way to widen the STEM pipeline, Project SEED provides rising high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn stipends and learn what work in the sciences looks like on a daily basis. These high school students present alongside University students at the Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium and at other conferences.

It’s a giant leap for kids who might not have had their sights set on a 40-hour work week of scientific pursuits during summer break. To enter a world of graduated beakers, live chemical reactions and computer-based data reports “was really eye-opening,” says Kristin Olejar, an alumna of the program, a May 2015 graduate of the Duquesne pharmacy program and a pharmacist at a Giant Eagle market.

“When you’re coming from a high school that doesn’t even have lab equipment, it’s like you’re in a movie,” says Olejar, who had hopes of a softball scholarship at a small school and an education degree before Project SEED. “It was intimidating…but Dr. Aitken and the other professors in the program are so welcoming. They never talk down to you; they make you feel like you’re just as important to the program as they are. It was a great experience.”

As a Project SEED student, Olejar worked on a computational chemical analysis of designer drugs under the guidance of Professor Dr. Jeffry Madura. She still remembers the feeling of accomplishment when Madura discussed the possibility of publication. To Olejar, that said, “You’re doing the right work, work that’s good enough that I would feel comfortable with other people seeing it.”

Presenting at the 40th anniversary of Project SEED in Philadelphia was another seminal moment for Olejar.

“In my high school, you didn’t get a lot of experience in presenting or public speaking,” she says.
A Project SEED classmate, Chris Sidun, also recalls his presentations, including an ACS meeting at Rider University and his poster presentation at the ACS national meeting in Boston.

“Obviously, the national meeting was an intimidating experience because you’re a high school kid,” says Sidun, a 2014 Duquesne pharmacy graduate who now is a pharmacy manager in charge of eight pharmacists and technicians at Walgreens in Akron, Ohio. “There were doctors presenting; there were a lot of professional people at these meetings and it was a little bit of an insight into how that whole world works.”

His presentation skills were useful in job interviews, but the overall idea of presenting had an even greater impact.

“It gave me confidence to go into a science-related field,” he says.

This scenario has been witnessed by Aitken time and again, motivating her to continue recruiting donors and faculty mentors to keep the program going.

“By presenting the findings of their studies at the research symposium, the Project SEED students gain the confidence that they need to continue on a career path in the sciences,” she says.

For Sidun, this program has made a lifelong difference.

“It helped me bring into focus what I wanted to do. How important Project SEED was to my development shouldn’t be understated,” he says. “I don’t know where I would have ended up without Project SEED.”

“...Project SEED students gain the confidence that they need to continue on a career path in the sciences.”

Dr. Jennifer Aitken
associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry

Organic acid molecules attached to the surface of cobalt, studied by Nadejda Kodjo, could have implications for cardiovascular and orthopedic surgery, as well as dentistry.

Student Jordan Pestok (left) works with graduate mentor Khiry Patterson to develop a laboratory model for undergraduates involving the sequencing of unknown peptides using tandem mass spectrometry. Pestok now has his sights on becoming a chemistry teacher.
Dr. Dennis Woytek, assistant professor of journalism and multimedia arts, recently returned to Vietnam nearly 50 years after serving as a soldier there. He is creating a documentary about his return to Vietnam. Here, he shares his story.

By Dr. Dennis Woytek

As I stepped off the plane in Hanoi, I could feel the heat, the humidity and the baking sun as we walked across the tarmac. It was just like 47 years ago, when this then 18-year-old from Erie, Pa., stepped onto the battlefields of Vietnam. Remembering back, I was as prepared as I could be for that experience. In April, I also was prepared for an experience, however there were no bullets flying, no rockets in the air, no hostile ground fire. I returned to a land that has recovered from the ravages of war.

This trip began as an idea 10 years ago when several Navy Seabees first talked about the chances of returning to Vietnam. Five years ago, again meeting in Washington, D.C., for Veterans Day, we decided to pursue this quest. One year ago, we said, “Let’s do it,” and so began an adventure with 11 Navy Seabees returning to the places where we were stationed.

I attended Catholic grade school in Erie. I was an altar boy, helped the nuns around the school and was raised in a middle-class American home. The thoughts of killing another human were totally against my faith beliefs. But, as is the case in war, the goal is to survive and do whatever it takes to
accomplish that goal. We did what our country asked us to do and served our country to the best of our abilities.

I can honestly say while in Vietnam in 1968, many of us lost touch with our faith, with the question, “How can God permit this?” Our deep beliefs and our attitudes are rooted in our faith. So at one point during an attack on our compound, we probably said a silent prayer asking that same God to protect us. Going back to Vietnam, we knew our emotions and our memories were bound to surface. Many memories centered around our return from Vietnam. Coming back to a very unfriendly United States, many Vietnam veterans just hid their service and did their best to blend into society. We let our hair grow, not telling anyone that we served in Vietnam, and tried to resume our lives.

So here we are, 11 veterans returning to a land and people that we had hated. The memories of the war are still alive in some Vietnam veterans. I believe that the same holds true for all veterans who served during wartime. For us, this personal journey would take us through a range of emotions, some of which we were prepared to face, some not.

Stepping off that plane into the persistent heat of Hanoi, we discovered that the people of Vietnam, including those in the north, are very friendly, welcoming, inquisitive—and forgiving. I was wondering if we could be as open and forgiving toward our former enemies. After all, over 58,000 American troops died in Vietnam, many of them close friends. Everywhere we went, former North and South Vietnamese soldiers wanted to take pictures with us. They wanted to talk about their lives, and they wanted to know about ours. We took the time to sit and talk through our interpreter, and expressed to many of them our surprise at the country’s recovery, noting that it is now a top tourist destination. It was good to see a country that had moved on, as I hope many Vietnam veterans have. A few on this trip would struggle over these few days to find the elusive inner peace they sought.

Many of the locations we visited were not recognizable after the passage of time. Where there were once military compounds and rural villages now stood cities and houses and businesses. A few locations, like the radio-TV station our own unit built in Quang Tri, were recognizable even though none of the buildings were standing. A former North Vietnamese Army soldier took us to his backyard where I could see the remnants of what was once our armed forces radio station, AFVN Quang Tri.

Two members of our group survived the siege at the Khe Sanh base. In 1968, the U.S. lost over 1,400 sailors and Marines in that battle alone. We shared what was probably one of the most emotional parts of this trip as we walked across what was, at one time, a runway on that outpost high in the mountains. We all stood in that place, our souls bared. We cried and prayed for those who died on this hill, and for those who are buried on this hill. It’s in our spirit that we have meaning and purpose in life. Somehow those who died on the Khe Sanh base—and all the others who died in Vietnam—help give meaning to those of us who survived. I realize that all—friend and foe—lost friends and loved ones in this conflict.

This trip brought us in touch with the inner reaches of our hearts, our minds and our souls. I found myself digging deep into my belief in God as loving parent of us all, to see our basic relationship as brothers and sisters, sharing hopes and dreams, joys and sorrows. My faith, instilled and nurtured by my family and my Catholic education, enabled me personally to experience reconciliation I never thought possible. ◆

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New DU Commercial to Air

Duquesne University’s new television commercial, set to debut this fall, asks “Are you ready for something more?” To watch the new commercial, please visit the University’s Facebook page (www.duq.edu/facebook) or YouTube at www.duq.edu/youtube. ◆
Creating Knowledge

RECENTLY, DUQUESNE RESEARCHERS HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON HEALTH CARE IN AFRICA, WATER QUALITY MONITORING, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS IN INFANTS, AND MORE.

DEAN'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEAM FINDS ANCIENT MOSAIC FLOOR IN NAZARETH

A mosaic floor that appears to be from one of the earliest churches in the history of Christianity was uncovered recently in Nazareth, Israel, at the Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox). Dr. Philip Reeder, dean of the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, is a co-investigator on the project and is the chief cartographer for the research team that made the discovery.

The church is seen by Christians worldwide as a shrine of great significance going back to the origins of what became Christianity. According to an ancient tradition, the Angel Gabriel “announced” the forthcoming birth of Jesus at a spring or well that Mary was visiting to get water. It became the place where the Greek Orthodox located their first Church of the Annunciation in the Byzantine period. Over the centuries, the church was destroyed multiple times and rebuilt in the pre-modern period. The mosaic floor is thought to have been created in the 4th century, when Queen Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, came to the Holy Land to establish Christian pilgrim sites for the new religion of Rome.

“Based on the data we collected in December 2012 and January 2015 using the geophysical techniques ground-penetrating radar and electro-resistivity tomography, we determined that ‘something’ was buried beneath the courtyard behind the current incarnation of the church,” says Reeder.

Excavation confirmed that the feature found in the geophysical data was the mosaic floor. The excavation was led by University of Hartford Professors Richard Freund and Maha Darawsha, and Haifa University Professor Shalom Yanklovitz. Dr. Harry Jol from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Paul Bauman, a geophysicist from the energy and resources company Worley Parsons, and Reeder compose the remainder of the research team.

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS TO SUPPORT WORK IN NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Peter I. Osuji, C.S.Sp., assistant professor of health care ethics, and Dr. Derek Hook, associate professor of psychology, have been awarded 2015 Rev. Alphons Loogman, C.S.Sp., Faculty Research Grants in African Studies.

Osuji’s previous research found that medical decisions in African cultures are made by the community, including the patient, family, kindred elder and the African traditional medicine doctor. These decisions lead to informed consent and treatment, but what if the patient does not follow through with treatment? The Loogman grant will help Osuji, a Nigerian native, to answer that question.

Hook, who started his academic career at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, is a psychoanalyst who has written about post-apartheid South Africa. His research will lead to a biographic account of the earliest years of Robert Sobukwe, one of South Africa’s renowned Africanist intellectuals and an opponent of the apartheid regime.

CONTINUED GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT GREATER PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF WATER QUALITY DATA

Duquesne’s role in a regional water quality monitoring initiative will be expanded, thanks to continued grant funding from the Colcom Foundation. The new funding will be used to disseminate the results of the ongoing study to community groups, government agencies and individuals in an understandable format.

The goal is to promote greater public understanding of water quality data, what it is and what it means in order to facilitate appropriate action, when necessary.

Duquesne is one of four partners in the 3Rivers Quest (3RQ) initiative, which has received more than $1.6 million from the Colcom Foundation to establish baseline water quality data and to train citizen scientists in water sampling.

“There is no question that we have improved the region’s river water quality by addressing issues like untreated sewage, a biological issue, and abandoned mine drainage, a chemical issue like those we are tracking,” says Dr. Stan Kabala, the 3RQ coordinator based in the University’s Center for Environmental Research and Education. “But industry—most prominently, fracking—poses a chemical threat to the watershed. There is a risk of going backward after decades of improvement at a time when people value these amenities and realize what a treasure these rivers are.”
FEMALE-FRIENDLY PHYSICS MAKES A DUQUESNE DIFFERENCE

The Duquesne University physics department is unique. Of all of the bachelor degree-granting physics programs in the United States, 47 percent have no female professors, according to the American Institute of Physics. At Duquesne, the department chair, Dr. Simonetta Frittelli, is female. Two other women are among the seven faculty members. That’s 43 percent female, three times the national average.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the percentage of Duquesne female physics graduates has risen from 25 percent in 2013 to 50 percent in 2015.

Female-friendly physics at Duquesne is not new. Since 1974, a woman has always been on the physics faculty.

“Attracting and retaining the interest of more females in science subjects is important to the field,” says Dr. Philip Reeder, dean of the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences. “By offering programs that reach individuals typically under-represented in the sciences, Duquesne contributes to building a pool of strong, diverse scientists for our future.”

PREVIOUS RESEARCH SPURS NEW STUDY ON INFANTS’ MOTOR, COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Prior to joining the Rangos School of Health Sciences, Dr. Regina Harbourne completed research that focused on infants with basic neurological disorders that affected their motor development—specifically, learning how to sit up, which is a major benchmark in a baby’s development.

What Harbourne didn’t expect was to find that the study’s intervention not only improved the infants’ motor development (with sitting), it also advanced their cognitive development. To further investigate the effects of physical therapy intervention on the motor and cognitive development of infants with neuromotor disorders, she garnered a grant for $32,778 from the Commonwealth Universal Research Enhancement.

For this study, infants approximately 11 months old who have a diagnosed neuromotor disorder and have not yet learned to sit on their own will each participate for three months during which a physical therapist will work each week with the child.

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

ETHICS OF MILLENNIALS MORE ALIGNED WITH BOOMERS THAN GEN X, RESEARCH SHOWS

Millennials—the 80 million Americans born between 1980 and 2000—are flooding the workforce and are expected to influence corporate and philanthropic life, as well as the consumer marketplace.

Dr. James Weber, professor of business ethics and management in the Palumbo•Donahue School of Business, surveyed more than 550 Duquesne University millennials about work values and ethics. Weber’s findings show:

- By an overwhelming 3 to 1 margin, millennials place greater importance on values associated with themselves rather than societal goals. They emphasize such things as happiness and a comfortable life as opposed to focusing on others through world peace, equality and national security.

- Millennials follow a competence value orientation, focusing on personal inadequacy or capabilities, such as being independent, intellectual, logical, capable—rather than an interpersonal moral-value orientation that arouses conscience or guilt.

- About 46 percent of the millennials Weber surveyed exhibited personal and competence value orientations. The preference for these values grew with a higher grade point average and with more than six months of work experience.

Interestingly, the millennial stance aligns more closely with baby boomer senior managers (born between 1946 and 1964) than with Gen X managers (born between 1965 and 1980).

Weber questions whether millennial values will change over time, mitigated by professional and personal life experiences. Armed with a grant from the A.J. and Sigismonda Palumbo Charitable Trust, Weber is delving deeper to create an ethical profile of millennials.
When he first tried to write his story of being a child soldier in the Sudan People’s Liberation Army, Paul Deng Kur says re-living the memories was so agonizing, he would repeatedly delete the draft as if he were erasing the pain. “It was very difficult to do—I would delete all that I wrote. I did it over and over again,” says Kur, 32, who works as an evening desk aide in Duquesne’s Des Places residence hall. “It’s my pain. It’s what I went through, but the only way to reduce my pain was to share my story.”

Kur eventually persevered and, after more than a year of writing, completed and self published *Out of the Impossible: The Hope of The Lost Boy.* The book tells how 5-year-old Kur and his cousins returned from herding sheep and goats near his village of Werkok (in South Sudan) to find all the buildings and homes burned to the ground and his family gone.
Already in the midst of the tumultuous Sudanese civil war, Kur didn’t know whether his family was alive or dead. To survive, he banded together with other orphans. By age 6, Kur and a cousin were recruited into the Sudan People’s Liberation Army and sent to Ethiopia for military training.

“Because of the life we were living, many of us didn’t have a choice,” explains Kur. “We were always looking for our family members—being in the army was the only option we could feel protected. It was the only constant.”

Despite being taken to refugee camps in Uganda, Ethiopia or Kenya numerous times by UNICEF, Kur would escape, sometimes walking for days only to re-join the army to continue the search for his family. When he was 16, Kur found himself at a refugee camp in Kenya for what would be the last time.

“They knew I’d try to leave again, so they decided to bring me with a group of ‘lost boys’ to the United States,” says Kur.

Kur arrived in Philadelphia in 2001, and was overwhelmed by the culture shock.

“It was great—we didn’t know these types of things were real,” says Kur. “There was so much food. There were stores. You could go to school and nobody bombed you, no one was hurting anybody. It was a very big change.”

The move was both life-changing and lifesaving.

“My life didn’t have any meaning back home,” he says. “A lot of my friends back home committed suicide. You know you’re alive, but it is a painful life. I don’t know if I would have lived if they hadn’t brought me to the United States. It was very tough.”

Kur graduated from high school and attended college, all the while still hoping to find his family. In 2005, he received a fateful phone call. A friend in South Sudan met a young boy who turned out to be Kur’s brother—one he didn’t know existed.

“I told him that I didn’t have a younger brother, but I knew that I had to talk to him,” he says.

After talking on the phone, Kur confirmed that the boy was his brother who had been born while Kur was in the army. And—after nearly 18 years—he finally learned that his parents and some of his siblings were alive.

“Many others had been reunited with their families, and so I thought hopefully mine was safe somewhere. I always had hope—it was a big relief,” says Kur.

Because his family has no phone service in South Sudan, they must walk—literally for weeks—to Uganda to access telephone service. Kur finally spoke to his mother and a sister in 2008.

“The family couldn’t believe I was alive—just as I couldn’t believe they were alive,” says Kur. “My funeral had already taken place.”

Kur will graduate in December with a Master of Science in Leadership from Duquesne and wants to work to promote education for girls and women in his native country, where 92 percent of females cannot read or write.

“I don’t want the same life for my children,” says Kur, who pays for his younger brother to attend school back home. “When the war ended in 2005 in Sudan, I decided to do something positive and to pursue my education to help at home. I want to change how education is provided to children back home.”


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2 million
estimated number of deaths in Sudan since the outbreak of civil war in 1983

$1,740
Sudanese per-capita income in 2014

62 years
average life expectancy in Sudan
Rangos School of Health Sciences Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By David Jakielo, A’05, GA’10

The John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, marking a quarter century of excellence in producing elite health professionals.

From physical therapists who teach patients to walk again, to speech-language pathologists who help patients learn to talk again, graduates of the school make a lasting impact on the countless lives they serve with compassion, dignity and respect.

“Many individuals around the United States are masterfully served every day by a Rangos graduate, committed to clinical excellence and service to those in need,” says Dr. Greg Frazer, dean of the school of health sciences.

In the tradition of Duquesne’s mission to help the underserved, the school was founded in 1990 to meet the need for more professionals in the fields of health sciences.

The school was launched because of the generosity and support of then-board member John G. Rangos, Sr., an entrepreneur and philanthropist known for his contributions to educational and health-oriented causes. Rangos continues to support the school with significant gifts.

“Through the vision of John Rangos, late Chancellor John Murray and founding Dean Jerry Martin, Duquesne entered the health professions education arena,” says Frazer, a recent recipient of the prestigious Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions’ (ASAHP) Legacy of Excellence Award. “If Mr. Rangos had not provided the financial support, Duquesne would not be recognized today as such a significant contributor to the ‘meds and eds’ environment of Pittsburgh.”

Rangos reflects proudly on his investment to help launch the school and to see what it has become.

“We train the students well and they are superbly well educated,” he says. “They are serving the best purpose you could ever serve—good health to all of our citizens—and a constructive attitude about life itself. Health is the most important thing in your life. If you’re healthy you can do something for others. Any patient that you touch will always remember, ‘Somebody cared for me.’”

Dr. Paula Sammarone Turocy, associate professor in the Rangos School of Health Sciences and director of the Pre-Medical and Health Professions Program, was the founding athletic training chair and is currently in her 24th year as part of the school. She has witnessed firsthand how far the school has come.

While we always knew that our school and its programs would be successful in this community, I don’t think anyone could have imagined the impact that our faculty and students have had on their respective professions nationally and internationally,” she says. “I am thrilled to be part of the great teams who have gotten us here today.”

Today, the Rangos School has grown to become one of the largest schools of its kind in the nation, and has a national reputation for excellence in clinical instruction, research and service. Faculty are recognized both nationally and internationally as award-winning educators and experts in their field who continue to remain active in clinical practice.

The school has expanded over the years to offer a diverse group of fully accredited programs that represent some of the fastest growing occupations in the country: athletic training, health management systems, occupational therapy, physician assistant studies, physical therapy, rehabilitation science and speech-language pathology.

All programs are highly competitive and fully enrolled, with the school receiving 10 qualified applications for every available seat. Graduates enjoy an exceptionally high pass rates on all licensure and certification examinations and a 99 percent placement rate in all majors.

“Our school continues to be robust in enrollment, placement, successes of our graduates,” says Turocy. “We continue to be challenged by the changes in health care and to prepare individuals to meet the needs presented by that ever-changing landscape. I am confident that our expert faculty, competent and dedicated staffs, and talented student and alumni populations will allow us to continue our successes well into the future.”

The John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences will host a 25th anniversary celebration on Friday, Oct. 16 in the University’s Power Center Ballroom. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., with dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

This black-tie optional event will honor the legacy of the Rangos School, pay homage to distinguished alumni and celebrate the successes of current faculty and students.

In lieu of a ticket price, guests are respectfully asked to donate to the Dean’s Student Scholarship Fund when registering. Registration is now open and required, but space is limited.

To register and for more information, visit www.duq.edu/rshs25.
University Receives $2M Alternative and Clean Energy Funding

A $2 million grant through Pennsylvania’s Alternative and Clean Energy (ACE) program will help Duquesne University upgrade its Energy Center, which generates the bulk of electricity for campus with a clean-burning, natural gas turbine generator. This marks the largest state grant that Duquesne has ever received.

“We are very grateful for the ACE program funding that will help us improve our energy efficiency and continue our sustainable development efforts,” says Duquesne President Dr. Charles J. Dougherty. “Duquesne University has been and will continue to be a leader in the civic and economic vitality of Pittsburgh and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This grant greatly affirms and strengthens that leadership in the area of clean energy.”

A longtime pioneer in sustainability, Duquesne has operated a combined heat and power (cogeneration) facility since 1997 that generates electricity and uses the waste heat from the process to heat and cool campus buildings. Annually, the natural gas-fired power plant produces approximately 75 percent of the power used for electricity and nearly 100 percent of the heating and cooling of the University’s facilities. It is Pennsylvania’s first approved generation system for creating Alternative Energy Credits. Duquesne purchases the remainder of its energy needs from renewable sources—this combination of energy generation and renewable energy purchasing led to the University’s 100-percent reliance on clean energy.

The ACE grant will enable Duquesne to:

- Increase boiler capacity by 2.5 times
- Replace existing gas boilers with less-polluting, more efficient boilers
- Update the steam heating generation system
- Relocate roof penetrations for steam relief vents and stack locations to accommodate the future installation of a green roof on the Energy Center
- Reduce the overall environmental and carbon footprint on the 50-acre campus

The ACE-funded project is anticipated to save 18,256 million cubic feet of natural gas annually and provide $82,154 in annual cost savings.

Sustainability is intrinsic to Duquesne’s mission, and the University practices responsible stewardship of natural resources. Among recognition and accolades for its sustainable efforts, Duquesne University:

- Was the first academic institution in Pennsylvania to receive the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Energy Star Combined Heat and Power Award
- Was named in April 2015 by the EPA (for the eighth consecutive time) as the Individual Conference Champion of the College & University Green Power Challenge, using more green power than any other school in the Atlantic 10
- Ranked No. 28 (in January 2015) in the nation on the EPA’s Top College and University Green Power Users

This project was financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority.
Recent Rankings and Honors for DU Programs and Schools

Duquesne has recently been the recipient of prestigious rankings and honors, including:

**FORBES CALLS DUQUESNE ONE OF ‘AMERICA’S TOP COLLEGES’**

Duquesne is again on Forbes’ list of top colleges in America.

Duquesne was listed as No. 129 among research universities, No. 120 in the northeast and No. 312 on the 650-school list. The rankings were based on five weighted measurements: student satisfaction, student debt, academic success, graduation rate and post-graduate success.

*Forbes* considered student transfer and retention rates; low student-to-faculty ratios; whether students graduated in four years; acceptance rate; and the amount of financial aid awarded.

“It’s rewarding when external firms such as *Forbes* validate the results of our efforts,” says Paul-James Cukanna, associate provost for enrollment management. “It’s even more meaningful since our work is aligned solely with the Spiritan mission of service to students rather than with any external ranking entity.”

**THE PRINCETON REVIEW NAMES DUQUESNE AMONG ‘THE BEST 380 COLLEGES’**

Duquesne is considered one of the nation’s best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review in its newly released 2016 edition of The Best 380 Colleges.

Just 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and just four colleges outside the U.S. are profiled in The Best 380 Colleges, which serves as The Princeton Review’s flagship college guide. It features detailed profiles of the colleges with rating scores for all schools in eight categories, as well as ranking lists of top 20 schools in 62 categories based on The Princeton Review’s surveys of students attending the colleges.

In the publication’s profile of Duquesne, students describe the University’s “culturally-rich urban setting in the heart of the city (where) students get a personalized experience in an enriching environment in which (they) are encouraged to think critically and act deliberately.”

In addition, the book touts the University as a member of its 2016 Fire Safety Aid Honor Roll, which includes just 23 colleges that received a Fire Safety Rating of 99, the highest possible score.

“Duquesne University’s outstanding academics are the chief reason we chose it for this book, and we strongly recommend it to applicants,” says Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s senior vice president-publisher and author of *The Best 380 Colleges*. “We make our selections primarily based on data we collect through our annual surveys of administrators at several hundred four-year colleges. Additionally, we give considerable weight to observations from our school visits, opinions of our staff and our 23-member National College Counselor Advisory Board.”

**PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE MBA STUDENTS MAKES DU A LEADER IN DIVERSITY**

Duquesne is No. 2 among the top universities in the country with robust gender diversity among MBA students.

Duquesne was included in a recent *U.S. News & World Report* listing with 65.6 percent female enrollment in its MBA program, just a fraction of percentage points behind the leading University of North Carolina-Greensboro (65.9 percent).

Nationwide, women comprise less than 40 percent of graduate-level business students, according to *U.S. News*, while female business school leaders are less than 20 percent.

“It is wonderful to see an increase in bright young women entering our MBA programs and it’s a sign of the changing times,” says Dr. Karen Donovan, associate dean of graduate programs and executive education in the school of business. “While there is still gender disparity, it is no longer so stark. The increasing number of strong female role models in the classroom, as well as in the boardroom, serves as an inspiration to the next generation of women. Additionally, the success of outstanding alumni reaching back and interacting with our students serves to illustrate that with hard work, the possibilities are endless.”

**DUQUESNE AGAIN RANKED IN TOP 10 ONLINE NURSING GRAD PROGRAMS FOR VETS**

For the second consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Duquesne among the Top 10 on its Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs for Veterans list.

The University is ranked No. 9 in the online graduate nursing programs category. The 2015 *U.S. News* Best Online Programs for Veterans identifies 737 programs that provide veterans with high-quality, flexible education options in online bachelor’s programs and online master’s degree programs in business, education, engineering, nursing and computer information technology, as well as MBA programs and graduate criminal justice programs.
The rankings methodology requires programs belong to institutions that are certified for the GI Bill, participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program or are public institutions that charge in-state tuition for all out-of-state veterans.

To be ranked, programs also had to be among the top 75 percent of schools in the overall 2015 Best Online Programs rankings. Duquesne was ranked No. 81 in this year’s rankings for the best online bachelor's degree programs category. In addition, U.S. News recently ranked Duquesne University No. 28 in its 2015 Best Colleges for Veterans list.

The School of Nursing is ranked No. 9 overall in U.S. News’ Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs in the nation.

**GrAD STUDENTS RANK LAW SCHOOL NO. 16 FOR SOCIAL LIFE BENEFITS**

Reviews from current and recent graduate students from across the nation have resulted in the School of Law being ranked at No. 16 for its social life aspect.

Provided by GraduatePrograms.com, the ranking of Top Law Schools for Social Life is one of 15 categories that cover a variety of student topics, such as academic competitiveness, career support, financial aid and quality of work.

“This relates to Duquesne being a nice place for social interaction in which students work together, engage in activities together and support each other,” says Law School Dean Ken Gormley. “It is quite a compliment, and the other schools on the list are certainly good company to keep.”

Some of the law schools ranked with Duquesne include the University of Virginia, Northwestern, Duke, Stanford and Notre Dame.

**U.S. VETERANS MAGAZINE LISTS DUQUESNE AS A TOP VETERAN-FRIENDLY SCHOOL**

U.S. Veterans Magazine has listed Duquesne among the nation’s Top Veteran-Friendly Schools in a Best of the Best list for 2015.

The magazine, a publication of DiversityComm that focuses on employment and business opportunities for veterans, compiled the list from market and independent research, diversity conference participation and survey responses from more than 250 companies and institutions.

**UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED AS A TOP 25 PARALEGAL SCHOOL FOR JOB PLACEMENT**

Duquesne’s Paralegal Institute, one of only three programs in the nation approved by the American Bar Association and administered by a law school, has been ranked among the Top 25 Paralegal Schools for Job Placement.

Online Paralegal Programs, the organization that created the list, ranked Duquesne’s program No. 17 among 270 programs surveyed.

For the methodology, Online Paralegal Programs reviewed three components to determine job placement after graduation: average salary of paralegals in the region; projected job growth in the state until 2020; and quality of the institution providing the program.

**ONLINE BACHELOR’S IT DEGREE RANKED IN STUDENTS BEFORE PROFITS AWARD**

Duquesne’s online undergraduate information technology program has been ranked among the top 50 nationwide by the Nonprofit Colleges Online website.

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The Students Before Profits Award, the organization said, “was created to promote nonprofit colleges and universities offering online degree programs that put students before profits and education before the bottom line.”

Duquesne was ranked No. 43 on the list for its program that prepares students to design and manage information systems.

**DUQUESNE NAMED A TOP UNIVERSITY FOR PROFESSIONAL SALES**

Duquesne became one of only two institutions in the state to be named to the Sales Education Foundation’s 2015 Top Universities for Professional Sales Education list.

On the list since 2013, Duquesne is again among the universities recognized for preparing students for careers in professional selling and helping to elevate the sales profession.

The foundation reported that top sales programs, such as Duquesne’s, average about 92 percent job placement for their students within three months of graduation.

**NURSING, PHARMACY GRADUATE PROGRAMS RANKED**

Graduate programs in nursing and pharmacy have been recognized by two new national rankings.

The School of Nursing has been ranked No. 8 by BestNursingMasters.com in its 2015 list of the Top 20 MSN Online Programs in the nation. The Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences is ranked No. 4 by Graduate Programs in its 2015 Pharmacy Grad Rankings.

According to BestNursingMasters.com, the Top 20 MSN Online Programs were selected based on a school’s “ability to provide a flexible online option for students, overall reputation through rankings and accreditation, and specializations offered.”

Graduate Programs works to provide helpful information to prospective graduate students through peer-written ratings and reviews. For its methodology, Graduate Programs considers 15 categories, including academic competitiveness, career support, education quality and financial aid and graduate program value.

**EPA RECOGNIZES DU AS TOP GREEN POWER USER IN THE ATLANTIC 10**

Duquesne, for the eighth consecutive year, has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a 2014-2015 Individual Conference Champion of the College and University Green Power Challenge, using more green power than any other school in the Atlantic 10.

Duquesne beat its conference rivals by using more than 18 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power, representing 36 percent of the school’s annual electricity usage—equivalent to the electricity use of nearly 2,000 average American homes annually.

Thirty-nine collegiate conferences and 90 schools competed in the 2014-2015 challenge, collectively using nearly 2.4 billion kWh of green power.
President Dougherty Reflects

PRESIDENT CHARLES DOUGHERTY IS ENTERING HIS FINAL ACADEMIC YEAR AT DUQUESNE. AS HE PREPARES TO RETIRE ON JUNE 30, 2016, HE IS REFLECTING ON HIS TIME AT DUQUESNE.

PRESIDENT DOUGHERTY ON HIS FIRST IMPRESSION OF DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

My immediate first impression of Duquesne was the compact character of campus and its proximity to downtown Pittsburgh. I liked the academic mix of liberal arts and professional programs. I identified fully with the Catholic identity and mission of the institution. After a while, I realized that the campus needed work both in appearance (more green space and public art) and in neglected repair and maintenance work. I became concerned that our front door on Forbes was shabby and needed significant improvement. I concluded that the Spiritan dimension of our character was insufficiently stressed. And it became obvious that our students needed a recreation center, a better student union, and renovations to their residence halls.

PRESIDENT DOUGHERTY ON HOW DUQUESNE HAS CHANGED DURING HIS PRESIDENCY

In one sense, the campus has remained what it was. But in another, it has changed considerably. Brottier was purchased and Des Places built. Major improvements have been made in other residence halls and in the Student Union. The Power Center was added and our public face on Forbes is now attractive. Every academic building has been renovated in whole or in part. We have spread across Forbes and onto Fifth Avenue. Today, we have a model urban campus, taking advantage of the proximity to Pittsburgh in the best way. The University and our academic programs are being recognized for their quality nationally—and for our overall affordability. We are still Catholic and Spiritan, but now the Spiritan dimension is much more deeply felt and shared on campus. It is pervasive.
“I am especially proud of the growing national reputation of Duquesne, our enriched Spiritan identity, and the new beauty of campus, which draws praise...”

PRESIDENT DOUGHERTY ON HIS DUQUESNE MEMORIES

The best memories involve graduations and friendships with Spiritans, administrators, Board members, faculty, staff, and students. Others include ribbon cuttings and an unbroken string of balanced budgets and high credit ratings. I have enjoyed our many University receptions and our summer outings to PNC Park because they allowed me to meet and talk directly with faculty and staff from across the University. Two unpleasant, but riveting memories involve the impact of 9/11 on campus—evacuating our buildings, serving lunch outdoors, the spontaneous religious service. The other is the night that our basketball players were shot—the shock and prayers, the press conferences, the hospital visits. Though terrible, both of these events drew us together as a community.

PRESIDENT DOUGHERTY ON HIS PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS PRESIDENT

I am especially proud of the growing national reputation of Duquesne, our enriched Spiritan identity, and the new beauty of campus, which draws praise from prospective parents, lifelong Pittsburghers, and even recent alumni. Our impressive minimum wage ($16), continued pay raises even through the Great Recession, our strong benefits program, enhanced outreach to alums, and the success of our fundraising efforts are also points of pride.

PRESIDENT DOUGHERTY ON HIS HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF DUQUESNE

I hope the next president—no matter who he or she may be—will take Duquesne to new and unprecedented levels of achievement. I hope that those who compare this and the next presidency will see that we have done much under this administration. But, I hope they conclude that our main accomplishment was setting the stage for the truly great things the next administration will achieve.

PRESIDENT DOUGHERTY ON WHAT DUQUESNE MEANS TO HIM

My primary thought and feeling for the Duquesne community is gratitude for the home and the support provided to Sandy and me. None of the accomplishments cited above are mine; they are all of ours through our work together. The Spirit Who Gives Life does so through the faith and effort of our entire University community. I hope we stay true to ourselves. We should always be proud of our Catholic and Spiritan mission and of Pittsburgh as our home. But, we should aspire at the same time to be a leading academic citizen of the nation and the world. ✦
A Perfect Match

Harry Witt graduated from Duquesne’s business school in 1962 and went to work for the accounting firm Touche Ross Bailey & Smart (now known as Deloitte & Touche).

He stayed for 40 years. You could say it was a perfect match.

“I had other job offers,” he admits. “My decisions to stay were more intuition than anything else. Partnership means a lot to me in terms of values, whether in business or personal relationships.”

As accounting firms consolidated and expanded into consulting, Witt’s career took him from auditing in Pittsburgh to managing operations in New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia, and then to a vice chairmanship and leading strategic integration throughout the western hemisphere.

Deloitte’s support of its staff extends to their philanthropic priorities. Like many employers, the company matches its employees’ charitable gifts.

“Anytime someone comes up and says, ‘We’ll double your money,’ it catches my attention,” he explains. “Basically, they said they would match my gifts up to $5,000. I didn’t give much thought to it; just started to do it.”

In 1998, Witt established a scholarship that provides financial aid for Duquesne undergraduate business students. Even knowing his gifts were being matched, he was astounded to learn that the market value of his fund had reached nearly $300,000 after just 15 years. Deloitte’s annual matching gifts accelerated the compounding effect of his personal contributions and the University’s investment, even with scholarships being awarded to several students every year.

As a member of the Duquesne Business Dean’s Advisory Council and other professional organizations, Witt urges his colleagues to investigate matching gifts programs.

“Beside firms that already have a matching gifts program, there are a lot of alumni who are in the position of influencing corporations that could afford to have matching gifts programs of their own,” he explains.

At the same time, he continues to support the business school in new ways. Last year, he established the Harry W. Witt Faculty Fellowship, which provides salary augmentation, research support and curriculum development funding for outstanding recently-tenured faculty members.

Witt’s achievements and generosity were recognized with the business school’s 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

“I got a good academic education here,” recalls Witt. “But more than that, I got an infusion of values that affected my life and career more than anything.”

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A Letter From the Alumni Board President

Dear Alumni,

As the school year begins on the Bluff and the campus community welcomes the class of 2019, I am excited to begin my term as the new president of the Alumni Board of Governors. The Alumni Board, the governing body of the alumni association, encompasses all graduates of Duquesne University and works to fulfill our mission “to create opportunities for alumni to foster lifelong engagement, affinity and pride within the Duquesne community to further the mission of the University.”

This year, we embark on a five-year plan with the goals to grow volunteer involvement, increase alumni interactions with current students, develop programming that engages various alumni demographics and enhance our external communication to alumni groups. We hope that you will like what you see from us over the next several years. But, we can’t do it alone!

We hope you, as alumni, will want to take part in the success of your alma mater and its alumni programs. What’s the easiest way to do that? Make sure we can keep in touch with you! Update your contact information with the alumni office and provide them with your email address so that you can hear about the offerings for alumni. Want to be more involved? Volunteer to be a mentor or attend an alumni event. Serve on your class reunion committee or get a group of friends to return to Homecoming. Follow us on social media and share what you like with your classmates. Whatever level you’d like to be involved, we hope you’ll take the next step today! If you have programming suggestions or ideas, please let us know. We are your voice!

I look forward to hearing from you!

Go Dukes!

Carl Bartolomucci, A’71
President
Alumni Board of Governors
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The Alumni Board consists of the committees listed below. If you’d like to be part of a committee, please contact one of the current officers of the board.

- Marketing and Communications
- Programming and Events
- Scholarship and Selection
- Volunteer Engagement
- Governance and Engagement

For information on the Alumni Board of Governors, go to www.myduquesne.duq.edu/alumniboard

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The number of prospective students and their families who visited campus in June for Duquesnefest, the University’s summer open house.

Dr. Mary Ellen Glasgow, dean and professor of the School of Nursing, has been inducted into the National League for Nursing’s Academy of Nursing Education, with the credential of Fellow.

She joins the academy’s 202 fellows representing nursing schools and programs throughout the United States. Glasgow was among just 22 inductees this year.

A Mary Pappert School of Music student was one of just four musicians selected to perform recently at a special free concert at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, D.C. Senior Sophie Graf, who is studying harp performance at the University, performed at the May 22 concert as part of the prize package awarded to the winners of the 2015 VSA (Very Special Arts) International Young Soloists Competition.

Duquesne was one of just three locations nationwide to host the prestigious National Jazz Workshop, held on campus in July. The workshop was hosted by Mike Tomaro, director of jazz studies in the Mary Pappert School of Music, along with the Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra at the City Music Center.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board has awarded the University a two-year, $40,000 grant as part of its 2015-17 Alcohol Education Grant Program. Duquesne was one of just 24 universities to receive one of these highly competitive grants.
DU in Pictures

1. The **FETTERMAN FAMILY** traveled to Taiwan in March for the wedding of Erica Fetterman to Joseph Lee at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Taipei, Taiwan. Shown at the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial are: Sarah Fetterman Hale, P’07; Erica Fetterman, A’07; Joseph Lee; and John Allen Fetterman, P’14.

2. The **DUQUESNE WOMEN’S GUILD SPRINGTIME ON BROADWAY** event was held on April 26 in the Union Ballroom. Proceeds will benefit the Women’s Guild Endowed Scholarship for students in financial need, as well as Spiritan Campus Ministry annual mission trips.

3. **CHARLOTTE PHARMACY ALUMNI**: Pharmacy graduates from 2001-2011 enjoyed catching up at the Duquesne alumni night at the Charlotte Knights game.

4. Christian Sesek, M’18, and Mary Hannah Paterni, A’15, student and alumnus speakers at this year’s **DONOR RECOGNITION RECEPTION**, are shown with President Charles Dougherty.

5. A penguin was a main attraction at the alumni **BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS** event, held at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh in May.
6. **D.C. PIRATES GAME**: It was a hot night in June when alumni joined together at the Washington Nationals game in the nation’s capital for a night of baseball and Duquesne camaraderie.

7. **THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** offered a fun afternoon for more than 75 Duquesne alumni families. The event includes crafts, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny and a race to find eggs.

8. These members of the Class of 2015 couldn’t wait to celebrate becoming alumni at their first alumni event: **BECOMING THE TRADITION**.

9. **FOLLOWING IN SPIRITAN FOOTSTEPS**: Nineteen Duquesne students recently participated in a unique study abroad opportunity in Tanzania and Zanzibar. The students carried donations of vitamins for a flying Tanzania medical mission and books for a new Spiritan University College in Bagamoyo. The Center for African Studies organized the study abroad with the Office of International Programs.

10. In April, Duquesne students, faculty and staff joined members of the neighboring South Side and Hill District communities for an **ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP**. The clean-up was sponsored by Spiritan Campus Ministry in the Division of Mission and Identity in collaboration with on campus and community partners.

11. Degrees were conferred upon approximately 1,600 students at the May 8 **SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**. On June 7, the School of Law conferred degrees upon nearly 150 graduates at its 101st commencement ceremony.

Want to be more involved? Join us at our next event or follow @duqalumni on Instagram! Share your Duquesne alumni photos at #duqalumni.
Diversity Keeps Growing at Duquesne: A Look at the Class of 2019

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

The most diverse freshman class in Duquesne University history has arrived on our Bluff.

Enrollment Management’s preliminary figures show that the Class of 2019 is one of the five largest in University history, with an estimated enrollment of about 1,437 freshmen. (Final enrollment figures will be confirmed after the official University census in late September.)

Of the incoming freshmen, 17 percent are minorities, creating the most ethnically and racially diverse class in University history. Increasing diversity on campus and sustaining an environment where diversity is valued have been among the core goals of the University’s strategic plan.

“Strategically building a more diverse and inclusive University community has been a key item of President (Charles) Dougherty’s planning agenda since his arrival in the summer of 2001,” says Paul-James Cukanna, associate provost for enrollment management. “As a first-generation college student, he shared that he was intimately aware of the importance of access and choice in the college selection process. As such, Dr. Dougherty has been willing to invest the resources that are necessary to create a more diverse campus atmosphere and learning environment.”

“From an enrollment management perspective, diversity is important because it expands worldliness, enhances social development, promotes creative thinking, enhances self-awareness and prepares our students for future career success within a global society,” continues Cukanna.

“Diversity is also reflective of a changing demography nationally and is aligned to our Spirian mission of service to students.”

Duquesne also continues to welcome geographic diversity. While more than 70 percent of Duquesne’s students are Pennsylvania residents, class members represent 31 states plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, and 11 countries.

At the same time, the Class of 2019 is among the most selective in University history, with Duquesne’s acceptance rate near 75 percent. The mean SAT score for freshmen is 1130.

Additionally, this was the first year that students could enroll via test-optional admission in the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts. More than 100 academically talented students exercised this option, which is available at other institutions, such as George Washington, American and Wake Forest universities.

“Our professional experiences and research have shown that there are applicants for whom the SAT/ACT may not be a fair predictor of academic preparedness, based upon their motivations and high school academic accomplishments,” says Cukanna.

These students meet or exceed the academic profile of the new freshman class other than standardized test scores, which are usually above the national average, but below Duquesne’s average, he explains.

The school of liberal arts, as well as the schools of business, health sciences and pharmacy, have the largest numbers of freshmen this academic year.

The vast majority of freshmen—78 percent—said Duquesne was their top choice among schools. The survey of incoming freshmen showed Duquesne was a top pick because of programs of study—80 across nine schools—and because of the University’s urban location, size and academic reputation.
Perseverance, Self-Determination Lead Alumnus to Successful Career in Medicine

CATCHING UP WITH DR. DANIEL NAPIERKOWSKI

By Joseph Vickless

According to Dr. Daniel Napierkowski, P’79, laughter really is the best medicine.

Keeping a sense of humor has helped him stay focused and positive through nearly 40 years in the medical field, from starting out as a pharmacist in Pittsburgh to his new position as president of Cleveland Clinic’s Euclid Hospital. Pursuing a career in medicine can be challenging, and he credits Duquesne in part for giving him the confidence to follow—and ultimately achieve—his goals.

“Duquesne’s pharmacy school was very hard and required perseverance. It prepared me well for other challenges, including med school,” says Napierkowski.

When he was working as a young pharmacist in a retail pharmacy and hospital in Pittsburgh, he began to see a clear intersection between his pharmaceutical work and patient care—this led him to consider a career in anesthesiology.

“With my pharmacy background, I was attracted to anesthesiaology,” says Napierkowski. “It seemed like a natural fit and a perfect place to see the interaction between pharmacology and physiology.”

He remembers the daunting task of applying to medical school and how he turned to one of his former professors for help.

“I returned to Duquesne seeking advice on how to proceed and was helped by one of my favorite former anatomy instructors, Dr. Douglas Bricker. He was kind enough to give me encouragement and write me a letter of recommendation,” says Napierkowski.

Bricker’s (Bricker is now dean of the Mylan School of Pharmacy) encouragement and Napierkowski’s belief in himself resulted in his application to medical school.

Although he was initially waitlisted, four days before classes were scheduled to begin, he found out he had been accepted to the University of Pittsburgh Medical School.

After completing his anesthesiology residency at UPMC Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh in 1990, he went on to private practice at Hillcrest Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1997, he began working at the Cleveland Clinic, most recently serving as chairman of regional practice anesthesiology, responsible for overseeing the anesthesiologists and certified registered nurse anesthetists throughout Cleveland Clinic’s regional hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.

His colleagues appreciate his dedication to providing the best care for patients.

“Dan has played an integral role at Euclid Hospital for many years and is a strong physician leader,” says Dr. J. Stephen Jones, president of Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals and Family Health Centers. “He is a visionary and compassionate leader who will further the impressive work of our caregivers for the benefit of our patients.”

Today, he is enjoying his hard-earned success and reflecting on his education and career.

“Duquesne helped me to remain humble and always feel that I was part of something much bigger and more important than just myself,” he says.

As Napierkowski recounted his story about Bricker, he also offered advice to Duquesne students and young alumni:

“I went on to become a doctor and Doug [Bricker] went on to become a dean. Think big. Never settle for good enough. Never accept the answer ‘no’ from someone who does not have the authority to tell you ‘yes.’”
Caring for Creation

FIRST DU PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE, STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
In the wake of Pope Francis’ recent environmental encyclical and in preparation for the upcoming United Nations’ climate change summit in Paris, more international attention than ever is focused on the ecological condition of our world.

Concern about the environment—a key facet of Duquesne University’s mission and an issue of great importance to the University’s founders, the Spiritans—will come to light in a very public way on campus this fall.

Duquesne will tackle climate change and stewardship in its inaugural Presidential Conference on the Integrity of Creation, bringing noted scholars such as Nobel Laureate Richard Alley to campus Wednesday, Sept. 30, through Friday, Oct. 2.
THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION encompasses human interactions with each other and other forms of life in our natural world. President Charles J. Dougherty established a University endowment to support this annual conference series, which aligns with Duquesne’s strategic plan to have respect for the environment shape academic and business decisions.

“The core commitments of the Spiritans are sometimes summed up as ‘Justice, Peace and Respect for the Integrity of Creation.’ The meanings of the first two concepts—Justice and Peace—are relatively clear. The goal of this conference is to shed light on the third commitment, respect for the integrity of creation. By announcing this as the first of an annual series of conferences and assuring a means of ongoing funding, our intent is to secure a leading role for Duquesne in this important discussion,” says Dougherty.

The conference occurs at a critical time of influence and impact, falling between Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’ (Praised Be), his environmental encyclical released in June, and its secular bookend, the United Nations’ Climate Change Conference in December. Additionally, Pope Francis will visit Philadelphia just days before the Duquesne conference, perhaps again calling attention to the topic.

As a Spiritan, Catholic institution, Duquesne celebrates global solidarity and environmental diversity, says Dr. Gerard Magill, chair of the conference committee.

“The urgency and importance of climate change have inspired this inaugural conference,” says Magill.

The integrity of creation—and the care of creation—make stewardship critical in our lives, says the Rev. Daniel Walsh, C.S.Sp., director of Spiritan Campus Ministry and University chaplain. It is a key element in the work of Spiritans around the world committed to serving the poor and marginalized. Poverty relegates millions to live amid the harmful effects of industrialization, which may degrade the water they depend upon or the soil for their crops.

“The integrity of creation calls upon us to be stewards, but how do we become good stewards?” asks Walsh. “We need insights, we need teachers. We need to know what the effects will be if we continue to live in the manner in which we do today.”

Urgency is promoted in the encyclical, reflecting that the pope sees global environmental conditions as “real, grave and demanding immediate action,” says Dr. Daniel Scheid, assistant professor of theology at Duquesne and author of the forthcoming book, The Cosmic Common Good: Religious Grounds for Ecological Ethics.

The pope articulates the link between poverty and environment, says Scheid, a member of the Integrity of Creation conference steering committee.

“Of special concern are the poor and future generations, and Francis rejects any ‘green rhetoric’ that aims to conserve nature but ignores the plight of the poor,” he notes in an article for America magazine.

Reinforcing this philosophy, Scheid notes that the poor disproportionately suffer the greatest environmental impacts, but are the least responsible for it. He also hears the pope calling not just for a new understanding of the human person in the mind and for the development of an “ecological culture” through the work of human hands, but for hearts to sing about the Earth’s beauty.

“Reverence for creation allows awe and wonder to penetrate into our hearts and calls us to a ‘universal communion,’ to kinship with all creatures, to a sense of belonging and rootedness, and to joy in the cosmos,” writes Scheid. “After all, the final aim of an encyclical on ecology is not just sustainable economies and immediate international action on climate change, but also the praise and worship of the Creator.”
The inaugural *Integrity of Creation* conference will feature presenters and issues from across the globe—including some of the expertise housed within Duquesne University. **Duquesne presenters** on this conference about climate change include:

**Dr. Lisa Lopez Levers**, professor of counseling, psychology and special education, School of Education, with Peter R. Teahen, president of the International Mass Fatalities Center, and Dr. Vilja Tarvydas of the University of Iowa, who will speak about *Disaster, Climate Change and Public Health: Building Social-Ecological Resilience*. Their work focuses on climate change as a critical driver of disaster risk, especially in emerging areas.

“People in developing countries already are bearing the brunt of increasingly frequent and intense floods, storms and droughts, and this burden is expected to increase over time,” compounded by development, environmental degradation, urbanization and public health issues, according to Lopez Levers and her team. Interdisciplinary social-ecological theories may supply strategies to build resilient communities that are better prepared for disaster, incorporating response, community resilience and survival with pertinent disasters, climate change and public health concerns.

**Dr. Robert Sroufe**, Murrin Chair of Global Competitiveness, MBA Sustainability Program, Palumbo-Donahue School of Business, who will speak about *Operationalizing Organizational Sustainability and the Integrity of Creation*. Through interviews with a cross-industry sample of 22 top-performing firms, Sroufe has identified how sustainability initiatives have evolved in businesses and predicts how businesses might integrate sustainability efforts with a three-phased approach to measuring and managing performance. Current practices show that, already, the triple bottom line considered by corporate leaders extends beyond financial performance to incorporate human and social capital.

Sroufe will discuss why, how and what leading companies measure; their collaborative practices; barriers to working with global supply chains; and the impact of gathering big data.

**Dr. John Stolz**, director of the Center for Environmental Research and Education, Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, who will focus on *Climate Change and the Gaia Hypothesis*. Forty years ago, James Lovelock put forth the Gaia hypothesis that proposed the Earth’s climate was modulated by geologic and cosmologic forces. He designed a simple model, called Daisy World, in which populations of white daisies and black daisies could affect the global surface temperature because of our sun’s radiance. A major criticism at that time was no control planet could be found to test this hypothesis.

Stolz looks at a different stressor in the Gaia hypothesis: the human-caused increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide—higher by 70 parts per million since only the late 1970s—and the accompanying increase in global temperature.

**Hillary Cox**, a student in the law school, who will speak about *The EPA’s Clean Power Plan and Its Effects on Southwestern Pennsylvania*. Based upon testimony collected at public hearings in Pittsburgh, Cox will examine the economic and environmental impacts of this attempt to lower the carbon intensity emitted through power generation.

“Insofar as our faculty expertise and research position us to be world leaders in the field and in light of the recent encyclical on the environment from Pope Francis, it is highly appropriate for Duquesne University to host an interdisciplinary conference on climate change this fall,” says Dr. Gerard Magill, chair of the conference committee. “This is the focus of the inaugural conference in a new presidential conference series on the *Integrity of Creation* to celebrate the Spiritan mission of our University. It is a delight to have prominent scholars at Duquesne who will contribute to this conference that has attracted participants from around the world.”
Theology Professor to Examine Faith-Based Environmentalism

Dr. Daniel P. Scheid, assistant professor of theology, is continuing the conversation about eco-ethics, reframing it within traditional Catholic social thought and exploring shared common ground with other religious traditions.

Scheid’s book, The Cosmic Common Good: Religious Grounds for Ecological Ethics, will be published in January by Oxford University Press. Scheid, a member of the steering committee for Duquesne’s inaugural Integrity of Creation conference, reorients Catholic social thought to ecological challenges, then examines other religions’ views of what he terms “the cosmic common good.”

Scheid begins with new principles of Catholic social thoughts and grounds them in the doctrine of creation in St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas and contemporary thinker Thomas Berry. He then examines this concept in Hinduism, Buddhism and American Indian religion. Across these religious traditions, he finds a moral framework placing humans as part of the greater universe—and proposes interreligious cooperation as a way to preserve our natural world.

Hearts to God, Hands and Minds to Work for Solutions

In this vein, Integrity of Creation conference topics will address global health, coastal housing, clean air and water, agriculture diversity and international security issues—all areas impacted by climate change, says Magill, who holds the Gallagher Chair for the Integration of Science, Theology, Philosophy and Law.

Among the presenters and topics—including three Duquesne professors speaking about public health, how businesses can incorporate sustainability measures and the increase in Earth’s atmospheric carbon dioxide—will be:

- **Dr. Richard Alley**, a member of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning intergovernmental panel on climate change, who will speak about Gold and the Golden Rule: Economic and Ethical Opportunities on Energy and Environment

- **Dr. Robert Brinkmann**, professor of geology, environment and sustainability at Hofstra University, who will speak about Global Sustainability Indicators: Can We Get Along and Save the World in a Time of Crisis?

- **Mary Wood**, the Philip H. Knight Professor of Law and faculty director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program at the University of Oregon, who will speak about Nature’s Trust: A Legal and Sacred Covenant to Protect Earth’s Climate System for Future Generations

- **Dr. Laurie Zoloth**, professor of religious studies, bioethics and medical humanities at Northwestern University, and past president of the American Academy of Religion, who will speak about The Role of Faith and Religious Commitments to Stewardship

“Each speaker brings extraordinary expertise on climate change,” says Magill. “They will inspire fascinating discussion about this pivotal issue that is so much at the heart of the University’s Spiritan mission.”

The Presidential Conference on the Integrity of Creation is free and open to the public, but registration is required at www.duq.edu/ioc.

…the final aim of an encyclical on ecology is not just sustainable economies and immediate international action on climate change, but also the praise and worship of the Creator.”
Lasting Memories

In recent years, perhaps no Spiritan has touched the lives of as many Duquesne students and alumni as the Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., who stepped down this summer as executive vice president of Student Life and now heads the Duquesne University Scholarship Association.

A fixture on our Bluff for the past four decades, Fr. Hogan will be honored at a tribute event on Saturday, Sept. 26. Here, three of the organizers share their remembrances.

Brian L. Sullivan, B’82
Senior VP and Regional Marketing Director, Putnam Investments
Member, University Board of Directors

“In my senior year, I was hit by a car and had serious injuries which put me in the hospital for a number of weeks. Fr. Hogan was the first to come to the hospital to be with me during the most challenging time of my life. He also contacted my family in New Jersey and made arrangements for them when they arrived in Pittsburgh. As a result of his kindness and concern, a lifelong bond developed among Fr. Hogan, my family and me. Fr. Hogan has not only celebrated the first Holy Communion of my daughters, but also the funeral Mass for my father. We welcomed his family into our Pittsburgh home and then, when my family visited Ireland, we spent time with his family.”

The Honorable Maureen Lally-Green, E’71, L’74
Former Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court,
Duquesne Law Professor and Retired Director of Church Relations for the Diocese of Pittsburgh

“For some of us, Fr. Hogan has made a spiritual impact—through his beautiful celebration of the Mass, his splendid homilies or his wise counseling. For others, his influence is witnessed in charitable acts of kindness, as reflected by the many Duquesne graduates who have benefited from the scholarship established in his family’s name. For still others, he made formative impressions—for example, a student who celebrated too early in life or too noisily in the early hours. Having to provide an explanation to Fr. Hogan was an unenviable position to be in, but the experience was an important part of the college years. For each and every one of us, our lives have been so much better for having known him and for the great privilege of calling him a friend!”

Samuel A. Costanzo, A’72
Founder and President, The Academy System
Member, University Board of Directors

“Fr. Hogan has counseled, advised and helped thousands of students. My wife and I are happy to be a part of this family, and honored to be chairs of the Tribute Committee. We have watched him rescue students with his scholarship. Suddenly a freshman can’t pay for books or is $1,000 short of paying room and board. What do you do? Call Fr. Hogan. His work ethic is incredible. He works seven days a week, up to 16 hours a day. And he knows everyone. If you are lucky enough to dine with him, get ready for a reception line at your table! Yet, he’s incredibly humble. When my father passed away, my brother and I were in shock. He took care of the Mass arrangements for us, and at the Mass, he was an altar server. There’s such beauty in that humility. We plan on hosting a wonderful tribute to Fr. Hogan that is both dignified and fun.”

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A Tribute to Father Hogan: Celebrating 40 Years of Distinguished Service
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015
5 p.m.           Mass, Chapel
6 p.m.           Cocktails, 5th Floor, Duquesne Union
7:15 p.m.        Dinner, Ballroom, Duquesne Union

For more information, contact Jim Miller at 412.396.6044 or millerj@duq.edu.
The Duquesne men’s basketball program will be celebrating its 100th season in 2015-16. Duquesne, which played its first game on Jan. 9, 1914, has been part of many firsts in the history of college basketball. Four years after becoming the first school to play in both the NIT and NCAA tournament in the same season (1940), Duquesne was one of the first schools to disband its program (1944-46) to assist with the World War II effort. This list goes on, notably as Duquesne’s Chuck Cooper was the first African-American drafted by an NBA team (Boston Celtics in 1950). And to this day, Duquesne stands as the only school to produce the No. 1 overall pick in consecutive NBA drafts (Dick Ricketts in 1955 and Sihugo Green in 1956).

Those are just a few of the interesting chapters in the storied history of the Duquesne Dukes. Read on and enjoy as we present some of the highlights from the first 99 years of Dukes basketball.

1914
Duquesne defeats Bethany in its first game, 43-28.

CUMBERLAND POSEY
1917-18

Duquesne sees its first recorded African-American athlete, Cumberland Posey, complete his playing career. Posey, who played for the Dukes under the name Charles Cumbert, led DU in scoring for three seasons before going on to greater fame as the manager and later owner of the fabled Homestead Grays of the Negro Baseball League. Posey, along with Harvard grad Edwin Henderson, is considered to have been instrumental in introducing basketball to the African-American community in the early 1900s.
Rev. Eugene McGuigan leads the Dukes to a school record 16 wins (16-2) in his last of eight seasons as head coach. DU constructs its own 1,200-seat gymnasium, replacing its old home, which consisted of a slanted stage located below the chapel.

Legendary head coach Chick Davies takes the reins of the Duquesne program. Davies would go on to post a 314-106 record in 21 seasons at DU.

A capacity crowd is on hand at Pitt Stadium to see Duquesne defeat Pitt, 28-21, in the first basketball meeting between the two schools. Dudey Moore, who would go on to have an outstanding coaching career at DU, led the Dukes with nine points.
The legendary Iron Dukes come in together as freshmen in 1937-38. The name “Iron Dukes” was derived from the fact that only five players were used in most games. The names are fabled in DU basketball history: Moe Becker, Lou Kasperik, Paul Widowitz, Rudy Debnar, Ed Milkovich (Melvin) and Bill Lacey.

1940-41
The Iron Dukes reach their zenith in the 1940 and 1941 seasons, compiling a 37-6 record while bringing national attention to Duquesne basketball. The 1940 team (20-3) was Duquesne's first 20-game winner, as well as the first in college basketball history to play in both the NIT and NCAA Tournament in the same season. The '41 squad finished 17-3 and declined a bid to the NCAA Tournament to play in the more prestigious NIT.

1943
The Associated Press reports that “Duquesne University, a little school with a big football and basketball reputation, became a ‘war casualty’ today, scrapping its entire intercollegiate sports program for the duration. While numerous schools have dropped either football or basketball—or both—Duquesne is one of the few major schools to sever all its collegiate sports ties.”

1946
Duquesne head coach Charles “Chick” Davies, honoring the stand of DU administration, refuses to yield to Tennessee coach John Maurer’s refusal to send his team on the floor in protest of DU’s African-American center Chuck Cooper taking part in the game. Judge Sammy Weiss, acting chairman of the Duquesne athletic committee, addressed the nearly 3,000 disappointed fans on hand: “Speaking as a Duquesne Athletic Council official, I insist that no player be barred from this game by reason of race, color or creed. The principle of the entire matter means more to us than a mere basketball game.” Duquesne, which won its first 20 games on its way to a 20-2 record—the best among the nation’s 32 independent teams—declined an NCAA Tournament bid to play in the more prestigious NIT.

1950
Duquesne’s Chuck Cooper is the first African-American drafted by an NBA team (Boston Celtics).

1952
The first televised game in Pittsburgh basketball history is between Duquesne and St. Bonaventure on Feb. 11, 1952 from Duquesne Gardens. The Dukes and Bonnies were the only unbeaten teams in the nation at the time.
1954

Duquesne is one of only four current Atlantic 10 schools that have reached the top of the Associated Press poll. The Dukes were ranked No. 1 in the country for two weeks in 1954.

1955

Duquesne, led by consensus All-Americans Dick Ricketts and Sihugo Green, win the 1955 NIT. DU is one of five current A-10 schools with an NCAA or NIT title.

1957-58

Donald “Dudey” Moore—who led the Dukes to the 1955 NIT title—finishes his 10-year career at Duquesne with a 191-70 record. Moore led the Dukes to six NIT appearances (DU played in both the NIT and NCAA Tournament in 1952) and five Top 10 AP poll finishes. Moore was named college Coach of the Year by the United Press in 1952 & 1954.

1958-59

Red Manning takes over as head coach of the Dukes. Manning would go on to post a 247-138 (.642) record and lead the Dukes to two NCAA and four NIT appearances in 16 seasons.

1961


“The scene on the basketball floor after last night’s Duquesne win over St. Bonaventure resembled the hysterical mobs that roamed the city streets when the Pirates won the World Series last fall,” wrote Bob Drum in the March 2, 1961 edition of The Pittsburgh Press. “The students thundered out of the stands and mobbed the five men who played the whole way, including overtime, for the Dukes. And St. Bonaventure, which went with only one sub all night, slowly walked away unnoticed.” What set off the standing room crowd of 5,439 at Pitt Field House? It was unranked Duquesne’s 79-74 overtime win over the No. 2 Bonnies. Duquesne University President Rev. Henry J. McAnulty, caught up in the excitement of the win over the 21-2 Bonnies, cancelled the next day’s classes, giving DU students the opportunity to celebrate the upset victory. The Dukes, who won their final four games to finish 14-7, were overlooked for that desired NIT berth. The win over the No. 2 Bonnies, which stands as the highest-ranked team Duquesne has ever beaten, paved the way to a 22-7 record and NIT semifinal appearance in 1962.
1962
Coach Red Manning turns in one of his best coaching jobs as Duquesne, competing without preseason All-American Willie Somerset (who was lost for the season due to knee surgery), wins three of its final four games to finish 13-9. The Dukes, with Somerset back, built on that 3-1 '63 finish to make an NIT appearance in 1963-64.

1971
On Jan. 18, 1971, unranked Duquesne defeats No. 9 (AP) Notre Dame 81-78 in overtime before 10,131 at the Civic Arena. The '71 Dukes averaged a school record 85.8 points per game on their way to an NCAA Tournament appearance.

1978

1980-81
Bruce Atkins leads the Dukes to the Eastern 8 Tournament championship game by posting a school-record 22 double-doubles. Atkins averaged 15.1 points and 11.7 rebounds/g. in '81.

1988
On Dec. 3, 1988, Duquesne plays its first game at Palumbo Center, a 73-69 win over Saint Joseph's. It was the first basketball game on campus since the 1943 season.

1988
On Jan. 27, 2001, Duquesne retires the numbers of Chuck Cooper (#15), Dick Ricketts (#12), Sihugo Green (#11), Willie Somerset (#24) and Norm Nixon (#10) at halftime of a game against Xavier.

1993
Derrick Alston earns First Team All-Atlantic 10 honors in leading the Dukes to an NIT appearance. Alston would go on to be drafted in the second round by the NBA Philadelphia 76ers.

1996
Tom Pipkins hits a school-record 99 3-pointers in 27 games.

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1976-77
Duquesne, with conference Player of the Year Norm Nixon leading the way, earns an NCAA Tournament bid by winning the Eastern Collegiate Basketball League Tournament title in its first season as a conference member.

NORM NIXON
2002

Mike James begins a 13-year NBA career—the longest of any DU player—with the Miami Heat. James would go on to play for 12 NBA teams as well as spend one season playing professionally in Turkey.

2008-09

First Team All-Atlantic 10 pick Aaron Jackson posts a school-record 194 assists in leading the Dukes to an NIT appearance.

2014

Tenth-ranked Saint Louis (25-2), riding a 19-game winning streak, needed one victory to clinch the Atlantic 10 regular season title when 11-15 Duquesne strolled into town on Feb. 27, 2014. The upstart Dukes, led by a then career-high 22 points from sophomore guard Micah Mason, stunned the sellout crowd with a 71-64 win. Duquesne’s first road victory over a Top 10 team in 52 years. The Dukes finished strong, making 12 of their last 15 shots after Saint Louis had taken its largest lead at 42-35 with just under 14 minutes left. Duquesne went 8-of-15 from 3-point against a SLU defense that was leading the nation in 3-point field goal defense. Mason, the nation’s leading 3-point shooter, and senior Jerry Jones were a combined 7-of-9 from the arc. The win was Duquesne’s first over a Top 10 team since a 72-68 win over No. 9 (AP) Xavier on Feb. 7, 2009. It was also Duquesne’s first road win over a Top 10 team since a 73-72 victory at No. 6 (AP) Bradley on March 5, 1962. It was the 16th time in school history—and just the third time since 1975—that an unranked Duquesne team defeated a Top 10 opponent. The game was televised nationally by NBCSN.

2013-14

Micah Mason becomes the first Dukes men’s basketball player to lead the nation in an individual statistic when he shoots an NCAA-best .560 from the 3-point arc.

DUKES TIP-OFF “100”

The Dukes will host Seton Hill University in the home opener at the Palumbo Center on

Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Highlights to celebrate include:

• Vote for Your Duquesne Men’s Basketball All-Century Team
• Hall of Fame Weekend & Men’s Basketball Alumni Weekend (Feb. 5-6, 2016)
• Throwback Uniform Auctions
• Giveaways Every Game Day at Home

Stay on top of the action by visiting GoDuquesne.com and following “GoDuquesne” on social media.

DUKES TO COMPETE IN 2015 GULF COAST SHOWCASE

The Duquesne Dukes will head to southwest Florida Nov. 23-25, 2015, to compete in the third annual Gulf Coast Showcase, a 16-team tournament featuring the top mid-major programs from across the country. The Dukes will be joined by Central Michigan, Drake, Milwaukee, Murray State, Pepperdine, Weber State and Western Kentucky.

Tickets:
Purchase through Ticketmaster or call Germain Arena box office at 239.948.7825.

Fan travel packages:
Visit GulfCoastShowcase.com for package details and to book your trip.
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Our Bluff in Brief

FULBRIGHTS, HONORS COME TO INCREASINGLY PROMINENT PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

Two graduate students have been selected as Fulbright recipients from the same department—a first for the University. These two are joined by four other graduate philosophy students receiving prestigious awards for study abroad.

The award winners are:

Martin Krahn received a Fulbright supporting the study of the relationship between metaphysics and physics in Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel's philosophy of nature at the Technical University of Kaiserslautern in Germany.

Paul Zipfel's Fulbright supports the study of the phenomenology of Edmund Husserl, specifically the phenomenology of intersubjectivity. After a month of language studies in Nantes, France, Zipfel will study at the Husserl Archives at the University of Cologne.

Alessio Rotundo is one of only 15 Chateaubriand Fellows selected by the French government. He will study at the Husserl Archives in Paris and critically evaluate Maurice Merleau-Ponty's reflections on biological nature and the place of human beings within nature.

Bethany Somma received a three-year research fellowship from the Munich School of Ancient Philosophy at Ludwig Maximilian University in Germany, where she will work to produce her doctoral dissertation on late antique Greek and classical Arabic philosophy.

Tristana Martin-Rubio will attend an intensive language course at the Goethe Institute in Berlin, thanks to a Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst. Her doctoral work at Duquesne will focus on phenomenology. Her studies are supported by the CAD Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship, the most elite award for Canadians studying at international institutions and one of the top doctoral awards in Canada.

Aaron Higgins-Brake is another SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship winner who chose to study at Duquesne. He will focus on Plotinus' philosophy of the self, individual happiness and understanding of the world at large.

DEDICATION OF REBUILT ORGAN LAUNCHES NEW MUSIC ERA AT DUQUESNE CHAPEL

A special, invitation-only dedication Mass and recital on June 28 marked the beginning of a new musical era in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

After several months of work, the first-of-its-kind rebuilt organ and a redesigned choir loft were at the center of the dedication events. Dr. Ann Labounsky, professor and chair of organ and sacred music in the Mary Pappert School of Music, played the organ during a Mass attended by more than 150 people and was accompanied by a choir and a brass quartet.

Originally installed in Duquesne's chapel in 1896, the organ received various updates as needed. But by 2012, serious problems began to plague the organ, including numerous leaks in the bellows and wind chests.

A gift from the Donald and Therese Hastings family provided Duquesne University with the funds needed for a new organ. Additional funding was provided by the Estate of Alexander Stephen Labounsky (Ann's late brother) for the acquisition of the organ, and the Rita M. McGinley Foundation provided funds for the renovation of the chapel's choir loft (where the organ is located).
BUSINESS SCHOOL LAUNCHES E-MAGAZINE WITH FOCUS ON ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

The Palumbo•Donahue School of Business has published the inaugural issue of Duquesne Business Leader, its new biannual e-magazine that focuses on alumni outreach and engagement.

The e-magazine provides a forum for building stronger links between alumni and the school. It features a sampling of the school’s accomplishments and addresses strategic plans for its future.

Dr. Dean McFarlin, dean of the Palumbo•Donahue School, believes that reaching alumni and keeping them involved is the key to helping the school achieve its goals for growth and progress.

“We can’t achieve our strategic goals as a school without the support of our alumni and friends,” says McFarlin. “They provide advice, resources and jobs for our students. But that support requires engagement—alumni need to know what we are doing, what our goals are and how they can help. Moreover, they need to feel connected with us and that, by engaging with us, they can make a real difference in moving the school forward.”

The introductory issue of Duquesne Business Leader can be viewed online at www.duq.edu/dbl. The next edition is scheduled for publication in October.

FUNDING WILL HELP DU PHARMACY BETTER ASSIST ELDERLY

Recent funding from McAuley Ministries, the grant-making foundation of the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, will help the Duquesne University Pharmacy in the Hill District better focus on the senior population through its community-based health screenings.

The $46,300 McAuley Ministries renewal grant will support efforts to target the elderly population who will benefit from the pharmacy’s disease/medication therapy management and patient safety programs.

Terri Kroh, director of the Duquesne University Pharmacy, says information gathered through initial outreach activities from a previous McAuley Ministries grant in 2012 helped to determine additional community needs and identify emerging health care issues. Of the 3,610 individuals the pharmacy screened in that time, nearly 2,960 were identified as being at-risk.

“We are very grateful for this grant renewal from McAuley Ministries,” says Kroh. “Our senior wellness and disease management program will be improved with fall prevention assessment; therapeutic duplication and high-risk drugs screenings; and continued health screenings to improve access and affordability to preventative health care in the community we are proud to serve.”

IN ITS FIRST YEAR, BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM DRAWS KEEN INTEREST

As the University ended its first year of offering biomedical engineering (BME), it discovered the program is a leader in generating more female engineers—with 47 percent more women enrolled in the new program than the national average for females working in the field.

Across the nation, women account for less than 28 percent of workers in all science and engineering occupations, according to the National Science Foundation’s Science and Engineering Indicators 2014. In bioengineering and biomedical engineering, women account for 18.2 percent of the workforce. At Duquesne, females account for about 65 percent of the BME enrollment—three times the national average for women working in the field, says Dr. John Viator, director.

Duquesne’s pioneering program launched as the BME field exploded. The Bureau of Labor statistics project that BME employment needs through 2022 will skyrocket by 27 percent, far beyond the average job growth of 11 percent.

An attractive mix of theoretical and hands-on experiences at Duquesne appears to resonate with students. In its first year, 20 percent more students than anticipated enrolled in the program, for a total of 24. In its second year, more than 230 applicants are interested in 25 class slots.

PHILOSOPHY OF COMMUNICATION EXPLORED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies’ Communication Ethics Institute hosted four acclaimed keynote speakers and featured competitive papers and panel presentations when it hosted the second biennial Philosophy of Communication Conference on campus in June.

The conference focused on four themes: Rhetoric and Philosophy; Organizational Communication/Corporate Communication; Semiotics and Phenomenology/Communicology; and Media Ecology and History.

Presenters included Dr. Calvin O. Schrag, a professor emeritus at Purdue University, Fulbright Scholar at Heidelberg and Oxford universities and a Guggenheim Fellow at the University of Freiburg; Dr. Linda Putnam, professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara; Dr. Frank J. Macke, professor of rhetoric, semiotics and communication theory at Mercer University; and Dr. Gary Genosko, professor of communication at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.
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During the weeklong session, a facilitator helped the Spiritans manage discussions that centered on two previously selected topics: International Community Life and Focusing Our Spiritan Mission in the United States.

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A Spiritan university under construction in Africa is on its way to accreditation by the Nigerian government.

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For the third consecutive time, the National League for Nursing (NLN) designated the School of Nursing as an NLN Center of Excellence. Only 12 schools of nursing were chosen as NLN Centers of Excellence for the period 2015-2020.

According to the NLN, designation as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education distinguishes those schools and healthcare organizations that demonstrate sustained, evidence-based and substantive innovation in a selected area; conduct ongoing research to document the effectiveness of such innovation; set high standards for themselves; and are committed to continuous quality improvement.

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Approximately 250 members of the Duquesne University and Pittsburgh education communities discussed and addressed issues related to improving education for all students, particularly those in urban schools. Events included keynote presentations by educators and renowned experts, and 12 professional development workshops focused on enhancing learning in the urban classroom.

“Higher education is a way to address the challenges of making peace, providing social justice and having development that respects the environment,” says Worgul.
LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM FOCUSES ON SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH EDUCATION

Reflections and perceptions that can generate action and renewal through education was the focus of the annual Duquesne Educational Leadership Symposium, which gathered educators and academics on campus in May.

The theme, Rivers of Justice, Bridges of Love, examined ways to reclaim voices of innocence and foster renewal during the eighth annual event hosted by the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice.

Making Pittsburgh and other cities livable for all—including minorities and other marginalized people—was a focus of this year’s symposium, says Dr. Gretchen Generett, associate dean for graduate studies and research, who is director of the UCEA Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice at Duquesne.

The UCEA Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice at Duquesne, which is sponsored by the School of Education, is one of only eight centers of its kind in the world. It focuses on the relationship between educational leadership and social justice, and better preparing leaders to deal with those who are marginalized, under-represented and underserved.

CONFERENCE EXPLORES RE-ENERGIZING BUSINESS

The Small Business Development Center’s 17th annual Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference, held in May, explored how to re-energize one’s business with new resources, ideas and contacts.

Two prominent local business leaders offered keynote addresses during the conference with advice and insight on shepherding a growing business through changes. Rob Daley, chief executive officer of Pittsburgh-based 4moms, kicked off the conference with his breakfast presentation. Daley has led 4moms since its formation in 2005, and has made the concept of high-tech baby gear not only successful, but sought after for its usefulness and convenience.

For the lunch keynote address, Bill Sarris, president of Sarris Candies, shared how—as part of a family business that spans generations—he has seen many different trends, innovations and growth phases come and go for his company.

The conference agenda also included 12 different workshops, nearly two dozen expert speakers and panelists, and a business-building tradeshow.

IABS SPONSORS DUQUESNE BOOK SERIES ON BUSINESS ETHICS

The International Association for Business and Society (IABS) is sponsoring the development of an annual book series by Duquesne University business faculty on ethics issues.

The series comprises a compilation of peer-reviewed chapters that complement the academic journal distributed by the IABS, an organization promoting research on the relationships of business, government and society.

Co-editors for the series will be Dr. David Wasieleski, chair of the management and marketing department and associate professor of business ethics, and Dr. James Weber, professor of business ethics and management, both in the Palumbo•Donahue School of Business. The two faculty members anticipate launching the series next year.

“The development of the series will not only draw upon Duquesne’s faculty expertise, but will help shape the field in business ethics in important ways, cementing our school as a leader in an area that fits perfectly with our mission and Spiritan heritage,” says Dr. Dean McFarlin, dean of the Palumbo•Donahue School of Business. “Scholars, students and practitioners all will benefit from the knowledge and insights this book series will provide about cutting-edge issues in business ethics.”

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY PHARMACY, CENTER AND SCHOOL GARNER PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The Mylan School of Pharmacy, together with the Duquesne University Pharmacy, the Center for Pharmacy Care and the Academic Partners Program, has been selected by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation as one of its three 2015 Pinnacle Award honorees.

The Pinnacle Awards celebrate significant contributions to the medication use process through increasing patient adherence, reducing drug misadventures, promoting the use of national treatment guidelines, improving patient outcomes or enhancing communication among members of the health care team.

Duquesne was selected for the Government Agency-Nonprofit Organization-Association Award, which recognizes organizations that have demonstrated approaches to assist patients and their caregivers in achieving better outcomes from their medications.

“We live our mission through many ways in the school of pharmacy, including direct patient contact and practice-based research, pharmacoconomics outcomes research and the basic science research efforts that affect disease outcomes,” adds Dean of Pharmacy Dr. J. Douglas Bricker. “This is yet another example of how we are true to our mission of improving health outcomes in patients and their communities.”
Two of the brightest stars from the Atlantic 10 Conference have been selected as the league’s nominees for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. Former student-athletes Devon Tabata and Arielle Love were announced in July as the conference candidates for one of the NCAA’s most prestigious awards.

Both student-athletes completed their eligibility last year and graduated from Duquesne in May. Tabata, a women’s soccer goalkeeper, and Love, a volleyball outside hitter, were selected from a pool of 11 outstanding institutional honorees, representing six A-10 sports and 10 different A-10 institutions. Love and Tabata were chosen as the league’s nominees based on their athletic achievements, academic prowess, community involvement and leadership abilities.

“Each year, we have remarkable nominees for this award, which showcases the best of the best in the NCAA,” states Atlantic 10 Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade. “Devon and Arielle have excelled academically, athletically and are leaders on a national stage. They are committed student-athletes, campus and community leaders, and inspiring role models. The A-10 is proud to nominate each for this prestigious NCAA award.”

Tabata, who was recently featured in a USA Today profile, has been actively involved in NCAA leadership, serving on the new NCAA Division I Council, making her one of the first two student-athletes to participate as a voting member on the high-level, executive-led decision-making body. She also has served as vice chair of the Division I National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the past two years. Her national accolades during that time also include serving as the only student-athlete voice on the Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee, and sitting on the former Division I Academic Cabinet. She was a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference and Duquesne campus SAACs. On Duquesne’s campus, she served on the Student Executive Leadership Council and was a member of the Senior Gift Giving Committee.

A four-year starting goalkeeper for the Duquesne women’s soccer team, Tabata was the Duquesne 2015 Co-Female Student-Athlete of the Year. She ranks second in program history with a goals against average of 1.29, second in program history with a save percentage of .799 and third in program history with 17 wins.

Tabata has been a member of the A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll, the Duquesne Dean’s List and the Dukes’ Director of Athletics Honor Roll in each of her eight semesters. Tabata served as a coordinator and project leader in multiple volunteer efforts. She earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration, magna cum laude.

A Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award candidate, Love was just the fourth player in Atlantic 10 history to earn AVCA National Player of the Week (Oct. 7, 2014). She was named to the Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll and Duquesne Dean’s List nine times in 10 semesters, and was on the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll 10 out of 10 semesters.

Love was selected for the 2014 A-10 Volleyball All-Academic Team. A three-time, All-Conference First Team selection, her AVCA Honorable Mention All-America honors came during her senior year, when she was also selected as AVCA All-Region. Love was the 2013 Atlantic 10 Championship Most Outstanding Player and a member of the All-Championship Team after leading Duquesne to its first-ever A-10 title and NCAA Tournament appearance. She was named A-10 Player of the Week six times throughout her career, and was a member of the 2011 A-10 All-Rookie Team. Love served as team captain for the Dukes and was a volleyball representative on the Duquesne Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

She coached club volleyball with Pittsburgh Elite and Tri-State Elite teams, worked with the Boys and Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania, and volunteered at the Maple Heights Community Food Pantry. This past spring, Love volunteered on the media support staff for the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship Second and Third Rounds. She worked with Net Impact on social and environmental changes, and graduated cum laude in just three years with a sports marketing degree. Love is currently pursuing her master’s degree in sustainability.
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Duquesne provides a distinctive blend of academics that challenge, values that guide, a location that inspires and an experience that defines. It’s an experience that makes each of us something more.

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Alumni Updates

1950s

Carl P. Izzo, Sr., S’54, has closed his industrial paint consulting business, 23 years after retiring from Westinghouse R&D Center, where he was the corporate paint consultant for 33 years. He also retired from his monthly column for Products Finishing magazine after 34 years. He will now have more time for building his model railroad.

A classically-trained pianist, he also performs monthly concerts at a personal care home.

1960s

William F. Kraft, A’60, GA’62, Ph.D’65, is the author of Coming to God, A Psychospiritual Approach (Wipf & Stock). He is professor emeritus at Carlow University and the author of 12 books in the areas of addiction, sexuality, life-cycle development, and holiness and healthiness.

Dr. Rosemarie Rizzo Parse, N’60, was the keynote speaker in Singapore at the Innovating Long-Term Care Conference in March. Earlier, she was the keynote speaker at the 16th Biennial National Conference on Humanbecoming in Sioux Falls. Her address was The Humanbecoming Paradigm and Living Quality.

William Deigan, A’68, was elected president of the advisory board for Florida Atlantic University’s Lifelong Learning Society. He is also chair of the advisory board of Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center.

1970s

Ralph Stalter, A’73, is a member of the League of Resident Theatres, Nevada Repertory, sister company of Las Vegas Shakespeare Company, and has been appointed executive director of the Clark County Theatre Center.

Stephen Levin, L’74, has been elected president of the International Society for Philosophical Enquiry (ISPE), a global ultrahigh-IQ society. The only admission qualification is an IQ at the 99.9th percentile as measured on standard psychometric tests of intelligence. He formerly served as ISPE’s general counsel since his admission in 1994.

David S. Pollock, L’74, received the Years of Service Award from the Washington County Bar Association, which recognizes individuals who have committed 40 or more years of service to the legal profession. He was also a 2015 recipient of the Pittsburgh Business Times Diamond Awards. Criteria are based on “leadership capability, business philosophy, and relationships with employees, as well as community involvement.” He is included in the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list. He is the founding partner of the family law firm Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC.

Brian Blair, B’75, has been named president of Bryn Athyn College.

1980s

Patricia Dodge, L’81, Meyer, Unkovic & Scott managing partner, was honored by The Legal Intelligencer with a Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes “noteworthy individuals who have advanced the legal profession in the state, helped foster legal education of younger attorneys and stood as examples of some of the best virtues of Pennsylvania attorneys.” She was also honored by the Pittsburgh Business Times with a 2015 Businesswomen First Award, which recognizes the most influential female business leaders in the region at nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Dr. Michelle Zuckerman-Parker, GA’02, GE’07, an integrated studies teacher at Holy Family Academy, recently received a grant through the 2014 LRNG Innovation Challenge and is currently working with students throughout the Pittsburgh area to bring together their love of learning and relentless curiosity to create sustainable solutions for people in need.

Through the LRNG Challenge, a project supported by the National Writing Project, singer-songwriter John Legend’s Show Me Campaign, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, teams of teachers follow the theme of “No Walls, No Bells” to expand the time and space students have to create, explore and follow their interests and passions.

This past summer, Zuckerman-Parker’s students participated in a poverty simulation and created an array of products springing from an ethos of compassion. For example, students redistributed over 35,000 pounds of perishable food for a local food bank. To improve their model of distribution, the students created a software application to customize donated food to recipients based on dietary restrictions.

A regionally sponsored competition, SciTECH Days at the Carnegie Science Center, is scheduled for November and will allow students to share their products.

For more information, visit Linking Communities with STEM on Facebook.
Gigi Gerben, A’82, GE’95, was recently granted a sub-permit from the federal Bird Banding Lab and is researching areas including the migration of the northern saw-whet owl, the ecology of eastern bluebirds, and the population and survivorship of local nesting songbirds. She is also serving as county co-chair for the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania and is a master naturalist candidate.

David C. Schanbacher, L’86, partner in the firm of Hoffmeyer and Semmelman, LLP, has been admitted as a fellow to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Cynthia Zivic King, A’88, graduated from the Class of 2015 Leadership South Carolina. The program accepts approximately 50 participants a year who demonstrate commitment to their community and strive to reach a higher level of service to the state. She serves as the director of public affairs for the South Carolina National Guard.

Heidi Roberts Markish, E’88, became a national board-certified teacher in the category of middle childhood generalist in 2014. In May, she was selected as teacher of the year for Hancock County Schools, W.Va., and represented the county at the state level.

1990s

Chris Powell, M’93, is now director of administration and community engagement for Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown, N.Y. He will supervise marketing, planning, artistic administration, public relations and community engagement. He was previously the Pittsburgh Opera’s music administrator.

Jan F. Jumet, L’97, GB’01, opened an office in Boston for the investment management and advisory firm that he co-founded, Allocated Financial Planning. Allocated Financial now has offices in Boston, Scottsdale, Darlington (Pa.), and Golden (Colo.), with clients in 25 states.

Jay McBride, L’97, has been appointed vice president, U.S. tax operations, in the United States chief financial officer organization of Bayer Corporation. He was recently the global head of tax and risk management at General Nutrition Centers, Inc.

Michael Grandinetti, B’99, master illusionist, will be appearing in the second season of Masters of Illusion on The CW and Don’t Blink on POP TV. He recently performed a levitation, where he was suspended 15 feet in midair over Hollywood Boulevard, with no apparent means of support.

2000s

Rev. Charles A. Cortinovis, S’00, GS’00, was named priest secretary to Cardinal Donald Wuerl. He is the son of Nancy Cortinovis, N’74.

Shirley Ann “Sam” Minehart, GA’00, was promoted to senior product line manager, e-learning for SAE International, where she is responsible for professional development live online, on-demand courses and a team of 10. She recently celebrated 25 years with the organization.

Linda Gioia Simon, GA’01, of the Excela Health marketing and communications team, was a recipient of eight awards for 2014 marketing efforts based on patient care experiences. The honors came from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals in the form of the AVA Digital Awards.

Michael Hilliard, B’03, L’14, is an associate at Ferguson Law Associates in Latrobe, Pa., handling business and corporate law, after having worked at U.S. Steel and BNY Mellon for the past eight years.

Cassandra Pritts, GA’03, was named professor of the year at Potomac State College of West Virginia University for 2015. She is an assistant professor of history.

Benjamin E. Orsatti, L’04, associate at Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC, has been named to the 2015 Pennsylvania Rising Stars list. He also helped contribute to the second edition Pennsylvania Bar Institute Press custody resource book, Custody Law & Practice in Pennsylvania.

Dana Vojtko, HS’04, recently obtained certification as a registered nurse and is employed by UPMC McKeesport in the medical surgical orthopedic unit.

George Philippopoulos, GB’07, L’07, has been promoted to vice president, strategic initiatives, regulatory compliance, at HSBC Bank in New York.

Lindsey (Aspdin) Kelly, S’08, recently received her doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School. Her dissertation was titled Identification and Functional Characterization of STRN-ALK Fusions as a Therapeutic Target in Aggressive Forms of Thyroid Cancer. She has accepted a position as supervisor of next generation sequencing at the Molecular & Genomic Pathology Clinical Laboratory at UPMC.

Richard Lorenz, A’09, has joined the law firm of Galloway Monzo, P.C. as an associate.

Joseph R. Williams, L’09, partner at Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC, has been named to the 2015 Pennsylvania Rising Stars List.

2010s

Alyssa Conner, P’11, was named one of Charlotte, N.C., area’s “30 Under 30” by Elevate Lifestyle.

Nicole Shannon, N’12, has started a new career as a nurse in the cardiac intensive care unit at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Roderick Williams, GLPA’13, was nominated as a finalist for the 2015-2016 Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs.

André D. Samuel, Ph.D.’14, was one of 10 Pittsburghers to receive a grant from BMe Community to help build better communities in their city. He is the director of The Citizen Science Lab, where he “provides opportunities for students in grades 6-12 to attend afterschool programs, weekend workshops and summer camps that explore the life sciences through highly interactive, hands-on experiences.”

Katherine (Kate) Tanski, N’14, is a nurse at the Cleveland Clinic.

Marriages

Cynthia Papageorgiou, B’83, married Rolf W. Caldwell.

Colette M. Hucko, GLPA’04, married David M. Chambers.

New Arrivals

Giovanna Francesca, daughter of Andrea Cannistraci, A’96, and Carlos Ortiz.

Benjamin Samuel, son of Brigitte (Shower) Gamrat, HS’00, GHS’01, and Steven Gamrat, P’02.

Eamon William, son of Megan (Zuza) McHale, GE’05, and Bill McHale.

Santino Samuel, son of Kristy (Cherillo) Drizos, P’08, and Pete Drizos.

Theodore Glenn, son of Karla L. Caruso, P’09, and Christopher J. Caruso, HS’07, N’08.

Henry John, son of Emily (Lunz) Lohr, P’10, and Brian Lohr, P’10.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we list the following alumni and friends who recently passed away.

Aaron James, A’56
Robert Adams, E’71
IN MEMORIAM

Paul J. Raley, A’66, passed away in Los Angeles on June 6 at the age of 71. Raley began his career in advertising but moved to television, winning an Emmy Award as a writer for David Letterman’s short-lived 1980 daytime talk show. Raley turned a character from that show into a stand-up comedy act, and later was head writer for D.C. Follies and executive story producer for Grace Under Fire. Other writing credits included Saturday Night Live, Benson and Night Court.

IN MEMORIAM

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Gino J. Giocondi, B’56, died on Dec. 6, 2014, in Tarpon Springs, Fla. He was 82. Giocondi joined Chrysler Corporation in 1963 as a dealer field auditor and rose through a number of regional and national sales management positions. Promoted to vice president for service and parts in 1985, he also held vice presidencies for special products and quality and productivity prior to his retirement. One of the nation’s leading experts on total quality management in the automotive industry, he also served as an adjunct professor at Oakland University in Michigan.
Paul Nolte, A'75
Michael Nutz, P'52
Laverne Biller O'Connor, A'47
William O'Connor, GS'89
Jerome O'Malley, GA'64
Chester Oddis, E'50, GE'56
Joan Margaret Opferman, N'60
Marsha Owens, M'00
Wilfrid Palladino, E'57
Leland Partain, GA'67
Sr. M Miriam Patalski, CSSF, E'60
James Patterson, A'75
Louis Petrich, S'54
Celestine Petruska, E'65, GE'72
Robert Petyak, L'75
Leland Phelps
Charles Podrebarac
George Preisinger, E'69, GE'71
George Provost
M. Pusvaskis, N'60
Ramen Raak, L'74
William Radtke, GA'68
Paul Raley, A'66
James Rauch, B'50
Kenneth Raymond, B'76
Linda Diethorn Rheinlander, B'79
M. Richards, E'62, GE'67
James Roberts, B'09
M. Ronan, E'56
Angelo Ruzzini, GM'62
Carol Sabinsky-Baumann, S'67, GA'73
John Scanlon
David Schwartz, A'60
Patricia Farley Scouten, P'88
James Selva, B'56
William Shearer, B'50
John Skaj
Charles Skorija, A'59
Carl Smith, B'70, L'75
James Sober, B'59
Cheryl Sparks, M'77
Sally Spears
Herbert Sperling, S'60
Jay Spiegel, L'77
Lou Stanisha
Andrew Stasny, P'58
Caroline Stewart
Donald Stoeckle, A'56
Claire Swanson, N'49
Michael Tabacek
Richard Talarico, E'73
Gary Thomas, GS'84
John Thompson, M'58, GM'60
Bryan Tippett, GS'82
Robert Turkoly-Joczik, GA'83
Nancy Careatti Underwood, A'77, GE'79
W. Robert Valerio, M'69, GM'72
George Vinarski
Joseph Vogel, B'58
John Vojtek, E'69
Mary Wacker, GA'84
Donna Washington, M'79
Rosemary Matzzie Westerman, N'71, GE'75
Elizabeth Wilson, A'89
Loretta Liston Winski, A'49
Thomas Winslow, A'56
Maximillian Worhatch, P'54
Sr. M Christopher Zayicek, VSC, E'63

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Today’s view from the Sklar Skywalk #DuquesneUniversity #Duquesne #Pittsburgh. jfirefrancesco Great capture!!

Meet this week’s #MyDUPet -- Miska! Thanks to Molly Cavanaugh, a 2014 Duquesne University music education major, for sending this in!

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October 9-11, 2015

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Dukes vs. Alderson Broaddus Football Game
School Events
Greek Alumni Celebration
Veterans Memorial

Former Student Leaders Reception
Battle of the Bands
Farewell Mass and Brunch

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Class Reunions and Affinity Group Celebrations

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend will be packed with exciting events for ALL alumni, with special celebrations being held for the following groups:

- **Reunion Classes**

- **Zero Year Reunion**
  (Class of 2015)

- **Greeks**
  (All fraternity and sorority members, with special gatherings for Delta Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha)

- **Former Student Leaders**
  (Student Government Association, Orientation, Duquesne Programming Council, Greek Life, Residence Life, Multicultural Affairs, International Student Organization, Commuter Council and more!)

- **Golden Dukes**
  (classes prior to 1965)

- **Varsity D**
  (All former varsity athletes, with gatherings for football and swimming)

- **Red Masquers**
  (reception for Red Masquers alumni)

- **The Burrows Travel Group**
  (events for those who traveled abroad with Professor Walter Burrows in the 1960s and 1970s)

School Events

**Friday, October 9**

5 p.m.
**Bayer School of Natural & Environmental Sciences Reception**
Join Dean Reeder and members of the Bayer School faculty for happy hour!

**Saturday, October 10**

8 a.m.
**Mylan School of Pharmacy Breakfast & Continuing Education**
Join fellow School of Pharmacy alumni for breakfast (8-9 a.m.) and a morning of continuing education (9-11 a.m.). Dr. Jordan Covvey will present “Pharmacological Treatment for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF): Old and New Therapies.”

9 a.m.
**Mary Pappert School of Music Meet & Greet Breakfast**
Reconnect with fellow School of Music alumni and join Dean Beckman for an informal meet-and-greet breakfast. All School of Music alumni and their guests are welcome to attend.

**Palumbo-Donahue School of Business Networking Breakfast & Tour of Rockwell Hall**
Join Dr. Dean McFarlin and the School of Business for breakfast, networking and a special tribute to the class of 2016. Hear about exciting new initiatives that will take the School of Business to even greater heights! Tour newly renovated sections of Rockwell Hall and learn about the school’s intention to create world-class learning environments for students.

**Rangos Homecoming Alumni Brunch**
Join fellow Health Sciences alumni and their families for brunch before the football game.

**McAnulty Meet & Greet**
Meet with other College alumni over a continental breakfast, then take a tour of the new Black Box Theater. Talk with members of the Red Masquers, and hear from host John Lane, executive director of the Red Masquers. Open to all College alumni and Red Masquers.

**School of Education Breakfast & School Update**
Join the School of Education for breakfast and an update on current highlights of the School of Education, including enrollment goals and alumni successes.

**School of Nursing Champagne Brunch**
Join the School of Nursing for its annual Champagne Brunch. Learn about exciting new School of Nursing initiatives, and meet, greet and reunite with classmates.

**Sunday, October 11**

2 p.m.
**School of Law Alumni Death of a Salesman Viewing & Reception**
Enjoy a performance in Duquesne’s new Genesius Theater! Reception immediately following the show in the theater lobby with the cast. Register at www.law.duq.edu/alumni/events.

Book Your Hotel

Several area hotels are offering special rates for a limited time for alumni and friends during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. When booking at these hotels, mention “Duquesne University Homecoming” to receive the reduced rate.

For a listing of hotels and weekend rates, please visit www.duq.edu/homecoming.

Register online at www.duq.edu/homecoming or by phone at 412.396.6209.
RSVP by October 5!

Reconnect with your friends and classmates via social media

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Event Calendar

Sept. 19, 2015
Gamma Phi Beta’s 13th Annual Walk Miles for Kids’ Smiles
Annual 5k walk benefiting The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh
12 p.m. start; registration begins at 11 a.m.
Duquesne Campus
Contact/RSVP: Nicole Falcione at falcionen@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Sept. 21, 2015
Duquesne Athletic Fund Fall Golf Invitational
Laurel Valley Golf Club
Contact: Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu or 412.396.5927

Sept. 23, 2015
Washington, D.C. Young Alumni Happy Hour
5-7 p.m.
Buffalo Billiards
1330 19th St NW
Washington, DC 20036
Register at www.myduquesne.duq.edu.

Sept. 24, 2015
Pittsburgh Law Alumni Reception
5-8 p.m.
Doubletree Downtown Pittsburgh
Details: www.law.duq.edu/events/2015-pittsburgh-fall-law-alumni-reception

Sept. 26, 2015
A Tribute to Father Hogan: Celebrating 40 Years of Distinguished Service
5 p.m. - Mass, Chapel
6 p.m. - Cocktails, 5th Floor, Duquesne Union
7:15 p.m. - Dinner, Ballroom, Duquesne Union
Contact/RSVP: Jim Miller at millerj@duq.edu or 412.396.6044

Sept. 27, 2015
Zeta Tau Alpha’s Pretty in Pink Brunch
Annual breast cancer awareness philanthropy brunch and auction
10 a.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: Meghan Frost at frostm@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Oct. 6, 2015
Greek Life Blood Drive
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Power Center-4th floor gym
Contact/RSVP: Grant Barber at barberg@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Oct. 8, 2015
Pa. Appellate Rules of Procedure 40th Anniversary CLE
The program, which offers five hours of continuing legal education, includes speakers discussing the history and future of the rules and appellate practice.
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Details: www.law.duq.edu/events/PaAppellateRulesCLE

Oct. 9-11, 2015
Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Back to the Bluff
For full details, see pages 46 and 47, or go to www.duq.edu/homecoming.
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Oct. 16, 2015
Forensic Friday
WHAT’S in a “MATCH?”: How to Read a DNA Report
1-4:30 p.m.
Duquesne Union, 3rd Floor, Africa Room
Contact/RSVP: Debbie Jozwiak at wechtinstitute@duq.edu or 412.396.1330

Oct. 16, 2015
A Quarter Century of Excellence
25th Anniversary Celebration of the John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences
6 p.m. - Cocktails
7 p.m. - Dinner
Power Center Ballroom
Details: www.duq.edu/rshs25

Oct. 17, 2015
Alpha Phi Phiesta Bowl
Annual athletic event to raise awareness for the Alpha Phi Foundation heart health programs
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Rooney Field
Contact/RSVP: Skyler DeWitt at dewitts@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Oct. 21, 2015
The History Forum
Time and Location TBD
Contact/RSVP: Laura Donaldson at 412.396.6470
Oct. 23, 2015
Greek Life Carnival
Annual skits and ensemble musical competition to benefit the Spiritan Mission School in Ghana
Doors open at 5:30 p.m., show at approximately 6 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: Bethany Kelly at kellyb7@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Oct. 27, 2015
Haunted Duquesne
Join University Archivist and Pennsylvania folklore historian Thomas White for ghost stories and legends of Duquesne University and surrounding neighborhoods.
8:30-10 p.m.
Gumberg Library, Phenomenology Center
Contact/RSVP: Kelley Cotter at cotterk@duq.edu or 412.396.5343

Oct. 30, 2015
Holy Spirit Lecture
7 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: 412.396.6523

Nov. 4 OR Nov. 5, 2015
Gandhi’s Life as a Lawyer
Duquesne Law presents a fascinating program about Mohandas Gandhi featuring an expert on Gandhi’s life and the period when he started experimenting with his philosophy of nonviolence later used in the Indian independence movement.
4 p.m. (TBD)
Power Center Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: www.duq.edu/law

Nov. 7, 2015
Alpha Sigma Tau’s Annual Miss Duquesne Pageant
Annual sorority talent competition to benefit The Children’s Miracle Network
9 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: Kayla Langfitt at langfittk@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Nov. 8, 2015
Delta Zeta’s Hike for Hearing
DZ’s 5k raises funds for the DePaul Institute for Hearing and Speech
11 a.m. registration, walk begins at noon
Duquesne Campus
Contact/RSVP: Jacqueline O’Toole at otoolej@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Nov. 12, 2015
The Kelly Lecture in Health Care Ethics
1-2:30 p.m.
Location TBD
Contact/RSVP: Glory Smith at 412.396.4504

Nov. 14, 2015
Sigma Nu White Rose Ball
Annual dinner dance that honors and raises funds for the American Gold Star Mothers
6 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: Joseph (J.J.) Ravinskas at ravinskasj@duq.edu or 412.396.6651

Nov. 15, 2015
Duquesne Law Alumni Association Holiday Reception
Honoring Fellows of the 1911 Society
Open to DLAA members and 1911 Society fellows only
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Duquesne Union, Suite 613
Contact: www.myduquesne.duq.edu/event

Nov. 12-13, 2015
Beyond Baltimore: Balancing Public Safety and Social Justice in the Policing of America’s Streets
The 15th Annual Forensic Science and Law Symposium
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Contact/RSVP: Debbie Jozwiak at wechtinstitute@duq.edu or 412.396.1330

Nov. 13, 2015
Men’s Basketball vs. Seton Hill
See full details on page 35

Nov. 19, 2015
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 and family and friends of alumni will be remembered at the annual University Thanksgiving liturgy (Nov. 19 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/bookoflife15 by Oct. 29. The full list will be available online Nov. 1 by visiting www.myduquesne.duq.edu.

Dec. 1, 2015
Men’s Basketball vs. Pitt
7 p.m.
Annual City Game at CONSOL Energy Center
Tickets: www.GoDuquesne.com or 412.232.DUKE

Dec. 5, 2015
Advent Alumni Retreat: Joyfully Expecting the Holy Family
Spend an afternoon on campus with Spiritan Campus Ministry to prepare for Christmas. More details available soon at www.myduquesne.duq.edu. Contact: alumnionline@duq.edu or 412.396.6209 (RSVP by Nov. 20)

Dec. 12, 2015
Gaudete Sunday Midnight Mass
Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit
11:30 p.m. carols begin; 12 a.m. Mass
Live streaming available at www.duq.edu/midnight-mass
Contact: 412.396.6020

Feb. 5, 2016
Duquesne University Athletics Hall of Fame Induction
Power Center Ballroom
Contact: Natalie Hozak at hozakn@duq.edu or 412.396.6566

Feb. 2016 – Date to be Announced
19th Annual RSHS Alumni Night at the Men’s Basketball Game
All alumni are invited to attend with their family/guests. The event is FREE but advance reservations are required.
6 p.m.- pre-game reception in the Auxiliary Gym, followed by the game
A.J. Palumbo Center
Contact/RSVP: Deb Durica at durica@duq.edu or 412.396.5551
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