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### (Stand up for yourself; your opinions matter. Don't be afraid to share them with the world."

- President Jane Gerety, RSM, reading from a student essay



### Welcome to the Class of 2022

Freshmen hail from 23 states, seven countries.

The Class of 2022 finished unpacking on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, and were greeted to campus with a cookout, bonfire and convocation ceremony, where President Jane Gerety, RSM, city officials and professors welcomed freshmen to their new home away from home.

Hailing from the California coast to the Massachusetts shores, freshmen from 23 states across the U.S. now call Salve home. The 493 members of the Class of 2022 also include American citizens who were living abroad in Canada, El Salvador and New Zealand, and international students from Afghanistan, Guatemala, Germany and Japan.

In welcoming the Class of 2022 to campus during convocation Sept. 4, 2018, President Jane Gerety, RSM, encouraged students to embrace the future and leave the past behind.

"What should you leave behind and what you should take with



Richard Ventura '22, Ansen Cassady '22 and Jennifer Quinn '22 join the convocation processional as they make their way along the Wakehurst drive. Andrea Hansen photo.

you?" she asked. "I hope you will leave behind false friends, the harm of bullying, the anxiety of getting into college and the embarrassing mistakes of high school. You're here now and you belong here. It's all past; let it go."

In advising freshmen what to keep as they begin "this great adventure of college," Sister Jane emphasized the importance of having "confidence in your own identity, courage in meeting challenges, perseverance and gratitude." She also urged students to study abroad and open their hearts to people who appear to have little or nothing in common with them.

"Above all," Sister Jane said,
"I hope you never leave behind
being thankful for the amazing
things you've been given. Had it
not been for loving, encouraging,
sacrificing parents, good friends,
ministers, coaches and teachers,
many of you wouldn't be here at
Salve today."

Concluding her address with a quote from Meister Eckhart, a 14th-century German theologian and mystic, she added, "'If you have only one prayer to say, let it be a prayer of gratitude." We catch on fire when we see something that moves our heart and soul.

Students of Salve, I pray: May you catch on fire."

- Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, Author of "Dead Man Walking"

#### **Catching Fire**

Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of the book on which the Oscar-winning film "Dead Man Walking" is based, received an honorary doctorate and delivered the keynote address during convocation Sept. 4.

Urging students to "catch fire" and change systems that are inherently unfair, Sister Helen, 79, grew up in Louisiana, where her family employed two African-American servants. "I never questioned the system," she admits. "The culture gives us the system, but people can change the culture. You are going to be the ones."

An English major, Sister Helen was asked to become pen pals with death row inmate Patrick Sonnier as part of a class project. "I didn't know they were going to execute him; I just thought I had to write him some nice letters. That's the Sneaky Jesus part," she added, drawing a laugh from audience members.

Sister Helen became the spiritual advisor for Sonnier, and was with him during his execution in 1984. From this experience, she began her ministry against the death penalty, an act officially condemned by Pope Francis as unacceptable in all cases.



Sister Helen Prejean addresses the Class of 2022. "People can change culture," she said. "You are going to be the ones." Photo by Kris Craig/The Providence Journal.

As she walked other prisoners to their deaths, the executions she witnessed kindled a fire inside her, compelling her to change the system. "We catch on fire when we see something that moves our heart and soul," she added. "Students of Salve, I pray: May you catch on fire and may God bless you."

President Jane Gerety, RSM, presented Sister Helen, a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, with an honorary doctorate of humane letters for her courage in the face of poverty and social injustice. Founder of the Death Penalty Discourse Network, Moratorium 2000, the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, SURVIVE and Witness

to Innocence, Sister Helen is the recipient of the Pace Christi USA Pope Paul VI Teacher of Peace Award, the Robert M. Holstein Faith Doing Justice Award and The World Pacem in Terris Award.

"Salve Regina is deeply honored to bestow this honorary degree upon you," Sister Jane said. "... because you learned to listen to the very least among us – the condemned and desperate, the dying, the destitute, the angry and violent – and then you turned comprehension into action for social justice and mercy."

Editor's Note: This story includes excerpts from a Sept. 4, 2018
Providence Journal article, "Nun for Justice," by Donita Naylor.



#### Day of Service

Sister Helen Prejean '18 (Hon.) joins Jacob Paolino '22 and 40 other students for a day of service at Donovan Manor in Newport, a housing development for low-income elderly, families and the disabled.

## We have the solution to climate change. It's called energy policy."

- John Kerry, former Secretary of State



Pell Center Executive Director Dr. James Ludes and President Jane Gerety, RSM, welcome former Secretary of State John Kerry to campus Oct. 10, 2018, for the filming of Salve Regina's award-winning Story in the Public Square. Andrea Hansen photo.

## Every Day is Extra Story in the Public Square features John Kerry.

Now a nationally televised public television special, Story in the Public Square taped its season premier with a special episode featuring John Kerry, former Secretary of State and 2004 presidential candidate. The episode will air nationally Jan. 17.

Kerry was on campus Oct. 10 to promote his new book, "Every Day is Extra," but before things got too serious he broke the ice by saying, "Let me begin by expressing and sharing the euphoria of the Red Sox victory last night."

When Dr. Jim Ludes, executive director of the Pell Center for International Relations, and Pell Fellow G. Wayne Miller, the show's hosts, asked Kerry his remedy for the nation's current political divide, his advice was clear and direct: "Restoring our democracy, there's only one way to do it, folks – vote."

Kerry's new book, a memoir, recounts how he was steered into public service by war. "This book is a lot from the heart and from the gut," he said. "It's honest and it's optimistic."

Kerry recalled his earliest memory at age 4, walking through the rubble left by World War II in the streets of Paris, holding his mother's hand. He remembered his friends going off to fight the Soviets and a time when representatives from his school were sent to support the civil rights movement. President Kennedy's assassination and his own service in Vietnam brought him to the conclusion that each day is a blessing.

His fierce idealism and hopefulness about America resonated throughout the discussion, and Kerry urged young people to turn their aspirations into voting issues. "Getting out there and doing something about it - that's how things get done," he said. "We have to put people in Congress to solve these issues."

During the question-and-answer session, an audience member asked Kerry what he thought was the most important thing universities should be teaching their students. He recalled how, during his time in Vietnam, soldiers would more likely be ambushed than attack first. Yet in World War II, on the beaches of Normandy, they marched straight to their death. Many of the men standing next to them were shot.

"You knew when your life was going to end and you [still] had to walk forward and fight for another country's freedom," he said. "It's that selfless, extraordinary level of sacrifice that teaches us about responsibility and the meaning of citizenship."

Much of his talk was a call to action for the audience's younger generation. "Don't whine. Democracy is hard work," he said. "It really is hard work and it's gotten vicious. Every big movement in this country happened because young people drove it."

While those who performed their civic duty by voting helped write America's story, "much more is written by those who didn't even bother to vote," Kerry said.

Kerry called on Congress to do a better job of working together, and talked about income inequality and climate change. "This is existential, folks, and people have to stop it," he said. "We have the solution to climate change. It's called energy policy."

- Erin Demers '15, '16 (M)

Editor's Note: Portions of this article were excerpted from an Oct. 10, 2018 Providence Journal story by Derek Gomes.



Nursing major Caitlyn Kranich '20 looks on as former Secretary of State John Kerry signs a copy of his book, "Every Day is Extra," before the filming of Salve Regina's award-winning Story in the Public Square. Andrea Hansen photo.

Salve's annual Cultural and Historic Preservation Conference was dedicated to the memory of Noreen Stonor Drexel '99 (Hon.).



Above, left, Salve Regina's State Dining Room in Ochre Court in a photo from the late 1800s. On the right, students currently study in the same spot, demonstrating how adaptive reuse can benefit future generations. Photos from University Archives and by Kate Daley '05.

## Preserving our History

Architects and museum docents from across the U.S. and Denmark joined students and professors from universities such as the College of Charleston, the Rhode Island School of Design, Salve Regina and the University of Minnesota in the Gilded-Age halls of Ochre Court for the 11th annual Cultural and Historic Preservation Conference, held Oct. 12 and 13, 2018.

James Lindberg, vice president of research and policy for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, delivered the keynote address: "Reset to Default: Making Building Reuse the New Normal," setting the tone for the conference theme of community preservation through adaptive reuse. Session topics ranged from altering sacred spaces to repurposing grain elevators and converting historic buildings into boutique hotels.

Made possible by a grant from the Southeastern New England Educational Charitable Foundation, the conference was dedicated to the memory of the foundation's founder, Richard Grills, and Noreen Stonor Drexel '99 (Hon.), for whom Salve Regina's Cultural and Historic Preservation program is named.



#### **A Little Comedy**

(l-r): The "Brighton Beach" comedy cast, featuring Morgan Salpietro '19, Bradley Simpson '20, Julia Curtain '20, Daniel Landino '20, Skylar Lasit '22, Madisyn Mugavero '19 and Vanessa Sciolto '19, kicked off the 2018-19 theatre season Oct. 18-21. The Casino Theatre show was directed by Patricia Hawkridge. Newport This Week photo.



#### Cultural Exchange

International Education Week, an annual event celebrating the customs and cultures of Salve's international students, was held Nov. 12-16, 2018. Workshops for students were offered on everything from applying for scholarships to obtaining passports and teaching abroad. Japanese students hosted an evening of food and karate demonstrations, and students enjoyed a French film festival and sampled foods from around the world.



Dr. Jon Marcoux, associate professor of cultural and historic preservation, demonstrates how his department is using a newly acquired ground-penetrating radar unit to chart unmarked graves in Newport's Common Burying Ground.

#### Going Underground

A new ground-penetrating radar unit and a laser scanner

unit have been acquired by Salve, thanks to more than \$100,000 in grants from the Southeastern New England Educational and Charitable Foundation. The equipment allows Salve Regina's

cultural and historic preservation majors to explore Newport's history by discovering all kinds of buried treasures, from unmarked graves to former Revolutionary War battlefields.

"It's huge," Marcoux said of the new technologies. "Not only can the laser scanner document historic structures, it also can provide Salve students with the ability to assess threats to historic structures in coastal communities from sea level rise and large weather events."

Marcoux explained that ground-penetrating radar machines, which look like a lawnmower, are "very common nowadays in archaeology as well as in cemetery preservation. Students can now be introduced to the latest, cutting-edge technology for preservationist pursuits, giving our graduates a leg up on the competition."

## Prayers for Pittsburgh

A prayer service for peace and remembrance was held in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel Nov. 1, 2018 to honor those whose lives were lost at The Tree of Life Congregation Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Eleven people were killed by a lone gunman during a Sabbath service at The Tree of Life Congregation Synagogue in Pittsburgh Oct. 27, 2018. Among the dead were brothers David and Cecil Rosenthal, who were developmentally disabled.

Students read prayers for healing while participants recited the mourner's Kaddish and lit candles in memory of the Pittsburgh 11 and others who have lost their lives to gun violence. Dr. Donald St. Jean sang Psalm 23 (The Lord



is my Shepherd) in Hebrew and President Jane Gerety, RSM, offered a message of hope.

"How can we be a community of peace? By welcoming the stranger, speaking and acting nonviolently and resisting racism in all its forms," Sister Jane said. "If we start here, with us, those who have "How can we be a community of peace? By welcoming the stranger, speaking and acting nonviolently and resisting racism in all its forms."

- President Jane Gerety, RSM

Twelve candles are lit in memory of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting and all lives lost to gun violence.

experienced our compassionate, inclusive community will help create other compassionate, inclusive communities.

"This, I believe, is how love answers hate, and how brothers David and Cecil Rosenthal and their fellow worshippers will not have died in vain."

#### Welcoming New Trustees

Dennis Algiere is senior vice



president, chief compliance officer and director of community affairs for The Washington Trust Company, the nation's old-

est community bank.

A Providence College graduate, Algiere received his master's degree from Northeastern University and a juris doctor from UMass School of Law. Also a graduate of Harvard's Senior Executives in Government program, Algiere has served in elective office for over two decades, first as a member of the Westerly, R.I., town council and now as a state senator.

Currently Rhode Island's Senate Minority Leader, Algiere is a member of the American Bankers Association, the Rhode Island Bankers Association and several civic organizations, including the Dante Society, the Watch Hill Conservancy and the Westerly Lions Club. He also serves on the advisory boards of the American Bankers' Association Government Relations Council and the Providence College President's Council. A volunteer firefighter for the Westerly Fire Department, he is also commodore of the Watch Hill Yacht Club.

Timothy Burns is the co-found-



er, president and CEO of BioProcessH20 and BioProcess Algae. An incorporator of the Woods Hole Oceanographic

Institute, he also founded three successful water treatment companies: Resources, 21st EMI and Burns Properties. An alumnus of Providence College and Brown University, he has served as a BankNewport director and a trustee of OceanPoint Financial Partners since October 2013.

Nancy Cardoza '85 graduat-



ed from Salve summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1985. Then a registered nurse, she had worked

as health director for the Fall River, Mass., School Department for 10 years when she decided to begin a new career in accounting.

After graduating, Cardoza became an accountant for a local CPA firm, then a controller for an area defense contractor, whose assets tripled under her oversight. Three years later, she began what would become a distinguished 26-year career with Newport's International Tennis Hall of Fame. Starting out as controller, she was promoted to director of administration, then to vice president and chief financial officer. During her tenure, the organization's budget grew from \$1.5 million to \$15 million, with assets of \$50 million.

In 2016, Salve recognized her achievements with a Distinguished Alumna Award. Now treasurer of both the Ida Lewis Yacht Club and the Newport Historical Society, she serves on the Governor's Ball alumni committee and the Dunes Club event committee. She is also governor of the Newport Hospital Foundation and an usher and member of the finance committee at St. Mary's Church in Newport.

David Locke, CIMA, is senior vice president, wealth advisor, family wealth director and senior portfolio manager for The Charter Group at Morgan Stanley in Providence, R.I. He brings 20 years of experience in portfolio management and wealth



advising to Salve's board of trustees.

A political science graduate of Northeastern University, Locke earned his

Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA\*) designation from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 2004.

After serving as vice president for the investment firms of Hambrecht & Quist, J.P. Morgan and Wachovia, he joined Morgan Stanley in February 2007. His diverse range of clients include families, small institutions, endowments and individual investors.

William Lucey '98 (M) started



his career in the newspaper business 34 years ago, when he began working at the Edward A. Sherman Publishing

Company in 1985 as a special projects manager.

Rising through the ranks, he was promoted to business manager, then general manager, assistant publisher and publisher of the company's six flagship publications, which include The Newport Daily News and Newport Life Magazine.

A business management graduate of URI, he received his master's degree in information systems science in 1998. In 2017, Salve awarded him an honorary doctorate of humane letters for his proven track record in connecting people to their community.

In November, Lucey started a new career as vice president for business development at BankRI. He is also treasurer of both the Preservation Society of Newport County and NewportFilm, and is governor of Newport Hospital and the Newport Reading Room.



#### Faculty/Student Spotlight.



#### Next Stop, Mars

It could take up to 10 months to get to Mars, so scientists are searching for ways to make the trip more feasible with long-lasting energy supplies. Toward that end, assistant professor of chemistry Dr. Thomas Arruda (above, center) and student researchers Sophia Tiano '19, Dan Donnelly '19, Elias McDonnell '18, Virginia Trudell '19 and Sean Flanagan '16 (not shown) recently received a \$15,000

grant from the NASA Research Infrastructure Development Program to study how vanadium redox flow batteries could provide long-term energy storage for space travel and colonization. Arruda and his research team received the award for their proposal to examine how factors such as sulfuric acid can limit the performance of vanadium redox. Together with Dr. Jamie Lawton, they recently published their findings in the journal Batteries, Vol. 4, No. 40. Maria Burton photo.



Dr. Sarah Littlefield, professor of English, is a featured author in "Thornton Wilder in Collaboration," a book of essays based on the second international conference on Wilder held at Salve Regina in June 2015. Released by

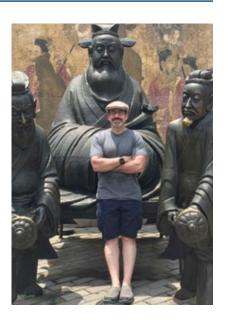


Cambridge Scholars Publishing May 1, 2018, the book features her essay, "Newport by the Sea: A Link to



Meaning and Imagination for Thornton and Theophilus." She also chaired a panel on Wilder's novels at

the third international Thornton Wilder Conference, held July 12-14, 2018, in Peterborough, N.H. In addition, Littlefield served as a judge at Wesleyan University's Quantitative Analysis Center, where she evaluated student research presentations funded by the National Science Foundation.



#### Mandarin Chinese Spoken Here

How do you say thank you in Mandarin Chinese? Just ask Dr. Troy Catterson, assistant professor of philosophy, who traveled to China last summer to teach one of his most popular philosophy courses - Quest for the Good Life - in Mandarin Chinese. During his six-week tour as a visiting professor at prestigious Chang An University in the historic city of Xi'An, Catterson taught the roles of reason and faith through the works of great thinkers such as Aristotle, Aquinas and Plato. A former translator for visiting dignitaries such as Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Catterson also worked for the CIA, the FBI and the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, whose mission is to search for, recover and identify servicemen lost at war.

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thanks; thank you



### Rice and the Economy of Vietnam

Dr. Chad Raymond, associate professor and chairperson of the Department of Cultural, Environmental and Global Studies, joined Dr. Willi Meyers, a professor from the University of Missouri, for a presentation on the "Vicissitudes of the Vietnamese Economy from 1954 to the Present: Rice Agriculture, a Case Study." Their presentation to 100 International Voluntary Services alumni was held at Hotel Viking in Newport Nov. 1, 2018. Raymond is the author of several peer-reviewed journal articles on agrarian reforms in Vietnam, originating from his Ph.D. dissertation field research there in the 1990s.



Loyola isn't the only university that's had a Sister rooting for its basketball team. In the 1960s, Salve Regina's undefeated women's hoopsters had their own Sister on the sidelines coaching and cheering for them – professor of chemistry Sister Philemon Banigan (far right).

## Basketball, Nuns and Civil Rights

Basketball, nuns and civil rights are topics near and dear to Dr. Timothy Neary, associate professor,



chairman
of the
Department
of History and
coordinator of
the American
Studies
program.
His article,

"Basketball, Nuns and Civil

Rights: Loyola University Chicago Confronts Race in 1963," was featured in the peer-reviewed U.S. Catholic Historian journal last spring. He was also invited to present a seminar on his book, "Crossing Parish Boundaries: Race, Sports and Catholic Youth in Chicago, 1914-1954," at the Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History at Columbia University. During a Modern American Society and Culture seminar at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, Neary also served on a panel about 20th-century volunteerism and civil society.

#### **Talking Statues**

Michaela McMahon '19, an English literature and cultural and historic pres-



ervation major, has officially had her 15 minutes of fame – and then some. McMahon wrote a monologue that was chosen for one of Dublin's most

> popular statues, Molly Malone, a fictional character for whom the unofficial national anthem of Ireland is named.

> (I-r) Lord Mayor of Dublin Nial Ring, Michaela McMahon '19 and Failte Ireland representative Mark Rowlette with the iconic Molly Malone statue.

During her recent study-abroad semester in Ireland at University College Cork, McMahon contributed to the Talking Statues Dublin project, in which people can hear monologues by telephone as the statues tell stories about themselves.

After being invited back to Dublin for the launch of her monologue in August, McMahon was interviewed by national news outlets and featured in the Irish Independent, The London Times Ireland Edition and The Irish Times.

#### Campus Conversations with Dr. Nancy Schreiber



Meet Dr. Nancy Schreiber, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Seven years ago, Dr. Nancy Schreiber took a vacation in Newport with her

husband, Martin, to whom she's been married for 29 years.

"I'd never heard of Salve, but Martin took a picture of me sitting on the bench behind Ochre Court," Schreiber says. "Little did I know then that years later, I'd travel across the country to work here."

Practical and straightforward, Schreiber doesn't think there was anything more to that photo than mere coincidence. Instead, her outlook is ruled by a healthy optimism.

"I see this job as a big adventure," says the former business school dean of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. "My intention is to create the best experience possible for our students."

Fortunately for Salve Regina, Schreiber can separate the personal from the professional and follow her heart. Eighteen years ago, she left a potentially lucrative career as a corporate psychologist after teaching a class in organizational management.

"I fell in love with teaching," she explains. "A teacher has the opportunity to create a sacred space for students where they can grow personally and professionally."

As far as her mission goes, Schreiber sees herself as a bridge builder, but she's also a realist. "I'm here to represent the faculty and be their advocate, while balancing the needs of our students and the institution at large," she adds. "But I'm not the wizard. I alone can't fix problems, but together we can."

Quoting a Gallup poll, she adds, "Great leaders embody four attributes: hope, trust, compassion and stability.

"It helps to have a great sense of humor, too."

#### **Profile**

Dr. Nancy Schreiber became Salve Regina's provost and vice president of academic affairs July 1, 2018. Prior to that, she was dean of The Bill Munday School of Business at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas for four years, and associate dean of undergraduate business programs at the University of Dallas for seven. She was also an adjunct professor for the School of Management at University of Texas in Dallas for five years. She and her husband, Martin, have been married for 29 years. They live in Newport with their 10-year-old dog, Yenta.

#### Education

Dr. Schreiber received both her master's degree and her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy, and her bachelor's degree in sociology from Oberlin College. She is a licensed clinical psychologist in Texas, where she lived and worked for nearly 28 years. Dr. Schreiber has provided consulting services such as executive coaching, talent management and leadership development to executives in a number of organizations, including American Airlines Inc., Miller-Coors and Sabre Holdings.

#### **Publications and Professional Affiliations**

While Dr. Schreiber's career has centered on higher-education administration, she has taught business classes since 2000. Her recently published articles include "The Gender Pay Gap – Five Steps to Equal Wages" (Texas CEO Magazine, Nov./Dec. 2016) and "Let's Take Action Now on Equal Pay for Equal Work" (Bizwomen, Atlanta Business Chronicle, March 30, 2016). Recent

interviews with journalists include "Managing Conflict at Work: The Four Elements of Courageous Conversations" (Thrive Global, Aug. 1, 2018) and "How it pays to do good: Socially conscious companies on rise in Austin" (Academic Reviewer, 2012). She is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Society for Human Resource Professionals.



## The people, purpose and passion of the Salve community drew me here and make me want to stay."

- Dr. Nancy Schreiber, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

You left Austin, Texas, ranked by US News as the No. 1 place to live, for Salve Regina and Newport. What drew you here and makes you want to stay?

The people, the purpose and the passion of the Salve community. Like Salve students, I am a bit of an explorer and adventure seeker, and I get energized by the Mercy mission.

#### How would you describe what you do as provost and vice president of academic affairs?

As the chief academic officer, I am responsible for all academic programs and academic-related student issues. I partner with faculty to create the best learning environment for our students.

#### What's on top of your to-do list?

Building strong and trusting relationships with internal and external stakeholders. This starts with students and includes faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, donors, corporate partners, nonprofits and the community at large. Building positive relationships is always the foundation of creating a thriving organization.

#### What appeals to you most about the Catholic liberal arts tradition?

The holistic educational approach of a Catholic liberal arts education and the impact this has made and will continue to make on society.

## As a practicing psychologist and consultant, what do you think is the No. 1 stumbling block to success in organizations? What's the best way to overcome it?

Culture. As Peter Drucker so famously said, "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." Thriving organizations have thriving cultures and they are built on trust, transparency, collaboration and accountability. These cultures have people who take risks, make mistakes and learn from them. Blame has no place in thriving organizations.

#### If you could learn to do anything you've never tried before, what would it be?

I would love to be able to sing.

#### Which teacher influenced you most?

Throughout elementary school, I was always in the principal's office for being outspoken. I was a very curious student and attended a school with open classrooms, where we could go at our own pace. My fourthgrade teacher, Mrs. Crozier, was the first person who said, "Just go for it."

#### What's the best advice you've ever received?

When it becomes hard to deal with difficult people, try to see them as "extras" in your movie, because they are here to teach you something. Ask yourself what lessons you are learning from them.

#### Do you have a motto by which you live?

"Nevertheless, she persisted."

#### If you had your say, what book would you require everyone to read?

Malcolm Gladwell's "David and Goliath." The book's key point is to look at your disadvantages and see them as advantages.

#### What's your morning routine?

Quadruple espresso, check e-mail, read the obituaries of my hometown newspaper, then CNN, The New York Times and Huffington Post.

#### What's the best lesson you've learned the hard way?

Truth-telling can be painful and risky but necessary to create a culture of integrity, equity and performance.

#### What's your favorite quote?

"From what we get, we can make a living; from what we give, however, we can make a life," by Arthur Ashe.

#### What did you want to be when you grew up?

A sportscaster.

#### What are your strengths?

Resiliency and a sense of humor.

#### What about weaknesses?

Impatience.

#### What annoys you?

Duplicity.

#### What's on your list when you splurge?

Buying Salve swag at the bookstore.

#### What do you want people to say about you in 100 years?

She made me think and laugh.

If that kid can fight through this battle, I can certainly go under for an hour with some back pain."

- Patrick McGroarty '20



A nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston preps Patrick McGroarty '20 for surgery before he donated his bone marrow to a 6-year-old boy with cancer.

#### A Perfect Match

When Patrick McGroarty '20 was only a freshman, he signed up to become a bone marrow donor for Be The Match, a national organization working to cure blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. His mouth was swabbed, a sample of his DNA was taken and he forgot about it.

Then in August, McGroarty, a finance major and offensive lineman, received a call telling him he was a match for a 6-year-old boy with cancer.

His surgery was scheduled for Halloween day at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, so he'd have to miss the final two games of the season.

But that didn't stop McGroarty. "This was something I needed to do," he says. "The opportunity was there for me to help someone. That's what I've been taught to do my entire life."

Under full anesthesia, McGroarty had needles placed into the small of his back near the pelvis, where his bone marrow – the soft tissue where cancer-fighting white blood cells are produced – was removed.

"Once I heard the recipient was a 6-year-old boy, it was a no-brainer," says McGroarty, who was back on the field and playing again only two weeks later. "If that kid can fight through this battle, I can certainly go under for an hour with some back pain."

If the transplant goes well, Be The Match will organize a meeting between the two. "I really hope one day I can meet him if he wants to meet me," McGroarty says. "I'm just praying everything works out."

McGroarty isn't the only player on last year's football roster to make such a sacrifice. Drew Balestrieri '20 donated blood over the summer after learning he was a match, though his procedure was far less involved than McGroarty's.

"Neither one of them batted an eye," head football coach Kevin Gilmartin said. "They were excited about doing it. They didn't question what could happen. That's what makes Salve's football program a football family."

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Former Newport Mayor Henry Winthrop (front, right) presents a key to the city to President Jane Gerety, RSM, and the Seahawks football team for another outstanding season.

#### A Stellar Season

Two business administration majors – soccer player Jordan Elster '19 and Seahawk football defensive lineman Brandon O'Neill '19, finished their stellar season by being named to the Google Cloud CoSIDA Academic All-District\*. CoSIDA – the College Sports Information Directors of America – recognizes the nation's top male and female student athletes with Academic All-American honors for their performances on the field and in the classroom.

Elster and his soccer teammates had their most winning season in program history, finishing 16-1-2. "It's hard to complain about an undefeated regular season," he says. "I couldn't be more proud of the way my collegiate career ended."

In recognition of their achievements, the Seahawks football team was presented with a key to the city by former Newport Mayor Henry Winthrop Nov. 26, 2018. O'Neill and his fellow Seahawks played their 11th all-time postseason game and finished the season 7-4. "I'm so grateful to all my coaches and teammates for making the past four years so special," O'Neill says. "We fought to the very end."





The women's rugby club clinches the Colonial Coast Rugby Conference championship with a 63-14 win over Endicott Nov. 3, 2018.

## The Making of a Champion

For the first time in history, women's rugby heads to the national championships.

There's truth to the old saying that you have to watch out for the

quiet ones, especially when it comes to women's rugby. After years of making no noise, the club made its debut on the national collegiate rugby stage last fall for the first time in program history under the leadership of head coach Catherine Carmignani. The club ended their stellar season by placing third in the nation.

On the heels of an undefeated

season, the team won the Colonial Coast Rugby Conference championship, then brought home the regional championship crown after a 43-15 win over University of Rochester. The victory propelled the women to the national championships, where they faced off against Catholic University in the semi-final game at Life University in Marietta, Ga., Dec. 1.



#### The Fab Four

### Hall of Fame honors former athletes, coaches.

(l-r): Four athletes now have their names inscribed in Salve Regina's Athletics Hall of Fame – baseball and football standout Jason Brule '02, former athletics director and coach Lynn Sheedy '93 (M), basketball and tennis player Erin Phillips '11 and former men's ice hockey coach Tom Farrea. The fabulous four were inducted into the 11th Hall of Fame class during a brunch ceremony Sept. 30, 2018.

Seahawk fans ... for up-to-the-minute news and scores, visit us online at salveathletics.com/.

## Flight of the **Seahawks**

The women's cross-country team takes pre-game jitters to new heights.

sk head coach Robert McGuiness how his cross-country team prepared for their first meet of the season and you might be surprised to learn they jumped out of a plane.

Skydiving is how five Seahawk runners – Sydney DeCesare '21, Jillian LeBeau '21, Maggie McCarthy '21, Francesca Moore '21 and Olivia Owen '20 – started their season Aug. 31, 2018 only hours before their first Colt State Park meet in Bristol, R.I. They and McGuiness made their tandem jumps at Skydive Newport, located at the Newport State Airport in Middletown.

"I'm afraid of heights, so the scariest moment was when the door of the plane opened and I looked down and saw how high up we were," Moore says. "It was both beautiful and terrifying to see the landscapes and bodies of water below. Before I knew it, we were free-falling."

At the time, it seemed like a really great idea. "Skydiving was by the far the best

decision I've
ever made,"
DeCesare
says. "It was
so incredible
to see the
world from
a different
perspective
and make a

jump I would normally never do. The worst part was realizing what I'd gotten myself into when I looked out the door of the plane. But I would do it all over again."

Coach McGuiness made his first jump with Skydive Newport during preseason last year. "When I returned to campus afterward, a few of my athletes said they would have joined me had they known I was going," he says. "I told them we would skydive at preseason this year, and we did."

As it turns out, not all runners are jumpers. Of the 17 women on the roster, only five opted to skydive.

"They all had a blast," McGuiness adds. "I suspect we'll have at least that many skydivers next year, too."

The team had planned to jump earlier in the week, but wind conditions forced them to delay until Aug. 31.

"We jumped out of a Cessna 182 at lunchtime, and won the meet later that afternoon," McGuiness notes. "That combination is certainly a first for us, and possibly the most unique pre-meet activity I've ever done. Liv and Syd had scoring roles in the victory, too. Maybe their adrenaline had something to do with it."

Skydiving together is one way to warm up for a meet, and it definitely takes pre-game jitters to new heights.

"Doing something as terrifying as this made me realize that sometimes we need to do the things that scare us most to grow as

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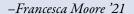
people," Moore says.

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– Robert McGuiness Head Coach, Women's Cross-Country Team

"Before I knew it, we were free-falling."

Francesca Moore '21









## We Had a Ball

#### Gala raises \$510,000 for scholarships, celebrates retiring President Jane Gerety, RSM.

Forty-two years after the first dance, the annual Governor's Ball topped the mark by raising \$510,000 for scholarships.

The event was particularly meaningful for retiring President Jane Gerety, RSM, who hosted the gala on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 for the last time. Under her leadership, scholarship funds raised by the ball have more than doubled.

Abigail Gray '19, who received a Presidential Scholarship for four years in a row, says that's a testimony to how many people love, respect and admire Salve's seventh president, whom Gray calls a "Salve icon." "Sister Jane embodies what we as Salve students strive for – grace, poise and deep compassion," Gray notes. "As members of the community surrounded her at the ball, it was clear they see her magic, too."

Michaela Simon '21, another Presidential Scholarship recipient, almost didn't make it to the ball. "I had an important hockey game that night, but I was supposed to work the ball as a member of Sigma Phi Sigma," Simon says. "My parents wanted to attend the ball and see me play, so they came to my game in their gown and tuxedo. Afterwards, I joined them at Ochre Court for the festivities. We had the best night, and it was incredible to be a part of such an extravagant event."

Since the Governor's Ball was established in 1977, the event has raised nearly \$9 million to benefit students like Simon, who says scholarships helped to make her education possible. "I appreciate every penny donated to Salve and I'm lucky to be able to attend such a great school," she adds. "Salve helped me grow beyond anything I ever imagined and I am eternally grateful. I can't wait to see where I end up after I graduate."



Rhode Island's first family – Andy, Thompson and Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo – are welcomed by President Jane Gerety, RSM.



President Jane Gerety, RSM, dances with her friends from Atlanta – Ed Lee, Kim Cambias, David and Stacey Fitzgerald and Nancy Lee – who all wore buttons stamped with the letters FOJ, for Friends of Jane.



Sigma Phi Sigma Mercy Honor Society students volunteer at the ball in keeping with a 42-year tradition.



FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL

### Governor's Ball



Liz Beretta-Perik and Michael Perik share a moment with President Jane Gerety, RSM. The Periks served as chairs of the gala, along with alumni committee chairpersons Christian Petrarca '90 and Cheryl Petrarca.



Former baseball teammates join current players' parents for a Seahawk family photo.



Dressed to the nines, Dr. Michael and Gail Simon, the parents of hockey player Michaela Simon '21, attend her game only hours before the ball.



It's official – Philip Bellafiore '08 goes down on bended knee to propose to Michelle Sagastume.

To see more photos from this event, please visit flickr.com/photos/salveregina/albums.

Twenty-three students are inducted into the Mercy honor society, Sigma Phi Sigma.



(I-r front): Meeting up at O'Brien's Pub are 2018 classmates Delaney Morris, Aryana Aslanzadeh, Hannah Reis and (back) Elizabeth Crawford, Amy Shea, Mary Eden, Meaghan Natal and Vanessa Joseph.



(I-r): Anderl Lara '18 and Robert Wotczak '18 attend a welcome back reception at O'Brien's Pub.



Chris Chavarria' 19 (right) enjoys Sunday brunch with his mother, Lisa.



(I-r): Charlie Baldwin, his sister Libby Baldwin '22 and their parents, Kate and Todd Baldwin, attend brunch at Ochre Court.



To see more photos from Fall Festival Weekend, please visit flickr.com/photos/salveregina/albums.

### The Honor Roll





(I-r): Brian and Carla Lynch, Rebecca Bertrand '08, Brett Morash '15 (Ph.D.) and Mary Lou Gualtieri Riker '68 are recognized during Fall Festival Weekend for their Salve spirit and achievements.

#### Brian and Carla Lynch 2018 Exceptional Parent Volunteers Award

Brian and Carla Lynch may very well be Seahawk base-ball's No. 1 fans. Brian is a founding member of the Friends of Salve Baseball and, together with Carla, the two have been instrumental in raising funds for the team. Their son Jonathan, the team's starting pitcher, is now working on his master's degree in administration of justice with a concentration in cybersecurity.

Along with cheering for players from the sidelines, Jonathan's mom and dad show their Seahawk spirit by connecting with alumni and other parents. They've served on both the Governor's Ball and Dunes Club event committees and, as members of parent-orientation panels, provide support to others hoping to make their child's transition to college a success.

#### Rebecca Bertrand '08 2018 Outstanding Young Alumna Award

Rebecca Bertrand '08 graduated summa cum laude with her degree in cultural and historic preservation and a minor in theatre. She was then accepted into the University of Delaware's prestigious Winterthur Program, graduating in 2010 with her master's degree in American material culture.

After returning to New England to begin her career in fundraising and nonprofit management, Bertrand worked as a development associate for the Sandra Feinstein Gamm Theatre in Pawtucket, R.I. In 2012, she returned to the City by the Sea to work at the Newport Art Museum, where she served as director of development and interim museum director.

In the fall of 2017, Bertrand became executive director of newportFILM, a popular, year-round nonprofit documentary series featuring award-winning films curated from festivals around the world.

#### Brett Morash '15 (Ph.D.) 2018 Graduate Alumnus Award

Dr. Brett Morash is executive director of the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty, a national nonprofit preparing students for careers aimed at alleviating poverty.

Morash also served as director of operations and finance for the Bob Woodruff Foundation, dedicated to ensuring that injured veterans and their families receive support from their communities. He was also vice president of Services for the UnderServed, a New York City-based nonprofit focusing on the needs of thousands of veterans.

During his distinguished 20-year career with the Navy, Morash served on five ships and with the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa as the theater-security cooperation branch chief, supporting U.S. humanitarian assistance efforts.

#### Mary Lou Gualtieri Riker '68 2018 Mission Award

Mary Lou Gualtieri Riker '68 taught in Middletown, R.I., for over 30 years. During that time, she earned a nursing degree and two master's degrees in counseling and educational administration.

A Von Bulow Fellowship Award from the Newport Branch of the English-Speaking Union enabled Riker to study 20th-century literature, language and culture at the University of London. Also a recipient of Salve Regina's Distinguished Alumna Award in 1998, she was selected to be a Fulbright Teacher-Scholar in Japan as a guest of the Japanese government in 2001.

Her innovative fundraising skills have benefitted local charities and organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Barker Playhouse, the College Crusade, Players Theatre, Providence Performing Arts Center, Salve Regina, Trinity Repertory Company, Women and Infants Hospital and its program in women's oncology.



# Farewell, Old Friend

On July 25, 2018, one of the main limbs supporting the centuries-old weeping beech behind McKillop Library collapsed. After being reinforced for many years with supporting steel cables, the tree had succumbed to a powerful windstorm.

When the news broke on campus that a major portion of the beech was struck down during an overnight storm, it was a reminder of the day, two years ago, when our community gathered during Arboretum Week to bid farewell to this majestic beech. On that late afternoon, our community mourned the eventual loss of this campus icon with a New Orleans-style mock funeral. With the sound of Peter Davis' student jazz ensemble in our ears, we knew that one day other trees like it would fall.



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Reinforced from beneath by its roots and above by its limbs, which supported the tree like elbows, the ancient beauty of the weeping beech that once stood behind McKillop Library is celebrated in this photo by former photography professor Barbara Shamblin.

A New Orleans-style mock funeral is orchestrated by Peter Davis and Salve's jazz ensemble in 2016. Photo by Peter Davis.

s more of Salve's trees reach their natural centennial lifespan, protecting our remaining forest of over 1,000 trees, made up of more than 100 distinct species, is essential. The University's Arboretum — a botanical garden devoted to trees — was accredited in February 2016, but the work of understanding and conserving our historic landscape began years before.

In 2012, former President M. Therese Antone, RSM, chancellor, commissioned Bartlett Tree Experts to conduct an extensive tree inventory and condition analysis as part of a larger campus management plan for the hundreds of Gilded Age trees on Salve's 80-plus acres. Both conserving and preserving this unique landscape for future generations are major components of this plan.

Today, the Arboretum at Salve Regina features a publicly accessible walking tour around Wakehurst, available both on foot and online. Guests visit from across the state and region, from organizations such as the Rhode Island Tree Council and Rogers High School. During Fall Festival Weekend in September

"Salve Regina's beech trees are timeless reminders of nearly two centuries of living history. More than graceful giants on our landscape, they're old familiar friends."

- President Jane Gerety, RSM

2018, 60 visitors attended a guided tour conducted by arborist Christopher Fletcher of Bartlett Tree Experts, and Michael Chester, Salve's superintendent of grounds.

In the classroom, our Arboretum has become a living laboratory for biology and environmental science courses taught by faculty such as Drs. Jameson Chace and Anne Reid, who incorporate tree classification and soil analysis into their curricula.

But the appreciation of our natural wonders extends beyond our property lines and classroom walls. Salve Regina's campus has been distinguished nationally as a Level II arboretum by the Morton Arboretum's ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program. The Arbor Day Foundation also recognizes our Arboretum as a Tree Campus USA property, the only one of its kind in the state with such a distinction.

Behind the McKillop Library, visitors returning to where this majestic tree once stood will now find a single sprout left behind that could unlock the genealogical heritage of this once towering giant. In partnership with the Newport Tree Conservancy and on-campus experts, plans are now in place to graft from this sprout with the hope of replanting the original tree from seed.

Though we will inevitably lose more of these signature icons as they age, we can take comfort in knowing the Arboretum exists today as an example of our commitment to preserve our natural resources and protect our living learning environment. We encourage every visitor to explore these majestic reminders of the Gilded Age and to experience the peace, awe and wonder they provide.

- Jason Black '03 (M)



To support our ongoing efforts to preserve and maintain Salve's unique trees and replant for future generations, please visit salve.edu/arboretum.

### Gifts from the Past

*In honor of the* 180-year-old Fernleaf Beech that once stood





outside McAuley Hall, a Fernleaf ornament molded from one of its leaves was created, along with a keepsake pen designed by Adam Zawalich '08 and crafted from the tree's original wood. Both are available to order online by visiting salve.edu/alumni and clicking on the commemorative gift collection icon. All proceeds benefit the Arboretum Fund for Salve Regina.



(I-r): William McGinty, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Heather Ann Thompson, Sally McGinty, Sarah London and John McGinty '01 meet before the John E. McGinty Lecture Series April 26, 2018. Photo by Sara Cooney.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. James McPherson (center) meets with Class of 2017 history majors Adriano Cirioli, Amanda Cronin, Mollie Surprenant, William Martin III, Caleigh Farragher, Christopher Liggio and Patrick Lyons before delivering the McGinty Lecture in History April 20, 2017. Kim Fuller photo.



## **Beyond these Walls**

Gifts from the McGinty family help students succeed, both in and outside the classroom.

hanks to gifts and grants from families and friends, Salve Regina awarded over \$11 million in aid to students this year and provided financial assistance to 99 percent of the freshman Class of 2022. "With so many parents depending on us to ensure their children's success, every gift, large or small, is making a difference," President Jane Gerety, RSM, says. "If I could tell our donors only one thing, it would be thank you for your continued faith in us, which enables our students to continue sharing in our tradition of academic excellence, rooted in our Catholic faith and Mercy values."

While students might not get to meet all the donors whose gifts benefit them, even small acts of kindness and generosity can have a lasting effect on their success. "Gifts from donors can make great things happen for our students," says Dr. John Quinn, professor of history, citing the family of one former American history major, John McGinty '01.

After John's father, a Salve Regina trustee, died in 2011 at the age of 65, the McGinty family honored his memory by providing funds to support student research projects, create the annual McGinty Lecture in History and endow the John E. McGinty Distinguished Chair in History, which has brought to campus professors such as Dr. Maureen Montgomery from New Zealand's University of Canterbury and Dr. William Issell from San Francisco State University.

#### "Having Pulitzer Prize-winning authors visit our classrooms to discuss their books with our students is one of the most special aspects of the John E. McGinty Lecture Series in History."

- Dr. Timothy Neary, Associate Professor of History

"These programs wouldn't be possible without the generosity of Sally McGinty, John's mother and the widow of John McGinty, to whom she was married for 40 years," Quinn says. "Making a gift in someone's name is such a great way to honor the memory of someone you love."

By way of example, Quinn notes that two student interns, both history majors, are now receiving stipends to chronicle Salve's history thanks to the McGinty family. "In this oral history project, our students are interviewing alumni, former administrators and professors," Quinn says, noting that McGinty funds also help provide students with summer housing. "Their audiotapes and transcripts now belong to the University's archives, where they will become a permanent part of our legacy."

Quinn notes that, to date, student researchers have interviewed over 20 people, including Chancellor M. Therese Antone, RSM, Brother John Buckley, Sister Patricia Combies, and Drs. Lois Eveleth, Jim Farrington and James Hersh. Now in its second year, the project will continue this summer.

For the past three years, the McGinty family gift has also brought Pulitzer Prize-winning authors to campus as featured speakers for the John E. McGinty Lecture in History. On April 25, Dr. William Taubman, the Bertrand Snell Professor of Political Science Emeritus at Amherst College, will present "The Rise and Fall of Mikhail Gorbachev – and Their Lessons for the Putin Era." The 2017 National Book Critics Circle Award finalist for his biography, "Gorbachev: His Life and Times" (Norton, 2017), Taubman also received the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award for "Khrushchev: The Man and His Era" (Norton, 2003).

Previous Pulitzer Prize-winning McGinty speakers have included Dr. Heather Ann Thompson, who lectured on "The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Why It Matters Today," and Dr. James McPherson, author of "Battle Cry of Freedom," who spoke on "Unconditional Surrender: The Failure of Peace Negotiations in the American Civil War." Thompson also met with community leaders at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in Newport and appeared as a guest on Salve's award-winning public television special, Story in the Public Square.

"Best of all," says Dr. Timothy Neary, associate professor of history, "these Pulitzer Prize-winning historians visit classes to discuss their books with students. These classroom interactions are one of the most special aspects of the John E. McGinty Lecture series."

Neary notes how students benefit from the McGinty fund in other ways. "From co-sponsoring an upcoming conference between the Pell Center and the Naval War College, to enabling students to work on their senior research projects by traveling to historical landmarks such as Gettysburg, the Holocaust Museum and Maze Prison in Northern Ireland, the McGinty family gift extends beyond our classroom walls."

Closer to home, students are exploring the rich historical treasures of New England through McGinty-sponsored field trips to such landmarks as the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, the Minuteman National Historic Park in Concord, Mass., Plimoth Plantation and Touro Synagogue in Newport.

Two former students, Mollie Surprenant '17 and Brittany Fox '18, who are now pursuing their master's degrees in history and archival sciences at Simmons University, have also served as McGinty Fellows. They participated in the 10-week Buchanan Burnham Summer Scholars Program in Public History at the Newport Historical Society, where Surprenant gave a talk on "Newport's Rosie the Riveters: The Hazards and Injustices Endured by Women Working at the Naval Torpedo Station during World War II," and Fox presented her research on Newport's transatlantic trade during the mid-18th century. Another student, Rose Durand '16, served at the Newport Historical Society during her senior year and is now enrolled in the master's degree program in museum studies at NYU.

"Students from other disciplines besides history are also benefitting from this fund," Neary adds. "This includes cultural and historic preservation and American studies majors."

Though he graduated almost 20 years ago, John McGinty says being an American history major has given him a solid foundation for a successful career in financial management. "The history department faculty were always there to help and keep us focused and on task," says McGinty, an accounts payable coordinator for the Boston Skating Club. "I remember Brother John Buckley always asking questions during our senior thesis reviews to make sure we stayed on point."

Grateful for the education Salve provided to John, Sally McGinty is proud to know their family's gift in honor of their father and husband will support the same tradition of academic excellence for future generations.

Now retired from the faculty of Harvard's Graduate School of Education, Sally is equally committed to education. "History is versatile," she says. "It's confusing and illogical because we, as humans, are all of those things. My husband John knew history was a moving target and he would be happy to see how variously our gift has enriched the educational experience of Salve's students."

- Deborah Herz '80, '92 (M)



## A Hero's Tale

#### Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. Dan O'Neil's has four legs and a tail.

atricia Inmann would say there's truth to the old adage that what goes around comes around, especially for her and a K-9 search-and-rescue dog named Ruby, a Border Collie and Australian Shepherd mix.

Six years ago, Inmann was the only person who refused to give up on Ruby, a problematic puppy living in a shelter run by the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention

of Cruelty to Animals (RISPCA). Unsuccessfully adopted by various families, Ruby was brought back to the shelter time after time. Each time, Inmann fostered her.

"Ruby was returned five times and found to be unmanageable because of her energy and untamable behavior," says Rhode Island State Trooper Daniel O'Neil '14 (M). "The RISPCA called us and

said they had a dog that needed a job to focus on. So we adopted her. Ruby's calling was search and rescue; she just didn't know it yet. When we adopted her she was 8 months old and seemed to love her name, so we kept it."

Since being assigned to partner with O'Neil six years ago, Ruby has become somewhat of a celebrity. In October, she received the National Search and Rescue Dog of the Year Award from American Humane, broadcast nationally on the Hallmark Channel Oct. 24, 2018. O'Neil accepted the award in Ruby's honor during a star-studded awards gala in Beverly Hills, featuring seven other canine category winners from across the U.S.

Remarkably, Ruby won the award for finding and rescuing Inmann's missing son, who had disappeared from his home in 2017. "Ruby and I answered the call and responded along with other K-9 teams," O'Neil says. "After hours of searching, we successfully found the missing teenager, who unfortunately was in grave medical condition."

State Police and EMS services removed the boy from the scene and transported him to a local hospital, where he made a full recovery. But, O'Neil says, "if it wasn't for the efforts of the State Police K9 Unit, that young boy's life may have been lost."

O'Neil is convinced Ruby's rescue was more than a mere coincidence. "I believe that was Ruby's way of saying thank you to Ms. Inmann for taking care of her during her rough beginning at the shelter," O'Neil explains. "Ruby was given a chance at life and ended up saving a life."

Along with her celebrity status, Ruby is also featured in the documentary "Searchdog," which recounts her rescue, her rigorous training to become a certified search-and-rescue K9 and her first official searches with O'Neil.

"The biggest case we ever cracked was finding a murdered woman," O'Neil says. "Ruby found her, buried 7.5 feet deep

behind a house in Cranston, R.I. Because of Ruby's alert, a backhoe was brought in and we dug all night until we located the body. The perpetrator was found guilty and is now serving a life sentence in jail."

Unlike her human counterparts, Ruby doesn't receive bonuses for working hard, but she does get extra hugs and kisses when she does a good job. She's also a huge fan of soft

chicken-liver treats.

"She gets the day off just like me, but being on the search-and-rescue team means we're on call 24/7," O'Neil says. "Ruby has a very enjoyable life at my house and enjoys playing fetch in our back-yard on her down time. When she's not working, she's our family pet. My wife Melissa and our two boys, Ryan, 7, and Gavin, 9, love her very

– Rhode Island State Trooper Daniel O'Neil '14 (M)

"Ruby was given

a chance at life and

ended up saving a life."

much, and she loves them back."

O'Neil says the greatest lessons Ruby has taught him are the value of living in the moment, recognizing that every person – and dog – needs a second chance, and loving what you do.

O'Neil also enjoys taking Ruby to speaking engagements at elementary schools. "During our school visits, children will ask me if Ruby is a real police dog," he says. "They don't believe she is, because she's so sweet, and they often ask me if they can take her home. I'm afraid I have to tell them no. Ruby will be spending the rest of her life with us."

#### K-9 Kisses



One of three K-9 officers in Salve Regina's family, Rhode State Police Detective Stephen Vinton '18 (M) introduces his partner, K-9 Nacoma, to a young spectator along the route at the Aquidneck Island National Police Parade May 6, 2018. Like many K-9s, Nacoma can spot a person of great character in any crowd. R.I. State Police photo.



## Partners in Grime

"Eighty pounds of happy" is how Justin Andreozzi describes Riggs, his K-9 partner and best friend.

One of the best questions

schoolchildren ask me is,

ustin Andreozzi, a Rhode Island State Trooper and master's degree candidate in administration of justice and homeland security, was only 28 when Riggs came into his life five years ago as a puppy.

Riggs, a bounding, playful 5-year-old German Shepherd, is Andreozzi's partner by day and family pet by night. The two eat together, live together, work together, take vacations

together and go home together at the end of the day. The only time they're apart is when Andreozzi sleeps or has to take a flight somewhere.

"Riggs can be overwhelming at times," admits Andreozzi, who named Riggs after a character from the movie "Lethal Weapon." "He can be a handful. But he doesn't seem to ever get tired of me."

In addition to loving him unconditionally, Riggs has taught Andreozzi some important life

lessons. "First, he taught me how underrated loyalty is," Andreozzi explains. "When you spend 24/7 with a dog, you have a greater appreciation of what true loyalty means. The bond between a handler and his K9 is indescribable."

Andreozzi says Riggs also taught him the importance of patience. "Hundreds and hundreds of hours go into training a police dog, and you get out what you put in," Andreozzi adds. "If you maintain a regimented training schedule, our dogs have incredible abilities."

Some of these extraordinary abilities include sniffing out bombs, finding missing persons and taking down hard-core criminals, so it's essential to be in peak physical condition. "Riggs forces me to stay in shape just to keep up with him," Andreozzi notes. "These dogs are physical specimens and can run for hours."

Life with a police K9 is full of adventures, and Riggs has taught Andreozzi to enjoy the ride. From his bed in the backseat of Andreozzi's cruiser, where Riggs has his own engraved water bowl and takes an occasional nap, he's taught Andreozzi the value of trust. "One of our retired sergeants always said, 'trust your dog,' and it's true," Andreozzi adds. "I never underestimate the abilities of the dog in my backseat."

Riggs has also taught Andreozzi how essential it is to keep your professional and personal lives separate. "Riggs is one of the few police K9s that can 'turn it off' when we get home," Andreozzi says proudly. "He's 80 pounds of happy, playful dog."

Finally, in a profession fraught with peril, it's essential to know which battles to pick. "Riggs taught me not to sweat the small stuff or dwell on things outside my control," Andreozzi adds. "Dogs are always happy and can put you in a good mood."

Last year, the pair received a special commendation for apprehending a murderer. Like Andreozzi, Riggs has his own bulletproof vest, and the job comes with a few extra perks as well.

"Riggs gets treats – usually steak – after large narcotics or currency seizures and apprehensions," Andreozzi adds. "At work, he's very intense and physically intimidating. At home,

he's our family pet."

Riggs even takes vacations with Andreozzi, his wife Ayla and their 5-year-old daughter Aubree. "Growing up together, Aubree tormented Riggs, or 'Riggsyboy' as she likes to call him," Andreozzi says. "When she pulled his tail or ears, he would just look up at me. If he could talk he would have said, 'Please get this kid off me.' But he's great with children, and has never shown any aggression toward anyone he wasn't supposed to."

After Riggs retires from the State Police, he'll live out his days with the Andreozzis. In the meantime, the two partners in crime will continue to serve, protect and look out for each other.

"One of the best things about this job is when Riggs and I are invited to visit elementary schools," Andreozzi adds. "Some of the best questions kids have asked me during school visits were: 'Does Riggs bite you? Does it hurt? Has Riggs ever shot anyone? Has Riggs ever eaten anyone?' Fortunately, the answer to all those questions is no."

# 'Has Riggs ever eaten anyone?' Fortunately, the answer is no." - Rhode Island State Trooper Justin Andreozzi Master's Degree Candidate

#### The 10 Commandments of K-9s

- 1. Be loyal.
- 2. Be patient.
- 3. Make time to play.
- 4. Stay in shape.
- 5. Don't take your work home.
- 6. Know which battles to pick.
- 7. Don't sweat the small stuff.
- 8. Live in the moment.
- 9. Recognize that every person and dog needs a second chance.
- 10. Love what you do.





#### Alumni artists put on a show.

Lili Driscoll is only 13, but she's wise beyond her years. The daughter of Dan Driscoll '87, Lili accompanied her father to the opening reception of the 2018 Alumni Art show, where his work was exhibited along with 18 other Salve graduates. "He paints fish," Lili says proudly, pointing to her father's paintings in the Ochre Court Library, where alumni artwork was on display from Oct. 25 to Nov. 8.

Ask Lili what it's like to have a father who's an artist, and she beams with pride. "It's very original, compared to other kids," she says. "While other kids are waiting for their dads to come home, my dad is there. He taught me how to express myself."

Driscoll is director of graphics for Rhode Island Novelty. Like other alumni who've graduated with degrees in the arts, he's found a way to do what he loves and make a living.

"Our graduates work as teach-

ers, TV producers and photographers, to name just a few," says Gerry Perrino, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Art and Art History. "A career in the arts is often discouraged based on the misconception that there aren't enough job opportunities, but art is an absolutely viable profession."

Professional photographer Marianne Groszko Lee '01, who also exhibited at the show, agrees. She says artists today

have many more options for getting their work recognized through social media outlets such as Twitter than they did when she started college almost 20 years ago.

When she isn't taking photos for clients, which include educational institutions, magazines, restaurants and corporations, Lee is vice chairman of the American Society of Media Photographers. She also helps her husband run

> his mobile bike shop, Velofix, and enjoys cyclocross bike racing, the subject of her exhibit.

> With so many successful alumni to brag about, both Perrino and exhibit director Ernest Jolicoeur admit that narrowing down the finalists for the show wasn't easy.

> "We started with a list of 274 graduates who majored in the arts," Perrino notes, "but we had enough space for only 18."

"Our exhibit featured 30 years of alumni work through the lens

of the six different disciplines we offer – ceramics, graphic design, illustration, interactive media, painting and photography," says Jolicoeur, assistant professor of art. "The magnificence of Ochre Court highlighted the connection between the present and the past, between the promise of our unique undergraduate opportunities and the proven success of our alumni in art and design."

- Deborah Herz '80, '92 (M)

" A career in the arts is often discouraged based on the misconception that there aren't enough job opportunities, but art is an absolutely viable profession."

— Gerry Perrino, Associate Art Professor



Alumni art exhibitors include Jordan Thuman '16, Whiteley Foster '16, Rachel DeLuca '16, Art Ballelli '95, Marianne Groszko Lee '01 Philippe Berthiaume '87, Dan Driscoll '87, Andrew Maglathlin '02 and Roy St. Christopher Rossow '98.



Dan Driscoll '87 (right) is joined at the alumni art show by family members Donovan, Isabelle and Lili.



Marianne Groszko Lee '01 chats with Gerry Perrino, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Art.



Artists, friends and former college roommates Roy St. Christopher Rossow '98 and Art Bellelli '95 exhibit at the show.



Whiteley Foster '16 exhibits her cartoons, illustrations and a graphic design novel.

### Alumni News and Notes

### The Way We Were

Photos courtesy of the 1954, 1959 and 1994 Regina Maris yearbooks.



Sociology major Deanna Mannix Ousler '59 and her classmates are celebrating their 60th reunion in June.



Sister Mary Mercedes teaches an art class outside what is now the Misto Gatehouse.



Students in their starched, crisp, white uniforms and caps meet with their instructor long before nursing scrubs became the standard.



The fashion-forward Marie Lazlo Hasson '59 brushes snow from the stairs.



Sophomores, wearing white, begin the traditional laurel-chain dance for seniors on class day, while a four-legged feline lurks in the foreground (far right).



Tressa Basher Kovacs '94 and her classmates are celebrating their 25th reunion in June.



Sister Mary Christopher, former president and sociology professor, double-checks the list for the Red Cross Motor Corps before local children arrive on campus.



(l-r): Teresa Silvia '85, Mary Lyons and Diane Silvia '82, bookstore managers, welcome students to campus.

#### Who's Who?

#### **Caption This**

Send us a caption and tell us who's in these yearbook photos, and we'll feature your answers in the upcoming spring issue.

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(l-r): Mary Anne Flannery Harrington '58, Patricia Smith Reed '58, Carol Flynn Hoyle '58 and Florence Rose Agresti '58 enjoy their 60th reunion luncheon celebration in June. All are also graduates of St. Mary Academy-Bay View. Kim Fuller photo.



Mary Lou Gualtieri Riker '68 receives Salve Regina's 2018 Mission Award from President Jane Gerety, RSM. Riker was nominated by Robert Gondola '06 (right). Kim Fuller photo.

#### 1960s



Sister Maureen Mitchell '67 is the new president of the Sisters of Mercy Northeast. Cathy Walsh/Sisters of Mercy Northeast photo.



Victoria Almeida '73, Esq., is a 2019 Lawyer of the Year.

1967: Maureen E. Mitchell, RSM, '67 is the new president of the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community. Formerly community vice president, Sister Maureen ministered for over a quarter century as a clinical pastoral education supervisor, most recently for the Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Health Care System, where she taught seminarians and military chaplains how to spiritually accompany veterans. She also served for many years as a chaplain for Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, and ministered as a principal and teacher at the former Nazareth Hall schools in Attleboro and Fall River, Mass. A former member of the medicine and spiritual committee at Brown University School of Medicine, Sister Maureen has also served on other committees in hospitals and hospice settings, and on certification committees for chaplains and clinical pastoral education supervisors. Sister Maureen earned her certification as a clinical pastoral education supervisor through the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. Her doctor of ministry degree is from Andover Newton Theological School and she received her master's from the University of Connecticut.

1968: Mary Lou Gualtieri Riker '68, a retired English teacher in the Middletown, R.I., school system and a former Fulbright teacher-scholar, received the 2018 Salve Regina Mission Award during Fall Festival Weekend Sept. 29. Read more on page 19.

#### 1970s

1971: Patricia A. Corvello '71 has been named interim principal of the New Milford Hill and Plain Elementary School in Connecticut, Corvello retired in 2014 after serving as principal at Plantsville Elementary School in Southington, Conn., since 2008. She also served as the TEAM district coordinator. Corvello started her career in Watertown as a teacher in 1979. She also served in district-wide coordinator positions and was principal of Judson Elementary School. After earning her bachelor's degree from Salve Regina, Corvello received her master's at Western Connecticut State University. Certified in intermediate administration and supervision and as a reading consultant, she holds a sixth-year professional diploma in administration and supervision from Southern Connecticut State University.

1973: Victoria M. Almeida, Esq., '73 has been named a 2019 Lawyer of the Year in Government Relations Practice, Providence, by Best Lawyers in America. Almeida is a shareholder and co-chair of the government relations practice group at Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

1975: Dan Taylor-Stypa '75, adjunct professor of theological ethics at Saint Joseph College and president of Sister Cities Essex Haiti, recently hiked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain, following in the footsteps of spiritual pilgrims dating back to medieval times.

#### 1980s

1980: Paul J. Murawski '80 is director of marketing and trademark licensing at Yale University.

1981: Richard S. Curry '81, a senior State Department security assistant based at the U.S. Embassy in London, writes, "I'm living the diplomatic life in London, thanks



Tammi McCarraher '86, '91 (M) (center) speaks with Maile Thongsythavong '19 (left) and Dan McKillop '19 during a career networking event for finance and accounting majors. Andrea Hansen photo.



Legacy graduate Liam Loiselle '18 and his mother, Miriam Grillo Loiselle '87, celebrate Liam's graduation last May. Andrea Hansen photo.

to my wife." Curry has served for over 34 years as a federal law enforcement officer with extensive experience in conducting, leading and supervising complex and sensitive criminal investigations.

1986: Tammi J. McCarraher '86, '91 (M), budget officer and division head of the comptroller department at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, joined other alumni panelists on campus Sept. 24, 2018 to talk to students about careers in finance and accounting.

1987: Miriam Grillo Loiselle '87 returned to campus to celebrate the graduation of her son, Liam T. Loiselle '18, an administration of justice major who is now pursuing his master's degree at Salve in homeland security. A police officer with the Barnstable, Mass., Police Department, Liam began attending the Police Academy in September, and Miriam recently finished up her 30th year of teaching first grade at Barnstable's Centerville Elementary School. "This is the school where I also student taught," she adds. "I was lucky that the Sisters of Mercy came to observe me on the Cape. I cannot imagine teaching anywhere else. I love it, and it is actually the same elementary school that Liam went to as well." Liam, who graduated 31 years after his mom, praises the education they both received. "Salve instilled faith, a passion for learning and gave us both an excellent education," he writes. Jeanmarie A. McGee, LCSW, '87, recently celebrated her 11th anniversary as a hospice medical social worker at Beacon Hospice in Rhode Island, where she provides hospice clinical services to patients and their families. Michael A. Stankosky '87 (M), a professional lecturer at George Washington University,

has authored a book, "21 for 21: Leading the 21st-Century Global Enterprise," published in April by Emerald Publishing Group. "I owe this, in part, to the education I received at Salve," he writes. "I'm proud of Salve's role in my career."

1988: Kristi McArdle Holden '88 is a registered nurse at South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth, Mass., where she also works per diem in the emergency room. As regional coordinator for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) Northeast program, Holden was instrumental in making South Shore Hospital an official S.A.N.E site. She and her daughter, fellow graduate and registered nurse Shannon E. Holden '16, train together and regularly compete in marathons. To read their story, turn to page 34.

**1989: Elissa C. O'Brien '89** has been promoted to chief membership officer at the Society for Human Resource Management in Alexandria, Va.

#### 1990s

1991: Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby '91 (M), U.S. Maritime administrator, delivered the Maine Maritime Academy commencement address May 5, 2018 and spoke at the Naval Reserves Officer Training Corps commissioning ceremony.

1993: Sherry Albanese Fonseca '93 has joined Centreville Bank in West Warwick, R.I., as vice president and regional sales manager in residential lending. A member of the Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association, she is leading business development and building the bank's residential mortgage origination team.

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Michael Stankosky '87 (M) authors a book on leadership.



Sherry Albanese Fonseca '93 is vice president at Centreville Bank.

### **Going the Distance**

risti McArdle Holden '88 crossed the finish line of the Boston Marathon only minutes before the 2013 bombs that killed three people and injured hundreds of others exploded. Inspired by her mother's courage, Shannon Holden '16, a neonatal intensive care nurse at South Shore Hospital, made her debut at the Boston Marathon April 16, 2018.

Despite temperatures of only 38 degrees, steady rain and stiff 28-mile per hour gusts, Holden was determined to cross the finish line.

"For about a week I heard, "The weather is going to be so horrible. What are you going to do?" Holden says. "I responded the same way each time: I'm not going to let myself get worked up over it. The weather is one of the only things I can't control and I've run in worse."

Wearing bib No. 13020, Holden was called to the starting line at 10:25 a.m. The wind and rain were unrelenting, but Holden opened with a few steady splits, reaching 5K (3.1 miles) at 22 minutes, 53 seconds, and 10K (6.2 miles) at 45 minutes, 37 seconds.

"I was soaked, but I embraced the rain and tried to stay positive," Holden said. "When the winds would pick up or there was a big downpour, I would put my head down, tough through it, and thank God I made it through another trying part."

The last miles of her 26.2-mile trek proved to be as steady as the first, even as Holden climbed Newton's infamous Heartbreak Hill. Slowing only a little, she looked to the spectators – and her family – to maintain her morale.

"I knew I would start to see my family around mile 19. That helped the miles pass more quickly," Holden says. "People were cheering on every stretch of road, and the crowds helped so much. I was absolutely soaking it all up."

On her last turns she spotted her family in the crowd and surged for the final few strides.

"I crossed the finish line and started crying – very happy tears – and hugging complete strangers," she says. "It was an experience I will never forget. I consider myself so blessed to be able to do it."

A former cross-country captain who set and shared multiple records at Salve, Holden not only crossed the finish line, but did so in a personal-best time of 3 hours, 12 minutes and 19 seconds, averaging seven minutes, 21 seconds per mile, and placing 3,755th overall.

Holden credits her mother Kristi, who's run three Boston Marathons and nine career marathons, for getting her started in a sport she's grown to love.

Also an RN at South Shore Hospital, Kristi crossed the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon only minutes before bombs began exploding. The Holden "I crossed the finish line and started crying – very happy tears – and hugging complete strangers."

> – Shannon Holden '16 Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth, Mass.



Boston Marathon runners and Salve graduates Shannon Holden '16 (left) and her mom, Kristi McArdle Holden '88. Photo by Rob McGuinness.

family was on Boylston Street watching the race, and Shannon, then a freshman, was in Newport, awaiting word from the scene.

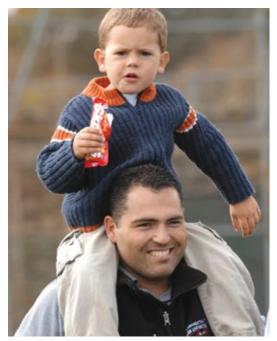
The Holdens, thankfully, were unharmed.

"For that hour when I couldn't reach them, I was thinking the worst," Holden said. "It was a very emotional time, but it only added fuel to the fire of my Boston Marathon goal."

While the thought of training for another marathon right now is daunting, Holden says, "I have a feeling, that in a year, I will be itching to do it again. I don't think I can say no to the Boston Marathon."

- Rob McGuinness

Editor's note: Rob McGuiness, head coach of the Seahawk women's track and field team and assistant cross-country coach, trained with Holden for the Boston Marathon.



Erik Costa '96 and his son Trevor attend a Seahawks football reunion game. Andrea Hansen photo.



Craig '97 and Beth Hughes '04 are the proud parents of newborn Connor Hughes.

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1996: Lt. Erik M. Costa '96 and Melissa Lamb Costa '98 live in Stonington, Conn. He works for the Connecticut State Police as commander of Troop F in Westbrook, and Melissa is working for the Brooklyn School Board of Education. Their son Trevor plays football for the Stonington Bears Youth Football program and their daughter Leah is a member of the Liverpool Soccer Elite team. "We are living the Seahawk life!" Erik writes.

1997: Kevin J. Farrell '97 and his wife Susan have been traveling since he retired from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Most recently they visited Israel and Jordan for a three-week trip, and in December they explored Austria and Hungary. Craig M. Hughes '97, '02 (MBA), district vice president at Charter Financial Group, and Beth Reitman Hughes '04, a pre-K teacher at Sweet Peas Village, are featured in the September 2018 spotlight on Salve Regina's alumni web page.

1998: Alfredo O. Antolin Jr. '98, special assistant to the Office of the Governor of Guam and a Republican Senatorial candidate, was featured in an Aug. 15, 2018 article in the Guam Daily Post. Roy St. C. Rossow '98, a painter and illustrator based in New Bedford, Mass., continues to add to his portfolio of drawings and oil paintings of the whaling city. His "New Bedford Rooftop Sunrise," a 40- x 14-inch oil on panel, was featured in the George Billis Gallery Los Angeles Invitational Show July 24-Aug. 25, 2018. Rossow and two of his college friends – Margo Mungovan



Michael Budd and Bonnie Anderson Budd '99 enjoy a hike at Blue Hills Reservation.

Keefe '97 and Lisa Julien-Hayes '97 – recently met up for a mini-reunion of their own at Rossow's studio. Visit rossow-web. com for recent works.

1999: Bonnie Anderson Budd '99, owner and chief chef of Course Kitchen, the consulting firm she founded, is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in education at Northeastern University, where she is specializing in curriculum, teaching, learning and leadership. Budd is also the new director of online learning at Bryant University. After more than 10 years of creating online learning experiences for various organizations, including three years managing learning-design initiatives at Harvard University's professional schools, she launched Course Kitchen to provide instructional design



Travel writer David Kriso '99 at New York City's State Pier.

services to industry and academia. **David E. Kriso '99**, travel writer, is working as a part-time guest check-in representative for the Oceana Insignia cruise ship, operated by SMS International Shore Operations at the New York City pier. His recent article, "Views of a Check-in Agent," was published in the July/August 2018 issue of Cruise Travel magazine, and his feature on cruising etiquette appeared on Porthole.com Oct. 17, 2018. Kriso also presented a lecture on "Amtrak: Staying on track with America's railroad" in Bergenfield, N.J.

## **Hot Off the Press**

Kate Howard '04 adds managing editor to her award-winning career.

ate Howard '04 is a national award-winning investigative reporter for the same reason she was a great student: she's not afraid to ask tough questions.

Whether she's asking why black youth fare worse in Kentucky's justice system, investigating allegations of sexual harassment against employees of public agencies or finding out who lined their pockets with \$690 million in no-bid contracts at Nebraska's state university, Howard practices what she calls "watchdog" journalism.

"Call it whatever you like, but the job is the same: to meet people," Howard writes on her LinkedIn page. "Listen. Consider their motivations. Be true to their stories."

Howard became managing editor of the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting last July after joining the NPR affiliate in 2016 as a reporter. Only a year later, she received a national Investigative Reporters & Editors Award in the small-market radio category for her story, "The University of Louisville Foundation Bought an Empty Factory in Oklahoma – Because a Donor Asked."

Now, in her new position, Howard wears any number of hats, from editing stories to overseeing the work of other reporters to occasionally hunting down a story herself. "Whether we're covering sexual harassment, immigration issues or public housing problems, we try to give a voice to the disenfranchised in Louisville and throughout Kentucky," she says. "We're member-supported and our resources are limited, but I'd love to get more reporters in here. There's so much more we could do."

Starting with her days at Salve Regina, Howard has proven she can get things done, and done well. A native of Warwick, R.I., she was initially drawn to Salve by the beauty of its setting. "I made the decision with my 18-year-old's brain," she says. "I loved the campus – what else did I need to know?"

A psychology major when she first felt the pull of journalism, Howard changed her major to English. Under the guidance of her professor, Dr. Donna Harrington-Lueker, Howard took every course she could related to journalism.

"Dr. Harrington-Lueker was a wonderful mentor to me," Howard recalls. "She really helped me find my "We try to give a voice to the disenfranchised in Louisville and throughout Kentucky."

– Kate Howard '04 Managing Editor Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting



way to this career that I enjoy so much. At the same time, she helped me become a better writer. She didn't hesitate to call BS when she thought my work wasn't up to its potential."

After completing a senior-year internship at The Newport Daily News, Howard was hired full time. She stayed for a year before exploring new opportunities, landing reporter jobs at The Tennessean in Nashville, The Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville and The Omaha World-Herald.

Such a nomadic life is fairly common for journalists, Howard says. "In this business, you go where the jobs are," she explains. "And hopefully, each time it means new experiences, more responsibility and better pay."

Howard hopes her new position as managing editor might bring another, more welcome benefit – stability. "Now that I'm in a leadership role, and we have some challenges I'd really like to tackle, I hope I can make a commitment to this job and this area.

"I may even buy a house," she adds. "After so much moving around, it sounds kind of crazy to me when I say it out loud, but I think I'd really like that."

Steve Cardone



Sarah Kelly '01, '08 (M) opens her own private therapy practice. Photo by Ralph Tavares '07 (MBA).



Daniel Czajkowski '02 sails Long Island Sound with Karon Hagen Velek '03, David Velek '03, '09 (MBA), Mike Knudsen '00, Bennington Velek, Willoughthorpe Velek and Alex Knudsen.

### 2000s

2000: Sergio G. Gonzalez '00 is the new associate head coach of the Ohio State University women's soccer team. Formerly associate head coach of the Indiana University Hoosiers women's soccer team, Gonzalez has 18 years of coaching experience on all levels. At Indiana, he helped guide his teams to a second-round appearance at the 2013 NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament and a semifinal and quarterfinal appearance in the 2013 and 2016 Big Ten Tournament. Gonzalez also coaches on the national level for the U.S. Soccer Federation, where he is the U16 and U17 Women's National Team goalkeeper coach. Since 2006, he has worked with the U.S. Soccer Olympic Development Program as the Region II head goalkeeper coach. A three-time soccer captain at Salve, he still holds the record for most career saves (425), wins (32) and shutouts (22), earning three all-conference honors and receiving the Male Athlete of the Year Award in 1999-2000. After graduating with his degree in administration of justice, Gonzalez earned his master's in student personnel. He and his wife Megan have three children: Aiden, Liliana and Nora.

2001: Sarah E. Kelly '01, '08 (M) has opened her own private therapy practice at 4 Calvert Street in Newport, where she specializes in anxiety, depression, trauma and PTSD. A trained Hakomi and Yoga therapist, her work with clients focuses on mindfulness-based, body-centered psychotherapy. She is currently earning her doctorate at Seton Hall University, works as a per-diem psychotherapist in an intensive outpatient program for college students at Butler Hospital in Providence and is a therapeutic yoga teacher. Kelly also volunteers with the Rhode Island Court Appointed Special Advocates program and Day One, Rhode Island's sexual

assault and trauma resource center.

2002: Daniel F. Czajkowski '02, a retail technology technical team lead at Doctor's Associates Inc., writes, "I recently shared summer fun on Long Island Sound in Clinton, Conn., with three other Salve alums - Karon Hagen Velek '03, David Velek '03, '09 (MBA) and Mike Knudsen '00. We all sailed for Salve between 1997 and 2002, and had a great time sailing and reuniting over the weekend on Mike's boat along with family members Bennington Velek (age 3), Willoughthorpe Velek (age 7) and Alex Knudsen (age 9)." Michael J. Schmitt '02, assistant vice president of risk management for Tides Family Services in West Warwick, R.I., was recently honored as a 40 under 40 professional on the rise by Providence Business News. Schmitt began working at Tides as an outreach and tracking caseworker in 2002. During his 17-year career, he served as supervisor of the Youth Transition Center, director of treatment programs and director of quality management. Recently promoted to assistant vice president of risk management, Schmitt is in the upcoming class for the Next Generation Lasallian Leadership Institute. He participated in the juvenile detention alternatives initiative and was the lead coordinator for the National Council on Accreditation. "My proudest moments at Tides have been working on the team that received two consecutive expedited Best Practice Certificates from the Council on Accreditation and watching our number of graduating students rise and succeed over the years," he says. A certified USA Hockey Official, he also volunteers with the Providence Bruins youth hockey program and lives in Cumberland, R.I., with his wife, Amanda Budrock Schmitt '03, and

their son Dylan.



Sergio Gonzalez '00 coaches soccer at Ohio State University. Ohio State University photo.



Michael Schmitt '02 is honored as a 40 under 40 professional on the rise. Tides Family Services photo.

Kate Grenci '07, Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey camp director and property manager, visits London on a business trip in January 2018.



(from left): Cory Thurston-Lallo, Kate Brooks, Sarah McLain Nekrasz '08 and Lois Thurston-Mass represent three of the four generations of nurses in their family. Andrea Hansen photo.

**2004:** David R. Ellis '04, director of communications and marketing at Sacred Heart School in Kingston, Mass., recently checked in from Ho Chi Minh City in Saigon during a recruiting trip to Vietnam.

**2005:** Elyse M. Goodman '05, '18 (M), formerly an officer with the Goffstown, N.H., Police Department, now serves with the U.S. Marshals Service. Goodman was recently a panelist during a career networking night at Salve for administration of justice majors.

2007: Kate E. Grenci '07 is director and property

manager of Camp Agnes DeWitt and The OVAL, two American Camp Association (ACA)-accredited Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey camps. "I oversee summer day-camp, year-round rentals and programs available to our membership of nearly 18,000 girls and over 2,000 troops," Grenci writes. "We also operate a conference center and event venue on one of the properties, available to anyone year-round." Also an accreditation visitor for ACA, a community of camp professionals over 11,000 members strong, Grenci serves on the committee for

### **A Knock-Out Year**

### Entrepreneur Kyle Kilcoyne '09 has no time to punch a clock.

When he isn't starting up a new business or selling an old one, entrepreneur and former business and economics major Kyle Kilcoyne '09 fights for great causes.

On Thursday, May 17, after months of training, he jumped into the boxing ring to battle cancer in the 2018 Haymakers for Hope's Rock 'n Rumble, coming up with two knockdowns in the first and third round, and raising \$700,000 with his Boston fight group to benefit Dana Farber's Cancer Research Institute.

Kilcoyne knows how to make the most of his time, so while he was training for the bout, he sold the high-tech company he co-created, called Confirm, to Facebook.

Then, in April, before he even got into the boxing ring, Kilcoyne co-founded an artificial intelligence voice commerce startup, called AVOX.io, with two former engineers from Amazon Alexa, Audible.com and Zipcar.

"Our focus is building tools to enable small and medium online retailers to service customers through personal voice assistants, from Amazon's Alexa to Google's Assistant," says Kilcoyne, the company's chief operating officer. "Right now, the market is pretty early, but there are estimates that it's going to grow enormously by 2025."

The company is already serving more than two dozen customers, including Shopify, and has launched



Kyle Kilcoyne '09 (left) puts on his boxing gloves to fight cancer.

its first product, called ShopClerk, that integrates Amazon Alexa directly into Shopify stores. The app allows customers to track their orders by simply saying, "Alexa, ask Shop Clerk: where's my order?"

All in all, it's been a knock-out year for Kilcoyne. "It's been a busy 2018 to say the least," he says. "I'm looking forward to an even more spectacular 2019."

Editor's Note: Portions of this article were excerpted from a May 7 Bostinno article by Lucia Maffel, "3 Amazon, Zipcar and Confirm Vets Are Launching a New Voice Sales Software Startup."

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Rebecca Bertrand '08 (left) receives Salve Regina's 2018 Outstanding Young Alumni Award from President Jane Gerety, RSM. Bertrand was introduced by Michael Fisher '06 (right). Kim Fuller photo.



Mark Jumper '09 (Ph.D.), president of Regent University's Faculty Senate, wears his Salve colors at Regent's commencement.



Matt Finlayson '08 returns to campus as assistant athletic director.

the association's New York and New Jersey nonprofit camp conference and participates in the Emerging Professionals in Camping program. She received her master of education degree in human development and psychology from Harvard in 2008. Audrey E. Haggar '07, '08 (M) is a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Honolulu, Hawaii. She was recently a panelist for a career networking event at Salve for administration of justice majors.

2008: Rebecca J. Bertrand '08, executive director of newportFILM and former development director at the Newport Art Museum, received a 2018 Outstanding Young Alumni Award from Salve Regina during Fall Festival Weekend Sept. 29. Read more on page 19. Matthew J. Finlayson '08 has returned to campus as assistant athletic director for external relations and marketing. The former owner of the Ocean State Waves baseball team, Finlayson attended graduate school at the University of Massachusetts Isenberg School of Management, where he also held graduate assistantships in research and teaching. At Salve Regina, he will direct athletic strategic marketing plans, fundraising initiatives, branding and community relations. Sarah McLain Nekrasz '08 is a registered nurse at Newport Hospital, where she is the clinical manager of Turner 2, a medical and surgical floor, overseeing daily operations. Nekrasz and her mother, grandmother, sister and niece represent four generations of nurses in her family. Featured in a May 5 Newport Daily News story by Matt Sheley, "Local family has four generations of nurses," Nekrasz says she and her sister didn't have a burning desire to become nurses and their mother never pushed them. "[But] once I started working as a nurse, I realized this

truly was what I was meant to do," Nekrasz says. Nekrasz received her master's degree from Walden University after earning her bachelor of science in nursing at Salve Regina.

2009: Clinton E. Day '09 (MBA) has founded the entrepreneurship program at the State College of Florida and wrote the Bar Charts entrepreneurship quick-study guide found in most college bookstores. Day is also the author of "Set Your Own Salary, A Guide to Entrepreneurship and Financial Independence" and "Understanding Lean Startup." He is also editor of the popular blog, "Current in Entrepreneurship," which helps entrepreneurs stay connected, at clintoneday. com. Michael C. DelRose Jr. '09 is a real-estate consultant at ShelterZoom and director of marketing at Mike DelRose Team. He and his wife Colleen live in Belmont, Mass. Mark A. Jumper '09 (Ph.D.) was elected president of the Regent University Faculty Senate in Virginia Beach, Va. Jumper wore his Salve Regina colors as he led Regent's commencement platform party May 12, 2018.



Author Clinton Day '09 (MBA) is founder of the entrepreneurship program at State College of Florida.



Sarah Baker '10 is an operations project manager at Disney's Streaming Services.

### **2010s**

2010: Sarah (Sal) A. Baker '10 is the new operations project manager at Disney Streaming Services. Angelina L. Berube '10 was recently an extra in the movie "Daddy's Home 2." When she's not rubbing elbows with the stars, Berube provides public relations services for the Manchester New Hampshire Monarchs and works as a freelance news editor for Captivate. Andrew O. de Labry '10, '15 (MBA), audit manager for Sansiveri, Kimball & Co. in Providence, joined other alumni panelists on campus Sept. 24, 2018 to talk to students about careers in finance and accounting.

Kyle J. Fritch '10 is a fourth-grade teacher in the Newton, Mass., public school system. Lauren P. Janes '01 is senior administrator in the development department of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate. The Institute is dedicated to educating the public about the important role of the Senate in government, encouraging participatory democracy and inspiring the next generation of lead-

ers. Michael E. Knoll '10, '11 (MBA), an assistant controller with Southcoast Health in Fairhaven, Mass., joined other alumni panelists to talk with Salve students about careers in finance and accounting during a networking event Sept. 24, 2018.

2011: Alli M. Jean '11 is senior research review coordinator for Lifespan in Rhode Island. Edwin Murenzi Wa Mutanguha '11

## From Script to Screen

All Maryelizabeth Pfund '15 needs to get through her workday is a computer, a hot spot and a phone.

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to have a superpower, then you're not alone. Maryelizabeth Pfund '15 knows exactly what powers she'd want: teleportation and speed.

When it comes to speed, this former Seahawks track and field sprinter already has an edge. She gets up every morning at five to run – before she's even had her first cup of coffee. An English communications major, Pfund can also be in several places at once if that's what it takes to get her job done.

As the script coordinator for a new PBS Kids Ready to Learn animated national TV series, Pfund has the best of both worlds. She works from her home in Hoboken, N.J., just outside New York

City, as the main contact person for the show's executive producer and head writer. In addition to coordinating 20 script writers, she works with PBS' educational curriculum team to make sure everyone is on the same page. "All I need is a computer, a hot spot and a phone, and I'm good to go," she says.

Because the show is still in the works, Pfund can't say too much about it. "I can't reveal all the details," she explains. "All I can say is it's about superheroes and science."

Developed and staffed in Minnesota through a grant to Twin Cities Public Television, the series features kids with budding superpowers who have to help others by applying their knowledge of science to save the day. "There's only one catch – their superpowers can't solve problems," Pfund adds. "The kids have to do it themselves by using their scientific know-how."

A fan of "Superman," "Sesame Street" and "Recess," Pfund has never met Elmo or Big Bird, but insists, "Someday I will. One day I'll be on Sesame Street. That's my long-term goal and I'm working my way there. I can't wait for that day."



Maryelizabeth Pfund '15 is the script coordinator for a new PBS children's TV series.

"In the end, I still tell stories that help people get through their day."

- Maryelizabeth Pfund '15

If her track record is any indicator, Pfund is already well on her way. This is her third job in television since graduating, when she started out as a production trainee at Fox 5 News WNYW on "Good Day New York." A year later, she was promoted to production assistant, editing and meeting tough deadlines to get stories into the newsroom.

"I had a wonderful time," she says.
"I just wasn't sure if it was something I wanted to do
my whole life. I knew I wanted to work with kids, so I
hunted and hunted for the right fit. Finding this job
with PBS was pure luck and chance."

So far, Pfund is handling the transition well. "I had a little whiplash going from hard news to children's media, but in the end, I still tell stories that help people get through their day," she adds.

Many people figure out what they want to do by realizing what they don't want, but not Pfund. "I've always known what I wanted," she says. "Maybe it was because I trained with great people at Salve like coach Matt Hird, who taught me that my efforts contribute to the entire team. I developed a wonderful work ethic with him as my coach."

Pfund credits professors such as Dr. Madeleine Esch, Dr. Donna Harrington-Lueker, James McGuire and Dr. Matt Ramsey for helping her succeed. "My teachers had such a passion," she says. "I'm very fortunate for what they've done for me. I'll always recommend Salve."

- Deborah Herz '80, '92 (M)



Brett Morash '12 (Ph.D.) (left) receives the 2018 Distinguished Graduate Alumnus Award from President Jane Gerety, RSM. Morash was introduced by Dr. Luigi Bradizza (right), associate professor of history. Kim Fuller photo.



Kate Simpson '13 opens her new shop, Shades of Vintage Marketplace, at 26 Child Street in Warren, R.I.

is a fourth-year doctoral student in the graduate program in molecular and cellular biology at University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he also serves as a research assistant. He is a member of the Clark Lab of Veterinary and Animal Science, where he obtained his master's of science degree in molecular and cellular biology. When he receives his Ph.D., he intends to work in industry, focusing on target-driven therapies for autoimmune and neurodegenerative diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Nicole L. Strandson '11 is a Spanish teacher for the Sharon, Mass., public schools. She earned her master's degree in education, with a concentration in Spanish, from Framingham State University.

2012: Alek A. Dykeman '12, a tax supervisor with Kahn, Litwin, Renza, and Co. in Providence, joined other alumni panelists to talk with Salve students about careers in finance and accounting during a networking event Sept. 24, 2018. Natalya E. Jaime '12 is social media coordinator for The Hollywood Reporter, working in the Greater Los Angeles area. Jaime manages the Reporter's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts and monitors awards coverage for the Grammys, the Golden Globes, the Screen Actors Guild Awards and more. Patrick A. Keenan '12, '14 (M), is the principal data architect for GuidePoint Security. Brett J. Morash '12 (Ph.D.), executive director of the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty, received the 2018 Distinguished Graduate Alumnus Award from Salve Regina during Fall Festival Weekend Sept. 29, 2018. Read more on page 19. Kelsey E. Murray '12 is senior social media strategist at Northwestern Mutual.

2013: Kaitlyn D. Boisvert '13 is an administrative assistant with Lifespan's healthcare system. Maire E. Buckley '13, '15 (M) is an assistant vice president at Wells Fargo in the Philadelphia area and an adjunct professor of financial crimes investigations at Salve Regina. She recently returned to campus to talk to administration of justice majors about careers. Michael C. Carmack '13 (M), an adjunct professor at Community College of Rhode Island and a cybersecurity ana-

lyst for Rite-Solutions Inc., recently returned to campus to talk to administration of justice majors about careers in cybersecurity. Miranda Hochberg Griffiths '13 is the new children's librarian at the Rowley Public Library in Rowley, Mass. She received her master's degree in library and information science from Simmons College. Miranda is married to Jonathan G. Griffiths '11 and they live in Peabody, Mass. Samantha Clarke Keenan '13 is a project manager at Carousel Industries. Tram-Anh Nguyen '13, '14 (M) has been promoted to employer relations coordinator at Bottom Line, a nonprofit helping low-income and first-generation students graduate from college. Kate M. Simpson '13 has opened her own shop, Shades of Vintage Marketplace, at 26 Child Street in Warren, R.I.

2014: Nicole E. Bard '14, '15 (M), a Marine Corps intelligence officer, recently returned to campus to speak to administration of justice majors about careers. Morgan E. Grambo '14 is working on her MFA in dramaturgy at the University of Iowa,



Kelsey Murray '12 shares a selfie with James Corden, host of CBS' "The Late Late Show."



Alek Dykeman '12 coaches students during a career networking event. Andrea Hansen photo.

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Sushi Singh '20 networks with Josh Hohlfelder '14 (right), a financial planner with Corrigan Financial Inc., Sept. 24, 2018. Andrea Hansen photo.

where she is also directing plays. Joshua T. Hohlfelder '14, a financial planner with Corrigan Financial Inc., in Newport, returned to campus Sept. 24, 2018 as an alumni panelist to network with Salve students about careers in finance and accounting. Daniel J. Holmes '14, a reporter for the Rhode Island Catholic, has received two national awards from the Catholic Press Association of the U.S. and Canada for his first-place winning feature article, "Regalia Changes Lead to Many Restless Knights." Meredith J. Mason '14 received her MBA from Bentley University and is a marketing coordinator at John Hancock in Boston. Marina Hare Pano '14 is a marketing communications specialist working in Boston with WilmerHale, a legal firm with over 300 lawyers serving both national and international clients. Sage E. Staven '14 works in the Flathead National Forest as a wildlife technician for the U.S. Forest Service in the

# **Hitting it Big**

There's a new boxing gym on Long Island's north shore.

t's shaping up to be a good year for Alek Kucich '17, who opened Bout – a luxury boutique boxing gym – in Roslyn, N.Y., only four months after graduating with his degree in administration of justice.

"I could have gone into law enforcement, but I wanted to do something a little different," he says. "You can always do something else later."

Just to prove how enthusiastic he is about his new business venture, Kucich lost his voice from teaching classes the first weekend Bout opened. "I lost it completely, but it's coming back full force now," he says.

Kucich opens his gym every day at 7 a.m., and stays open until 7 p.m., so 12-hour days are the new normal for him. Nevertheless, he still manages to find time to go home for lunch, sit in his backyard and hang out with his two dogs.

"I started boxing when I was 7," he says. "My dad was a big boxer and I would always go to the gym with him. I was the youngest of four and my older brother and I did a little bit of fighting, but I really got into boxing seriously in high school and college."

At Salve, he founded the boxing club and trained five days per week, taking classes in Newport with professional boxing coach Jesse Macrae. Kucich also played second and third base for the Seahawks for three years, then traded in his baseball glove for boxing gloves and started competing in the ring. By the time he graduated, he'd established himself as a well-respected and skilled boxer, trainer and competitor in the New England arena.

"I started playing tennis at the same time as well," he says. "I don't know when I slept. In between classes, I think." "It's a lot of fun to hit something and not get in trouble."

– Alek Kucich '17 Owner, Bout Boxing Gym



Alek Kucich '17 warms up his class at Bout Boxing.

Kucich notes that many of his clients are women. "When you think of a good workout you often attribute that with sweating," he says. "Most people choose to run or bike, which is a great cardio workout, but it doesn't make you stronger. Boxing burns more calories per hour than both of those exercises, while strengthening every muscle in your body."

With a high success rate of helping clients lose weight and get into shape, Kucich says, "It's extremely satisfying to know I can contribute positively to someone's life while teaching them how to box. And on a personal note, it's a lot of fun to hit something and not get in trouble."

– Deborah Herz '80, '92 (M)



Westerly, R.I., patrol officer Desiree Peterson '16 (right) is sworn in as her mother, Lynn Peterson, stands witness.



Laura Macaluso '16 (Ph.D.) has her second book published.

Swan Lake Ranger District in Bigfork, Mont. Staven also volunteers for Montana Wild Wings Recovery, a raptor rehabilitation and education center.

2015: Nate T. Hohlfelder '15, a tax associate with Kahn, Litwin, Renza, and Co. in Middletown, R.I., joined other alumni panelists to talk to Salve students about careers in finance and accounting Sept. 24, 2018. Kyle R. Knoth '15, '17 (M), an information technology specialist with the U.S. Department of Defense's Client Support Services Team in Newport, recently returned to campus to speak to administration of justice majors about careers. Jessica Lovell '15 started teaching classes at Farmington High School this fall. Her courses include a freshman seminar, Creative Writing, World Literature, and Psychology and Literature. Erica A. McLaughlin '15 has been promoted to the position of creative services manager at Clarks USA, where she is in charge of creative projects and digital assets for the Massachusetts-based company. Megan B. Olson '15, former tennis team captain at Salve Regina, has been hired as an assistant coach for the JV Islander Girls Tennis team at Colchester High School in Vermont. Daniella M. Pantoliano '15 is the production coordinator for the Manhattan Film Institute and is enrolled in Salve Regina's MFA in creative writing program. Kathryn L. Poff '15, '16 (MBA), a financial planner for Corrigan Financial Inc. in Newport, joined other alumni panelists to talk with Salve students about careers in finance and accounting Sept. 24, 2018. Ciara A. Speller '15 is a multimedia journalist for WWLP in Springfield, Mass. Alexa M. Thompson '15 is working in New York City as social media coordinator at Babble.com.

2016: Anamaria Arteaga '16, '17 (M), a board-certified behavior analyst with Momentum Professional Behavioral Health Services in East Greenwich, R.I., taught a psychology class, The Behavior Technician, at Salve Regina this fall. This undergraduate course focuses on applying the principles of applied behavior analysis to benefit individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities. Ashley I. Bourque '16 is a social media specialist at Sony. Mary K. Brown '16 has been promoted to program manager at CAPA The Global Education Network, an international education organization committed to empowering student learning in urban environments abroad. Bryan P. Codner '16, a master's degree candidate in the administration of justice homeland and cybersecurity program, joined the Tiverton, R.I., police force as an officer in May 2017. Codner served as a panelist during a recent career networking night for administration of justice majors. Lea P. Cure '16 (M) is a cyberthreat intelligence specialist at Citizens Bank in Newport. She recently returned to campus as a panelist to talk to students about careers. Mallory B. Elichalt '16, '17 (M), an information technology operations analyst focusing on cybersecurity at CVS Health, recently joined other alumni panelists during a career networking event for administration of justice majors. James M. Horoszko '16 is co-founder and co-coordinator of the Live Local Music & Arts Festival in Newport, an annual event celebrating the culture of the surrounding area that features artists, dancers, musicians and local vendors. Laura A. Macaluso '16 (Ph.D.) writes, "In addition to my dissertation being published, I've had a second book published, 'A Guide to Thomas Jefferson's Virginia,' by The History



Alexa Thompson '15 is social media coordinator at Babble.com.



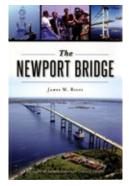
Cassidy Rota '16 coordinates social media and community relations for Matter Communications.



Tara Stanzione '16 receives her master's from Providence College.



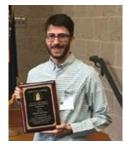
Analytical chemist Joshua Ng '17 works on enzyme supplements to treat rare orphan diseases.



A new book by James M. Ricci '17 (Ph.D.) explores the history of the iconic Newport Bridge.



Julia Morisi '17 is pursuing her master's at Boston University's School of Theology.



Dominick Torro '16 receives the Fernand J. Prevost Mathematics Teaching Award. Photo by Nutfield News.

Press. I also have a children's book in progress and am the editor of a collection of essays concerning monuments around the world, published by Rowman & Littlefield, which should make an appearance in early 2019. I've also been working as a grant writer for an arts organization. This fall, I'm teaching two art history classes as well. Best wishes to all in Newport!" Brittany M. Melanson '16, a financial institution specialist with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Boston, joined other alumni panelists to talk to Salve students about careers in finance and accounting Sept. 24, 2018. Desiree N. Peterson '16, an administration of justice major and a patrol officer with the Westerly, R.I., Police Department, recently returned to campus to talk with students about careers in law enforcement. Cassidy A. Rota '16 is the social media customer service and community management specialist at Matter Communications in Providence. Tara S. Stanzione '16 has completed her master's degree in higher education at Providence College and is the coordinator of residence education at Roger Williams University. Johnson Thomas '16 was promoted to prevention education specialist at Day One RI, an organization whose mission is to reduce the prevalence of sexual abuse and domestic violence. He recently joined other alumni panelists during a career networking event for administration of justice majors. Dominick A. Torro '16, who teaches at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, N.H., was awarded the Fernand J. Prevost Mathematics Teaching Award from the state of New Hampshire. The awards committee cited his creativity, professionalism and leadership, after only two years as a teacher. One of his colleagues wrote, "Dominick's years in teaching may be few, but his accomplishments so far have shown that he truly has a gift ... he is the

vision of what we want all our mathematics teachers to be." Torro's award and career were also featured in an article in the Nutfield News May 1.

2017: Allison T. Abgrab '17, '18 (MBA) is a marketing analyst for Hodges Badge Company in Portsmouth, R.I. Marrissa S. Ballard '17 is attending the University of Chicago's master's degree program in the humanities, studying video games, media and gender. Rose Marie Escobar '17 (CAGS), a photography and ceramics teacher at Portsmouth High School, was one of six local teachers whose artwork was showcased at the Dorrance H. Hamilton Gallery at Salve Regina in May and June 2018 as part of an exhibit sponsored by the Rhode Island Art Education Association. Stephanie A. Menders '17 is the recipient of a fellowship for a two-year media studies graduate program in the Department of Journalism, Advertising and Media at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Julia N. Morisi '17 is attending Boston University's School of Theology, where she is pursuing her master's degree in theological studies as well as a certificate in religion and conflict transformation. She was also awarded the Dean's Fellowship. Joshua P. Ng '17 writes, "I'm putting my bachelor of science degree in chemistry to good use as an analytical chemist for the international pharmaceutical company, Sanofi Genzyme, in Framingham, Mass. As an entry-level quality-control analyst, I perform analytical assays to support the consistent release of drugs to the world market. The drugs that I currently work on are enzyme supplement therapies designed to treat rare orphan diseases. The robust education Salve provides catapults young adults into a successful future. I still have rich relationships with my professors and lifelong friendships with my classmates." James M. Ricci '17 (Ph.D.) is the author



Marissa Guerard '18 coordinates social media for Wahlburgers.



Exceptional Parent Volunteer of the Year Award winners Brian and Carla Lynch are joined at a Seahawks baseball game by their son, pitcher Jonathan Lynch '18. Andrea Hansen photo.

of "The Newport Bridge," newly published by Arcadia Publishing and The History Press. Ricci's public lectures, "A Monument to Perseverance: The Struggle to Build the Newport Bridge," recount the quarter-century struggle to build the bridge and explore the city's efforts to reinvent itself from a sailor town into a tourist center after World War II. "For three centuries, ferries crossed Narragansett Bay's East Passage," he writes. "That all changed June 28, 1969, on the day the Newport Bridge opened. Proponents of the bridge persevered despite political squabbles and delays for 25 years to make it a reality." His book is available for purchase at various local stores, Amazon and through The History Press website at arcadiapublishing. com. Sydney A. Robinson '17, '18 (MBA), a financial planner with Corrigan Financial Inc. in Newport, joined other alumni panelists to talk to Salve students about careers in finance and accounting Sept. 24, 2018. Brittany M. Spurgas '17, a financial analyst with Schneider Electric in West Kingston, R.I., joined other alumni panelists to talk to Salve students about careers in finance and accounting during a networking event Sept. 24, 2018. Hieu T. Tran '17 (MBA) reports, "In July 2017, I started working at Brown University as a financial analyst, and my department decided to sponsor my H1-B Visa. My work visa has been approved by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Since July 2018, my title has been business analyst and international student specialist."

### 2018s

2018: Jacqueline M. Allee '18 (M) is studying in Oman for the upcoming academic year thanks to a Boren Fellowship. Allee will study Modern Standard Arabic at the Noor Majan Arabic Institute in Muscat. "I

am interested in using Arabic as a vehicle in fostering diplomacy, such as in the Foreign Service, or in countering violent extremism," Allee said. She will also be conducting preliminary thesis research on Oman as a beacon of tolerance in the region through its practice of interreligious dialogue. Maria E. Buonasora '18 has had her poem, "Post," published in an anthology of emerging poets from Z Publishing House. Noah E. Denzer '18 is teaching music to students in grades K-12 at the public school on Block Island, R.I. 2nd Lt. Eli W. Dias '18 (M) works in the cyberindustry division of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport and is a contractor with Rite-Solutions Inc. Marissa N. Guerard '18 is social media coordinator at Wahlburgers, the restaurant chain owned by actor Mark Wahlburg and his brothers, with locations in 19 states and Toronto. Kerry E. Hayes '18 is one of seven students selected to take part in the University of Notre Dame's House of Brigid program in Dublin, Ireland, with the Irish Catholic church. Michelle A. Karparis '18 is teaching 10th-grade English at Chicopee High School in Massachusetts. Brian and Carla Lynch, the parents of Jonathan T. Lynch '18 and two of Seahawk baseball's biggest fans, received the 2018 Exceptional Parent Volunteer Award from Salve Regina during Fall Festival Weekend Sept. 29. Jonathan is enrolled in Salve's master's degree program in administration of justice and homeland security with a concentration in cybersecurity. Read more about them on page 19. Emily M. Turiano '18 is a sales strategist for Cumulus Media in New York City. "We have four major radio stations but also do lots of digital media work," Turiano writes. "My role is part of a training program that leads two other strategists and me to be full-blown account executives in 12 to 18 months."



Stephanie Menders '17 is earning her master's in media studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



Maria Buonasora '18 is a published poet.



Kerry Hayes '18 is studying in Dublin, Ireland.

# A Sacred Heart

### The Salve community mourns the loss of Sister Esther Ann Whalen.

sister Esther Ann Whalen, a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart who devoted her life to her religious order and appointed ministries and is a cherished part of Salve Regina University's story, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 at the Teresian House in Albany, N.Y.

While those who had the privilege of knowing Sister Esther will miss her endearing smile and mischievous wit, they also know she is enjoying fair skies and heavenly sailing, with God as her co-captain, and is most likely instructing Him on how to best navigate the waters ahead.

In his 1955 autobiography titled "Mr. New York," Grover A. Whalen confessed that he tried to dissuade his youngest daughter, Esther Ann, from entering the convent. A former New York City police chief, Whalen served as the city's official greeter for more than

30 years under a number of administrations including Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, and was the master of the ticker-tape parade as well as the organizer of the 1939 World's Fair. Though he was unable to change his daughter's mind, he ultimately came to realize that Esther Ann's decision was the right one.

"...the happiness that radiates from her face nowadays, framed in the Sacred Heart habit, has proven to me...that hers was one case, at least, where Father didn't know best. Nothing the outside world offers could ever bring that kind of a smile," Whalen wrote.

An alumna of Eden Hall, Manhattanville College and Villanova University, Sister Esther entered the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1945 at Kenwood in Albany, New York. She made her first vows at Kenwood in 1948 and her final profession in Rome, Italy, in 1954. She served in a variety of roles at Sacred Heart institutions including Stone Ridge Country Day School in Washington, D.C., Eden Hall, Pa., Newton Country Day School, Mass., and Elmhurst Academy, R.I.

Following the reforms in religious life that resulted from the Second Vatican Council, Sister Esther joined a group of women, which included sisters from three different orders and one lay woman, living at Mount St. Rita in Cumberland, R.I. Named "Mont Joie," the experiment in intercommunity living focused on living a simple life, with a minimal budget of \$15 per week and shared responsibility for tasks such as cleaning, cooking and shopping. While there, Sister Esther served as special assistant to the provincial of the Sisters of Mercy, Providence Province.

In July 1976, she was offered the position of director



In Loving Memory
Esther Ann Whalen, RSCJ
March 14, 1923-Dec. 5, 2018

of public information at Salve Regina and embarked on a journey with the University that would span more than 35 years and include roles as coordinator of special events and director of publications, among others.

"Sister Esther's untiring dedication has shaped and enlarged the future for the many thousands of students who encountered her here in Newport as well as at the Sacred Heart schools for which she served," says Sister Therese Antone, chancellor. "She holds an enduring place in the communal memory of Salve Regina University."

Known by all for her fierce work ethic, attention to detail and desire to serve, Sister Esther made certain that whatever she did, it was done properly. Wayne Bainton, former owner of PDQ Printing in Newport, fondly remembers Sister Esther's penchant for perfection

in producing Report from Newport and various publications. "She is the only person I've ever worked with who, when proofreading copy, would diagram each sentence to make sure it was grammatically correct," he says.

Sister Esther helped to launch and coordinate Salve Regina's Circle of Scholars lifelong learning program, which has grown to more than 650 members, and was instrumental in establishing the equestrian team, which stemmed from her own love of horses while growing up. Thanks to her uncanny ability to recall institutional history, she was fondly referred to as "a walking encyclopedia," and was considered an expert on the rules of etiquette in all its forms.

While her contributions to the University community were many and varied, Sister Esther was best known for her love of sailing. She helped start Salve's sailing program more than three decades ago, and was inducted into the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association Hall of Fame during a 2008 ceremony at the prestigious New York Yacht Club. She was also a past recipient of ICSA's Outstanding Service Volunteer Award. To honor Sister Esther's legacy in the sport and to ensure that her passion for sailing is carried forward, her family established the Sister Esther Whalen Sailing Endowment at Salve Regina University, which, with the generosity of many supporters, has grown to over \$250,000.

Sister Esther had a special affinity for the student-athletes who were a part of Seahawks sailing and enthusiastically supported the team on and off the water. John Ingalls, who has coached the team since 2000, recalls when he was first recruited by Sister Esther and the pair would scout campus looking for potential sailors.

"Sister Esther doubled the fleet and added talented sailors from across the country," says Ingalls. "She continued to push the team, increasing the fleet size to 40, and hosting the National Championships twice. We've come so far, and none of it would have been possible without her generous spirit, infectious smile and love for sailing."

Sister Esther's lifelong passion for the sport extended into the Newport community. Her family joined with Salve Regina to make a gift in her honor to help the Museum of Yachting repair its floating dock at Fort Adams State Park. A longtime member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Castle Hill Flotilla 806, Sister Esther also received a medal of honor for service on operational patrols, and a commendation for relief duty.

Sister Esther loved being on the water and in her later years at Salve Regina often accompanied the Salve Regina sailing team, proudly coaching, with megaphone in hand, on the chase boat during practices and regattas. One of the boats in Salve Regina's fleet is named "Sister Esther" in honor of her commitment to the program, which catapulted to national prominence during her tenure.

Thomas Flanagan, associate professor of business studies and economics, worked alongside Sister Esther throughout her years at Salve and remembers well her joy in being a part of the campus community and her willingness to help out wherever needed.

"Sister Esther was always there, seven days a week, offering a friendly hand to faculty, staff and visitors alike." says Flanagan, "And she was always happy.



Sister Esther Whalen and Salve's sailing coach, John Ingalls, celebrate her induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

"She helped make Salve a great place, without fanfare," he continues. "It was kind of fitting; her father was the official greeter for NYC and Sister carried on in his tradition for the University."

A memorial service in Sister Esther's honor will be held in spring 2019 for the campus community. Gifts in Sister Esther's memory may be made to her beloved Salve Regina Sailing Team through the Office of Advancement, 100 Ochre Point Ave., Newport, RI 02840.





John "Mick" Klitzner former athletic director and coach 1943-2018



Christopher K. Unsworth '92, '94 (MBA) 1970-2018

### In Memoriam

Sister Esther Whalen, RSCJ Glenn Clark

> former associate director for information technology and chief information officer

John "Mick" Klitzner

former athletic director and coach

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former nursing professor

Joan Arnold D'Ambra '51

Mary O'Brien Garrett '57, '77 (M)

Carol Cannon Cronin '58

Julie Carlson McAlpine '58

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Mary McNulty Powell '68

Kathleen E. Quinn '70

Roberta Thompson Whittemore '70

Rita A. Pratt '71

Nancy Zipp Waddell '71

Robert E. Bradley '72

John Brown '75

Agnes R. Curtis '75, '79 (M)

Milton Alexander Young '77

Shirlee J. East McCormack '78, RN

Danny A. Chieppa '79

Mark S. Clark '79

William J. Sullivan '80

Maj. Gen. Paul A. Fratarangelo '84 (M)

Gwendolyn Deloris Huffman '87 (M)

Colleen M. Ramsay '88

Jacqueline Y. Goyette '89 (M)

Diane M. McCormick '89

Steven J. Mullen '90

Christopher H. Unsworth '92, '94 (MBA)

Sen. Godfrey G. (GG) Kariuki '99 (M)

Jeffrey W. Tenney '02, '03 (M)

Sarah Abasciano Gonsalves '06

Peter E. Bradley '11 (M)

# Weddings



Kyle Fritch '10 and Hillary Liebtag (holding a Salve Regina Seahawk placard) celebrate their wedding Dec. 1, 2017 with friends and classmates Matthew Dougenik '11, '13 (MBA), Peter Fargo '10, '12 (MBA), Keith Keenan '11, Michelle Dougenik '11, Brendan Lavery '09, Cam Dyment '09, Taylor Solari '10, Natalie Rubenoff '10, '11 (MBA), Jamie Alden Barrett '10, Josh Solari '10, Anthony Barrett '10, John Dupre '10, Matt Fiedorowicz '11 and Andrea Grasso Fiedorowicz '11.



Marina Hare '14 and Ori Pano marry Aug. 11, 2018 in Marblehead, Mass.

**Kyle J. Fritch '10** and Hillary Liebtag: Dec. 1, 2017

Nicole L. Strandson '11 and Daniel R. Hadden: Aug. 4, 2018

Patrick A. Keenan '12, '14 (M) and Samantha A. Clarke '13, '14 (M): June 9, 2018

Marina N. Hare '14 and Ori Pano: Aug. 11, 2018



Samantha Clarke '13, '14 (M) and Patrick Keenan '12, '14 (M) celebrate their June 9, 2018 wedding in Hartford, Conn.

New Arrivals



Beth Reitman Hughes '04 and Craig Hughes '97 '02 (MBA) welcomed Connor Michael Hughes to the world Sept. 15, 2018.



Hunter Michael Pilat was born March 22, 2018 to **Bryanne N. Auguste '16** and Peter M. Pilat.

### JAN. 19

Men's Alumni Hockey Game 5 p.m., Portsmouth Abbey Rink Call (800) 821-2343.

### JAN. 26

Hoopsfest Alumni Basketball 10 a.m., Rodgers Recreation Center Call (800) 821-2343.

### JAN. 26

Women's Alumni Hockey Game 4 p.m., St. George's Rink Middletown, R.I. Call (800) 821-2343.

### FEB. 3-17

Rhode Island Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition 2-5 p.m., Opening Day Reception Dorrance H. Hamilton Gallery Call (401) 341-2254.

### FEB. 7-10

"Twelfth Night"
7:30 p.m, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees
Casino Theatre
Call (401) 341-2250.

### **FEB. 8**

Senior Class 100 Days Party 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Christie's, Newport Call (800) 821-2343.

### FEB. 16

Madrigals Dinner Cabaret 6:30 p.m., Ochre Court Call (401) 341-2295.

# 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEB. 21

Vintage Cigar Lounge Gathering 5-8 p.m., 47 High St., Westerly, R.I. Call (800) 821-2343.

### FEB. 28-MARCH 2

Extensions Dance Company 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday matinee Casino Theatre Call (401) 341-2250.

### FEB. 28-APRIL 4

"Retaking History" Curated by Jodie Goodnough Dorrance H. Hamilton Gallery Call (401) 341-2254.

### APRIL 7

Easter Egg Roll Noon-2:30 p.m., Ochre Court Call (800) 821-2343.

### **APRIL 10-14**

"Gypsy" 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees Casino Theatre Call (401) 341-2250.

#### APRIL 11-MAY 1

Senior Thesis Honors Exhibition 5-7 p.m., Opening Night Reception Dorrance H. Hamilton Gallery Call (401) 341-2254.

### APRIL 25

Third annual John E. McGinty Lecture in History Featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Taubman 6:30 p.m., Bazarsky Lecture Hall

### May 3

Newport County Orchestra 7 p.m., Casino Theatre Call (401) 341-2295.

### May 4

A cappella concert 2 p.m., Casino Theatre Call (401) 341-2295.

### May 4

Newport Community Symphonic Band 7 p.m., Casino Theatre Call (401) 341-2295.

### May 5

Choral Concert 3 p.m., Ochre Court Call (401) 341-2295.

### **May 9-19**

Juried Senior Art Show Dorrance H. Hamilton Gallery Call (401) 341-2254.

### **May 16**

Graduate Studies Commencement 3 p.m., McAuley lawn

### **May 19**

Commencement 10 a.m., McAuley lawn

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