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## Letter from the Alumni Director



Dear Fellow Alumni,

As we came back for the fall semester, we were all so excited to start seeing students and in-person events on campus again. Well, it hasn't been disappointing. As I sit in my office, I see our students walking around campus, laughing, and having fun. They are running to class, clubs, practice, and games. There has been a lot of activity on campus and it's been so wonderful to see!

The same goes for our alumni events. All of our events this fall have been very well attended. Everyone has enjoyed getting together and seeing their fellow alumni. We have enjoyed having alumni back on campus, as well as going out to meet alumni. This January, I had the pleasure of going to the Bronx to meet Danielle Keane, who is principal of P.S. 5, and see all of the wonderful work she has done to improve the learning experience at her school. She is truly amazing. I'm so glad we can share her story with you.

We are all looking forward to more events this spring. We will once again be hosting the Alumni Hall of Achievement / Reunion on Sunday, April 24, 2022. This year, we will be honoring three alumni who served the College as Resident Advisors. Our Resident Advisors play such an important role to all of those who live on campus. I am looking forward to bringing them back and reminiscing. What a fun day this will be! I hope to see you there.

In May, we will be celebrating the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1972. It will be a lovely day where we will tour the campus and attend the Baccalaureate Mass and dinner.

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

Finally, to finish on a personal note, I want to let you know that this will be my last letter to you as the Director of Alumni Relations. I'm happy to say that I will be staying with the College as I transition over to a new role with the Finance team. It's been such a pleasure working with you and getting to know you all over these past seven years. I look forward to seeing you at our alumni events and keeping in touch!

Sincerely,

Mary McHugh '89, Director of Alumni Relations  
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# Danielle Kenny Keane '04

## *Changing Students' Lives in the South Bronx*

Principal Danielle Kenny Keane says you have to be a “full-blown detective” to work at her school, P.S. 5, in the South Bronx, “There’s a lot of tragedy. We’ve lost a lot of children—whether it’s suicide or some type of abuse at home.”

Keane once had a 6-year-old die in her arms on his first day in the school as the result of an old knife wound inflicted by the child’s mom. She trains new teachers to look children up and down, making sure they ate, are safe, and are not facing difficulties at home. “It’s a sad thing to say and it’s

those hard conversations, usually on day one,” she said. “These are the tragic stories so that you are coming in prepared to know what you are looking for and that’s your job before you ever take out math and reading.”

Keane wishes that her school was fully-staffed, but admits that it is challenging to recruit teachers. “You need to be a very special person to come to District 7 because there are so many needs. It’s not just instructional—you are talking about social, emotional, and mental needs,” she said. “Some teachers can handle it. Some cannot.”

For the past five years, Keane has served as principal of the school on Jackson Avenue which serves 618 students from 3-year-olds up to eighth grade. The work is hard, but Keane said the pay-off is amazing, and she is so thankful to be able to work with these children.

When Keane first started working at P.S. 5, just over 70% of the children attended school—making it among the worst attendance rates in the district. Keane realized that if families don't feel safe and supported, they will not send their children to school. Her priority was increasing security and making sure that weapons were kept out of the building. There were also concerns about gang members in the public park used for recess. "We don't have a school yard," Keane said. "During recess there was a lot of back and forth between gang members trying to pull the kids out during lunch to try to transition them to be part of the gang." Keane was able to have the park gates locked to keep out gang members.

Keane also worked to partner with the New York Police Department to develop programs, peer mentoring, and outside basketball games. In addition, she hires students' parents to work in the school building so that she has workers who are familiar with the community.

Even with these efforts, school attendance was still lagging. Some nearby parents found it difficult to walk their children to school because they had a night job and slept during the day or had babies at home that they didn't want to take out for the

walk to school. So this past fall, Keane began what is known as the Walking School Bus. It started with Keane walking one child to school. Since then, it has grown to more than three teams of school employees, including Keane, walking 65 children to school each day. The program has been a resounding success and school attendance at P.S. 5 is now between 94% and 96%—the highest attendance in District 7 and one



Principal Danielle Kenny Keane with one of her students at P.S. 5 in the South Bronx.

of the highest in New York City. Keane now teaches a master class for the Department of Education to train other principals how to start their own Walking School Bus program.

Increasing safety and attendance are just some of Keane's accomplishments at P.S. 5. Test scores are up as well. The school was ranked 25 out of 27 schools and moved up to five in English Language Arts and 12 in math.

Keane is proud that four of her students won the New York State Debate Team competition and will compete in Nationals. In addition, she has worked to build a community that supports each other. She asks parents, "If you were granted one wish what would it be?" Then she tries to fulfill wishes, including ones for additional books or supplies. The school community also throws housewarming parties for families who move out of shelters, so that the families have comforters and picture frames in their new home.

Keane is outspoken, full of energy, and ready to tackle problems. As a student at Dominican College, however, she was quiet and never participated in class. Keane credits Dominican College's

**“It’s not just instructional—you are talking about social, emotional, and mental needs. Some teachers can handle it. Some cannot.”**

—Danielle Kenny Keane  
Principal, P.S. 5

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# New Inductees Welcomed

## *into the Athletic Hall of Fame*

Five talented athletes and an enthusiastic basketball manager were inducted into the Dominican College Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony on September 24, 2021, in the Granito Center. The new inductees included: John Clarke '75, men's basketball; Dana Rotio '08, women's basketball; Ryan Clancy '08, men's soccer; Margaret Porter Hamilton '12, women's soccer; Tom Maloney '10, baseball; and Derek Funsch for service.



### **John Clarke '75** **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

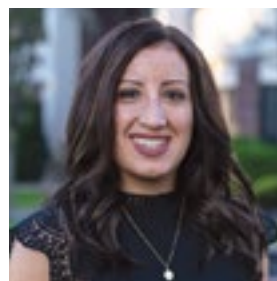
Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach Joseph Clinton marveled at Clarke's statistics and said he asked Clarke's former teammates to tell him what made Clarke so good. Among the answers, said Clinton, were,

"Tenacious, he had a fire that burned inside that he was going to make sure his team won, very skilled player, had every shot

in the book...he did amazing things in the clutch, if his team needed him, it was done."

Clarke ranks fourth all time in men's basketball history in points with 1,700 career points. In 77 games, he had 331 total free throws, 609 career field goals, and averaged 23 points per game.

Clarke was a transfer student and said his biggest accomplishment at Dominican College was meeting his wife Dora who was a student here as well.



### **Dana Rotio '08** **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

John Burke, Vice President for Student Development, described Rotio as one of the all-time greatest basketball players at Dominican College because she had the ability and instincts to leap, steal, make things happen,

and change the game on a dime. “And most importantly, every year that Dana was here the program got better,” he said.

Rotio sits eighth all-time in the Sue Heller 1,000 point club with 1,265 career points. A four-year member of the Lady Chargers, she earned both All-CACC and All-Met honors, along with being named the 2007 ECAC Tournament Most Valuable Player. In her 120 game career she hit 400 career goals, 103 career three-point field goals and 355 career free throws.

At the ceremony, Rotio said she learned so many lessons and values playing at Dominican College that have helped her be successful both on and off the court. “Discipline, leadership, hard work, determination, and resiliency, are some of the other values that were instilled in me during my time as a Lady Charger,” she said. “I learned that giving up was never an option. We were physically tough, but we also learned the importance of mental toughness.”



**Ryan Clancy '08**  
**MEN'S SOCCER**

Clancy's father, Jim, presented his son at the induction ceremony and described him as a natural athlete who began playing soccer in the backyard at the age of three. He recalled that his son played soccer, basketball, and baseball in high school—but particularly excelled at soccer.

At Dominican College, Clancy was a four-year starter on the men's soccer team. He ranks second all-time in program history in assists and is fifth in total points and goals scored. Along with his place in the Charger record book, Clancy was a three-time All-CACC honoree, a three-time CACC All-Tournament pick and a three-time All-Region selection. He also earned two CACC tournament Most Valuable Player (MVP) Awards.

In accepting the honor, Clancy referred to the title of entrepreneur Grant Cardone's book “Be Obsessed or Be Average.” He then followed up with this advice, “Whatever you do, be obsessed and if you are not obsessed with it, find something you are obsessed with. I was obsessed with soccer and it will forever be a big part of my life.”



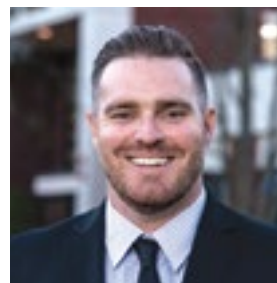
**Margaret Porter Hamilton '12**  
**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Former Women's Soccer Coach Phil Fluhr said Hamilton was a fantastic player who was fast, tough, and had both good instincts and soccer intelligence. “She was so aggressive that in a sense she

didn't show any fear all,” he said. “She just played hard. She was aggressive. She dived in a lot. She challenged and I don't think anybody could withstand her shoulder charge.”

Hamilton was a two-year team captain and two-time CACC All-Tournament honoree. She ranks fifth all-time in Lady Chargers history in goals and eighth all-time in career points. Hamilton earned two All-CACC selections and one All-Region accolades.

In her remarks, Hamilton said, “Everything with Dominican has been special to me. There's been a lot of ups and downs and my team has brought me a lot of joy.”



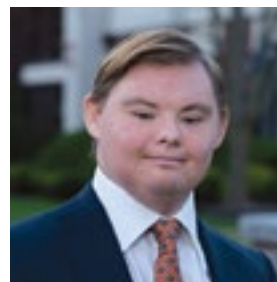
**Tom Maloney '10**  
**BASEBALL**

Maloney ranks sixth in the Charger 200 hit club with 207 career hits. Baseball Head Coach Rick Giannetti said the number of hits puts him in an elite club of only 11 players in the history of the program. “And he was by far our

best player on a team that was #1 from day one to the last day of the season,” said Giannetti.

Maloney was both an all-CACC and All-Region honoree, along with receiving a CACC All-Tournament selection and was on the ECAC Division II All-Star First Team. Maloney is ninth all-time in Charger history in runs batted in.

Maloney thanked Coach Giannetti and said they shared a passion for winning. “I never met somebody who hated losing as much as I did until we met,” said Maloney.



**Derek Funsch**  
**SERVICE**

For the past 11 years, Funsch has worked as the men's basketball team manager. Funsch thanked the incredible coaches and players for taking him along for an amazing ride. “Thank you Coach Clinton for taking me under your wing.

You have been a mentor, a friend, and you have filled my days here at Dominican College with joy and humor.”

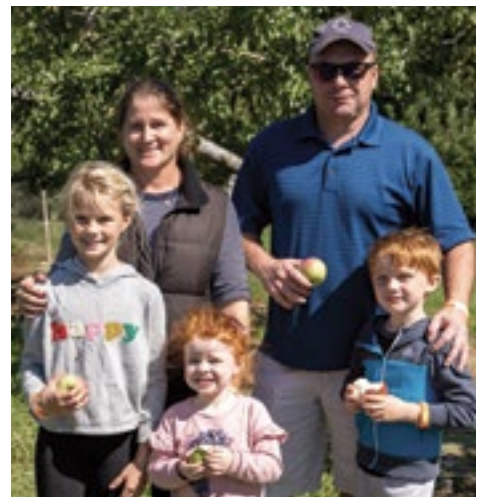
Clinton said Funsch was a great friend, the players love him, and he gets everyone “fired up” during practices and games. “The theme with Derek is the energy, the enthusiasm, the commitment, the loyalty, the responsibility,” said Clinton. “He is the heart and soul of our team.” 🏠



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# ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT



*Dominican College's 2021 Alumni Hall of Achievement recipients, Christine Friel, Frank Alexander, and Yen Pham.*

## Athletic Training Alumni Inducted into Alumni Hall of Achievement

In a tribute to the former Athletic Training Program at Dominican College, three athletic training alumni were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Achievement. The new inductees are: Christine Friel '10, for Excellence; Frank Alexander '10, for Leadership; and Yen Pham '17, for Service. The former head of the Athletic Training Program Jim Crawley, presided over the ceremony on November 14, 2021. Crawley is now an Assistant Professor in the Health Sciences program.



*The Alumni Hall of Achievement inductees with Jim Crawley, right.*





### **CHRISTINE FRIEL '10, FOR EXCELLENCE**

Christine Friel is the Assistant Director of Sports Medicine at the College of Mt. St. Vincent. Prior to that, she worked at Long Island University in Brooklyn as an Assistant Professor and Associate Head Athletic Trainer. Friel helped oversee athletic training coverage for 26 athletic teams.

“The best advice that I have received was to pay it forward. Having the opportunity to teach students and mentor graduate assistants that have crossed my path has been my favorite experience so far,” she said.

At Dominican College, Friel was a gifted student, a member of the Athletic Training Honor Society, and took part in clinical work at the United States Academy at West Point. After graduation, she earned a Master of Science in Advanced Athletic Training and Sports Science from LIU and earned the Dean’s Award for Clinic Excellence in Athletic Training.

During the award ceremony, Friel credited her parents with teaching her to “work hard, always show up, and get the job done with the best effort possible.”



### **FRANK ALEXANDER '10, FOR LEADERSHIP**

Frank Alexander remembers being a young boy meeting former Yankees pitcher David Cone. When he told Cone he wanted to be a Yankee when he grew up, Cone suggested he have a back-up plan as well.

“So my fallback plan was to be a New York Yankee and then figure out how I could stay around baseball. Athletic Training really held the key to that door for me,” said Alexander. Now he feels fortunate to do what he does every day.

Alexander is the athletic trainer and physician extender for Dr. Christopher Ahmad of Columbia University Medical Center’s Orthopedic Department. He works with Dr. Ahmad in his roles as team physician for the New York Yankees, New York Boulders, and the New York Football Club.

Alexander said earning a bachelor’s degree at Dominican College was an important stepping stone in his career. He also earned a master’s degree in kinesiology from A.T. Still University in Mesa, AZ.

Alexander co-authored a book several years ago with Dr. Ahmad called “Understanding Tommy



*Left to right: Frank Alexander, Yen Pham, Christine Friel, and Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien at the Alumni Hall of Achievement induction ceremony on November 14, 2021.*

John Surgery and How to Avoid It.” The book is geared toward children in fifth grade and older.



### **YEN PHAM '17, FOR SERVICE**

Yen Pham was recently promoted to Head Athletic Trainer for the Westchester Knicks of the G League. The G League is the National Basketball Association’s official minor league basketball organization.

At Dominican College, Pham was a talented and dedicated student who was focused on her studies and learning new skills. Pham served as president of the Iota Tau

Alpha Athletic Training Education Honor Society and graduated cum laude. Upon graduation, Pham was hired by the Westchester Knicks to serve as Assistant Athletic Trainer after having done clinical work with the organization.

Like the other speakers, Pham recognized the heartbreaking absence of Jenna Tacinelli-Hach at the ceremony. Hach passed away after a lengthy battle with brain cancer in August 2021. “I got the Service Award, when it really should be the Jenna Award,” said Pham. “She gave everything she had to the program. I wouldn’t be here without her and Jim.”

Pham has continued to give her time and talents to Dominican College, and has mentored more than ten students since graduating.

*A photo of the three inductees will hang in the lobby of the Prusmack Center along with other members of the Alumni Hall of Achievement. 📍*

# ALUMNI UPDATES

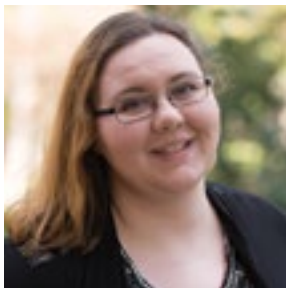
## 2008

**Shelton Gibbs** joined his wife **Ashley '09**, his sister **Shellyse '12**, and his parents, and participated in the Family Feud television show. They made it through five episodes! The show was on the air this past January.



## 2013

**Casey Donohue** completed the New York City Marathon in November 2021. She was able to raise \$3,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. Casey is looking forward to running the Chicago Marathon in October and will once again be fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation.



## 2015

**Emma Fortunato** recently returned to Dominican College as Director of Admissions.

She previously served as Assistant Director of Freshman Admissions.



## 2017

**Autumn Blankenbush** started a new role at Dominican College as our Student Success Advisor. Autumn received her Masters of Science in Organizational Leadership in 2021 at Dominican College after having graduated with a BA in Social Sciences in 2017.

## 2018

**Danielle Valls** has chosen to continue her studies toward a graduate degree in Pharmaceutical Science at Roseman University in Nevada. Recently, Danielle was offered a Student Research Fellowship program with ProCaps Laboratories. This program allows students to collaborate with ProCaps in graduate level education and research. Danielle will explore and hone her professional skills as she rotates through various areas of Quality Control, Research and Product Development.



## Wreath Fineries at the Wineries

### NOVEMBER 21, 2021

It was great to be back at the Wreath Fineries at the Wineries event! Although the tour was scaled back this year, everyone enjoyed visiting wineries along the Shawangunk Wine Trail.



## Verbal Asylum Alumni Show

### FEBRUARY 24, 2022

Dominican College's spoken word performance group Verbal Asylum and James Reitter, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, put together an alumni show called Looking Back While Moving Forward in the Granito Center. Alumni Zoe Cruz '18, Destiny Padilla '16, Christina Ortega '18, and former student Robert Cortijo performed spoken word pieces to help promote the group. In the audience were fellow alumni Blake Radix '19, and Mason Greene '17. ■

## 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)



# Bobby Mulligan/Sue Heller Alumni Basketball Games

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# COLLEGE NEWS



Carrie Boericke, Dominican College's PHIT Program Manager.

## College Launches New Public Health Informatics & Technology (PHIT) Programs

Beginning in fall 2022, Dominican College students will be able to study the interesting and expanding field of Public Health Informatics and Technology (PHIT). PHIT is a multi-disciplinary field applying data science skills to solve complex health care issues and to improve public health outcomes. The College will offer a PHIT concentration in both the Health Sciences major and the Information Technology major, a PHIT minor, and a post-baccalaureate certificate program for adults.

The College's Health Sciences program and the IT program in the Business Administration Division have teamed up to lead the PHIT program. "This is a terrific opportunity to expand career options for Dominican College graduates," said PHIT Program Manager Carrie Boericke. "Becoming a public health informaticist will open up paths that are literally just coming into view on the horizon—both in private and public sector institutions. Data skills will be key to success and social mobility for today's students."

The PHIT program at Dominican College is funded through a \$1.9 million PHIT Workforce Program grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). Dominican College was one of only 10 higher education institutions nationwide to receive this funding. The grant aims to strengthen U.S. public health information technology efforts, improve COVID-19 data collection, and increase the diversity of the public health IT workforce.

Dominican College's PHIT courses will begin with an introduction to PHIT, including a discussion of career options and case studies of how it can be used to address health disparities in communities. Students will then hone data and project

skills in an emergency response role-play exercise, simulating a public health emergency. All PHIT program students will have a paid internship to cap off their studies, recognizing that employers are looking for real-world experience in job applicants.

A consortium has been developed to help administer the program. The consortium, which may expand, now includes Bon Secours Charity Health System, CorEvitas, Cornerstone Family Healthcare, Mount Sinai Health System, EmpiRx Health, and the New York State Department of Health. Consortium members will provide internship opportunities and feedback to keep the curriculum relevant for evolving employer requirements.

Prospective students interested in learning more about the PHIT program at Dominican College should email Assistant Professor Carrie Boericke at [carrie.boericke@dc.edu](mailto:carrie.boericke@dc.edu).



## Dominican College Ranked #21 on Social Mobility by U.S. News & World Report

U.S. News & World Report ranked Dominican College a Top Performer on Social Mobility on its 2022 Best



Colleges list. Dominican College was ranked #21 out of Regional Universities North for social mobility. Top performers in this category are more successful than other colleges at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded Pell Grants.

President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., said, "Dominican College has always welcomed students of diverse economic backgrounds, while promoting educational excellence, leadership, and service among our entire college community. We are delighted to once again be recognized for successfully supporting and encouraging students to succeed."

This is the second time that Dominican College was ranked in the top 25 for social mobility on the Best Colleges list.



Lucinda Acquaye-Doyle and New York State Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick.

## Social Work Professor Wins NYS Champion of Education Award

Lucinda Acquaye-Doyle, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Director of the Social

Work Program, received a Champion of Education Award from New York State Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick. She was presented with the award on September 26, 2021, during a ceremony on the grounds of the Spring Valley High School.

Acquaye-Doyle said she was beyond humbled and honored to be among the recipients, "With all of the complexities around the world and the challenges that continuously face our vulnerable and marginalized communities, I do what I do because I feel like in some way, shape, or form, I am preparing the next generation of social work professionals—particularly those that are going to work within your schools, organizations, and agencies

—that in some way I am giving back," she said. "This is my way of helping make the world a better place."

Acquaye-Doyle also thanked her students for helping her love what she does every day. The purpose of the Champion of Education

Award is to recognize and celebrate outstanding educators throughout the 38th Senate District who have made a difference in our community. Acquaye-Doyle was one of eight recipients of the award.



Jenna Tacinelli-Hach's husband, Leland (center), with Ray Flores, President of NYSATA (left) and Jim Crawley (right), on January 8, 2022, at the Kent Scriber Recognition Award ceremony.

## Athletic Training Professor Honored Posthumously by State Organization

Beloved Athletic Training Professor Jenna Tacinelli-Hach was honored posthumously by the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association (NYSATA) on January 8, 2022. Hach's husband, Leland, accepted the Kent Scriber Recognition Award on her behalf. The award honored Jenna's contributions to the athletic training profession. Leland said the recognition meant a great deal to her family.

"To know the appreciation that her students and peers have for her is humbling," he said. "Those of you who know Jenna well know that she would have probably not been overly excited about receiving the recognition. She may have even recommended

others more deserving. She definitely would have accepted the award by speaking at 10,000 words a minute. For someone who loved being in front of a class, she shied away from the spotlight in general. I don't think the impact that she has had on the world in general, or the ATA world specifically, can ever be truly quantified."

The award was presented at the NYSATA meeting at the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. Jenna passed away on August 26, 2021, after a lengthy and courageous battle with brain cancer. She was the Coordinator of Clinical Education for the former Athletic Training Education Program at the College for nine years.

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# COLLEGE NEWS

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## Founders Week Keynote Presentation Focus on St. Rose of Lima

Dominican College students learned about 17th century mystic and prophet St. Rose of Lima during the first event of Founders Week on September 20, 2021. In her keynote presentation, Sr. Kathleen McManus, O.P., described how St. Rose—known as the little saint of Lima—served the poor and sick and was concerned about the plight of indigenous miners and their families.

Sr. McManus described a mystic as someone who pays attention and told the students that attention is the natural prayer of the soul. “Who or what is a prophet? Someone who speaks truth and asks for justice in response to what gets their attention,” she said. “As you go forth from here contemplate this: What gets your attention and what are you going to do about it? Can you be a daring mystic and prophet of our time?”

Sr. McManus is a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, NY, and former associate professor of systematic theology at the University of Portland. She has written extensively on Christology, theological anthropology and the theology of suffering. Founders Week is the annual celebration of Dominican College’s heritage and the Dominican Sisters who established it.



From left to right: AnnMarie DelliPizzi-Citardi, Blair Hoplight, Andrea Tapia, and Chris Libertini at the Sr. Michelle Nugent Lecture Series on November 8, 2021.

## Penn State Researcher Discusses Crisis Informatics at Dominican College

Students heard a fascinating description of how social media is changing emergency response from Penn State University researcher Andrea Tapia, Ph.D., on November 8, 2021. Tapia is an Associate Dean for Research at Penn State’s College of Information Sciences and Technology. She is also a Fulbright scholar, has worked with the United Nations and NASA, and is the sister of Dominican College Psychology Professor Blair Hoplight, Ph.D.

Tapia described how as a scholar of crisis informatics she and her team are working to build a system to help emergency responders gather information from social media. “We are not trying to get rid of the 9-1-1 operators,” she explained. “We are trying to make sure that they have the best information possible at any moment.”

Using a number of real-life examples, Tapia illustrated how bystanders to an emergency sometimes post videos or photos to social media instead of calling 9-1-1.

The system she is working on will gather that information for emergency responders. Two hurdles she must overcome—identifying which social media posts come from bystanders and determining which ones are trustworthy. Her advice to those who want to help in an emergency is to call 9-1-1 first and then turn on your geo-locator and use hashtags so your social media posts about the emergency can more easily be tracked.

Tapia’s presentation in the Fury Lecture Hall was part of the Sr. Michelle Nugent Lecture Series and was presented by the Dominican College Division of Social Sciences.



## Outlook on the Economy Delivers Mixed News

During Dominican College's annual Outlook on the Economy forum, community members heard how the pandemic's effect on the economy was much different than the typical recession.

Jason Bram, a Research Officer with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, spoke via Zoom during the January 20, 2022 forum. "When things plunged in March and April 2020, I think a lot of economists thought that it would look like a recession, that is, that you would have this drop off, and then have this very, very gradual recovery like you had in 2009–2010 up until now," he said. "But what in fact you saw, was a very, very quick snap back."

Bram said employment has continued to rebound briskly across the metro region, housing markets have been exceptionally strong, and office markets have been exceptionally weak. In addition, he said businesses reported widespread price escalation amidst supply disruptions and labor shortages, but remain optimistic about the outlook.

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.



*Justin Kobay, guest speaker at the Annual Tip-Off Dinner on November 4, 2021.*

## Charger Athletes Get Advice at Annual Basketball Tip-Off Dinner

As the 2021–2022 basketball season kicked off, Charger athletes got words of advice on "Winning in Life On and Off The Court." At the annual Tip-Off Dinner, Guest Speaker Justin Kobay, CPA, Partner/Business Manager of LL Business Management, shared how he built a fulfilling and successful career as a business manager to music industry artists, producers, and executives.

After speaking with the players on the men's and women's basketball teams, Kobay had high praise for the athletes. "I think it's amazing. I think they are all very motivated, very focused, and hopefully I gave them some insight on the big picture," he said.

Among Kobay's advice: it is never too late to do what you want, figure out your strengths, always be yourself, and learn how to network.



*The Dominican College 2021–2022 Men's Basketball Team.*



*The Dominican College 2021–2022 Women's Basketball Team.*



*Joe Charles, Justin Kobay, Joseph Clinton, Michael McLaughlin, and Joseph Valenti.*

LL Business Management is based in Lake Success, NY, and has an office in Los Angeles. Clients include Grammy-winning artist Lil Nas X, producer Timbaland, and musician Boots Riley.

The Tip-Off Dinner was held on November 4, 2021, at the Pearl River Elks Club. In addition to Kobay, the athletes heard from Master of Ceremony and College Trustee Michael McLaughlin '90, Men's Basketball Coach Joseph Clinton, and Women's Basketball Coach Bill Diener.

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# COLLEGE NEWS



## Once on This Island

Dominican College's Spring Musical returned on March 4–5, 2022, after a two-year hiatus. A number of alumni starred in the performance of *Once on This Island* including Dashelle Disna '17, Shelley Maxi '21, Danielle Gulston '17, and Adriana Shaw '19. Kayla Sohlman '15 was one of two Production Stage Managers and Melissa (DePinto) Lucido '95, choreographed the dancing. The production was directed by James Filippelli, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Fine and Performing Arts. ■







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# SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 17, 2021

## Grand Reception

*Old Tappan Manor, Old Tappan, NJ*

*Dominican College honored Larry Weiss, President & CEO of Atlantic Tomorrow's Office, (left) and Sam Fratto, Business Manager of IBEW Local 363, (right) at the Grand Reception.*







NOVEMBER 3, 2021

# Pocketbook Bingo

*Lawrence Room, Rosary Hall*



# ATHLETICS

## *Wrap-Up*

### **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

The women's cross country team competed in six meets this season, including the CACC Championships. The team had the high finish of fourth place.



### **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

The men's cross country team competed in six meets this season, including the CACC Championships. The team had the high finish of fourth place.



### **MEN'S GOLF**

The men's golf team finished in six tournaments in the fall portion of their season. They had the high finish of first place at the Jefferson Tri-Match. Alejandro Gomez Cervantes was named to the All-CACC Team.



### **WOMEN'S GOLF**

The women's golf team competed in six meets in the fall portion of their season and won the Jefferson Tri-Match #3. Marissa DeMarco won the individual title at the Ursinus Invitational.







### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team finished the season with an overall record of 8-19 and a CACC record of 6-11. DC finished in fourth place in the North Division and fell in the CACC Quarterfinals to the overall top seed, Holy Family University.



### WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 10-5-1 and a CACC record of 9-2. DC was the regular season champion and earned the top seed in the CACC Tournament. The Lady Chargers fell in a Quarterfinal match to #8 GCU in a shootout. Head Coach Sean McCarthy was named the CACC Coach of the Year, while Alyana Gonel was named to the All-CACC First Team.



### MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 12-6-2 and a CACC record of 7-2-2. DC finished in third place in the CACC and earned the third seed in the tournament. Dominican defeated both the sixth seed (Nyack College) and the second seed (Wilmington University) to earn their second straight appearance in the CACC Championship Final. The team suffered a heartbreaking 3-2 overtime loss to #1 Post University. Antonio Zhu Sanchez was named to the All-CACC First Team and to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.

# ATHLETICS



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## Cross County/Track & Field Coach Inducted into Albertus High School Hall of Fame

Kimberly Piard has been busy cheering on her athletes as Dominican College Head Coach of the men's and women's cross country and track & field teams for the past three years. On November 20, 2021, it was her turn to get the applause. Piard was inducted into the Albertus Magnus High School Hall of Fame.

A 2007 graduate of the high school, Piard recalled in her speech at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony that she joined track for fun as a freshman after quitting tennis. "But that decision that spring my freshman year and the guidance I had throughout my years running in high school, I gained so much that it shaped who I am on and off the track. My coaches who are here this evening, Mathew Joyce and Paul Joyce, helped me succeed. They gave me work ethic, how to endure pain, and how to never give up. All in the spirit of the sport, but unknown to them, turned into life skills for me moving forward."

During her high school sports career, running both indoor and outdoor track, Piard won many awards and championships including:

- ◆ 2007 New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) State Champion in the 800m
- ◆ Two-time Rockland County Champion
- ◆ Nine-time League Champion
- ◆ Four-time Section 1 Class C Champion
- ◆ Seven-time Most Valuable Player
- ◆ Six-time Rockland County 1st Team All County
- ◆ School records in 14 events
- ◆ 2007 Section 1 record holder in the 600m
- ◆ 2007 Crusaders Relay Meet record holder in the 800m

Piard credited her coaches with inspiring her. "I remember the Joyces saying to me, 'If you believe, you will achieve.'" That stuck with me and I wanted to





Kimberly Piard at Albertus High School during her induction into their Hall of Fame on November 20, 2021.

achieve. If I was going to do this, I was going to do it right and I planned to leave my name and rewrite the record books at Albertus. We made a promise, had a plan, and we stuck with it every track season.”

After High School, Piard went to St. John’s University on a full athletic scholarship. At St. John’s, she was a four-time Big East Conference Qualifier, ECAC Qualifier, record holder in the 4x800 relay and top 10 performer in the 500m. After College, Piard joined the Haitian national track & field team where she competed in the 800m at the Central American and Caribbean Championships in Puerto Rico.

In 2015, Piard earned her master’s degree at California University of Pennsylvania in Health Promotion. That same year she was also first runner up in the Haiti International Pageant where her platform focused on the importance of physical education and health for young people. 📧

*Feature: Danielle Kenny Keane '04, Changing Students' Lives in the South Bronx*  
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strong teacher education program and the small, supportive atmosphere with helping her to flourish. After earning an undergraduate degree in 2004 at Dominican College, she earned a master’s degree at Long Island University.

Keane has stayed in touch with her mentor, Mike Kelly, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director for Graduate Teacher Education Programs, and comes back to Dominican College to speak with his students. She also has student teachers from Dominican College work at her school.

While Keane’s students move onto high school after being in her school, she always considers them her kids. After five years on the job, the first class of her kids are headed to college and Keane continues to mentor them and has even taken a few to Dominican College to meet with coaches and attend an Open House.

Keane also stays in touch with the students whose futures aren’t as bright. COVID, she said, caused some former students to make bad decisions. “It was difficult because they needed to make money so some turned to the gang life, unfortunately. I have some that are in prison and I talk to them weekly. It’s unfortunate because it’s not where they should be. They are good kids, but that’s where life led them to be.”

Her job is in a rough neighborhood, with long hours, and a heavy workload, but Keane said she has no plans to look elsewhere, “The kids need me. I know they need me and this is where I’m supposed to be.” 📧



Principal Keane with some of her students at P.S. 5 in the South Bronx on P.S. I Love You Day, February 11, 2022.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## April

### ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sunday, April 24, 2022

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Brunch

Granito Center

\$30 per person

This special celebration is open to all alumni as we celebrate the Resident Advisors and induct three alumni into our Alumni Hall of Achievement.

For registration and more information, visit:  
[dc.edu/events/reunion2022](https://dc.edu/events/reunion2022).

## May

### CLASS OF 1972 50TH REUNION

Saturday, May 14, 2022

**2:00 p.m.** Welcome Reception  
Badami Room, Granito Center

**3:00 p.m.** Tour of the Campus  
Forkel Hall, Rosary Hall

**4:00 p.m.** Baccalaureate Mass

**5:30 p.m.** Dinner, Granito Center

To register:  
[dc.edu/class-1972-50th-reunion](https://dc.edu/class-1972-50th-reunion).

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