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## Mission Statement

The aim of Dominican College is to promote educational excellence, leadership, and service in an environment characterized by respect for the individual and concern for the community and its needs. Founded by the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, the College is an independent institution of higher learning, Catholic in origin and heritage. In the Dominican tradition, it fosters the active, shared pursuit of truth and embodies an ideal of education rooted in the values of reflective understanding and compassionate involvement.

Committed to building its programs upon a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, the College maintains a student-centered climate and serves a diverse community of students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The College empowers this community of learners to excel, lead, serve with integrity, and to engage responsibly in the pursuit of a more just, ethical, and sustainable world.

Dominican College is dedicated to the principle that its educational programs and services must be both challenging and supportive, distinguished both by high standards and by attention to the needs and potential of the individual student. Affirmed and engaged by these standards and values, graduates are prepared for purposeful lives and for the careers and professions they choose to pursue.

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## Letter from the Alumni Director



Dear Fellow Alumni,

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! You should feel so proud of your accomplishments and perseverance in the most challenging and unusual of times. To the rest of our alumni community, please join me in welcoming the newly-graduated Class of 2021 into the ranks of Charger alumni. These young men and women are now part of our network of over 15,000 graduates.

As our world slowly returns to normal, our students are all back on campus and classes are being held in person. That means we will be having all of our alumni fall events. Now, even more than ever, we would love to have our alumni come back and be involved, participate in alumni get-togethers, on campus activities, sporting events, and career services. We are always looking for new volunteers to assist at our events or to serve on our Alumni Association Board. Let's show our Charger pride!

**Our fall alumni events will kick off in late September and will include the following:**

- ◆ Alumni Hall of Fame induction on Friday, September 24, 2021
- ◆ Alumni Day at Dr. Davies Farm on Sunday, September 26, 2021
- ◆ 24th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Outing on Monday, September 27, 2021
- ◆ Pocketbook Bingo on Wednesday November 3, 2021
- ◆ Shawangunk Wine Trail on Sunday, November 21, 2021

Please check our website regularly for details and updates to our fall calendar.

As always, I strongly encourage you to keep in touch with the Alumni Office. Update us on your personal and professional lives—whether you moved, changed jobs, got married, or traveled to far off places, please send us an email or call. We'd love to hear from you!

Warmest regards,

Mary McHugh '89, Director of Alumni Relations  
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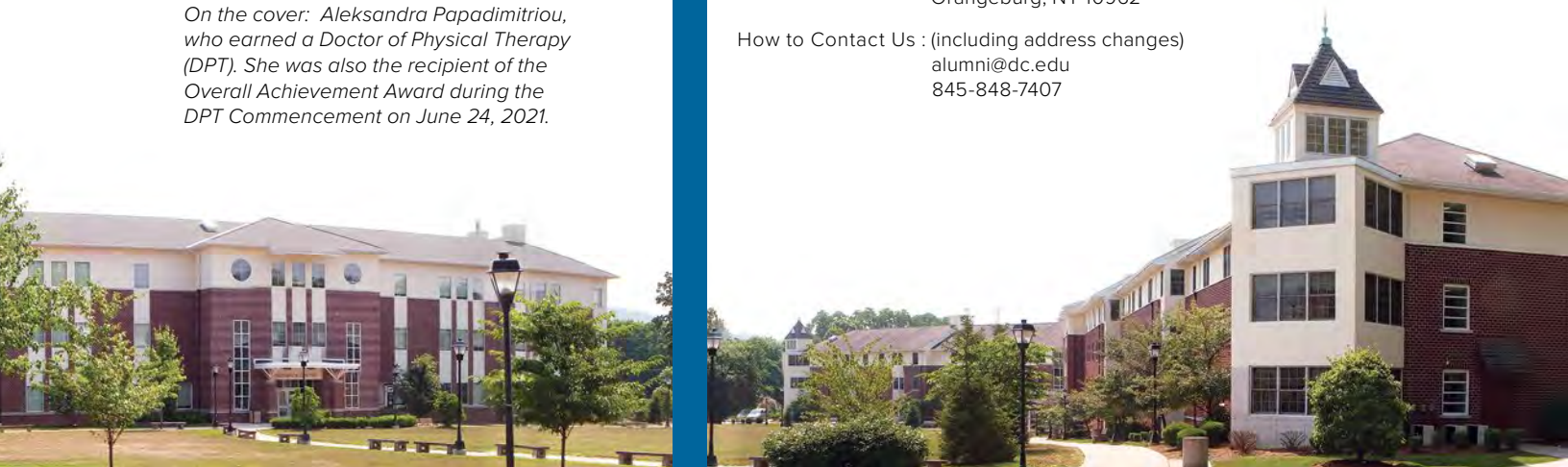
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COMMENCEMENT  
**2021**



# ***Celebrating*** **the Class of 2021**











Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien and Kathrin U. Jansen

## **Pfizer Head of Vaccine Research & Development Delivers *Commencement Address***

***“You survived a most difficult year and you are here with your friends and family to celebrate it—to celebrate you.”***

**—Kathrin U. Jansen, Ph.D.**

At the 67th Undergraduate Commencement on Sunday, June 27, 2021, at the Palisades Credit Union Park, the Dominican College Class of 2021 gathered to celebrate their accomplishments safely and in person, after a year of hybrid learning, COVID testing, and many Zoom events. It was only fitting then, that the Commencement Address was delivered by Kathrin U. Jansen, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Head of Vaccine Research and Development, Pfizer, Inc., who helped make it all possible.

Jansen praised the graduates for persevering during an unprecedented time. “You deserve recognition not only for having earned your degrees, but for having done so while contending with the extraordinary challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic,” she said.

As Jansen continued her address, which was delivered virtually, she spoke about her experience with COVID-19 as a New York City resident who saw refrigerated trucks that served as temporary morgues lining a city block near her apartment. “As chilling as the experience was for me, it was also a once in a lifetime opportunity to help save people’s lives,” she said. “As I walked back to my apartment the night I saw those refrigerated trucks, I decided that Pfizer would have to develop a vaccine to try to help end the pandemic. What’s more—we’d have to do so faster than it had ever been done before.”

Under Jansen’s leadership, Pfizer developed the first COVID-19 vaccine to receive emergency use authorization for use in individuals 16 years of age and older from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It was developed in record-breaking time and later was approved for emergency use in adolescents 12 to 15 years of age. Jansen explained that the vaccine was developed quickly, without taking shortcuts, by using a radical approach of carrying out required steps simultaneously, instead of sequentially.

The development of Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine is just the latest success in Jansen’s impressive 32-year career. She has also developed vaccines to fight the HPV virus and pneumonia. At the Commencement, the honorary degree of Doctor of Science was conferred upon Jansen in recognition of her remarkable contributions to the development of life-saving vaccines, her unwavering determination to help end a pandemic that has claimed more than 600,000 U.S. lives, and her steadfast devotion to science and data.

Jansen ended her address by sharing with the graduates what she has learned since graduating. Her advice was: don’t waste time worrying; always trust your gut; value your alliances; express your gratitude to your valued partners; embrace opportunities and learn from detours and failures; and cultivate resilience. “It is abundantly clear to me that the Dominican Class of 2021 already has the quality of resilience in abundance,” she said. “You survived a most difficult year and you are here with your friends and family to celebrate it—to celebrate you.”



*Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, Steven Sabatini, Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, Kathrin Jansen, and Thomas Nowak.*



*Andrew S. Fisher*



*Stanley J. Jacoby*



*Frandy and Elena Osias*

In addition to Jansen, the following individuals were also honored at the Commencement:

- ◆ Andrew S. Fisher, Ph.D., received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities in recognition of his unwavering dedication to serving the needs of the blind and visually impaired community in general, and the students of Dominican College in particular. Fisher was the Founding Executive Director of the Lavelle Fund for the Blind.
- ◆ Stanley J. Jacoby was presented with the 2021 Veritas Medal in recognition of the leadership which he has provided over an impressive career of achievement and outstanding service. Jacoby serves as the Executive Director of the Palisades Institute at Dominican College.
- ◆ Elena (Deforest) Osias '13 and Frandy Osias '13 received the Badami Outstanding Alumni Award for their extensive volunteer work and commitment to service. The married couple have also served Dominican College in many ways—being active and involved alumni, presenting at various conferences, and planning service projects.





## Outstanding Senior Award Presented to International Student

The 2021 Outstanding Senior Award was presented to Bruno Garcia at Senior Class Night on May 4, 2021. Garcia, who is an international student from Brazil, served as the Senior Class President and spoke to his classmates about overcoming challenges.

"I left home when I was 15 years old. Why? Simply because my dream was to learn how to speak English. And here I am," he said during his Senior Class Night speech. "Do I miss my family? Absolutely. Do I miss my friends? Of course I miss my friends. But you made my life easier."

Garcia is fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. At Dominican College, he studied international management and economics and graduated with a 3.92 cumulative grade point average. Throughout his four years, Garcia not only excelled in the classroom, but also was a leader in many extracurricular activities. He played on the soccer team, founded the International Students' Association, was president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and served as a Resident Assistant. Garcia also volunteered and took part in service projects including the Alternative Spring Break program.

Since graduating, Garcia has returned home to Brazil where he is working as the Manager of New Business at Garcia Construction.



*Doreen S. Dorcely*

## Baccalaureate Awards

**MOTHER GERALDINE FORKEL AWARD**  
for Academic Excellence

*Shelby Lynn Smith*

**SR. NATALIE CASEY AWARD**  
for Academic Excellence

*Doreen S. Dorcely*

**SR. MICHELE NUGENT AWARD**  
for Achievement in the Study  
of the General Education Curriculum

*Christian Domingo*



*Christian Domingo*

## Student Leadership Awards

**ANA ROJAS MEMORIAL AWARD**  
for Outstanding Service to Residence Life

*Sarah Capri Konyak*

**DOHN HARSHBARGER AWARD**  
for Outstanding Contribution  
to the Life of the College

*Doreen S. Dorcely and  
Jasmine Pesante*

**SR. KATHLEEN SULLIVAN AWARD**  
for Significant Contribution  
to the Academic Life of the College

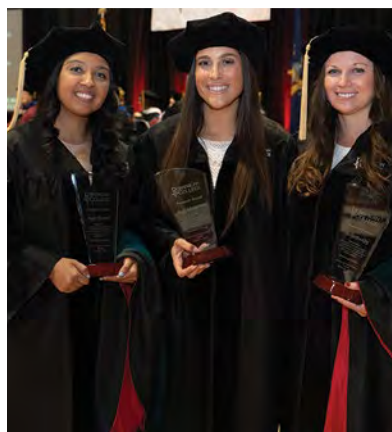
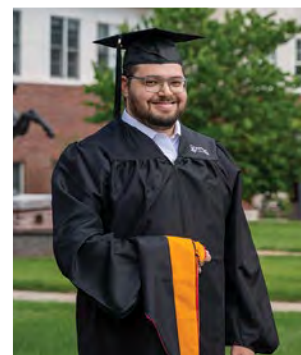
*Christian Domingo and  
Denzel Reynolds Edwards*

**SR. MARY EILEEN O'BRIEN AWARD**  
for Citizenship and Service to the College  
*Sapphire A. Hilton*



## Commencement Ceremonies for Graduate Students

Hooding and Commencement ceremonies for students earning advanced degrees took place on the Dominican College campus during June. At these ceremonies, 183 diplomas were awarded —74 doctoral degrees and 109 master's degrees. ■







*Deacon Paul Stolz at his ordination at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He is surrounded by his family including (from left to right) daughters Olivia and Tinamarie, his wife Bernadette, and his daughter Brianna.*

## **Paul Stolz '88**

### **Lending a Helping Hand to Homeless Veterans**

It was just last year that Paul Stolz '88 was ordained a permanent deacon during a service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, but he has been ministering to the needs of others throughout his life. Since becoming a social worker more than 30 years ago, Stolz has worked at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hudson Valley Health Care System in Montrose, NY, and is currently the manager of homeless programs.

"I became a social worker for really religious reasons. I keep it separate from what I do in terms of my religious beliefs," he said, "but it's also a big part of who I am—which is a benefit."

Stolz earned a master's degree in just five years by graduating from Dominican College's social work program with advanced standing and then attending Columbia University for one year.



“Dominican was a very special part of my life,” he said. “I met most of my friends there. The education was outstanding. I’m very happy that I went there.” Stolz praises the “fantastic” social work professors at Dominican College and said they gave him a solid foundation to work at the VA where he has held more than eight different positions.

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**—Paul Stolz**

“The benefit was staying in one place and getting a variety of experience,” he said. “I worked with people with substance abuse, people who are homeless, have a serious mental illness, have PTSD, or are elderly.” Stolz now oversees a number of programs that serve homeless veterans in Rockland Westchester, Orange, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties. He said there are 183 homeless veterans in the Hudson Valley—down from 560 homeless veterans years ago.

Stolz explains that there are two types of homeless veterans—transitional and chronic. The transitional homeless may have suffered a job loss or another event that pushes them into homelessness. These veterans just need some help to get out of the system. The other homeless veterans are chronically homeless because of drug or alcohol abuse, mental illness, or another pervasive problem. Stolz also deals with veterans who just want to be left alone, even though they are living in a tent or a car.

“We always keep the door open,” he emphasized. “I say to my staff, ‘We have two rules. We are flexible and we are accommodating.’” While the VA services cannot be forced on someone, Stolz tries to gain each veteran’s trust by being sincere in his efforts.

Throughout his tenure at the VA, there have been changes. With more women serving in the military, Stolz is now seeing homeless women veterans—even ones who are pregnant—in need of assistance. The approach in helping veterans has also evolved. “Over the years, the approach has been improved. We are more respectful of the veterans’ situations.



*Paul Stolz on the grounds of St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY, where he studied to become a deacon.*

Substance abuse programs have changed. The treatment is in my opinion better and more advanced.” In addition, he said, medications for mental illnesses have also improved.

While a moratorium on evictions during COVID helped veterans and many others, Stolz is concerned about what happens next. “What I and many people who work with the homeless across the country are fearing is that the moratorium ending will mean a tsunami of people who are homeless or are facing homelessness.”

Stolz has been married for more than 30 years and has three grown daughters—including one daughter adopted from China. The whole family was in attendance on October 31, 2020, when he was sworn into the permanent diaconate at St. Patrick’s Cathedral with seven others. This was the culmination of five years of study, twice a week and one Saturday a month, at St. Joseph’s Seminary in Yonkers, NY. Deacon Stolz has begun serving at his parish, St. Peter and St. Mary of the Assumption in Haverstraw, NY. ■



# ALUMNI UPDATES

## Liliana Lopez '99, '04 Fighting COVID in Latino Communities

Back in March 2020, as medical professionals in the U.S. began preparing for the new virus known as COVID-19, nurse practitioner Dr. Liliana Lopez '99, '04, ordered swabs for COVID testing to be used at her New York medical clinics in Spring Valley, Haverstraw, and Ossining. She never imagined, however, that she would be the first person in all three clinics to be tested and diagnosed with COVID-19.

It was mid-March, before the lockdowns had begun, when Lopez was seeing patients at En Su Casa Primary Health Care in Spring Valley and began feeling weak, as if she had the flu. She went home, took over-the-counter medication and went to bed, but the symptoms grew worse. Lopez had body aches, an itchy throat, began coughing, and felt the congestion move into her chest. At that point, she knew something was wrong, "This is not right. I've never had this before in my life," she thought. "Then it hit me. I thought, 'What if this is COVID?' But I had never seen anybody with COVID. There was no one in my office with it and we had not tested for it."

A COVID test confirmed her worst fears. Fortunately, Lopez never had difficulty breathing and recovered relatively quickly. She quarantined for 14 days, and during those two weeks she said the number of COVID cases "exploded." When she returned to work, her clinics were inundated with patients with COVID symptoms. COVID protocols were put in place and although some other clinics closed, Lopez kept her clinics open and cared for patients during long hours. "For me it was very gratifying because I saw the meaning of being there," she said.

Contracting COVID so early meant Lopez had antibodies to protect her, and she was able to care for her patients throughout the pandemic. "It was a blessing. I saw it as a blessing," she said. "God made me get it before anybody else so that I could be there to take care of my patients."



Lopez said her clinics pivoted in 2021 to administering the vaccine to as many people as possible to help end the pandemic that hit Latino communities particularly hard.

Lopez, who serves as a member of the Dominican College Board of Trustees, has been mentoring Dominican College students who do clinical rotations at her practice. Several of the nurses have been hired to stay on the job after the rotations are completed. In addition, Lopez funds a scholarship for an incoming nursing student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. She recently initiated a new scholarship, in which Lopez will pay half of the tuition of a student in the graduate Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program if the student agrees to work at her clinic for a few years after earning the degree.

It's all part of Lopez's commitment to Dominican College and her willingness to encourage nursing students and share her knowledge. As far as what she learned from dealing with COVID at her clinics, Lopez said the whole experience reassured her of the importance of her original mission to set up medical clinics that cater to Spanish-speaking patients who are uninsured or underinsured. Nine years after she opened her first clinic in Spring Valley, she is opening a fourth medical clinic in Mt. Kisco, NY.





### 1968

**Sr. Mary Flood, MD, O.P.**, an Infectious Disease Doctor at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, was honored as a "Woman of Distinction" on May 14, 2021. She was one of just 22 women receiving this honor from NY State Assemblyman Mike Lawler who hosted the event. Assemblyman Lawler said, "Each of the women honored today have positively impacted our community for the better through their compassion, talent, and volunteerism. Thank you for all you've done for us."



### 1982

**Frank Squeo**, the founder of Baking Memories 4 Kids,

was bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Public Service by St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY. Frank was a keynote speaker at their 2020 Commencement on Friday, July 16, where he advised the graduates to "plan diligently in life" and to "always give it your best, and that will guarantee success."

### 1996

**Christine Nevins** was awarded the 2021 Rockland County Emergency Medical Service Educator of Excellence Award. Christine is a member of the Congers-Valley Cottage Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and works to implement community training programs and bring innovative training to the agency.



### 2003, 2017, 2019

**Christine Davies '03 (RN), '19 (DPN)**,

Dominican College Assistant Professor of Nursing has recently published an article in the Journal of Epidemiology and Public Health Reviews titled, "It's Not Okay! The Importance of Educating our Population Taking Prescribed Controlled Substances, Regarding the Risks for Dependency and Addiction." Fellow alumnus **Paul Franzese '17** from our ABSN program served as a second author. Prior to working as a registered nurse, Paul had a distinguished career with the NYPD, retiring as a captain in the Narcotics Division. Both writers shared their experiences following serious surgeries.

## Alumni Complete Advanced Degrees

Congratulations to our alumni who completed their advanced degrees at the College this past May.

Their graduate commencement ceremonies were held on campus during June.

### Masters of Science in Nursing

Keisha Abraham-Cornely '10  
Alexander Aduamah '16  
Tamara Benoit '16  
Alexa DiSilvio '17  
Katie Duggan '17  
Kyra Holland '16  
Millicent King-Sullivan '07, '13  
Anna Marie Murray '19  
Farah Philippeau '13  
Marilyn Smith '09, '15  
Erica Wengenosky '17  
Jamie Zavardino '13

### Doctorate of Nursing Practice

Claudia Bejin '11, '19  
Elizabeth Benoy '14  
Lesia Christen '19  
Jennifer Christophe '03, '15  
Eartha Clarke '10  
Tracey Dinac '15  
Werner Escobar '19  
Angyleke Gibson '15  
Julie Melia '10  
Sherin Ninan '12, '19  
Shernette Suer '17

### Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy

Allison Ekiert '18  
Jordan Flavell-Boney '15  
Darven Francois '18  
Ester Galo '19  
Jennifer Heller '19  
Chastity Kiely '07  
Daryl Numa '19  
Alyssa Schmitt '17  
Jessica Strohmeyer '17

### Master of Science in Education

Deanna Knopf '20  
Jacklyn Amy Krauss '19  
Alyson Laquidara-Granata '19  
Jehovah Lubin '07  
Briana Luhcs '14  
Julie Pawlowski '18  
Cliona Smith '20  
Abdul Sulaiman '09  
Danielle Valentin '20

### Masters of Business Administration

Andrew Anderson '18  
Ryan King '18  
Leone Souverain '12

### Masters of Science in Organizational Leadership and Communication

Hannah Ameen '18  
Autumn Blankenbush '17  
Arianna Brown '20  
Jaylen Cruz '20  
Jonathan Delgado '12  
Michael Duffy '20  
Kathryn Fidlow '84  
Ryan Siuta '20 ■

## Stay Connected

Our alumni are important to the Dominican College family. They connect our past with our future, and mean so much to our present!

Please stay connected with us and share your news! [alumni@dc.edu](mailto:alumni@dc.edu)



# COLLEGE NEWS



## Occupational Therapy Program Receives 10-Year Accreditation

The master's level Occupational Therapy Program at Dominican College has been accredited for 10 years—the maximum period that can be granted to an occupational therapy educational program. The determination was made by the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), which accredits schools for five, seven, or 10 years based upon a self-study and onsite visit. Pamela Story, OTD, Director, Division of Allied Health, said that ACOTE considered compliance with 189 administrative, curricular, and fieldwork standards.

"A 10-year accreditation is the highest level of accreditation that any occupational therapy educational program can achieve. That

a nontraditional weekend format program earned this level of accreditation under intense scrutiny and other challenges unequivocally affirms the high quality and rigor in its administrative, curricular, and clinical fieldwork content and processes," said Story. "I am so proud to be part of a group of brilliant, talented, dedicated, passionate, and expert faculty, and an institution dedicated to supporting nontraditional programs that make a better way of life possible for those who would otherwise not have such opportunities."

As part of the extensive accreditation process, ACOTE interviewed administrators, faculty, adjuncts, current students, alumni, community fieldwork educators, and employers of graduates.



## Class of 2020 PT Graduates Attain 100% Board Pass Rate

For the third year in a row, 100% of Dominican College physical therapy graduates have passed the board exam within one year of graduation. In addition to this achievement, the Class of 2020 Doctor of Physical Therapy students also had a 100% graduation rate.

Emil Euaparadorn, PT, DSc, Director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, attributes this success to a number of factors,

starting with a revamped admissions process. "Besides looking at intellectual ability, we look at emotional intelligence. We are looking for really mature students who will study—but more importantly—when they struggle, they will seek advice and listen to the advice of faculty."

Euaparadorn said that other improvements to the program included changes in curriculum, an increase in comprehensive, hands-on tests, and more intensive board preparation. He says the clinical instructors have given amazing feedback on the quality of Dominican College students, and many students are offered jobs prior to graduation.

Board exams are formally known as the National Physical Therapy Examination and are required to become a licensed physical therapist.



## College Offers New Finance Major

Dominican College has begun offering a new finance major. This new major is in addition to the other core major offerings for business students—management, marketing, and information technology.



"We believe that the finance major will be quite popular," said Ivan Rudolph-Shabinsky, Director, Business Administration Division. "Finance is an exciting field, with many new developments ranging from the crypto currencies and other block-chain applications to an increasing interest in sustainable investing."

Finance students might pursue a career as a financial planner, a wealth manager, a financial analyst, or a treasury department employee of a company or government agency, in addition to other finance-related jobs.

For more information about the finance major, contact the Admissions Department at [admissions@dc.edu](mailto:admissions@dc.edu).



Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus and Rockland County Executive Ed Day (shown here during a 2018 forum) both took part in the 2021 County Executive Forum via Zoom.

## County Executives Upbeat During Palisades Institute Forum

After facing enormous leadership challenges over the past year because of COVID, regional leaders said they finally see the light at the end of the tunnel during the annual County Executive Forum on June 2, 2021. The forum was held via Zoom and featured Rockland County Executive Ed Day and Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus. Both Neuhaus and Day were very upbeat with COVID cases down, vaccinations rising, the economy bouncing back, and a strong housing market.

Day said Rockland is looking beyond clinics to increase vaccinations, "The challenge now is to get ourselves out to communities to make sure that we get vaccinations to as many people as possible in whatever way is feasible."

The County Executive Forum is a long-standing tradition of the Palisades Institute and has been held annually since 2005.



## NY Fed Researcher Discusses Economic Recovery After COVID

The message of the annual Outlook on the Economy presentation on May 18, 2021, was that the regional economy has shown signs of improvement now that COVID cases are down and vaccinations are on the rise.

Jason Bram, a research officer with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was the guest speaker during the Zoom forum. "This downturn that has been declared a recession is much more like a natural disaster," he said. Bram explained that in a recession the recovery is very gradual. However, he hopes the economy will turn around quickly following COVID, as it usually does following an earthquake or hurricane.

Bram noted that consumer spending is up, the service sector is improving, and home prices have increased, except in Manhattan. Inflation, however, is an area of concern.

Bram's research focuses on the U.S. economy, with a primary emphasis on the Federal Reserve's Second District, which includes New York State, northern New Jersey, and southwestern Connecticut, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Students Share Liberal Arts Research Projects Online

Dominican College faculty and students were determined to move ahead with this year's Liberal Arts Research Day after last year's in-person event was cancelled due to COVID. With hard work and ingenuity, students shared their capstone research projects on a website that showcases the research in communication studies, health sciences, and biology.

"While this was something of a learning curve for both faculty and students, our Dominican students really rose to the challenge and created narrated posters, PowerPoint lectures with guided audio, and even digital video projects," said Mark Meachem, Ed.D., Director of the Division of Arts & Sciences.

Meachem said the website offered some unexpected benefits. Students learned how to quickly adapt their work and had a larger audience with more professors, family, and friends able to view the projects. Because of that, the website may continue to be used even if Liberal Arts Research Day is held in person in spring 2022 as planned. The event serves as a way for students to share their knowledge and also helps prepare them for graduate-level work and academic conferences. ■



# SPECIAL EVENTS

JUNE 21, 2021

## *42nd Annual Golf Classic*

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# ATHLETICS



## Coach Diener Named All-Met Coach of the Year

Head Women's Basketball Coach Bill Diener is eager to share the spotlight after being named Division II All-Met Coach of the Year because he considers it an honor bestowed not personally upon him—but upon Dominican College.

Diener credits college administrators, the athletics department, trainers, and the cleaning staff with helping the school go forward safely with athletics during COVID. "I look at it that the whole school was honored, especially with this season and how we had to comply with all of the protocols, rules, and regulations. It was not only me, but a great recognition of the school."

Of course, Diener also applauds the players who excelled on the basketball court and won the CACC Tournament Title during a year filled with uncertainty, restrictions, and regular COVID testing. "Our kids were fantastic," he said. "We just really focused on what we can control today. We can't control what's going to happen tomorrow. Let's just concentrate on today, thank God for where we are today, and continue to go day by day."

The Met Basketball Writers Association announced the award in April, honoring Diener as Coach of the Year for leading the Chargers to a 12-2 record and their first CACC title in more than 18 years.

***"The whole school was honored, especially with this season and how we had to comply with all of the protocols, rules, and regulations."***

**—Coach Bill Diener**

Diener has been head coach of the women's basketball team for 11 years, after spending two years as an assistant coach. He came to Dominican College from Albertus Magnus High School where he was head coach for the girls' varsity team for 10 years.



# ATHLETICS

## Dominican College Athletic Teams Capture Three CACC Championships

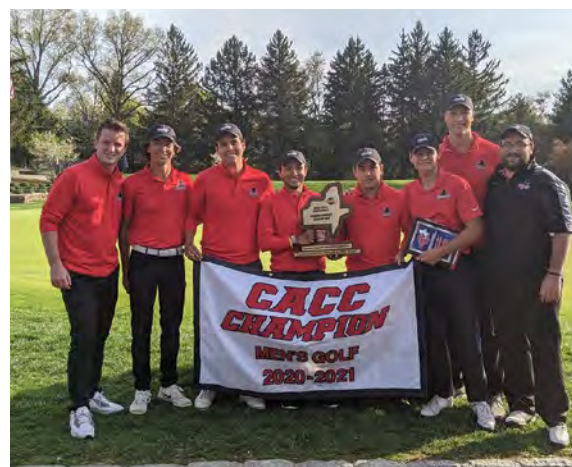
It has been a winning year for Dominican College athletic teams with the Chargers capturing three 2021 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Championships. The women's basketball team earned the CACC title in March, followed by the men's golf team becoming CACC Champions in April. As the school year wrapped up, the baseball team clinched the CACC Championship in May.



### Women's Basketball Championship

The women's basketball team won its first CACC Championship in more than 18 years on March 6, 2021. The Lady Chargers finished in second place in the CACC and earned the second seed in the CACC Tournament. Dominican College won their first and second round games against Felician University and Nyack College to reach the CACC Championship Finals. In the finals against the top-seeded Lions of Georgian Court University, Dominican cruised to the 81-65 victory.

Taylor Tomlinson was named the MVP of the CACC Women's Basketball Championships, along with being named to the All-Tournament Team. She previously had been named to the All-CACC Women's Basketball Team. Tomlinson led the team in scoring and rebounds.



### Men's Golf Championship

The Dominican College men's golf team won the CACC Golf Championship held April 19, 2021 at White Beeches Golf and Country Club in Haworth, NJ. This is the program's fourth CACC Tournament Championship with the others coming in 2001, 2002 and 2018.

As a team, the Chargers finished with a combined score of 305 to win the CACC Championship, while Concordia College took second place with a score of 306. Goldey-Beacom College finished in third place (311), followed by Felician University (330), Chestnut Hill College (340), Thomas Jefferson University (345) and the University of the Sciences (354).

Freshman Alexander Lundvall (Stockholm, Sweden) was the individual medalist with the low round score of 71 (-1) and was named Tournament MVP. On the front nine, Lundvall recorded two birdies on holes two and five and added a third on hole 11. On the front nine, he finished with a 36 (-1) and followed with a 35 (E) on the back nine to earn All-Tournament honors.





## Baseball Championship

The Dominican College baseball team won the CACC Championship on May 15, 2021 with a stunning 6-5 victory over the south second seed, Thomas Jefferson University, in a game played at Alumni Field in Philadelphia, PA. Dominican College's win secured the 18th CACC Championship in program history.

The game was tied 2-2 going into the ninth inning. With bases loaded, freshman left fielder Shane Hewlette (Deer Park, NY) delivered what would be a game-winning triple to center field that brought home all three runners to lift the Chargers to a 5-2 lead. Two batters later, designated hitter

Benjamin Meza (Miami, FL) scored Hewlette with a double down the left field line for the 6-2 lead.

Jefferson rallied in the bottom of the ninth with three runs on two hits and a wild pitch and had the tying run on second base with two outs, but reliever William Espinal (Bronx, NY) recorded the game ending strikeout for the win. Espinal picked up the win in two innings of relief, allowing three runs (none earned) on three hits and collecting five strikeouts. Starter Jaden Diaz-Lambert (Erial, NJ) went five innings, allowing one run on four hits and recording seven strikeouts.

For his outstanding play in the tournament, Hewlette was named the 2021 CACC Baseball Championship MVP.



# ATHLETICS

## *Wrap-Up*



### BASEBALL

The baseball team won the conference championship for the 18th time in program history. They had one player earn the CACC Player of the Year accolades, along with a total of four players being named to the All-CACC Teams. The baseball team also had players receive All-Region and All-American honors.

### SOFTBALL

The softball team finished with an overall record of 21-14 and a 20-6 CACC record. They earned the second seed in the conference tournament, but fell in the quarterfinals. They had five players earn all-conference accolades and one player earn multiple All-Region honors and soon to announce All-American accolades.

### MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team won the CACC championship and earned a trip to the NCAA D2 Golf Regionals where they finished in 16th place. They had a player earn the CACC Rookie of the Year and a total of three players named to the All-CACC Team.

### WOMEN'S GOLF

The women's golf team competed in four events this spring and had the high finish of third place twice this season.

### LACROSSE

The men's lacrosse team finished with an overall record of 4-5 and a 2-2 mark in the CACC. They made it to the conference semi-finals and had three players earn all-conference honors.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team finished with an overall record of 3-6 overall and a 3-5 conference mark, while the women finished with an overall record of 0-5 and a conference record of 0-5.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

The women's track and field team finished in 11th place at the conference championship, while the men finished in eighth place. ■





# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

As you continue your journey, always stay Charger strong! It has been our pleasure in the Department of Institutional Advancement to work with generous alumni and friends creating so many possibilities for you and your classmates.

Here are a few students who have benefited from our generous donors:



I'm fortunate to have received financial aid from the College. This not only helps me monetarily, but it helps me realize that there are people out there who have confidence in me."

—ANGELINA PERALTA



Much of what the College has been able to do for me and my fellow students has been made possible because of the generosity of friends and alumni whose gifts to the Annual Fund have allowed the College to equip students and professors with the resources needed to meet today's challenges."

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—DANAIYA SIMMONDS

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Thank you to those who have made financial assistance available to our graduates. On behalf of all of our 2021 Graduates—we are very grateful.

Graduates, perhaps as you progress through your career, you will be inspired by our generous alumni and friends and be motivated to support Dominican College students.

If you would like to be a part of our success, contact Joanne Sorace, Director of Annual Giving, at **845- 848-7409**, or email [joanne.sorace@dc.edu](mailto:joanne.sorace@dc.edu).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## September

### ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Friday, September 24, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Granito Center

\$20 per person

Champagne toast, ceremony, and reception honoring:

- ♦ John Clarke '75  
Men's Basketball
- ♦ Dana Rotio '08  
Women's Basketball
- ♦ Ryan Clancy '08  
Men's Soccer
- ♦ Margaret Hamilton '12  
Women's Soccer
- ♦ Tom Maloney '10  
Baseball
- ♦ Derek Funsch  
Service

RSVP by September 20, 2021

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### ALUMNI DAY AT DR. DAVIES FARM

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Congers, NY

Includes ½ bushel bag per group, hayride, pumpkin, and complimentary goody bag.

\$45 per registration  
(limited to 6 tickets per family)

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### 24TH ANNUAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GOLF OUTING

Monday, September 27, 2021

Blue Hill Golf Course,  
Pearl River, NY

11:30 a.m. Registration/Lunch

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

5:00 p.m. Cocktails, dinner, and prizes

\$175 per player

\$700 per foursome

All golf packages include fees, cart, lunch, cocktails, and dinner

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Golf Cart Sponsor.....\$350

Hole Sponsor .....\$125

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## November

### POCKETBOOK BINGO

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

7:00 p.m.

On Campus

\$40 per ticket, includes 10 bingo game cards.

Prizes include styles from:

- ♦ Kate Spade
- ♦ Vince Camuto
- ♦ Coach
- ♦ and more!

This is a BYO event. Please bring your own food and beverages.

To purchase your ticket, or to reserve a table for a group of friends contact Mary McHugh, Director of Alumni Relations at alumni@dc.edu or 845-848-7407.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:  
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### SHAWANGUNK WINE TRAIL WREATH FINERIES AT THE WINERIES

Sunday, November 21, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Vans leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. from Siena House parking lot.

\$60 per person, including round-trip van transportation.

Each wine tasting ticket holder receives a souvenir Shawangunk Wine Trail wine glass at their designated starting winery, a wreath, and unique ornaments to commemorate the event. Limited number of tickets available.

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*Must be 21 or older to attend this event.*

## ALUMNI EVENT INFO

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022**

Annual Bobby Mulligan/Sue Heller  
Alumni Basketball Games

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022**

Alumni Hall of Achievement