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By Jeanne Garvey

We Showed We Care



Editor's Note: President John Garvey invited his wife, Jeanne, to write this issue's President's Forum about her spring break trip to Jamaica.

I hadn't planned on joining 18 Catholic University students on their spring break mission trip to Jamaica. It started with an innocent comment. When Emmjolee Mendoza Waters, associate campus minister, mentioned to me that she was taking a group to Jamaica, I said, "That sounds like fun." And she replied, "Why don't you come?"

My only reservation was that our daughter, Clare, the youngest of our five children and a senior at Boston College at the time, was coming to visit that same week for *her* spring break. Emmjolee suggested she come along too. Clare agreed.

So just a few weeks later in early March, we were boarding a plane at 2 a.m. with a group of enthusiastic college students.

At first I wondered, "Would they want me on their trip?" But they couldn't have been more welcoming.

One of our assignments was to spend time at St. Monica's, a home for abandoned elderly people. Many of these people are in pain and lonely. This was understandably intimidating for some of the students. I met Miss Alice, who was moaning and rocking back and forth in pain. I put my hand on hers and tried to distract her. I've got some experience with this sort of thing. My mother lived with us for several years when she was older and ill just before she died. And I've worked as a hospice volunteer. I tried to show the students that you just need to make a connection in the smallest way.

I will never forget Miss Olive. I sat down with her and we went through the usual pleasantries, and then I thought, "Now what?" I remembered how my mother had enjoyed it when I sang old hymns to her, and so I began to sing, "Joyful, Joyful, Joyful" to Miss Olive. Her face lit up and she began singing along.

We also volunteered at three schools through the St. Patrick's Foundation, spending time with students and helping clean up and paint their classrooms. We painted a mural at one of the schools, a perfect project for Clare, who just graduated with an art degree.

To see the kind of poverty that we saw can be depressing. So many people we met don't have the very basic supplies that we take for granted. Students didn't even have pencils. So there can be a tendency to think, "*What good did I do? My time here is just a drop in the bucket.*"

Emmjolee and David Pennington, associate campus minister, brought so much wisdom, and so beautifully helped the students see the good they had done. They pointed out that just the smallest act of kindness can make an impact. "*You painted their classroom a fresh yellow. You cleaned up their school yard. You showed you care.*"

I am grateful to have gone to Jamaica with these special people and to have shared it all with Clare. I invited the students to our home a few weeks after we returned for a pizza reunion and slide show.

And it has been great to see them around campus. Being able to greet students I now have my own relationships with has helped so much as I continue to settle into my new home at The Catholic University of America. So often it is John introducing *me* to people. It has been a lot of fun introducing *him* to all of my new friends.



CUA Celebrates 125th Anniversary with Cardinal Service Commitment

The Catholic University of America will celebrate its 125th anniversary during the 2011–2012 academic year with a series of activities, including an ambitious initiative designed to engage thousands of participants: 125,000 hours of service completed by students, alumni, faculty, and staff by April 10, 2012, Founders Day.

President John Garvey will lead the official on-campus kickoff of the Cardinal Service Commitment at the Mass of the Holy Spirit in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 1. Following the Mass, which draws between 2,000 and 3,000 members of the University community, the President will host a picnic on the University Mall on the east side of the Basilica. During the picnic, members of the campus community will be invited to sign up for volunteer opportunities at a variety of service agencies throughout the area.

“Service is a critical part of how an institution such as Catholic University can convey its mission to the larger community surrounding us,” says Randall Ott, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning and one of the co-chairs of the planning committee for the anniversary. “Catholic University’s faculty, staff, alumni, and students will have an opportunity to reach out to the community through what will likely be the largest service effort in the institution’s history.”

Bart Pollock, the University’s web content editor and the other co-chair of the planning group, said the committee “didn’t want the anniversary celebration to be just about us. We want it to be an action, a witness about what the University community values.”

Kyra Lyons (B.A. 1989, M.A. 1995), executive director of alumni relations, says her office is planning service opportunities for alumni across the country. Lyons noted that in addition to taking advantage of the service projects her office is spearheading, CUA alumni should consider what volunteer work they already do in their own communities and count those hours of service. (See

pages 20 and 21 for stories of alumni who have already recorded their service hours.)

Pollock notes there is no reason to wait until Sept. 1 to report service because the University began to tabulate service hours as of May 15, in part to include students’ volunteerism in Campus Ministry trips that began after the spring semester.

The celebration of the 125th anniversary will extend into fall 2012. Beginning in the spring semester of 2012, the University will host events focused on its history and its unique role in education and the Catholic Church. The Benjamin T. Rome School of Music is planning a special concert commemorating the founding of Catholic University in 1887. The celebration will culminate the week of April 9–14 for the school’s “birthday” and will include a Mass of Thanksgiving on Founders Day. That day will mark 125 years since Pope Leo XIII gave his formal approval for the founding of The Catholic University of America.

The final event related to the anniversary will be a four-day conference Sept. 26–29, 2012, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, known as Vatican II. The aim of the conference — titled “Reform and Renewal: Vatican II after Fifty Years” — is to shed light on what the council did and how those accomplishments can be applied in the Church today. Cardinal William Levada, one of the Vatican’s highest ranking leaders, who serves as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, will be among the keynote speakers.

To participate in the Cardinal Service Commitment, visit www.cua.edu/125 to enter any hours of service you have completed since May 15, 2011, the official start date for the service commitment. The website lists how many hours have already been completed by the University community, service opportunities, and guidelines for what constitutes service. You can also check the Alumni Relations website (www.cuatoday.com) and the alumni newsletter for more information about alumni-specific service opportunities.

■ Have Humility, Patience, and Faith, House Speaker Tells CUA Graduates

At Catholic University's 122nd annual commencement, more than 1,500 students received bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees — along with the secret to success from one of the nation's most powerful politicians.

"Humility, patience, and faith...will take you as far as you want to go," said U.S. House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), in his emotional commencement address May 14.

"You must be willing to lean on others, listen to others, and yes, love others," the Catholic lawmaker urged the graduates.

The graduates were prepared well, he said.

"This University has stood over the years, and stands today, as the center of Catholic intellectual life in America," observed Boehner.

"The focus of your development here has been getting you to grapple more with who you want to be than what you want to be. You've been challenged to think rationally, and to use your heart and your conscience to guide your words and your actions," he said, adding, "Let me tell you, there are no apps for these skills."

During the commencement ceremonies, CUA President John Garvey bestowed an honorary degree on Boehner, as well as Carmen María Cervantes, Ed.D., executive director of the Instituto Fe y Vida (Institute for Faith and Life); Carol Lally Shields, M.D., associate director, Ocular Oncology Service, Wills Eye Hospital, and professor of ophthalmology, Thomas Jefferson University; and Kevin 'Seamus' Hasson, founder and president of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

Garvey also presented the President's Award to Deirdre M. Lawler of South Lancaster, Mass. The award is the highest honor given to a graduating senior in recognition of service, leadership, and outstanding scholarship.

Delivering the closing remarks for the ceremony, Garvey urged the graduates to remember the virtue of mercy.

"You must make it your rule always to give and forgive," he said.

"You will fail, but you'll get the proportions right. In your friendships too, you should replace justice with mercy.

"And if you practice this virtue on your inner circle, it will soften the sharp edges of your ideals just enough, and make you a much more effective leader, lieutenant, teacher, doctor, architect, or conductor."

At the May 27 graduation exercises for CUA's Columbus School of Law, 275 students received J.D. and LL.M. degrees. In his commencement speech, the Becket Fund's Hasson urged the graduates to "remember where you came from.

"Insist that human rights follow from the inherent dignity of the human person, which in turn follows from who we are," said Hasson.

To see a slide show of commencement photographs, go to the digital edition of CUA Magazine at <http://cuamagazine.cua.edu>.



U.S. House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio)



■ Nine Honorees Receive Cardinal Medal for Fortitude

The Catholic University of America awarded nine members of the CUA community — two posthumously — the Cardinal Medal for Fortitude at the Cardinal Leadership Celebration on April 13.

The awarding of the medal was part of a series of events related to President John Garvey's inaugural year theme "Intellect and Virtue: The Idea of a Catholic University." Throughout the spring semester, the University dedicated one month to each of the four cardinal virtues of justice, prudence, temperance, and fortitude. The month of April was dedicated to fortitude.

The medal was awarded to CUA faculty, staff, and students who exemplify the cardinal virtue of fortitude. Earlier this year, members of the CUA community were invited to nominate those who have overcome adversity with a joyful spirit, exhibited constancy in the pursuit of good, stood firm in difficulty, and exemplified quiet strength.

The medal winners "have chosen to persevere in the Christian life, many of them in the face of their challenges" and have "offered our community a special gift," President John Garvey said in honoring the awardees.

Those awarded the Cardinal Medal for Fortitude were:

- **Carla Calhoun**, a student in the Master of Social Work program in the National Catholic School of Social Service.
- **Vernon Ennels**, an officer in the Department of Public Safety.
- **Glenda Flores**, manager of custodial services in the Office of Facilities Maintenance and Operations.
- **Stewart Gay**, a student pursuing a degree in interdisciplinary studies in the Metropolitan School of Professional Studies.
- **Patrick McClellan**, a 2011 graduate of the School of Architecture and Planning.
- **Kathleen Miedreich**, a student majoring in psychology.
- **Jane Pesci-Townsend**, former chair of the musical theatre program in the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music who passed away in August 2010.
- **Rev. Kurt Pritzl, O.P.**, former dean of the School of Philosophy who passed away in February 2011.
- **Joan Vorrasi**, director of student life and special events in the Columbus School of Law.



Back row, from left: Rev. Giles Dimmock, O.P., prior of the Dominican House of Studies, who received the award on behalf of Father Pritzl; Vernon Ennels; President Garvey; Kevin Townsend, who received the medal on behalf of his wife, Jane Pesci-Townsend; Patrick McClellan; and Stewart Gay. Front row, from left: Kathleen Miedreich, Joan Vorrasi, Carla Calhoun, and Glenda Flores.

■ More on "Intellect and Virtue"

President John Garvey's inaugural theme, "Intellect and Virtue: The Idea of a Catholic University" continued throughout the spring semester with more than 20 lectures, symposia, and roundtables. The programs drew speakers from CUA and around the world.

"No one should leave a Catholic university without being aware of why he or she is a Catholic," said John Rist, visiting professor at Rome's Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum and professor emeritus of classics and philosophy at the University of Toronto.

Rist was one of many speakers, including bishops, presidents of Catholic universities, and scholars from the United States, Europe, and Asia, who participated in a CUA symposium April 11–12 on the interplay of virtue and intellect in Catholic university education. Garvey called the symposium the "capstone" to a semester filled with events celebrating his inaugural year theme.

CUA Magazine reported on several of those events and speakers in the spring issue. Following are a few of the other key events that took place after that.

Martin Nowak, director of Harvard University's Program for Evolutionary Dynamics, discussed "God and Creation" on March 22.

Janne Haaland Matlary, a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, a University of Oslo professor, and Norway's former deputy foreign minister, gave a lecture titled "When Might Becomes Right" on April 19.

Rev. Ian Kerr, world expert on Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman and senior theology researcher at Oxford University, gave a talk on Cardinal Newman's *The Idea of a University* on April 27.

For complete news coverage, photo galleries, videos, and transcripts of "Intellect and Virtue" events, visit <http://president.cua.edu/inauguration>.

■ Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebrated at April Luncheon

The Board of Governors of CUA's Alumni Association honored seven of its own with Alumni Achievement Awards at an annual luncheon on April 9 at Father O'Connell Hall.

Alumni Achievement Awards were bestowed on Rev. Thomas B. Curran, O.S.F.S. (J.D. 1992); Rear Adm. Peter J. Delany (M.S.W. 1984, Ph.D. 1993); Marcia Petrini (B.S.N. 1963); Judith Russell (M.S.L.S. 1968); Robert G. Shibley (M.Arch. 1973); and Stephen J. Sweeney (B.A. 1966). Michael G. Bergmann, Esq. (B.A. 1997) received the Young Alumni Award. The Frank A. Kuntz '07 Award went to CUA employee Joshua Baker. The Monsignor Mohan Student Award was given to Justin W. Rice (B.B.E. 2011).

Biographies of the award winners appeared in the spring 2011 issue of *CUA Magazine*. A photo gallery of the luncheon can be viewed at www.cuatoday.com.



Back Row: Master of Ceremonies Rashaun J. Martin (B.A. 2001), Rev. Thomas Curran, Robert Shibley, Justin Rice, Michael Bergmann, Stephen Sweeney, Peter Delany, CUA Alumni Association President Guillermo Garcia (B.A. 1995). Seated: Marcia Petrini, President John Garvey, Judith Russell.



■ U.S. Cardinals Raise Scholarship Funds in Phoenix

America's Catholic cardinals gathered to raise money for scholarship funds for The Catholic University of America in Phoenix Friday, May 6, at the 22nd American Cardinals Dinner. Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, bishop of Phoenix, and President Garvey served as co-hosts for the dinner, attended by approximately 400 guests. The event brought in nearly \$900,000. The dinner was preceded by a Mass, celebrated by Bishop Olmsted. Next year's dinner is scheduled for April 27 in Chicago.

■ CUA Establishes Pritzl Chair in Philosophy

CUA has established an endowed chair in the School of Philosophy in honor of the late philosophy dean, Rev. Kurt Pritzl, O.P.

Two years before Father Pritzl's death, an anonymous donor committed \$2.5 million for the chair, asking it be named for him on his death or retirement. Father Pritzl died in February.

School of Philosophy Dean John McCarthy said the gift helps show how beloved Father Pritzl was to his students, friends of the school, and members of its board of advisers, which he developed and cultivated at his own initiative.

"I've never met a person who wasn't deeply impressed by Father Pritzl," McCarthy said. "He was a dear friend to many," added McCarthy, who calls himself "lucky" to be among them.

In 1980, Father Pritzl began teaching at CUA as a layperson. After being ordained a Dominican priest in 1991, he continued on at CUA. In 2000, Father Pritzl was appointed dean of the School of Philosophy, a position he held until his death this year.

■ No Landfill for CUA Rubble

Three Catholic University residence halls demolished for the redevelopment of South Campus are being recycled, thereby saving limited landfill space.

In the course of four months this spring, Conaty, Spalding, and Spellman halls were torn down and their reusable components were extracted from the resulting, immense pile of rubble. Metal parts were picked out by an excavator with a large magnet while masonry was conveyed into a “big crusher,” explained Carl Petchik, CUA’s associate vice president for facilities operations. Other materials were separated from the rubble by hand.

Altogether, 92 percent of the buildings is being recycled, said Petchik. Metal door frames and cast iron plumbing fixtures will go to a steel re-use center. The ground-up masonry will become compactible base for nearby roadways and a new outdoor basketball/volleyball court at the Eugene I. Kane Student Health and Fitness Center.

South Campus is slated to become a college main street — complete with townhomes, apartments, shops, and art studio space.

Until then, all that’s left is “the ground,” Petchik said, and some bricks extracted for alumni who want a piece of their former home to recycle as a precious paperweight.

A brick is available for a donation of \$100. Contributions go to CUA’s Annual Fund. To order, visit CUA’s Alumni website at www.cuatoday.com or call 800-288-ALUM.



■ CUA Nurses Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Close to 200 Catholic University-trained nurses gathered at the Pryzbyla Center for a gala dinner March 19 to celebrate 75 years of CUA’s School of Nursing.

Prominent nursing alumni there included Dorrie Fontaine, dean of the University of Virginia’s School of Nursing, and James McCann, dean at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. Also present were Kathleen McCann, director of quality and regulatory affairs for the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, and Annette Debisette, regulatory director at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

At the dinner, CUA President John Garvey noted the nursing school’s “great and well-deserved reputation.” He said that prospective students come to CUA not only interested in the nursing profession, but in “an education in nursing that is firmly grounded in Catholic educational principles.”

The University began offering nursing classes in 1932 and established the School of Nursing in 1935. During World War II, the U.S. Public Health Service selected CUA’s School of Nursing to train nursing cadets. Currently, 8,000 CUA alumni practice nursing around the world.

■ CUA Honored with Catholic Press Association Awards

The Catholic Press Association has honored CUA with three awards. *CUA Magazine* received a first-place award for best essay — “God Chose a Baby Girl” by alumna Carmen (Crinion) Wong (B.A. 1998) — and a second-place “best interview” award for the cover story “Apocalypse Averted: How Edward Liddy Helped Pull the U.S. Back from the Brink,” by Victor Nakas, associate vice president for public affairs. Both articles appeared in the Spring 2010 issue of the magazine.

CUA also won a first-place award for best online/multimedia presentation for the tribute website to Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., 14th President of the University. Direct links to these stories and the website can be found in the digital edition of *CUA Magazine* at <http://cuamagazine.cua.edu>.



■ Theology Dean Steps Down



Monsignor Kevin Irwin has resigned as dean of CUA's School of Theology and Religious Studies (STRS).

Since his appointment in 2005, Monsignor Irwin oversaw the hiring

of 24 of the 40 full-time faculty at the STRS and supervised two major symposia marking the Year of St. Paul and the Year for Priests.

While dean, Monsignor Irwin also held the Walter J. Schmitz Chair of Liturgical Studies and wrote numerous works on the liturgy and sacraments. Monsignor Irwin stepped down at the end of June and remains on the faculty as the holder of the Schmitz chair.

Rev. Mark Morozowich, assistant professor of liturgical studies and sacramental theology, has been named acting dean as the University searches for a new full-time dean.

■ First Compliance Officer Comes Aboard



To better ensure CUA's compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, in May the University hired its first compliance officer — Vin Lacovara. He will implement CUA's Compliance and Ethics Program, review policies,

coordinate training, and investigate questions of compliance. Lacovara also will serve as CUA's Equal Employment Opportunity contact.

Previously, Lacovara was compliance investigator for The George Washington University. He holds a J.D. from CUA's Columbus School of Law.

■ John McCarthy Appointed Dean of Philosophy School

Catholic University President John Garvey has appointed Associate Professor John McCarthy as dean of the University's School of Philosophy. His four-year term began July 1.

McCarthy was first appointed as an assistant professor at Catholic University in 1990. In 1996 he was promoted to associate professor. In October 2010 he was named interim dean when Rev. Kurt Pritzl, O.P., took a leave of absence for medical reasons. He continued to serve in that capacity when Father Pritzl passed away on Feb. 21 of this year.

McCarthy earned an M.A. and a doctorate with distinction in philosophy from Catholic University in 1982 and 1988, respectively.

In recent years the focus of McCarthy's writing and teaching has principally been early modern philosophy, but he also has strong interests in political philosophy and Husserlian phenomenology, the focus of which is the being of things in their manner of self-disclosure. He is editor of *Modern Enlightenment and the Rule of Reason*, published in 1998, and he has written 30 scholarly articles and reviews on a wide array of philosophical topics and thinkers.



■ New Rector for Theological College

CUA canon law assistant professor Rev. Phillip J. Brown, S.S., became the new rector of CUA's Theological College, the University's seminary, effective July 1. He was appointed by his religious order, the Society of St. Sulpice, which is responsible for the formation program for Theological College.

Prior to coming to CUA, Father Brown taught for five years at St. Mary's Seminary and University, the Sulpician seminary in Baltimore. Two of those years, he served as academic dean of the seminary program.

Father Brown holds a bachelor's degree in music, a J.D. in civil law, an S.T.B. from CUA, and a J.C.D. in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Father Brown succeeds Rev. Melvin C. Blanchette, S.S., who had been rector of Theological College since 2007.

Father Blanchette is scheduled for a sabbatical next year after which he will retire. He plans to continue to assist seminarians and priests at Theological College with their spiritual direction.



Legal Scholar Confronts Child Pornography

Before she traded the courtroom for the lecture hall, Associate Professor of Law Mary Leary prosecuted all kinds of crimes but focused particularly on those in which children and women had been abused or exploited. "I wanted to prosecute crimes that tear at the fabric of the family," she says.

Leary's success took her from the prosecutor's office in the City of Philadelphia to a position as deputy chief of the Domestic Violence Unit for the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office in Cambridge, Mass., to an appointment as an assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C.

But Leary didn't retreat to the ivory tower when she came to the Columbus School of Law. She continues to focus on such crimes of exploitation as child pornography — a multi-billion dollar business — through her research on the application of case law to emerging technology, as well as her participation in non-profit organizations and work with the Vatican and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). "The existence of images of sexually exploited children is not new," explains Leary, "but because of the Internet, cell phones, and social networks, today's images are accessible to adults and children in a volume and severity never before seen."

The statistics are grim. According to NCMEC, since 1997, the number of pornographic images of children on the Internet is estimated to have increased by 1,500 percent. NCMEC's tip line received 21,603 reports of child pornography in 2001 and 106,176 reports in 2004 — a 491 percent increase. Beyond the numbers, however, is the fact that child pornography depicts children as young as toddlers engaged in "sexually explicit conduct," Leary explains.

Obviously, this is not a battle for the faint of heart.

Over the past several years, child pornography has expanded. "Juveniles, without coercion of adult offenders, are voluntarily creating and distributing juvenile-produced child pornography . . . for recognition, attention, or profit," says Leary, who has quickly become a nationally recognized expert on the problem. Although the media calls the actions of minors who produce and distribute pornographic images via cell phone "sexting," Leary says the term trivializes acts and images that can have negative social effects and serious legal consequences.

Whatever the medium, children who produce and distribute images of child pornography present a challenge for criminal law, bringing two lines of jurisprudence into conflict. "Child pornography laws recognize that the images themselves, no matter who produces them, are harmful to children," says Leary. "Juvenile law jurisprudence recognizes that children do not always appreciate the criminality and harmfulness of their actions."



Leary argues that each case of pornographic child exploitation by minors should be considered on its own merits. As a general guide, she advocates prevention programs as a first course of action and prosecutorial discretion when prevention fails, with any last-resort court intervention taking place only in juvenile court settings. Such an approach has several advantages. "It recognizes the multiple social harms of child pornography, that child pornography — whether juvenile-produced or not — harms children. And, if criminal procedures are necessary, it keeps juveniles within a justice system that is intended to rehabilitate, not punish, the child, while at the same time protecting children from the adult label of 'sexual offender.'"

Best, Leary says, would be to prevent the exploitation of children. "Parents and other responsible, positive adults can play an active role in protecting children from accessing, producing, or distributing sexually explicit materials," Leary suggests.

"We educate our children about the dangers of using cars before we give them the keys. The same applies to technology, the Internet, social media — by helping our children become knowledgeable digital citizens who can responsibly navigate the Internet and wireless networks, we go a long way toward protecting them from themselves and others." — C.C.



SCOREBOARD

Four championships, three NCAA Tournaments, and a host of awards for individual student athletes were among the many highlights of a banner year for CUA Athletics. Here is a look at some extraordinary accomplishments and milestones.



Photos: Mike Stagnitta



Photo: Dave Kalokitis

Records, Wins, and Firsts for **CUA ATHLETICS**

A Fourth Title for Lacrosse

Head Coach Meghan McDonogh's women's lacrosse squad earned a fourth straight Landmark title. The Cardinals went 15-4 this past season and reached the second round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament.

CUA won seven straight games near the end of its season, including both contests in the conference tournament and a NCAA Tournament game versus University of Mary Washington. The Cardinals finished the year ranked 10th nationally, and eight members of the team received All-American recognition.

100 Years of Basketball

The men's basketball team made a trip to South Bend, Ind., in early November to take on the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. The exhibition, which was the start of the 100th season of CUA basketball, was attended by many alumni and supporters, including President John Garvey. Head Coach Steve Howes' team rode the momentum of that trip to the team's 11th 20-win season in the last 14 years, in addition to an appearance in the Landmark Conference and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) championship games.

The women's basketball team posted its best season since 2005-06 with 19 victories and its first-ever appearance in the Landmark Conference Tournament. The Cardinals also advanced to the ECAC title game for the first time in school annals.

Soccer Scores a Conference Crown

Following an up-and-down start to the 2010 season, CUA's men's soccer team caught fire in mid-October, with nine straight wins to qualify for the Landmark Conference Tournament. From there the Cardinals earned a road win over Susquehanna University in the semifinals, then defeated Merchant Marine Academy in a penalty shootout to earn the Athletics program's second consecutive conference crown.

Head Coach Travis Beauchamp and his team were then awarded a date with the nation's second-ranked team, Ohio Wesleyan University, in the NCAA Tournament. The Cardinals hung tough with the Bishops before falling 2-1.

"At times this season we weren't sure we could get to this point," Beauchamp said. "We set small goals for ourselves, starting with getting into the conference tournament. Once we accomplished that we started to believe we could win the whole thing."



Baseball Goes to the NCAA Tournament

Head Coach Ross Natoli's baseball team earned its first bid to the Division III NCAA Tournament.

Natoli and the Cardinals defeated the University of Scranton, Moravian College, and Scranton again to claim their third Landmark Conference championship in the last four years. Following its championship run, CUA headed to Lakewood, N.J., for the NCAA Regional.

CUA downed the country's third-ranked team, Kean University, by a score of 3-2. Senior Ron Esposito was terrific on the mound for the Cardinals, going all nine innings and allowing just a single earned run, while striking out seven. Natoli called it "one of the best pitching performances I've seen in my 26 years as head coach at CUA." The team then lost to Johns Hopkins University at the Mid-Atlantic Regional.

Field Hockey Sets Records

The Cardinals field hockey team was hard at work winning its first-ever ECAC Championship. CUA's win over Drew University in the championship game put the finishing touches on a historic season for Head Coach Gia Cillizza's team. "To have the best record in school history and finish it off with a championship was the best way to end our season," said Cillizza.

The Cardinals won a record 17 games this year, including seven straight to begin the season. CUA, nationally ranked for the final seven weeks of the season, hung its hat on its defense all year, holding opponents to less than a goal a game, while posting 11 shutouts, a school record.

Other Highlights from the 2010 – 2011 Season

- During the spring season, the men's lacrosse, women's softball, men's tennis, and women's tennis teams qualified for their respective Landmark Conference tournaments.
- During the academic year, CUA produced 65 All-Landmark Conference performers, 10 All-Region honorees, and 10 All-Americans.
- CUA also produced 130 student athletes named to the conference Academic Honor Roll. Four student athletes received Academic All-District honors.
- The first-ever night football game was played on CUA's campus on Oct. 29 versus Washington and Lee University in front of a packed Cardinal Stadium crowd.
- CUA swimmers, led by Head Coach Paul Waas, had a strong season, culminating with a stellar performance at the conference championship meet. Waas and his staff were named the Landmark Conference Women's Coaching Staff of the Year, while freshmen Caleb Capozella and Joanna Ladas were both named Conference Swimmer and Rookie of the Year for their efforts.
- Kelly Carioto of the track and field team captured the Landmark Conference and ECAC indoor shot put championships. It marked the first time in more than a decade that a CUA student athlete won an ECAC track championship. — M.S.

Basketball Team Headed for Another Division I Game

The Cardinals will take on the University of Florida in an exhibition game on Thursday, Nov. 3, inside the Stephen C. O'Connell Center in Gainesville, Fla. This is the second year in a row that CUA will take on a Division I powerhouse. The Cardinals opened their 100th season by playing the University of Notre Dame in South Bend in November 2010.

"This is a tremendous honor for our program to take on a storied and successful program like the Gators," says Catholic University Head Coach Steve Howes.

The exhibition will pit two of the most successful basketball programs in their respective NCAA divisions against each other. CUA has won at least 20 games in 11 of the past 14 seasons. The team has also played in 13 NCAA tournaments in its history, culminating with the 2001 Division III National Championship. The Cardinals have advanced to eight conference title games in the last 11 seasons.

Florida is led by Head Coach Billy Donovan, who has coached the Gators for 15 years. During that time, the former Providence College standout has registered 359 victories, including 150 within the Southeastern Conference.

Under Donovan's leadership, Florida has won two National Championships (2006 and 2007). The Gators have made 16 trips to the NCAA Tournament, including this past season, when they advanced to the Elite Eight and finished with 29 victories.

This will be the first meeting between CUA and Florida, and will be particularly special for CUA sophomore guard Billy Donovan, son of the Gators' coach, who played high school basketball at St. Francis Catholic in Gainesville.



10 Years After 9/11, *Faith and Hope Endure*

By Catherine Lee
Photos by Ed Pfueller

Last April, the Owens family gathered on a chilly, overcast Saturday afternoon for a wedding at the large red-brick Church of St. Aidan in the village of Williston Park, N.Y. The groom's uncle, John Owens, delivered one of the readings. Another uncle carried Communion gifts up the aisle of the church near a park on Long Island where the family played as children.

As a light drizzle gave way to steady rain, John was reminded of another wedding at St. Aidan's. His older brother, Pete, was married there in 1984. But Pete was missing this day. Tucked inside the sleeve of John's tux was a silver commemorative wristband that told Pete's story: "Peter J. Owens Jr., 9/11, World Trade Center."

A devoted father and Little League coach, Pete had left behind a wife, three children, parents, and five siblings, including John and another brother, Tom, both graduates of The Catholic University of America. For the nation, Pete's death was one of nearly 3,000 caused by the al-Qaida terrorist attacks, but for his family, it was a deep personal loss that they shoulder every day of their lives.

With the approach of the 10th anniversary of the attacks, which also resulted in deaths at the Pentagon and a field in

Pennsylvania, the brothers are planning to attend the dedication of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at Ground Zero the morning of this year's Sept. 11. In the afternoon they plan to visit Pete's grave at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury, N.Y.

John, 44, a member of the CUA Class of 1989, says he visits Ground Zero every year on Sept. 11. "For me, Pete will always be downtown," says John. "I always feel closest to him there."



A cross made of wreckage from the Twin Towers with a sheet metal drape from the ruins stands in lower Manhattan.

The Owens brothers, along with other alumni whose lives were forever changed by 9/11, say their faith grew stronger while they lived and studied at Catholic University. It was their faith that got them through the devastating days following 9/11.

"There was something unique about Catholic University," says John, who was an active participant in student government and the Program Board. "I can't adequately pay respect to what I learned about life at CUA, but it has a lot to do with faith. Without faith, life has no meaning.

"I haven't gotten over Pete's death or what happened that day," says John. "No day is easier than the next, but with our faith and countless prayers, we're sustained."

On the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, John, the baby of the six Owens siblings, was in his office at the family-owned commercial and industrial real estate firm in Mineola, N.Y., across the East River from Manhattan. From there, he could see the skyline of lower Manhattan. Looking up, he says he watched in disbelief as "a mushroom cloud" exploded at the World Trade Center. It was 8:46 a.m., and American Airlines Flight 11 had just crashed into the North Tower between floors 94 and 98.

John was desperate. He had last seen his brother — a broker and vice president for the capital markets investment bank

Cantor Fitzgerald, located on the tower's 104th floor — two days earlier when they went to a Yankees game with Pete's kids. John called Pete repeatedly, but his brother's phone just rang and rang.

Meanwhile, their brother Tom, who

earned a CUA bachelor's degree in 1985, had been on leave from work for his daughter's birth and was just returning to his office on Water Street in downtown Manhattan when the first plane struck the North Tower. He says he emerged from a subway station to find pieces of burning paper falling from the sky "like confetti."

Stunned, Tom stopped at his office, but knowing that Pete was in the North Tower, he headed out again toward the site of the impact about seven blocks away. Running, he watched as black smoke and flames poured from the tower. Tom, 48, flashed back to Feb. 26, 1993, when a truck bomb was detonated below the building. That day, Pete had emerged from the tower covered in soot, and appeared on a local news broadcast. Perhaps this day would be the same.

With no way of reaching Pete, Tom returned to his office. At 9:02 a.m., American Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower. Tom says the day was quickly becoming "surreal," reminding him of a scene from an apocalyptic movie. He recalls that his co-workers started to panic, yelling from their nearby cubicles that 'the city is under attack' and 'maybe our building is next.'

Turning to a window, Tom says he watched the "crystal-clear air outside turn pitch black" as the South Tower started collapsing at 9:59 a.m. His building shook. When the North Tower collapsed at 10:28 a.m., causing Tom's building to shudder again, he and his co-workers fled outside.

Tom joined other frightened Wall Street workers and started making his way along Water Street to find a way out of the besieged neighborhood. Accepting a handkerchief from a man who was giving them

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At a September 2001 campus vigil, CUA's President, Very Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., prays with students.

out, he covered his face. Some in the crowd headed across the Brooklyn Bridge and others toward New York City Hall, around the blasted site that would become known as Ground Zero, zigzagging their way toward midtown and uptown Manhattan.

Tom recalls that it took him about two hours to get to Penn Station. From there he caught a Long Island Rail Road train. Staring out the window, Tom watched as the smoldering ruins and jagged remains of the World Trade Center faded from view. "There was complete silence on the

"For me, Pete will always be downtown ... I always feel closest to him there."

— John Owens

train. You could hear a pin drop," he says. At the Jamaica station, he switched to the Oyster Bay Line, and took a train to the station in East Williston, where his parents live.

When he arrived at his parents' house, his pants were soaked with muddy water, and his navy blue suit was covered with dust and soot. His wife and baby girl were waiting for him. He changed into clean clothes and someone threw away his suit, which held in its folds the acrid smell of Ground Zero.

Other family members arrived at his parents' house. They spent the rest of the day calling hospitals, hoping for some promising news about Pete. But as the day wore on and Sept. 11 turned into the 12th,

they realized that Pete would not be returning to East Williston.

Pete's death was hard on Tom, who was close to his older brother. They loved to fish together off Montauk Point on Long Island. They would charter a

boat in one of the nearby fishing villages with some of Pete's buddies from work and take off in search of striped bass.

As a young man, Pete studied philosophy at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., for a couple of years, and then worked at a restaurant for a while before taking a job as a bond trader at Cantor Fitzgerald.

During the years that Tom and John were at Catholic University, Pete — four years older than Tom and eight years older than John — would occasionally fly to D.C. and pay one of them a surprise visit. "I'd be walking across campus and I'd see him sitting on a bench," Tom says. "He'd take me and a couple of friends out for dinner and then hop on the shuttle and go back to the airport. He looked after me.

"He was compassionate. He always had your back," says Tom.

At Catholic University, news of the attacks began to spread around campus shortly after Flight 11 hit the North Tower. Students were hearing it from their roommates; professors were telling their classes. Very Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., now bishop of Trenton, was the University's president at the time. Bishop O'Connell recalls that, after a Boeing 757 struck the west side of the Pentagon at 9:38 a.m., he could see smoke rising over the defense complex just a few miles away from his Nugent Hall office. He was determined to keep the campus community safe and calm despite the growing signs of an international disaster.

Tom and John Owens hold a sketch of their brother, Pete, in the One Liberty Plaza Family Room overlooking the World Trade Center site.



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“The initial news reports were sketchy,” he says. “The situation sounded absolutely catastrophic. In D.C., people were panicking and leaving their cars in the road.” In contrast, Catholic University “was like a little island in Northeast D.C.”

At an early-morning sociology class, then sophomore Brian Haran, a CUA football player from Malverne, N.Y., found out that the North Tower, where his father worked for Cantor Fitzgerald, had been hit. Students and faculty at the University’s Columbus School of Law learned that adjunct professor Karen Kincaid was a passenger on board the Boeing 757 that crashed into the Pentagon. A partner in the communications practice of the Washington, D.C., law firm of Wiley Rein & Fielding, Kincaid had joined the faculty just three weeks before her death.

Under the leadership of Father O’Connell, the University responded quickly to the catastrophe. Students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to stay on campus that day. The University provided professional counseling for distraught students as well as housing for commuters who wanted to stay on campus overnight.

With so many people in D.C. and New York trying to call relatives and friends, phone lines quickly jammed. Catholic University’s telecommunications team set up banks of phones in Leahy Hall so members of the CUA community could call their loved ones.

A significant number of CUA alumni who lost relatives that day grew up in the New York City suburbs. Their losses speak to the special connection between Catholic University and the New York/New Jersey area, home to a substantial number of CUA students.

At noon on 9/11, the campus community gathered for Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Marissa Pullano, then a sophomore living in Camallier Hall who grew up in Sound Beach, N.Y., says she recalls vividly “the feeling on campus that day. There was a sense that we all needed each other.

“That day was so full of pain and suffering, but there was still a feeling of hope,” says Pullano (B.A. 2004), now a lawyer



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— Shawn Lenahan

living in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. “Brought together by faith, we knew we could get through 9/11.”

Back in New York City, Shawn Lenahan (B.S. Arch. 1987, B. Arch. 1988) was sitting in his office on the 65th floor of the North Tower when it was hit. Lenahan was a program manager for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey whose headquarters were in the North Tower.

“The whole building swayed, maybe a foot in one direction, then a foot in the other direction, and then it came back to center,” says Lenahan, who lives in Fair Haven, N.J.

Most of the people working around him had experienced the 1993 terrorist attack on the North Tower, so they started filing out of their offices almost immediately on 9/11, practically dragging reluctant co-workers out of their chairs, Lenahan says. Later, he would learn that people meeting

in a conference room one floor below, who had not been there in 1993, all died when the tower collapsed.

Lenahan’s descent down the first 10 floors went fairly quickly, but as the stairwell filled with people exiting from other floors and firefighters coming up the steps, the line slowed, especially as burn victims made their way down the stairs.

He says initially his trek down the stairs “seemed more like an exercise” than an escape from real danger. As an architect and an employee of the Port Authority, which built the towers, Lenahan was familiar with the resiliency of their structural design. He reminded himself that they were built to withstand the impact of an airplane. Later he found out that a 767 had struck the North Tower, leaking thousands of gallons of jet fuel that burned at a temperature of several hundred degrees.

There was growing congestion in the North Tower’s three stairwells. Firefighters carrying oxygen tanks, hoses, and axes were struggling to get up the stairs while burn victims and other evacuees were trying to get down. In an attempt to ease the congestion, firefighters twice directed Lenahan’s line to move to other stairwells in order to keep one clear for the rescue workers.

By the time Lenahan reached what he thought was the fourth floor, water from the building’s emergency sprinklers was running down the stairs. When he got to the landing at the top of the last set of steps, he says he heard the crash of shattering glass “like thousands of wind chimes” and watched as “a gigantic plume of dust” shot up the stairwell. The South Tower was collapsing; darkness descended on the stairwell.

Wedge into a corner, Lenahan, the father of three boys and a four-week-old girl, felt fear for the first time during his descent. He recalls that he prayed, “God, don’t let me die. Please don’t let this happen. Let me see my baby girl.”

Slowly the blackness in the stairwell lifted to a gray. Making his way down the last flight of stairs, Lenahan found rescue

Shawn Lenahan, who escaped from the North Tower, gazes from a window at the 7 World Trade Center building.





“I worked alongside firemen who had lost scores of friends, but all I saw was hope.”

— David Paterson

workers who instructed him and others to lock arms as they were led out of the building. The brim of a firefighter’s helmet scraped his eye, causing it to burn. His descent from the 65th floor had taken about 75 minutes. Struggling to keep his loafers on, Lenahan trudged through mud and water-soaked insulation, turned north, and headed for his brother’s apartment in the West Village.

Following 9/11, Lenahan was asked by the Port Authority to help with the redevelopment of Ground Zero. He spent the next eight years working on the cleanup and reconstruction of the World Trade Center site. It was work that proved therapeutic, especially in the first few years following 9/11 when he struggled with survivor’s guilt.

Lenahan spoke at the 2005 dedication for a 9/11 memorial in Fair Haven, which is located about 50 miles outside Manhattan. In his remarks, he said that a prayer by St. Francis of Assisi had always guided him, but it had taken on “a stronger, deeper meaning” since 9/11. It starts “Lord, make me a channel of your peace ...”

“I don’t know if I’ll ever truly understand the randomness of my good fortune that day, but it has certainly made me appreciate everything that I have in my life,” he says.

The CUA community’s response to the disaster continued in the weeks following 9/11. The University sponsored a blood drive for victims of the attacks as well as two symposia: one titled “A Just Response to Terrorist Warfare” and another focused on understanding Islam.

After 9/11, CUA alumnus and actor David Paterson, who wrote the screenplay for *The Bridge to Terabithia*, says he couldn’t just sit at home and watch the rescue effort on TV. A stay-at-home dad in Manhasset, N.Y., Paterson (B.A. 1989) had construction and demolition experience. Two days after the attacks, he was awakened by the

David Paterson, who helped with the clean-up at Ground Zero, became a firefighter after 9/11.

crying of his 19-month-old son. Paterson gave him a bottle, put him back to bed, and gathered up his hard hat, boots, and a few tools. With his wife at home, he headed off to the Manhasset station and caught the 5:09 a.m. train into Manhattan.

In an essay titled "The Decision to Go," which is part of a collection called *9/11: The Book of Help*, Paterson writes that he spent part of his time at Ground Zero on "the pile" with the bucket brigade. Waiting for buckets to reach him, he passed full buckets of rubble out, and empty buckets in, according to the essay. Periodically someone would call for a moment of silence to listen for sounds of survivors in the wreckage.

Paterson says there were also moments of "quiet chaos" on the pile, but he didn't witness any despair among the rescue workers. "I worked alongside firemen who had lost scores of friends, but all I saw was hope." Paterson says he left Ground Zero feeling "weary and ready to see my family again," but "very proud of mankind."

That fall, Stephen Schatz (B.A. 2002) was a senior and president of the Undergraduate Student Government. Schatz, who grew up in Queens, N.Y., says on 9/11, "seconds felt like hours" until he found out that everyone in his family was safe.

Asked to deliver a message of hope at the campus vigil for 9/11 victims held on Sept. 18, 2001, Schatz was struggling with his assignment. He says he wondered how he could talk about hope when there was "so much anxiety, frustration, and anger." He sought the advice of Rev. Robert Schlageter, O.F.M. Conv., then University chaplain and director of campus ministry. Schatz says that Father Bob reminded the young man that he had been personally affected by the tragedy. "Listen to your heart," Schatz recalls the priest saying.

On the night of the vigil, more than 500 students, faculty, and staff gathered on the CUA Mall between Shahan Hall and the Basilica. Their candles flickering, they listened as Schatz suggested that society "seek justice, not vengeance ... hope, not despair ... And most importantly, have hope in God. For he is truly the only one who can unite us all." A Sept. 11 commemoration, at which students read the names of all who were lost in the attacks, has become an annual tradition at CUA.

The University community also rallied around its own at the funerals for 9/11 victims. Bill Feehan (B.A. 1983) recalls that more than 12 members of the CUA community, along with friends from other parts of his life, attended his father's funeral at the Church of St. Mel in Flushing, N.Y. The funeral for William "Bill" Feehan, the highest-ranking New York City fire department official killed on 9/11, celebrated a man who was "exceedingly proud of Catholic University," notes the younger Feehan. The son adds that in his San Antonio home he has a framed, handwritten version of the St. Francis prayer sent to him by several CUA friends.

Onetime CUA football player Brian Haran says two weeks after 9/11 a bus pulled up in front of St. Raymond of Penyafort Church in East Rockaway, N.Y., for the funeral of his father who had died in the North Tower. On board were about 50 people from CUA, including members of the football team. Haran recalls that the bus trip was organized by Father Bob.

Three days after the tragedy, Bishop O'Connell says a first responder who had been at the World Trade Center stopped at Nugent Hall and dropped off a small crucifix made of steel rebar from the wreckage. The bishop notes that the crucifix, which he keeps in his private chapel, reminds him that Catholic University was "an anchor" on 9/11, especially for students "who were not experienced in the ways of the world."

He adds that 9/11 was "the most difficult day of my presidency, but it was Catholic University's finest hour in responding to the needs of others." CUA

Reactions Mixed to Osama bin Laden's Death

CUA rising junior Peter Rescigno was in fifth grade at St. Augustine's School in Eagle Park, N.Y., when he learned that the World Trade Center had been attacked. After 9/11, he says he would listen to his parents and grandparents discuss the Vietnam War, but he didn't understand "how a war could be so personal for a generation," until he heard the news that U.S. Navy Seals had killed Osama bin Laden on May 1.

Rescigno, chairman of the College Republicans, joined his roommate — the chairman of the College Democrats — and thousands of others, many of them college students, at a rally that night outside the White House. Some students tweeted their enthusiasm about the killing of bin Laden. Others chanted "U-S-A" and sang patriotic songs, according to Rescigno.

Kara Stauffer, a junior at Catholic University, was also at the rally even though she had mixed feelings about the occasion. Stauffer, a social work major from Ellington, Conn., says she wanted to be part of history, but wasn't comfortable celebrating the demise of the founder of the al-Qaida terrorist organization. "It is never right to celebrate someone's death, even the death of a terrorist," she says. "But it gives us a reason to celebrate the courage of our military men and women, especially those who are currently defending our country. The rally was a chance to celebrate my freedom in being American, and also a chance to be filled with renewed hope."

In a statement on bin Laden's death, Pope Benedict XVI notes, "In the face of a man's death, a Christian never rejoices, but reflects on the serious responsibilities of each person before God and before men, and hopes and works so that every event may be the occasion for the further growth of peace and not of hatred."

Rescigno says he "understands and respects" the Pope's statement, but he feels the terrorist leader's crimes justified his death. "I supported President Obama 100 percent that night. Bin Laden's death was a symbolic ending to a terrible time for our country."



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CHARITY CLOSE TO HOME

By Patricia Coll Freeman

On the campus of the University of Illinois, Springfield, in the studio of WUIS radio, Sister Mary Jo Schulte, O.S.F. (M.S.N. 1972) begins to tape her weekly show for the sight-handicapped.

"Today your reader is Sister Mary Jo Schulte," she speaks into the microphone.

There won't be guests debating politics or authors plugging their books. Instead, Sister Schulte will read local newspaper articles and announcements about who's celebrating a wedding anniversary, who died, and which local high school and college teams won.

Those stories aren't satellite radio newsworthy, but they're critical to people who can't see and are homebound in West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri.

Keeping those isolated neighbors up-to-date on current events is a way to help them stay "tied into society and to community," says the religious sister and psychiatric nurse.

"They now know one of their friends turned 95, and they can then ask someone to send a card," she explains.

Just Sister Schulte's name reminds her lonely listeners that God loves them.

"Even if they don't know much about sisters, they know, 'Oh, there's a nun there,'" Sister Schulte explains.

"The Church needs to touch people wherever and however we can," she stresses.

"The Gospel says, 'I was in prison and you visited me,'" she adds. "I'm not coming to see them, but I'm reading to them."

Sister Schulte is one of a number of Catholic University alumni who are finding and serving Christ's "least brethren" close to home.

And now, like Sister Schulte, they're logging their hours of service in the Cardinal Service Commitment — a yearlong campaign to mark Catholic University's 125th anniversary.

In thanksgiving to God for more than a century of blessings at the nation's flagship Catholic university, CUA students, alumni, faculty, and staff are striving to perform 125,000 hours of service by Founders Day, April 10, 2012. (For more details, see page 3.)

With more than 13,000 hours logged at press time, anticipation is growing over whether the CUA community will reach its ambitious goal.

CUA alumnus Rev. Gary Selin (S.T.L. 2006, S.T.D. 2011), who is a formation adviser at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, says there are many everyday opportunities to serve others.

"Everyone is made in the image and likeness of God," Father Selin observes. "We have to really pray, and say, 'Lord, open my eyes.'"

The person in need, he says, "may be the person closest to us."

FEED SOULS

Brittany Barber's neighbors in need are young. One evening each week, at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Beltsville, Md., Barber (B.A. 2008) teaches catechism to 3rd and 4th graders who attend the local public school.

"This type of service is not feeding homeless or helping with food drives," says Barber, but "it's giving students a model and idea of who God is and how our faith works."

Barber acknowledges her own faith benefits in the process. Seeing her students develop spiritually is “a very, very wonderful way to see God and see his work,” Barber explains.

Despite working full time in CUA’s Office of Housing Services, Barber makes a “conscious effort” to set aside time for charity. And she has applied recent hours to the Cardinal Service Commitment.

Having been educated in Catholic schools since kindergarten, Barber says she was “very ingrained” with service. In grade school, her classes made sandwiches for homeless people and volunteered in soup kitchens. In high school, she visited elderly people who were lonely and tutored elementary students.

For the uninitiated, Barber says it’s important that they “find the right service project, something that they would enjoy, and that they feel like they’re really giving of themselves.”

BE CREATIVE

“You have to be creative,” says Army engineer Nicholas Berg (B.M.E. 2009), who spends about two hours a week maintaining a website for St. Mary’s Church in Dover, N.J. Like other alumni, Berg has added some of his latest service toward the University’s goal of 125,000 hours.

Having been involved as a student in Campus Ministry’s charitable projects, Berg went looking for others after graduation.

Berg didn’t have to go far. His parish’s website hadn’t been updated for several years. Since “I can hold my own with computer stuff,” Berg says he offered to revamp and maintain the site.

“I reached out and said, ‘Hey, if you need somebody to do this, I’ll do it,’ and of course they said, ‘Absolutely!’”

Berg updates the parish calendars and posts bulletins, schedules, and other information. With young people in mind, Berg adds short reflections on the Mass readings and “life in general,” he says, “to try to guide people in that direction.”

And now, like Pope Benedict XVI, the parish has a Twitter account, thanks to Berg. This way, he finds news of Catholic import to post online. Among other Tweeters, he follows CUA.

Updating St. Mary’s website has resulted in a surge of use. Since October 2009, the site has received 12,000 hits, which the self-effacing Berg thinks is “pretty good.”

In fact, Berg is helping draw Catholics home. Many of the site’s viewers appear around holy days, he says, searching for “what time to show up,” so the website “must be extremely important from that aspect.”



Brittany Barber (B.A. 2008) works full time in CUA’s Office of Housing Services and finds time each week to teach catechism to 3rd and 4th graders. She is reporting her volunteer hours to the Cardinal Service Commitment.

The work is edifying to Berg, too, because it helps inform his faith. “It’s important to know what’s going on in the whole Church world,” he explains.

CARE FOR THE SICK

Although she’s not a nurse or a doctor, Marcella (Ghillani) Bagnulo, (B.A. 1967) of Roswell, Ga., helps make sick people well.

Several years ago, she donated her blood platelets to a friend with cancer. A year later, Bagnulo responded to a parish bulletin announcement and gave again to a stranger in need.

Since then, she has driven to nearby Atlanta Blood Services once a month where technicians draw her blood, extract her platelets, and then reinfuse her blood “without the platelets.” The process takes 1½ hours.

Bagnulo is matter-of-fact about her sacrifice. “Somebody out there really needs them and they can’t be manufactured or made,” she says of the platelets.


While her blood is being drawn, Bagnulo sees cancer patients “two beds over” in the same clinic room being infused with blood products that have already been processed.

Each stranger is “somebody else’s loved one” who would suffer or even die without the platelets.

Across the years, Bagnulo has volunteered at her children’s school, and at church she has coordinated weddings, taught catechism, and served as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion.

Bagnulo believes everyone has a little time to do something. There must be “two hours out of all those hours in a month,” she muses.

The time it takes Bagnulo to donate blood platelets are now “Cardinal Hours” in the University’s service campaign.

“I’m 66 years old and healthy and can share something,” Bagnulo says. “And I’m sure God appreciates it.” 

WHAT’S YOUR SERVICE?

Log your hours to the Cardinal Service Commitment at www.cua.edu/125/. Then, send a brief account about your service to cua-magazine@cua.edu. In the coming issues and on CUA’s website, we will highlight CUA alumni who serve their neighbors in need.

Freshmen in the City

By Ellen N. Woods



As 28 CUA freshmen exit the Dupont Circle Metrorail station, their professors ask them to stop and look around. It is a windy spring Friday, and the lunch-hour pedestrian traffic is heavy. Matthew Green, assistant professor of politics, provides some history on how Dupont Circle became known as Embassy Row.

“This part of D.C. was not developed until after the Civil War when it became a popular place for the wealthy. Massachusetts Avenue became a prestigious address and was known for its mansions. But the neighborhood began to decline in the 1920s.” says Green, gesturing to grand buildings that are now embassies and homes to prestigious think tanks.

He explains that these old mansions became desirable buildings for embassies. The first foreign embassy in the area was England’s. “Once England moved in, that gave Dupont Circle a high profile, and more countries began to buy these buildings to set up a presence in the United States.”

Green turns to Laura Daughtery, assistant professor of social work. “There are thousands of reasons people become homeless,” she says to the students, acknowledging that some of them were approached for money as they came off the escalator. “This is part of city life. It’s what happens when you have people of different income levels sharing spaces.”

Daughtery talks about the stories that might be behind the faces of the homeless. It can be frightening, she admits, to be approached by someone in these circumstances. But she emphasizes compassion and the need for a city to have social services that help people climb out of the cycle of homelessness.

And, with the quick lesson about history, politics, and social services finished, the students and their teachers head to the

Embassy of Chile on Massachusetts Avenue. They are greeted by Counselor Julio Bravo, who heads the embassy’s political department. He will spend the next hour talking to the freshmen about his country and the life of a diplomat. Around them is an exhibit titled “The Art of Stitching the Ordinary,” tapestries on display made by the people of Ninhue, a small village in the south of Chile.

Washington Past and Present: An Introductory Study is more than a course, says L.R. Poos, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. “It is about making freshmen feel welcome.”

The freshman class was offered for the first time in the spring 2011 semester. Fifty-nine students enrolled in the interdisciplinary course designed to focus on Washington as a symbolic city (the design and meaning of its buildings, monuments, and museums), a living city (its neighborhoods, economy, and environment), and a political city (national and local policymakers, lobbyists, and diplomats).

In addition to Green and Daughtery, the course was taught by Maria Mazzenga (Ph.D. 2000), education archivist/instructor and historian, and Timothy Meagher, associate professor of history and curator of the American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives. The four faculty members and Poos met for months to develop the class.

They learned a lot from history Professor Leslie Tentler, who had developed and taught a popular history course on Washington, D.C., at CUA for years. They added disciplines such as sociology, literature, economics, art, architecture, media, anthropology, and political science.

The course was developed to fit with the goals of the University’s First-Year Experience, which was launched in 2009. The program



provides a support network to freshmen as they acclimate to college life and academics, and it also reinforces the University's efforts to increase the number of students who remain at CUA beyond freshman year.

"Student surveys show that our location is an important reason undergraduates choose CUA. Yet we were not doing much as a university once they got here to help them understand the city. They shouldn't have to wait until a junior-year internship to feel like they fit in beyond campus," says Poos.

"We wanted students to come away with a much greater appreciation for the city, beyond that of a tourist attraction. We wanted them to feel comfortable beyond the CUA borders, and to see themselves as responsible citizens of the city," says Green.

Toward that end, "the city was the best classroom," says Mazzenga. Excursions like the one to Embassy Row took place throughout the semester. The students toured the National Mall on a cold, snowy day in January, and by late April they were on a walking tour of Brookland in flip-flops and shorts.

In addition to the four CUA faculty members, guest lecturers offered rare perspectives about the inner workings of Washington, D.C.

Last fall, Kyra Lyons (B.A. 1989, M.A. 1995), executive director of alumni relations, sent an e-mail to alumni announcing the new freshman course and asking for those who "work in the federal or local government, museums, architecture firms, economic development agencies, or neighborhood associations to host field trips at their workplaces, or to come to campus to share their experiences of the city with the students."

"The response was overwhelming," she says. "We heard from

more than 80 alumni. It was well beyond our expectations."

"Having alumni share their expertise with freshmen was a key factor in the concept and, ultimately, the success of the class," says Poos. "It is great for students to hear from and meet alumni who have found success in a career they care about. When the students see the strong connections that alumni have to the University, I think it says something to them about their choice of CUA."

John Stipicevic (B.A. 2006) is director of floor operations in the Office of the Majority Whip, Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.). "The majority whip is like an English hunting dog," Stipicevic told the students when he served as a guest lecturer. "His job is keeping all the dogs chasing the same fox. There are 241 Republican members of Congress and we need 218 to pass a bill. So my job is talk to members all day long and address their concerns and priorities — all in an effort to reach consensus."

Stipicevic told students about a typical day in the U.S. Capitol and shared how his CUA experiences helped groom him for a job that "never feels like work."

"Students who study, explore, and work off campus throughout their time at CUA will absolutely have a leg up on other graduates looking for jobs in Washington," says Stipicevic, adding he was excited to be part of the new course. "I will always make time to encourage CUA students. I think it is especially important for freshmen at CUA to experience outside influence from alumni. It affords them an opportunity to ask real-world questions and get real-world answers."

James Dinegar (B.A. 1982) was another guest speaker. As the president and CEO of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, he gave students insight into the strategy of city planning and how it



affects commerce. He told them, “The decision to come to CUA was a defining moment in my life. What I gained through this University comes from beyond the classroom. It happened through friendships that I have kept through the years — people who give me advice and ideas. Maintain and develop the relationships you make here. It’s a small world. You’ll be able to keep in touch, and your paths will cross in surprising ways.”

Linda Plitt Donaldson (Ph.D. 2004), a CUA associate professor in social work, visited the class to talk about homelessness in Washington, D.C. She told the students that on any given night in January 2010, more than 6,500 people were homeless on the streets of the capital. But her lecture was short. She brought with her people who had lived on the streets and overcome homelessness. Students were mesmerized listening to Cheryl, Barbara, and William tell their stories of unemployment and addiction.

William told the students he is “seven years clean,” but he said he made poor choices that included running away at age 14 and turning to drugs. “There is real pain to being homeless,” he said, recalling how he would wake up on the sidewalk and fold his blanket and put it under a bush for the day.

The guest lecturers came to the Friday sessions of the course with all 59 students. During the week, each of the four faculty members met with a smaller section of the students. They read and discussed such topics as the Senate, the construction of the World War II Memorial, anti-war protests in the 1960s, pizza deliveries in the city, and the culture of the local Latino community.

The course required plenty of reading, but there was innovation as well. Some students were tasked with choosing a new location for a Metro station, others were sent on a scavenger hunt through the city, and still others had to find an apartment they could afford on an entry-level salary.


During the last week of classes in April, Meagher and his section discuss the history of the 7th Street neighborhood. “This is what

the neighborhood looked like in the 1860s.” He shows a slide of the Old Center Market. “This is a walking city. People lived, shopped, and worked all in the same place. They lived above their stores. When the trolleys came about, things changed. People could leave their neighborhood to shop and work.”

Later in the week, Meagher leads his section of 12 students on a walking tour of 7th Street. They take the Metro to Gallery Place and walk inside the Verizon Center, where there is an exhibit on everyday life in old downtown. He tells them about the revitalization of the neighborhood due to development projects such as the Verizon Center, home to the Wizards and Capitals, and venue for concerts and other shows.

Walking along 7th Street they almost miss a sign alerting passers-by to a three-story building that was once the location of Clara Barton’s Missing Soldiers Office. “In 1997, workmen were in the vacant building, and they found documents in the attic. No one knew the history of this building until then.” He points across the street to the old Lansburgh Theatre and talks about the renewal that came when the Shakespeare Theatre Company moved in. At the Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue and 7th Street, a high school capella group from Ohio entertains people on the plaza with a rendition of “Lean on Me.” Walking up H Street, the group heads to Chinatown. They stop in front of the building that was once Mary Surratt’s boarding house, the place where Abraham Lincoln’s murder was plotted. It is now a Chinese restaurant.

The walking tour ends in Chinatown, and the students disperse. It is the last class of the semester and Meagher reminds them when final projects are due. He says he will miss the students.

“I felt like a tourist before taking this class,” says Veronica Perez of Albany, N.Y. “Now I feel like I have an advantage over so many other students because I understand the city and feel so comfortable here. The city doesn’t seem so complicated any more.” 

Born to Write

Jessica Spotswood (M.A. 2006) began writing her first novel in 2007. She considered herself lucky when she landed an agent in 2009. She got positive feedback from editors and made revisions, but publishers weren't interested. So what did she do? She began writing her second novel, working with the same agent.

One year later, she had more than 10 editors fighting over the manuscript, and in February 2011, she landed a high, six-figure world-rights deal with G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. The contract for Spotswood's debut novel, *Born Wicked*, also included two sequels. All three books will be part of *The Cahill Witch Chronicles*.

Spotswood, who has worked at CUA Press for nine years as assistant to the director, says she was at her desk in Leahy Hall when she got the phone call. "I sat on the floor and giggled insanely," she says. After an impromptu celebration orchestrated by her coworkers, Spotswood left work early to go home and work out the fine details of her book deal.

"I realized in that moment that my life had changed," recalls Spotswood.

In an announcement three weeks later in *Publisher's Weekly*, the novel was described as "a world of tea parties, engagements, and elegant dresses." The story follows the Cahill sisters, a trio of teen witches who must hide their powers in order to save themselves from being shipped off to prison or a mental ward. Spotswood describes the novel as a "gothic, alternative history about magic, witches, and kissing."

She celebrated by buying a Betsy Johnson dress, taking friends out to a restaurant for "appetizers, champagne, and cupcakes," and treating her best friend to a spa weekend.

But Spotswood says time for celebration was limited. She received her 11-page editorial letter — a document from the editor asking for revisions in plot and character development — on the same day the deal was announced in

Publisher's Weekly. Throughout the writing and revision process, she has relied on her most trusted critic, her husband, Steve Spotswood (M.F.A. 2009), an award-winning playwright.

Spotswood says she has also relied on a close inner circle of writer friends who critique each other's work. And she learned a lot from writing her unpublished novel. "I am a better writer for having gone through that process. The main character in *Born*

Wicked is much more decisive than the main character in my first novel. This book is more engaging, and the stakes are higher."

Spotswood lives in Washington, D.C., and is from Biglerville, Pa., a small town north of Gettysburg, with "one stop light and lots of apple trees and cows." She started writing in fourth grade. Her inspiration was *Gone With the Wind*, which she first read at age 11. "It made me fall in love with historical fiction."

With that six-figure deal, Spotswood decided that she could quit her day job, and now she is looking forward to writing full time. But some habits won't change. "Steve and I like to take our laptops to a local coffee shop on weekends and write. At 5 p.m. it turns into a wine bar, and our writing turns into a date night."

Now that she can write her own "local girl makes good" story, Spotswood has the following advice for other would-be novelists: "Read everything you can, particularly in your market. Find people you trust to give you objective criticism. Know why you are writing. You have to love it. There is a business element to writing a book, yes, but you need to separate the creative from the business. You have to love the creative process."

Born Wicked is set for release on Feb. 7, 2012. — E.N.W.

Anne Chan



The Art of the Interview

By Ellen N. Woods



Dennis Wholey wants to know if his students are going to the circus. “There are three things in life you should not miss: the circus, a magic show, and a motorcade,” he tells them. There’s a sign-up table in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center for a CUA-sponsored trip to the circus. Wholey passed it on his way to Starbucks before heading to O’Boyle Hall to teach his evening class. He is clearly excited.

“Patrick, are you going? John, how about you?”

Nina shakes her head.

“Nina, how can you answer for John?”

“Because we’d be going together and I know I’m not going.”

Wholey laughs. He knows Nina and John are best friends and her answer doesn’t surprise him.

Wholey is the instructor for *The Art of the Interview*, a spring semester media studies and politics course that meets Thursday nights.

The students are taking a break midway through the class, and Wholey enjoys the opportunity to catch up. Group discussion is a cornerstone of the class. The 19 students and their instructor have become a close-knit group.

Already this evening the students have critiqued a *Washington Post* article, had a pop quiz on current events (“Being informed about the world we live in is the only way to be a good interviewer,” says Wholey), and watched two video clips.

The headline of the *Post* article reads, “Egyptians turn out in droves at polls.” The subhead says, “Voters take part in first referendum since revolution.” Each student has a copy.

“Quickly read the headlines and tell me what you want to know as a reader,” says Wholey.

He doesn’t wait for hands to go up. “Christopher?”

“I want to know what the referendum is about.”

Wholey is pleased. “Exactly! Okay, now read the article and see how far in you have to go before you find out.”

The students are reading. Wholey waits. Finally the answers start coming.

“I found it,” says Sean.

“How many paragraphs in?” asks Wholey.

The students are counting.

“Nine,” says Sean.

“Did it not drive you crazy?” Wholey wants to know.

“I also wanted to know what percent of voters turned out and that wasn’t until the fourth paragraph,” says Lauren.

“The writer should have used the inverted pyramid and given us the facts up front,” says Jocelyn.

Once everyone has weighed in, Wholey shifts gears quickly and goes to the videotape. He has a clip from his weekly PBS television show, “THIS IS AMERICA with Dennis Wholey.”

Earlier in the semester Wholey gave students the opportunity to critique his show. He took their suggestions back to the producer



and, as a result, he has a new opening format to show them. In this segment, he interviews Peter Bergen, CNN's national security analyst and author of *The Longest War*.

The intro shows Wholey interviewing Bergen, with Wholey giving a voiceover telling the viewer who Bergen is, and text on the screen describing Bergen's credentials. A photo of the book appears on screen briefly. The previous opening format to the show brought the viewer right into the interview without the introduction. Wholey likes the format of starting the interview "right out of the gate," but his students wanted some background on the interview subject first. He thought this new format was a compromise, and he wants to know their opinions of the retooled effort.

"Jonathan?"

"I liked when you flashed to the book. That's helpful to the viewer."

"Good. Armaine?"

"I like the new format. It sets the interview up for the viewer."

"Megan?"

"We can faintly hear the interview in the background. I didn't like that. It was a little distracting."

"Okay. Fair enough. I'll talk to my producer about that."

And as usual, the discussion wraps up only when everyone has had their say.

Wholey is a 1959 graduate of The Catholic University of America with a major in speech and drama. For more than 35 years he has been a successful and well-known television host and producer. He is also a bestselling author.

Wholey had been in touch with Dean of Arts and Sciences L.R. Poos, who likes to bring successful alumni back to campus to share their insights with students. The two met several times during the spring 2010 semester, when Wholey proposed teaching a class. Poos accepted the offer and convened several meetings with Wholey and faculty members to discuss how to best convert the journalist's professional experience into a unique and valuable course.

"As people get older, they like to impart what they have learned about life to younger people. It's human nature. The idea was very appealing to me," says Wholey.

He says he "has been pleasantly surprised by the students as people. You read so much about how this generation is wrapped up in themselves. But that couldn't be further from the truth, at least with this group. They are really in touch with the world and interested in each other. I'm learning from them too."

In one class exercise, Wholey paired students to interview each other. Reading the resulting profiles they wrote about each other helped him get to know his students. While the interviews were taking place, Wholey strolled around the classroom with reminders, "Don't forget the follow-up questions. Open-ended questions. Remember to *listen!* That's your most important job as

an interviewer. That's how you'll get to that next great question."

In the first class of the semester, Wholey invited the students to interview him. Nothing was off limits, he told them. Stephen, he recalls, asked the million-dollar question. "What was the most pivotal event in your life?"

Wholey said the answer was a no-brainer — overcoming addiction to alcohol. In his bestselling book, *The Courage to Change: Personal Conversations About Alcoholism*, Wholey put everything on the table. And he did the same for his students, although he made them work for it. "Don't forget the follow-up questions."

Later in the class, Wholey shows a short video clip from a local morning news program that was sent to him for critique. The woman being interviewed has written a book on how not to raise an indulgent child. "First I want you to view this with attention on the interviewer and then we will view it again from the perspective of the interview subject."

After the clip has run twice, Wholey launches the discussion.

"Laura, go for it."

"I didn't like the interviewer. He was condescending at times. He seemed to be more interested in the sound bite than getting a good interview."

"I felt more like I heard him than I heard her, especially up front. His introductory monologue was too long," added Megan.

"And the monologue didn't make sense. He said 'there's no manual on how to raise children.' But the reason he's interviewing her is that she *did* write a manual," says Laura.

"Oh, good point. I hadn't even thought of that," says Wholey. "Nina, we haven't heard from you."

"Well, you can probably guess what I have to say. Just look at what she is wearing. She needs a makeover. And she looks miserable. She needs to sit up straight and smile."

"Fair enough," says Wholey laughing.

"It was clear the interviewer didn't read the book. He didn't ask any questions directly related to the book or even quote from it," adds Jocelyn.

"Exactly," says Wholey. "What is one of the most important keys to a good interview?"

"Preparation, preparation, preparation," several students answer in unison.

This evening, the class ends with tips on job interviewing.

Wholey says it was important to him that the course go beyond journalistic interviewing. "Any time you want to get to know someone, you are in an interview situation. The class teaches life skills."

John Rice, a senior media studies major from Westerly, R.I., says he's looking forward to job interviews after taking the course. "I've got my 20 top job interview questions with me and I feel prepared for anything they throw at me."



A Time to Remember

Homecoming and Reunions Weekend • October 21–23, 2011
1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006

The Catholic University of America cordially invites all alumni — from the *Golden Cardinals* to the *Class of 2011* — and their families to Homecoming and Reunions Weekend this fall, October 21–23.

The schedule of events, some of which are listed below, continues to grow, with new ones being added every day. Register online at www.cuatoday.com (click on the “Homecoming and Reunions 2011” link) and find additional, just-scheduled activities, fee prices where applicable, times and locations, contact information, as well as the names of alumni who have registered for each event.

For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at **202-319-5608** or **800-288-ALUM**.

Thursday, October 20

School of Library and Information Science Luminaries Panel

Presenters will include Ann Caputo of the Special Libraries Association, Maureen Sullivan of the American Libraries Association, and Susan Hildreth, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. 7–9 p.m.

Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center
Great Room A and B

Friday, October 21

CUA Athletics Golf Classic

It's tee time! Spend an afternoon on the links with old classmates and friends.

1:30 p.m. Shotgun start/6 p.m. Reception and awards dinner

Renditions Golf Course

1364 W. Central Ave., Davidsonville, Md.

School of Philosophy Fall Lecture Series

Charles Bambach, professor at the University of Texas at Dallas, will address “Heidegger’s Poetic Measure: An Ethics of Haunting.”

2:10–4 p.m.

Aquinas Hall, Auditorium

Department of Psychology Alumni Award Presentation and Reception

5–6:30 p.m.

O’Boyle Hall

An Evening with the Honors Program

Catch up with honors alumni and faculty over wine and cheese.

5:30–7:30 p.m.

Curley Hall, Vincent P. Walter
Board Room

Field Hockey Game

Watch Catholic University take on the University of Scranton in Landmark Conference action.

CUA vs. Scranton.

6 p.m.

Raymond A. DuFour Athletic Center
Cardinal Stadium

Class of 1961 Welcome Reception

Begin the weekend with a special reception for this year’s 50-year reunion class — a great opportunity to get reacquainted with your classmates and the campus.

6–9 p.m.

McMahon Hall, Foyer

Alumni Swim Meet

Calling all swim team alumni: it’s time to dive into the pool again! Family and friends are welcome to cheer on their swimmers. 7 p.m.

DuFour Center, Pool

“Halfway Home” Happy Hour

Kick off the weekend with fellow Cardinals who are back “home” in Washington, D.C. 8–10 p.m.

Clyde’s of Gallery Place

707 7th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Good “Times” Get-together

An informal gathering for young alumni. 8 p.m.

Kelly’s Irish Times

14 F St., N.E., Washington, D.C.

Saturday, October 22

Alumni Association Board of Governors Meeting

All alumni are welcome at the meeting. 9 a.m. Breakfast/9:30–11 a.m. Business meeting

On Campus

School of Nursing Homecoming Brunch

Welcome home, nursing alumni! Enjoy brunch and hear guest speaker Kathleen McCann, RN, Ph.D., address “Voices of Nursing in Health Care Reform.” Prior to the lecture, annual elections for nursing alumni leadership positions will be held. 9 a.m.

Caldwell Hall, Auditorium

Alumni Baseball Game

Join your former teammates for batting practice beginning at 9 a.m. before the first pitch at 10 a.m.
9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
DuFour Center, Robert J. Talbot Baseball Field

Men's Basketball Game

Alumni vs. Alumni
Time TBD
DuFour Center, Gymnasium

Campus Tours

Take a campus bus tour, and visit your old residence hall and the new buildings on campus.
10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Meet at front steps, McMahan Hall

Pre-Game Tent Party

Join the traditional pre-game picnic where there's good food, music, and fun for all ages! Special ticket price for members of the Class of 2011 celebrating their first Homecoming. A ticket to the Homecoming football game is included with each picnic ticket. There will be reserved tables for reunion classes, young alumni, ADG, KTG, and Senators Club, and a moonbounce and face-painting for the kids.
11 a.m.–1 p.m.
DuFour Center, Homecoming tent

6th Annual Men's Lacrosse Alumni Game

Men's Lacrosse welcomes back former teammates for their alumni game.
12–2 p.m.
DuFour Center, Upper Field

Homecoming Football Game

Cheer on the CUA Cardinals as they take on the Wasps of Emory & Henry College.
1 p.m.
DuFour Center, Cardinal Stadium

Department of Drama

Meet-and-Greet Reception

Catch up with CUA castmates, foils, and friends in the limelight.
2–4 p.m.
Hartke Theater, Upper Lobby

Class of 1966 45-year Reunion

Celebrate 45 years, with just five more to the golden 50!
4–6 p.m.
John K. Mullen of Denver Memorial Library, May Gallery

6th Annual Alumni Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament

Alpha Delta Gamma, Kappa Chapter
All Alpha Deltas and friends are welcome!
Net proceeds will benefit the CUA Alpha Delta Gamma Scholarship.
6 p.m. Reception/7 p.m. Tournament
Caldwell Hall, Auditorium

Class of 1961 Golden Celebration Dinner

The Class of 1961 celebrates its 50th reunion and induction into the ranks of Golden Cardinals.
7–10 p.m.
Father O'Connell Hall (formerly Graduate Hall)

Class of 1971 40-year Reunion

Forty years ago, Apollo 14 landed on the moon and the Class of 1971 launched from CUA. Reminisce with classmates and friends.
8–10 p.m.
Pryzbyla Center, Great Room

Class of 1976 35-year Reunion

The bicentennial class rides again 35 years later!
8–10 p.m.
Pryzbyla Center, Great Room

Class of 1981 30-year Reunion

Reunite with Cardinals who cheered when the U.S. hostages were released.
8–10 p.m.
Pryzbyla Center, Great Room

Class of 1986 25-year Reunion

Where were you when America lost the Space Shuttle Challenger? The Class of 1986 was witness to history. Now it's time to reconnect with the friends who share your memories.
8–10 p.m.
McMahan Hall, Foyer

Class of 1991 20-year Reunion

Has it been 20 years already?! Don't let another day go by!
8 p.m.
Off Campus

Class of 1996 15-year Reunion

Leap-year Cardinals, do you remember the big snow, Motorola's StarTAC phone, and graduation — just 15 years ago?
8 p.m.
Off Campus

Class of 2001 10-year Reunion

Job, marriage, babies, a master's degree, a year with the Missionaries of Charity? A lot can happen in 10 years. Time to find out!
8 p.m.
Off Campus

Class of 2006 5-year Reunion

Five years flew by! Find out how your classmates spent the time.
8 p.m.
Off Campus

"Double Destination" Reunion Party

Young Alumni
Twice as much fun at two local hang-outs.
8 p.m.
My Brother's Place
237 2nd St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Kelly's Irish Times
14 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Sunday, October 23

Homecoming and Reunions Mass

Sunday Mass celebrated by Rev. Jude DeAngelo, O.F.M. Conv., Catholic University chaplain and Campus Ministry director, with special intentions for the 50-year reunion Class of 1961.
11 a.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Chapel

Champagne Brunch Honoring CUA's Golden Cardinals

All Catholic University alumni and guests are invited to celebrate CUA alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.
Noon
Father O'Connell Hall

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Greetings CUA Alumni!

Nominees Selected for Alumni Board of Governors

In every odd-numbered year, a committee of the CUA Alumni Association Board of Governors nominates alumni from across the country to serve as members and officers of the board. Nominees are expected to attend semi-annual board meetings, serve on committees, and support the annual fundraising goals of the University.

National officers serve two-year terms and board members serve four-year terms beginning with the Alumni Association Board of Governors meeting in the fall during Homecoming and Reunions Weekend. Current nominees for national office and board membership are:

National Officer Nominees:

President

Thomas Zoeller, B.A. 1984

President-Elect

Rev. Frank Donio, S.A.C., B.A. 1989, M.A. 1993

Vice President

Carrie Grundmayer, B.A. 1996

Vice President

Rashaun Martin, B.A. 2001

Board Member Nominees:

Nicholas Berg, B.M.E. 2009

C. Brendan Bohan, B.A. 1999

Andrea De Pinto, B.A. 2001

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Scott Flesch, B.A. 1994, J.D. 1997

Rev. Matthew Foley, B.A. 2001

Rebecca Freyvogel, B.A. 2004

Megan Gebregziabher, B.A. 1998

Brian Jefferes, B.A. 2006

Brett Malon, B.A. 1997

Christopher Pierno, B.A. 2011

Patricia Prince, M.S.W. 2002

Marissa Pullano, B.A. 2004

Regina Rink, B.A. 1988

Judith Shields, M.S.N. 1973

Carolyn Spohn, B.S.N. 2005

Kevin Walsh, B.A. 1985

The Board of Governors provides leadership for the Alumni Association, regional chapters, and activities that serve the mission of CUA. For more information, please contact Kyra Lyons, (B.A. 1989, M.A. 1995) executive director of alumni relations, at 202-319-5608, 800-288-ALUM, or lyonsk@cua.edu.



CUA Ties

The CUA Alumni Association is pleased to offer Vineyard Vines ties, uniquely designed for CUA in three colors: light blue, light green, and light yellow. Each tie is emblazoned with the CUA crest. The cost for one tie is \$65, which includes tax and shipping. For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 202-319-5608 or order at www.cuatoday.com.



The Annual Excursion to Ireland!

Nov. 30 – Dec. 5, 2011

- Tours include the Strokestown Park House and Museum of the Famine, Knock Shrine, Achill Island, and the Guinness Storehouse.
- Meals include four full breakfasts and four dinners.
- Experienced, delightful tour guide provided by CIE Tours International.
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CUA Inducts Five into Athletic Hall of Fame

Catholic University will recognize four alumni and one coach for their outstanding athletic achievements at the Athletic Hall of Fame induction on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at noon, in the Great Room of the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center. The Athletic Hall of Fame committee, composed of alumni along with Athletics and other University staff, completed its review of nominees in May 2011 and selected the following for induction:

Kimberly Robinson Dean, B.A. 1989

Diving

Dean was the sole diver for a burgeoning program in the late 1980s. She went undefeated in four years of conference competition and qualified for the NCAA Nationals in 1989. During her senior year she received CUA's highest honor for a female athlete, the Sister Rosemary Donley Cup. She compiled an individual four-year record of 55-6. During that time Dean was an all-league performer. She competed against male divers in many meets, garnering pivotal team points through her outstanding performance. In 1989 she was part of a team that finished 10-2 overall, winning the conference title.

Jim LeBuffe, B.A. 1970

Basketball

LeBuffe was a three-year starter and the sixth player in CUA history to reach 1,000 points. In three years he scored 1,149 points. He now ranks 22nd overall in CUA basketball history. During his senior year he scored a game-high 27 points and collected nine rebounds in a season-opening victory over Towson. As a sophomore he had two 30-point games; one at Mount St. Mary's and another during the Mason-Dixon Conference playoffs against Old Dominion.

Jerry McGee – deceased

Track Coach

McGee coached the CUA Cardinals for more than 40 seasons, before retiring in 2006. During his tenure he brought the squad to national prominence and coached two national champions, both winning in middle distance events. McGee's athletes won 38 NCAA Division I, II, and III All-American certificates and numerous all-conference honors. He was selected to coach the American track and field squad in 1976 and 1979 when the team competed against the U.S.S.R. The United States won both meets. He is also a member of the Seton Hall Prep Hall of Fame, and he was selected as one of the top 100 athletes in the last 100 years in his home state of New Jersey.

James R. "Val" Van Deventer,

B.A. 1978, M.A. 1985

Baseball

Van Deventer was a four-year starting center fielder for the Cardinals who was drafted by the Atlanta Braves and played a year and a half in the Braves' organization. He became the first modern-era CUA player drafted into professional baseball. He came to CUA unheralded out of St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. Van Deventer was a prototypical center fielder — excelled at fielding and throwing, ran well, and hit for power and average. In 1977 he hit .446 with 4 home runs, 25 RBIs, and 8 stolen bases during the Eastern College Athletic Conference championship.

Brian Wickes, B.A. 1981

Football

Wickes was a three-year starter at right tackle for the Cardinals. Listed at 6 feet 3 inches tall and 240 pounds, he anchored an offensive line that helped quarterback Steve Stanislav and wide receiver Mike Stotz enjoy CUA Hall of Fame careers. "Without reservation, I consider Brian one of the best offensive linemen to play for me during my 36 years as a college coach," said former Coach Joe Pascale. "Our success during his years playing at CUA are directly related to his play and leadership on the offense."

Class Notes ...

50s

William J. Nealon, J.D.

1950 (LAW), of Scranton, Pa., received the American Inns of Court 2011 Professionalism Award for the Third Circuit in May. He sits on the bench of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. The federal building in which the court is housed is named for him. Nealon is one of six federal judges appointed by former President John F. Kennedy who remain on the bench. In July he became the longest-serving district judge in the history of the Third Circuit.

Thomas P. Melady, M.A.

1952, Ph.D. 1955 (A&S), of Washington, D.C., and his wife, Margaret, were recently awarded Imperial Orders from the Crown Council of Ethiopia. He was awarded the Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Holy Trinity and she received the Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Ethiopian Lion.

60s

Sister Lorraine Ryan,

M.M.S., B.S.N. 1968 (NURS), of Boynton Beach, Fla., celebrated her 50th jubilee with a special Mass and reception at the Medical Mission Sisters' North American Headquarters in Philadelphia.



Sister Lorraine Ryan

Francis J. Butler, S.T.B.

1969, S.T.D. 1972 (THEO), of Washington, D.C., was awarded an honorary degree from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., in May for his work with FADICA (Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities).

Denis Ledoux, B.A. 1969,

M.A. 1971 (A&S), of Lisbon, Maine, has, since the 1980s, helped people write their personal and family stories. His Soleil Lifestory Network offers workshops, teleclasses, coaching, editing, ghostwriting, and book production.

70s

William Stief, B.M. 1970,

M.M. 1976 (MUSIC), of Rockville, Md., is continuing to enjoy his retirement after teaching music in Montgomery County, Md., from 1970 to 2007. He is keeping himself busy at the piano, with school and instrumental accompaniment as well as occasionally substituting at the organ in various churches. He and his wife, Sue, have a daughter, Kelly, who is a sophomore at Messiah College in Pennsylvania.

Edward Abramson, Ph.D.

1971 (A&S), professor emeritus of psychology at California State University and an instructor at U.C. Berkeley Extension, writes a blog for *Psychology Today* magazine and lectures widely on obesity and eating disorders. He maintains a private practice in Lafayette, Calif., and has written a new book, *It's NOT Just Baby Fat: 10 Steps to Help Your Child to a Healthy Weight* (Bodega Books, 2011).

Jonathan Mumm, B.A.

1971 (A&S), Sacramento TV reporter and host of KXTV News 10's "California Postcard" and "Mumm at the Movies" retired from the station in May after

nearly 30 years. The five-time Emmy Award-winning journalist is switching his energy to Roseville Performing Arts Studio, which he owns with his wife, singer, and music teacher **Roberta (Driscoll) Mumm, B.A. 1976 (MUSIC)**.

Joan (Romano) Clark, B.A.

1972 (A&S), of Chandler, Ariz., recently added oversight of the Arizona Capitol Museum to her responsibilities as deputy director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

C.R. George Dove, M.Arch.

1972 (ARCH), is the 2010 recipient of the Centennial Award from the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (DC/AIA). The recognition is for lifetime achievement and is the highest honor the chapter can bestow. He is a managing principal of WDG Architecture. He has served as president of the Washington Chapter of AIA; regional director and member of the AIA national board; founding board member and president of the Washington Architectural Foundation (WAF); and president of the Washington Building Congress. He was elected to the AIA College of Fellows in 2000. He teaches undergraduate design studios at CUA.

Edward C. Green, Ph.D.

1974 (A&S), has written *Broken Promises: How the AIDS Establishment Has Betrayed the Developing World* (Polipoint Press, 2011). Green is the president and director of the New Paradigm Fund in Washington, D.C., and former director of the AIDS Prevention Research Project at the Harvard School of Health.

Michael W. Schell, J.D. 1974 (LAW), former senior upstate adviser for the Office of the Governor of New York State, has joined the firm Hancock Estabrook

in its newest office located in Albany, N.Y. He has had a long career representing the interests of Upstate New York.



Michael W. Schell

David M. Wohlsen, M.S.L.S.

1974 (LIS), received a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club of America in honor of his work in developing a cross-curricular nature education program for the 100-acre forested and prime-agricultural land campus of a new middle school in Bennington, Vt., whose library and media center he helped design. Wohlsen retired in 2009 after 37 years as librarian, teacher, and adviser.



David Wohlsen

Mary Carter-Williams,

Ph.D. 1975 (A&S), of Takoma Park, Md., a member of CUA's Alumni Board of Governors, has written two poetry collections under the pen name 'Isabella.'

They are *Soul of Isabella* and *On Being Prayerful: Long and Short Poems That Heal* (Xlibris Corporation, 2011 and 2010).

James P. Gallagher, Ph.D. 1975 (A&S), former president of Philadelphia University was selected to serve as interim president of Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa. until 2011. He has served as the Pennsylvania Commissioner of Higher Education, chaired the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, and was a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission.

Richard L. Thompson, J.D. 1975 (LAW), of McLean, Va., assumed the role of chairman of Syracuse University's board of trustees in May. He is a senior counsel at the law firm Patton Boggs, concentrating his work on pharmaceuticals and food and drugs.

Rev. Thomas P. Hall, C.S.P., M.A. 1976 (THEO), retired as a commander from the Chaplain Corps, USN, in July 2010. He celebrated retirement by hiking nearly 500 miles of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela through northern Spain. He currently works in the Department of Spiritual Care at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Michael G. Dell'Orto, M.F.A. 1977 (A&S), of Wilton, N.H., is featured in the Paramount Pictures film *The Fighter* as the World Boxing Union Commissioner. And this season, he is a member of the company at the Peterborough Players Theatre, appearing in *Father of the Bride*, *Arms and the Man*, *Doctor Knock*, and *Measure for Measure*. He is also the area liaison for Actors' Equity in New England.

80s

Thomas Gerald Irizarry, B.A. 1980 (A&S), of Brooklyn, N.Y., participated in a group art exhibition at The Clemente Soto Velez Center in New York City. He exhibited watercolor works and a large oil on canvas, titled *Relique of a Sunken Day*.

Ken Phifer, M.S.L.S. 1983 (LIS), of Rockville, Md., published his memoirs in March 2010: *The First Seventy-Five Years 1934–2009: A Memoir*. Copies are available at the Rockville, Md., Public Library and at the Montgomery County Historical Society Library.

Maryellen (Walsh) Silsby, B.A. 1983 (A&S), and **Robert Silsby, B.M.E. 1983 (ENGR)**, of Chantilly, Va., cheered on their daughter, Shannon, who swims for the Cardinals, as she broke the Catholic University team record in the 100-yard backstroke at the Landmark Conference Championship. A nursing major, Shannon will be a sophomore in the fall. Her older sister, Megan, is a junior at Virginia Tech and brother Patrick is a freshman in high school.



Robert R. Smedley

Robert R. Smedley, B.S.Arch. 1985, B.Arch. 1986 (ARCH), was promoted to director of federal programs for BRPH Architect-Engineers. He

also opened and manages the Washington, D.C., office where he is responsible for designing military projects throughout the U.S. and abroad. He and his wife, Jackie, live in Ashburn, Va. Their oldest daughter, Samantha, is studying drama and communications at CUA.

Philip Cefaratti, B.A. 1986 (A&S), of Alexandria, Va., recently became managing broker for Weichert Realtors in Great Falls, Va. Real estate is his third career. He entered the field in 2007.

Carmen Crenshaw-Hovey, B.A. 1986 (A&S), has been living near Zurich, Switzerland, for 10 years, along with her husband, Bill, and sons Sam, 16, and Aleksander, 12. Bill teaches history at Zurich International School.

Anita M. Reznicek, M.A. 1986 (THEO), has been selected as president of St. Joseph's Academy (SJA), a Roman Catholic preparatory high school for young women in Frontenac, Mo., sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. She joins SJA after 23 years of teaching, leadership, and mission service at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City, Mo. She has been a lecturer and teaching fellow at the University of Kansas, University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Avila College, and she is a noted authority on single-gender education for girls.

Morton Rumberg, Ed.D. 1986 (A&S), of Gold River, Calif., has written *Sting of the Geisha*, (Xlibris, March 2011).

Edie Belitza, B.M. 1987 (MUSIC), of Westover, Md., was named Teacher of the Year for Marion Sarah Peyton Alternative School and J.M. Tawes Technology and Career Center.

Sarah J. Gaughan, B.S.Arch. 1987, B.Arch. 1988 (ARCH), of Wallingford, Pa., joined Bergmann Associates as an architectural

project manager.

Michael Lonergan, B.A. 1988 (A&S), was appointed the head men's basketball coach at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He was the head men's basketball coach at the University of Vermont from 2005 to 2011 and the head men's basketball coach at CUA from 1992 to 2004. He led the Cardinals to the NCAA Division III national championship in 2001.

Philip O. Nolan, M.S.E. 1988, (ENGR), of McLean, Va., has been appointed to the board of directors of NCI, a leading provider of information technology, engineering logistics, and professional services and solutions to U.S. federal government agencies. Within the government-contracting industry, he was chairman of the Professional Services Council board of directors for 2009, following his term as vice chairman in 2008. In 2007, he was named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year.



Brian Cashman

Brian Cashman, B.A. 1989 (A&S), general manager of the New York Yankees, was honored with the Covenant House Beacon of Hope Award in June for his work to help homeless youth. The award was presented by Covenant House President **Kevin M. Ryan, B.A. 1989 (A&S)**. Cashman recently joined the board of Covenant House.

Regina Foley, B.A. 1989 (A&S), has been elected chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's board of governors, which is tasked with establishing the official policy of the association. She is an attorney with the Philadelphia law firm of Raynes McCarty. She lives in Flourtown, Pa., with her husband, Eric Tatlonghari, and their children, Patrick, Liam, and Owen.

Camille Q. Solberg, B.A. 1989 (PHIL), of New London, Wis., was appointed by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to the State Council on Alcohol and other Drug Abuse. The State Council provides leadership and coordination regarding alcohol and other drug abuse issues confronting the state.

90s

Bernadette McNary-Zak, M.A. 1990 (THEO), of Germantown, Tenn., received the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching, one of Rhodes College's highest faculty honors.

Thomas Polucci, B.Arch. 1991 (ARCH), has been appointed to head the interiors practice for the New York office of HOK, the global architectural firm. Polucci, a member of the firm's board of directors, has served as director of interior design and as part of the leadership team since 2004. Polucci is a frequent speaker and industry leader on workplace design. He began his career at HOK in 1997 as an interior designer in the St. Louis office.

Robert Craig Baum, B.A. 1992 (A&S), published his first philosophical work, titled *Itself* (Atropos Press, 2011). He also accepted the chief education officer position at the Sobota Foundation, an Oxford-based

institution dedicated to sustainable living, new knowledge innovation, and furthering the humanities. Along with his wife, **Michelle Mielewski Baum, B.A. 1992 (A&S)**, he will create multiple, praxis-based education platforms in the United Kingdom, United States, Tanzania, Mongolia, and Haiti to serve students ranging from primary to post-baccalaureate levels. A humanities and English professor at River Valley Community College in Claremont, N.H., and visiting professor of interdisciplinary arts at the European Graduate School (Saas Fee, Switzerland), he lives in Vermont with Michelle and their four boys: George, 13, Theo, 10, Eli, 7, and Ollie, 2.

T.R. Rowe, B.A. 1992 (A&S), was elected to his 7th term in the Connecticut General Assembly this past November. As chairman of the Program Review and Investigation Committee, he is one of only two Republicans in Connecticut's Legislature who serve as chair of a committee. He is also a trial attorney in private practice with the law firm of McNamara & Kenney in Bridgeport. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Trumbull, Conn., with their three children, Joseph, James, and Gemma.

Danielle E. Howarth, B.A. 1993 (A&S), has been elected chair of the Community Law Center's board of directors. Her two-year term became effective in January. Practicing in the real estate and business transactions group of the Baltimore-based law firm of Gallagher Evelius & Jones, she represents clients in all facets of the acquisition, development, construction, financing, and disposition of real property.

Robert Lisauskas, B.S.Arch. 1993, B.Arch. 1994 (ARCH), co-founder of Red Oxide, an architecture and urban design

studio in Los Angeles, received first place for his entry submitted to Cincinnati's Five Design Challenge. The competition was aimed at improving Cincinnati's urban core through the reimagination of its mass transit infrastructure.

Ricky Stanfield, M.S. 1996, Ph.D. 2002 (ENGR), is engineering director and deputy program manager at the Northrop Grumman facility at Princess Anne (Md.) Industrial Park. He also teaches a course on fluid mechanics at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.



Ricky Stanfield

Scott Lee, M.S.L.S. 1997 (LIS), of Lancaster, Calif., completed a doctorate of education in educational leadership at UCLA in April. The title of his dissertation was "An Exploratory Case Study of Library Anxiety and Basic Skills English Students in a California Community College District."

James M. Fisher Jr., B.A. 1998 (A&S), was promoted to partner at the law firm of Drinker Biddle. He is a member of the corporate and securities practice group in the Florham Park, N.J., office. He focuses his practices on mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, entrepreneurial matters, venture capital financings, secured and unsecured financing/

lending transactions, corporate restructurings, and general corporate matters.

Mary Curran Hackett, B.A. 1998 (A&S), of Cincinnati, has written the book *Proof of Heaven* (William Morrow/HarperCollins, November 2011).

Maria Francesconi, B.M. 1999 (MUSIC), of Brooklyn, N.Y., has created a new genre of music based on the tradition of Christian Kirtan, one of the oldest forms of sacred music based on the Indian call-and-response devotional prayer practices. She is performing in New York City at Integral Yoga and sharing her music with Catholics and other Christians around the country.

Patrick A. Hughes, B.A. 1999 (A&S), of Blue Bell, Pa., an associate with Nelson, Levine, de Luca & Horst, was named by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers as a 2010 Pennsylvania Rising Star.

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Elizabeth M. Wroe, B.A. 2000 (A&S), J.D. 2005 (LAW), has joined B&D Consulting, of Washington, D.C., as a vice president in the firm's health and life sciences group. Wroe brings more than 10 years experience in a variety of roles in Washington, D.C. Before joining B&D Consulting, she served U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) as the health policy director and counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget. She managed the committee's health policy staff and was the senator's lead health policy adviser in his role as ranking member of the Senate Committee on the Budget and senior member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and the Senate Republican Caucus.



Elizabeth M. Wroe

John Sage, B.S.Arch. 2001, M.Arch. 2003 (ARCH); John Coplen, B.S.Arch. 2001, M.Arch. 2003 (ARCH); and **Nicholas Marcinko, B.S.Arch. 2001, M.Arch. 2003 (ARCH),** have joined Evers & Co. Real Estate, a residential real estate firm in the Washington, D.C., area. Sage, Coplen, and Marcinko are licensed real estate agents who also offer their clients building design services.

Renee DiPilato, M.S.L.S. 2002 (LIS), of Alexandria, Va., has been selected as the new central library manager of the Beatley Central Library in Alexandria.

Mary Ellen (Ryan) Husted, B.S.N. 2002 (NURS), of Washington, D.C., has served for approximately three years as a member of the District of Columbia board of nursing. This past fall she became vice chair of the D.C. board of nursing and recently received her oncology nursing certification.

Lea J. Uhre, M.S.L.S. 2002 (LIS), of Potomac, Md., director of the Executive Office of the President Library, was the 2011 recipient of the Raymond Von Dran Memorial Award, which is presented at the annual Stone Lecture by CUA's School of Library and Information Science Alumni Board.

Barrie Howard, M.S.L.S. 2004 (LIS), a project management professional working for the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) at the Library of Congress, presented an overview of the NDIIPP's establishment of standards, innovative tools and resources, and pilot projects at a program of the District of Columbia Library Association's Emerging Technology Interest Group in March at the American Library Association's Washington, D.C., office.

Ryan P. Robichaux, B.A. 2004 (A&S), passed the Mississippi Bar Exam in February. In addition, he is licensed to practice law in Alabama (2009) and Florida (2010). He is an associate at Lightfoot, Franklin & White in Birmingham, Ala.

Bernhard Charlemagne, M.A. 2005 (A&S), was promoted in February to inspector general at the Civil Air Patrol's National Capital Wing headquarters at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

Rose Hemingway, B.M. 2005 (MUSIC), of Philadelphia, is starring in her Broadway debut performance in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. She plays Rosemary Pilkington, the secretary who sets her sights on J. Pierrepont Finch.

Cristina D. Ramirez, M.S.L.S. 2005 (LIS), is a doctoral student in the Urban Services Leadership program at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). She was re-elected to serve on the American Library Association Council as a councilor-at-large for the term 2010 to 2013, and she was promoted to assistant professor as the collection librarian for social and behavioral sciences at VCU. Cristina is a co-chair of the Multicultural Forum for the Virginia Library Association and was reappointed to serve as the

University Library Services representative to VCU's Equity and Diversity Committee. She taught collection development for CUA's School of Library and Information Science as an adjunct faculty member in the fall of 2010.

Dori (Leonard) Cerulo, B.A. 2006 (A&S), of White Plains, N.Y., began her own company in 2010 after receiving her M.B.A. from St. Louis University in Missouri. The company, Ad Astra eMarketing, LLC, provides small business owners with online marketing strategies.

Taylor Mitchell, B.M. 2007 (MUSIC), of East Greenwich, R.I., is in the cast of the touring production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, which is travelling throughout the United States.

Jocelyn Rohrbach, B.A. 2008 (A&S), won the Jefferson Fellowship to pursue a Ph.D. in classics at the University of Virginia. Her work connects the study of ancient texts with ancient social history. She received the fellowship after participating in a rigorous selection process during which she presented research undertaken while at the American School for Classical Studies in Athens.

Emily J. Wallace, B.A. 2008 (A&S), of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., was presented with a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation by Hasbrouck Heights Mayor Rose Heck for her service to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Tanzania, where she taught primary school for two years.

Robin Williams, M.M. 2008 (MUSIC), and **Sister Rosemary Esseff, O.P., B.M. 1993, M.L.M. 2000 (MUSIC),** are working on their doctoral degrees at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome. They participated in a choral recital with the Cappella Giulia, the choir of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Courtney Pisano, B.S. 2009 (A&S), was accepted to the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine for the Class of 2015 at Virginia Tech. She received a Master of Science degree in biomedical science with a concentration in biochemistry research from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in July.

Brandie Sutton, M.M. 2009 (MUSIC), of New York, N.Y., has won third place in The American Prize in Vocal Performance — Friedrich and Virginia Schorr Memorial Award 2011 competition, in the female professional art song division.

Weddings

Jill Cammilleri, B.A. 2000 (A&S), married Nabil Shurafa on Oct. 10, 2010. She received her master's degree in interior design from The New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk University in September 2010. She is currently employed as an interior designer in Princeton, N.J. Her husband is vice president of Global Investment Strategy at Mount Lucas Management, LP, a global macro hedge-fund manager located in Newtown, Pa. They live in Princeton, N.J.

John F. Clark, B.S.Arch. 2002, M.Arch. 2004 (ARCH), married **Regina Kinney, B.S.Arch. 2003, M.Arch. 2005 (ARCH),** on Sept. 18, 2010. They live in Silver Spring, Md.

Births

Marcie Williams Ament, B.A. 1994 (A&S), M.S.W. 1997 (SOCSV), and **Andrew Ament, M.A. 1997 (THEO),** announce the birth of Veronica Katherine, on April 18. She joins



Regina Kinney and John F. Clark wedding.

siblings Liesl, 9, Theodore, 7, Linus, 5, Sebastian, 3, and Josephine, 1. They live in Rockville, Md.

Colleen Spada, B.S. 1996 (A&S), and husband James welcomed Graziella Aibhlinn on June 14, 2010. They live in Baltimore, Md.

Megan (McCarthy) Gebregziabher, B.A. 1998 (A&S), and husband Haile announce the birth of their first child, Grace, on Aug. 20, 2010. They live in Annandale, Va.

Anne (Wright) Muha, B.A. 1999, M.A. 2004 (A&S), and husband Jacob welcomed their second daughter, Beatrice Anne, on April 25. She joins sister Genevieve Elizabeth. They live in Glen Burnie, Md.

Catherine (Walsh) Evans, B.M. 2000 (MUSIC), and husband Jason announce the birth of their second child, Mary Catherine, on Nov. 30, 2010. She joins brother David, 5. They live in Chesapeake Beach, Md.

Timothy McGovern, B.A. 2000 (A&S), and **Lori (Agnew) McGovern, B.A. 2002 (A&S)**, announce the birth of their fourth child, Monica Rose, on Sept. 2, 2010. Timothy is the director of online communications at The Heritage Foundation. Lori is a full-time homemaker and home-

schooling mom. The family lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Stephen Balshi, B.B.E. 2001 (ENGR), and wife Caitlin announce the birth of Peyton Anne on July 21, 2010. Peyton joins sister Samantha, 2. They live in Gwynedd, Pa.

Loreen A. Davis, B.S.N. 2002 (NURS), and husband Dustin announce the birth of their son, William Robert, on Sept. 4, 2010. William joins sister Alison Ashley, ½. The family lives in Ballwin, Mo.

Matthew Fronheiser, B.B.E. 2002 (ENGR), and **Lucy (Donnellan) Fronheiser, B.M.E. 2002 (ENGR)**, announce the birth of their second daughter, Eloise Kathleen, on Feb. 25, 2010. She joins sister Greta. The family lives in Morrisville, Pa.

Paul Sikorski, B.Arch. 2002, B.S.Arch. 2003 (ARCH), and **Carrie (MacCarthy) Sikorski, B.A. 2002 (A&S)**, announce the birth of their first child, Paul James, on March 24, 2011. They live in Phoenix, Ariz.

Bryan Mullican, B.A. 2003 (A&S), and wife Erin announce the birth of George Stanley, on April 19, 2011. He joins sister Clare, 4, and brother Nathan, 3. They live in Old Hickory, Tenn.

Obituaries

Rev. John V. Difillippo, O.S.F.S., who attended the University from 1937 to 1941, of Philadelphia, March 28, 2011.

William F. Walsh, who attended the University from 1939 to 1940, of Marcellus, N.Y., Jan. 8, 2011.

Sister Dolores Marie Armstrong, S.N.J.M., M.A. 1942, of Spokane, Wash., Jan. 26, 2011.

Michael A. Cherello, B.S. 1942, of Long Beach Island, N.J. and Waretown, N.J., Feb. 5, 2011.

James R. Naughton, who attended the University from 1942 to 1943, of McLean, Va., March 10, 2011.

Catherine A. Drudi, B.A. 1943, M.S.W. 1950, of Winchendon, Mass., April 19, 2011.

Sister Elizabeth O'Brien, M.A. 1944, of New Rochelle, N.Y., Feb. 8, 2011.

Nora Eileen Dollymore, M.A. 1948, of Washington, D.C., Feb. 11, 2011.

Alfred B. Riley, B.M.E. 1949, of Silver Spring, Md., Jan. 19, 2011.

Lt. Col. Marion A. Steinhilber, USA (Ret.), B.S.N. 1949, of San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 13, 2011.

Thomas Sullivan, J.D. 1949, of Raytown, Mo., Aug. 23, 2010.

Brother Hugh Norton Albright, F.S.C., B.A. 1950, of Philadelphia, Feb. 24, 2011.

George T. Dundon, B.E.E. 1950, of Newark, Del., Nov. 8, 2010.

Jeremiah F. Harrington Sr., B.A. 1950, of Hyattsville, Md., Oct. 4, 2010.

Thomas H. Burton, B.A. 1951, of Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 7, 2011.

Harry Balfe, J.D. 1952, of Wayne, N.J., Jan. 24, 2011.

Gerard J. Bouchard, B.A. 1952, M.A. 1956, of Vassalboro, Maine, Dec. 7, 2009.

Rev. John M. Driscoll, O.S.A., M.A. 1952, Ph.D. 1964, of Villanova, Pa., March 2, 2011.

Virginia S. Femminella, B.S.N. 1952, of St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 7, 2011.

Sister Andrea Johnston, M.A. 1952, Ph.D. 1954, of Leavenworth, Kan., April 25, 2011.

Sister M. Celeste Rabaut, I.H.M., M.S.L.S. 1952, of Monroe, Mich., May 10, 2011.

Aldo Santorum, M.A. 1952, of St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 15, 2011.

Anthony P. Panaway, J.D. 1953, of Dallas, Pa., March 20, 2011.

Rev. Richard M. Nardone, S.T.L. 1954, of South Orange, N.J., March 27, 2011.

Sister Eileen Grace Beaton, M.A. 1955, of Manitowoc, Wis., Jan. 5, 2011.

John D. Burke, M.A. 1955, of Athens, Ga., Jan. 24, 2011.

Marie Collins Glasheen, M.A. 1957, of San Diego, Calif., Dec. 26, 2010.

Thomas L. Keeler Jr., B.A. 1957, M.S. 1964, of Washington, D.C., April 18, 2011.

Rosalia B. Pfaff, M.A. 1957, of Warrington, Pa., April 8, 2011.

Kathryn M. Bass, B.S.N. 1958, of Staunton, Va., March 15, 2011.

Dale Marie Featherston, B.S.N. 1958, of Fredericksburg, Va., Jan. 31, 2011.

Rev. David Kiefer, B.A. 1958, M.A. 1959, of Neopit, Wis., May 21, 2011.

Ann Julia Petrini Lindamood, B.S.N. 1958, of Howell, Mich., March 21, 2011.

Sister Rose Marie Hauernt, C.P.P.S., M.F.A. 1961, of O'Fallon, Mo., Jan. 17, 2011.

Eugene D. Miller, Ph.D. 1961, of Swoyersville, Pa., Jan. 31, 2011.

Jean Virginia Strachan, M.A. 1961, of Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 29, 2010.

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Sister Damien M. Francois, M.S.N. 1963, of St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, 2010.

Sister Joannette Nitz, O.P., M.A. 1963, of Racine, Wis., Dec. 11, 2010.

Benjamin F. Willis, M.N.E. 1963, of Washington, D.C., March 5, 2011.

Margaret Anne "Peg" Oettinger, B.M. 1964, of Warminster, Pa., Jan. 31, 2011.

Rev. Joseph J. Peplansky, C.M.F., M.S.W. 1964, of Chicago, March 13, 2011.

Donna Burnham, B.S.N. 1966, of Chestertown, Md., May 31, 2010.

Brother Samuel P. Lickteig, O.S.B., M.T.S. 1967, of Austin, Minn., April 24, 2011.

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Correction

Raymond G. Pierzchalski, B.S.N. 1948, B.A. 1949, of Maple Glen, Pa., died May 4, 2000. In listing his obituary in the spring 2001 issue, we incorrectly stated he died on Dec. 6, 2010. We regret the error.



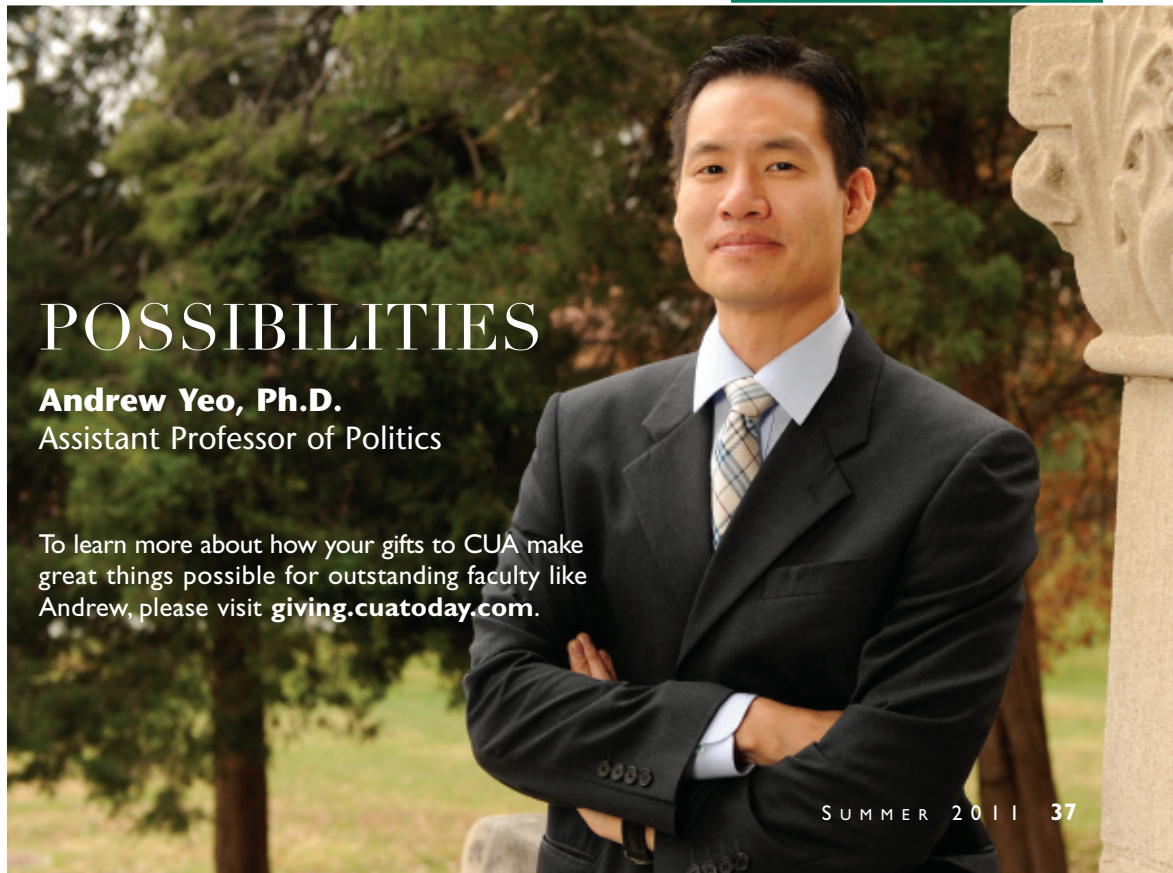
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“家族を探しています” The Quake and its Aftermath

By David Powell, B.A. 1999, M.S.W. 2010

I often tell people I have two hometowns — I grew up in Brookland and have lived mostly in northeastern Japan since 1999. I hadn't set out to make Hachinohe City my home, but sometimes life has a way of taking you in directions you hadn't planned.

I originally came to Japan through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program after graduating from Catholic University in 1999. I felt the program could best combine my love of teaching with my interest in travel and experiencing another country more in-depth than would be possible as a tourist.

Hachinohe is in the Aomori Prefecture, which roughly translates to “blue forest,” a beautiful region that is known for its apple orchards. Certain details about my arrival here in 1999 remain vivid in my mind — the never-ending chew of raw squid on a pallet of sticky rice at my welcome party and that first night in what would become my house for two years of my life in Japan. Surrounded on three sides by rice paddies, it felt so isolated to me that the deafening roar of croaking frogs kept me up half the night.

My plan was to teach English in Japan for one year. But after obtaining a teacher's license and becoming fluent in Japanese, I had a desire to stay longer so that I could give back to the town that had invested so much in me initially. Then in the spring of 2000, I met my future wife, Toko, and I made a life here, getting married and having two children. I returned to the United States and Catholic University in 2008 to obtain my master's in social work, graduating in 2010.

With no job assured either in the United States or Japan, my wife and I spent that summer thinking long and hard about what to do. We decided to return to Japan, where I was offered a wonderful opportunity — serving as the U. S. Air Force Family Advocacy Program's outreach manager for Misawa Base. Then, just weeks

into the job, a once-in-a-thousand-year event struck.

I was at work on Friday, March 11, when we felt an initial quake that did little but shake the building. It was the much longer second one a few minutes later that knocked out our power and shook us to the core; a deep, powerful movement that changed the earth's axis and spawned a massive tsunami. Little did I know at first how far-reaching the effects would be.

The Japanese have called the Great Tohoku Earthquake/Tsunami their 9/11: a shocking loss of life, and paradigm-shifting event. It was the longest day of my life.

After I was released from work, what normally takes me 45 minutes turned into a three-and-a-half-hour commute. News trickled in from different sources. At the time, the cell phone networks were still working and I could get in contact with Toko, to find out she and our two children, John, 4, and Maria, 1, had evacuated. The first place they went was to her parents' house near the port. When the tsunami warnings started blaring, they scurried back to the community center, coincidentally across the street from their day care center.

I finally made it back into the confines of Hachinohe City where the main road, Route 45, had been turned into a parking lot — the result of everybody leaving work at the same time and discovering not a single light working.

I arrived at the community center that was quickly ramping up as an emergency shelter. The only lights on were the reflections of the lights from the emergency vehicles bringing in the infirmed. I still had no idea how much damage the tsunami had done. At this point, I spoke the words that no father ever wants to utter: “家族を探しています” “I am searching for my family.”

When I reunited with my wife and kids, Toko informed me that

the water level was just a foot shy of lapping into the front of her parents' house. I was shocked at this description, knowing that although they live near the port, they are situated on relatively high ground. Her father and brother lost cars in the tsunami but luckily everyone was alive, though badly shaken.

That night, the four of us slept in one bed, with my wife and me lying on the outer edges of the bed while our son and daughter snuggled in the middle. The near constant aftershocks throughout the night kept us on edge as did the below-freezing temperatures. Thanks to the power outages no heat was available.

The next morning we had snow on the ground but still no power. As our son was having breakfast in the car (the only place that had heat) and we were mulling our next step, Toko's cell phone rang. It was my mother, Kathy, who works in the Greek and Latin department at CUA. After hearing our voices and finding out her only grandchildren were OK, she relayed the good news, among so much bad, to all the friends from across campus who had kept us in their prayers that first night.

Misawa Air Force Base quickly became a staging zone for many international rescue teams. The uniformed services, including the U.S. Air Force personnel from our base, have also been going out nearly every day, cleaning up the numerous ports and neighborhoods damaged by the tsunami. The goodwill generated by these actions has led to so many strangers wanting to shake my hand and say "thank you" to America and its people. I feel doubly proud — both for the actions of my native country and for the reactions of my adopted land.

My job has certainly been affected. Attendance at our stress and anger management workshops has understandably increased. And I have incorporated the disaster in my briefings to the troops that come back to this base from deployment elsewhere. This time around, I tell them, it is their families who may actually have been in more stressful and dangerous situations than the troops!

Off base, all of us are trying to return to normal life. We can only trust that safeguards are being put in place to determine the safety of the food that arrives on our plates. Unfortunately, radiation contamination is unable to be seen or smelled. And that only raises everyone's anxiety.

As people try to return to normal, there are signs everywhere of just how long it will take. The community center is still being used as a shelter for those who lost everything. I often see the men barbecuing that night's dinner while I pass them to pick up my children from their day care center. So many thousands of people, just a few towns south of here, are suffering through tremendous loss and devastation. It will take years for the region to recover.

This disaster happened to the people of Tohoku, an area once named Michinoku ("the land beyond the road") because of its wilderness — a tough environment to live in. This gives me hope that these people will endure. There is a spirit of resilience and a desire to rebuild throughout the region. Things will never return to what they once were, but life will go on.



Route 45, the road I usually take home from work each day, shortly after the earthquake.



An impromptu ship graveyard near my home in Hachinohe City.



Life goes on: With kids, there is always a reason to smile.

Professor Makes Teacher Proud

I was so pleased to read the article about Professor Barbara Early in the spring 2011 issue (“Clinical Tools: Keys to the Complexity of Human Nature”). As Dr. Early’s first field work supervisor in the Alexandria City Schools when she was an M.S.W. student at CUA in the mid-1970s, I take great pride in her many accomplishments. As a teacher, it is always wonderful to see your students take flight and achieve great things.

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McLean, Va.



Twists and Turns in Tunguska Mystery

I read with interest the article, “The Tunguska Mystery,” in the fall 2010 issue and the letter, “More on the Tunguska Mystery,” in the spring 2011 issue.

I was part of CUA Physics Professor Clyde Cowan’s research group in the 1964 to 1972 time frame. Emilio Cueto, a fellow student, was primarily responsible for chipping the rings from a large Douglas fir tree; however, everyone got to perform some chipping. These tree ring samples were used to determine the atmospheric radiocarbon content around 1908, data used by Cowan, Atluri, and Libby in their paper “Possible Anti-matter of the Tunguska Meteor of 1908,” published in the journal *Nature* in 1965. The article is very comprehensive and represents the work of a great CUA scholar.

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Intellect and Virtue Discussion Continues

I applaud President Garvey’s account of the unity of moral and intellectual virtue in his inaugural address (Spring 2011). But it is striking that he never discusses the passage from *The Idea of a University* where (Cardinal John Henry) Newman says he “will not for an instant allow” the claim that the purpose of a liberal education is “to make men better.”

Newman continues: “Knowledge is one thing, virtue is another. ... Philosophy, however enlightened, however profound, gives no command over the passions, no influential motives, no vivifying principles. Liberal Education makes not the Christian, not the Catholic, but the gentleman.”

According to this text, the purpose of liberal education, even at a Catholic university, “is simply the cultivation of the intellect, as such, and its object is nothing more or less than intellectual excellence.” And this is precisely the opposite of the position President Garvey puts forward.

For what it’s worth, I think President Garvey is clearly correct in rejecting this claim, and he is right to appeal to Newman’s 1856 sermon on the Feast of St. Monica to support his own position. But the contrary position does have a noble pedigree of its own.

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When Fulton Sheen Walked Campus

I have many memories of my years at Catholic University.

As freshmen, we wore beanies and signs showing our name and home state.

Athletics were big, including boxing. Unlike my uncle, Hall of Fame boxer Rocco Blasi, I decided to run, and won the Mason Dixon two-mile thanks to Coach Dorsey Griffith.

Streetcars were running, and the Shrine had only the lower Crypt. Social clubs included Phi Kappa, the Utopians, and the Abbeyes. “Cave Dwellers” were off-campus students. And Father Gilbert Hartke, O.P., and Monsignor Fulton Sheen were always visible.

My best wishes to old friends and President Garvey.

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Always Connected to Catholic U.

My father-in-law and CUA alumnus George T. Dundon (B.E.E. 1950) died in November. Even though Dad had dementia, he still liked to “read” his *CUA Magazine*! That generally meant he would look at the pictures, and I would offer to read him whatever articles he seemed interested in. He enjoyed hearing stories about “the fellows,” as he called them. I think on some level, he still had a connection to significant people and places in his past, and I am sure CUA was one.

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so that she could finish her degree with less financial burden. Lauren has been the recipient of the Sheltons' generosity for two academic years, and she will enter her senior year with their funding. She will graduate in 2012 with a passion to become an ICU nurse, a lighter debt load, and an excellent education.

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