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### ON THE COVER:

The class of 2018 celebrates the start of the new year.





“What we plant in the soil of contemplation,  
we shall reap in the harvest of action.”  
—Meister Eckhart, O.P.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2014–2015 Annual Report, which highlights Dominican College’s achievements over the past year. The Dominican Difference—a spirit of community and collaboration—is pervasive throughout the campus. You can see it in the classrooms, in the residence halls, and at the social events. Furthermore, the Dominican Difference extends beyond the campus, to the local community and into the world where students volunteer and alumni work and serve others.

This year’s Annual Report will begin with a focus on the Dominican Tradition which began in the 13th Century when Saint Dominic founded an Order dedicated to the search for the truth. He proposed that this mission would be accomplished through study, prayerful reflection, community and ministry, especially preaching and teaching. That tradition has been handed down for eight centuries and is alive today on the College’s campus. The College’s mission statement reinforces this orientation by supporting “an ideal of education rooted in the values of reflective understanding and compassionate involvement.” Dominican College has been blessed to have alumni who so treasured this tradition that they have returned to campus as employees and Board members. In the pages that follow you will read what the Dominican influence has meant for them.

It has been an exciting year for Dominican College. The College undertook a branding initiative which resulted in a new logo and a renewed focus on its identity and core values—a community built on mutual

respect and rooted in its Catholic and Dominican tradition; an education conveyed by competent, accessible and involved professors, committed to student success; an institution that stressed the value of the liberal arts and encouraged a commitment to social justice and responsible citizenship.

The College was delighted to be awarded more than \$590,000 from the National Science Foundation to provide scholarships to able students studying the biological sciences. Also, during this past year, Dominican received approval from the New York State Education Department to offer a doctorate in Nursing Practice. This follows the implementation of the Advanced Certificate in Healthcare Management.

As the College strives to achieve higher educational standards, the Facilities Department continues to work on the maintenance or enhancement of the buildings and properties that comprise the seventy acre campus. Roofs were replaced on Hertel and Forkel Halls; the project to upgrade Casey with new energy efficient windows was completed; and an outdoor Reflection Center near Forkel Hall was constructed.

For the second year in a row the Annual Fund contributed over a million dollars to support operations. The refinancing of the 2004 and 2006 bond issues into private placement with Bank United was accomplished and the interest rate swap agreements were terminated. The new arrangement resulted in a lower level of debt service. The fiscal year ended with a modest surplus of \$800,000.



The freshman class for fall 2015, exceeded projections by 44 promising students, 74% of whom decided to live on campus. The College’s Residence Program reached capacity with 650 students living on campus.

The future looks bright for Dominican College. A land usage study was conducted by Derck & Edson in concert with the College’s planning team. A new Master Plan will be completed during 2015–2016 and will guide the College forward during the next decade.

The College remains grateful for the vision of its dedicated Board and its creative faculty, student life personnel, administrators and staff. We continue to ask God’s blessing on all the members of the College community and its many benefactors. Thank you for keeping Dominican College in your prayers and among your priorities.

Gratefully,

*Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien*

Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien, O.P., Ph.D.  
President





# The Dominican Influence

The centuries-old Dominican tradition of pursuing the truth, while being compassionately involved in the community, and taking time for reflection is pervasive on the Dominican College campus.

That intellectual tradition was foreseen by St. Dominic's mother in a dream she had before his birth in 1170 in which a dog with a burning torch in its mouth was racing around the globe. Since the founding of the Order of Preachers, or Dominicans, in 1216, men and women in the Order have interpreted that dream as a burning search for truth, aglow with compassion, and a desire to set the world afire by preaching and reaching out to people in need.

On the Orangeburg campus of Dominican College, the Dominican influence promotes an educational environment where faculty and administrators are committed to a way of learning that brings students to the truth. Dominican College students receive a strong liberal arts foundation that allows them to think critically, in a small, supportive, classroom setting with an average student-faculty ratio of 15:1.

Dominican College students are acutely aware that they have something to contribute to the world around them. They learn to effectively understand the needs of others and how to meet those needs. This has led to a thriving commitment to social justice and community service on campus.

The Dominican tradition of reflection translates into students being encouraged to take the time to think things through so that they make good decisions. This allows students to make the most of their opportunity at Dominican College to learn and to grow in knowledge and understanding.

In what follows, a small sampling of alumni, who are also employees, share how the Dominican tradition has shaped and influenced their lives.

Some of our alumni who are now trustees or employees of the College tell us:

## What Does it Mean to Be Dominican?



**Denise Marren, '15**  
Financial Aid Data Specialist

"A balanced life is what being Dominican is all about. Prayer and trust in God guides and keeps one centered; looking at the bright side when overwhelmed maintains focus. Compassion for others at home, work, and society keeps one's moral compass engaged, and personal growth is guided through continued education."



**Sr. Mary Ann Collins, O.P., '68**  
Member, Board of Trustees

"Being Dominican brings to mind our founder Dominic whose passion was to preach God's Word. 800 years ago Dominic walked up and down hills and roads joyfully proclaiming the liberating Word of God.

Our world today is in need of this joyful presence. Am I a joyful proclaimer? Does my life reflect God's Word? I pray that Dominic may enable me to preach God's Word in all I do each day."



**Erin Sullivan, M.D., '94**  
Member, Board of Trustees

"When I think of Dominican, I think of Catherine of Siena and her quote, 'be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

Dominican nurtures and uniquely individualizes teachings so students learn who they are and what path they should lead."



**Jim Toolen, '85**  
Member, Board of Trustees

"Being Dominican to me means... knowing I'm part of a community of graduates that has used our Dominican education and its values to better ourselves and those around us... traits that lead me to become a leader and giver in my community while realizing the professional success I had hoped for."



**Mary A. McHugh, '89**  
Director, Alumni Relations

"Being Dominican is being part of a second family. Enjoying what you do, and enjoying the people you do it with, makes coming to work at Dominican every single day a pleasure. As a graduate, I have a network of peers and friends with whom I share a common bond that has become a part of who I am today."



**Christine Zinna, '89**  
Assistant Registrar

"To me, being Dominican is like being home. Dominican College stays with you. Even if you haven't been here for a long while, you're always welcomed home as a family member."



**Katie Anderson, M.S., '08**  
Freshmen Year Director and Coordinator of the Bridge Program

"Being Dominican means community. This was the reason I was attracted to the College as a student, and why I jumped at the chance when the opportunity arose to work here. Being able to give back to the community that gave me so many great opportunities to grow and learn, was something I could not pass up. I have had the pleasure of working with the staff and faculty that welcomed me so wholeheartedly into their community as a student. I want to provide new students with a similar experience to mine. I want them to know that I am available to be a support system for them, just as I had as a student."



**John Burke, '98**  
Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students

"Being Dominican is caring, supporting, and excelling with members of a close-knit community. It is a constant pursuit for personal growth and a concern for the global community."





## The Dominican Influence in Action

### Fanjeaux Pilgrimage

As part of an ongoing effort to keep the Dominican tradition alive, Dominican College and nine other Dominican Colleges and Universities in the U.S. participated in a trip this spring to the medieval hilltop town in France where St. Dominic lived.

In all, 40 faculty, staff, and students visited Fanjeaux, where St. Dominic's vision of an order devoted to seeking and sharing the truth took shape from 1206 to 1216. Two students and one administrator from Dominican College in Orangeburg took part in the 17-day trip from May 26 to June 11.

The pilgrims studied each morning. In the afternoons, they visited historic sites in southern France, with a focus on places significant in the early history of the Order of Preachers. The program concluded with four nights in Paris.

Interested participants submit applications for the program. This year, those chosen were Kiara Rivera, '16; Kayla Lyder, '16; and Ryan O'Gorman, Director of Residence Life.

"Going on the pilgrimage trip to Fanjeaux, France allowed me to have a greater understanding of who I am, who St. Dominic was, and how the Dominican Charisma is found in each of the pilgrims who were on the journey together," said O'Gorman. "This was a life-changing experience and I encourage anyone interested to apply for the program."

Each year, the College underwrites the cost of participation for one faculty or staff member and partially funds participation for two students, who are eligible to earn three credits.

### Senior Administrators Honored by Leadership Rockland

College President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dorothy Filoramo were honored on June 16 for their contributions to Leadership Rockland. They were among 25 Silver Medal recipients honored by

Leadership Rockland. Dominican College was honored with a medal as well.

The honor demonstrates the Dominican tradition of being involved community members. Both Sr. Mary Eileen and Ms. Filoramo have been supporters of Leadership Rockland since its inception, with Sr. Mary Eileen serving as a charter member of the Board of Leadership Rockland, Inc., and Ms. Filoramo serving as Board Chair from 2009–2012.

Leadership Rockland offers existing and emerging leaders an educational experience focused on the infrastructure of Rockland County, New York—presented by leaders in government, business, and non-profit sectors. With 600 graduates over a 25-year span, the program consists of 11 day-long sessions over a 10-month period, and engages and challenges its participants to examine issues and seek solutions.

### Contemplation and Reflection Area Established

Construction of a new reflection area, centered around a historic Celtic cross, has been completed outside of Forkel Hall. The cross used to sit atop the St. Joseph's Building, which was demolished last year.

The three-story St. Joseph's Building was built in 1880 by the Dominican Sisters as an orphanage. It was later used as an administrative building for St. Dominic's Home. Last year, the building on Western Highway was taken down because it was in great disrepair, but the cross was preserved.

The Celtic cross now stands in the center of the new reflection area, which has a foundation of bricks which also came from St. Joseph's Building. There are benches around the cross, and trees surrounding the area to provide privacy.

College Chancellor Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P., said the reflection area preserves an important part of the history of the Dominican Sisters. "It reflects the history of the institution that gave birth to the College because that was the original work of the Sisters—to care for neglected and orphaned children," she said.

Sr. Kathleen added that she hopes the new reflection area encourages those on campus to take time to contemplate. "What we expect will happen is that it will be a place for quiet reflection that will enable distraction to be put aside and provide an opportunity for people to probe their thoughts and feelings."



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW



### Seniors Present Capstone Projects at the Inaugural Liberal Arts Senior Scholars Presentation

Over 40 seniors across multiple liberal arts disciplines presented their capstone research projects at the Inaugural Liberal Arts Senior Scholars Presentation. This event was an opportunity for seniors (and a few juniors) to present posters displaying the research they had conducted for their Senior Seminar courses. Students in Math, Psychology, Communication Studies, English, and Biology met in the Lawrence Room of Rosary Hall with faculty, staff, and peers to discuss the findings of their research and what the project meant for the careers they hope to pursue after graduation.



### College Wins Alpha Award

This year, Dominican College received a Silver Alpha Award from the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society for students who have succeeded in maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher and are in the top 20% of their class during their first year of college. The Alpha Award recognizes honor society chapters that have initiated a notably high percentage of their invited students.

In the 2014–2015 academic year, Dominican College inducted 87% of the students who were qualified and invited to join Alpha Lambda Delta. In her award letter, Dr. Glenda Earwood, Executive Director of Alpha Lambda Delta wrote, “The growth of this honor society demonstrates that more academically talented students are drawn to your campus and that the successful transition of these students from high school to college has been supported by the faculty and staff.”



### New Biology Lab Dedicated

In October 2014, the College announced the dedication of a new Biology Lab. Reserved for faculty and student research, the lab is named for Madeline Micceri Mignone, the long-time director of the College’s Biology Program. The lab equipment was donated by Pfizer Biotech of Pearl River.

Over the last several years, the College has established itself as one of the premier educational institutions in the Hudson Valley, with a strong science program as a distinguishing feature. Currently, the biology program enrolls over 100 students.

## College Awarded Two Major Grants

### National Science Foundation Grant

Dominican College was awarded \$592,688 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to provide scholarships to students studying the biological sciences. The goal of the five-year grant is to boost the nation’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) workforce.



This year, six freshmen at Dominican College have been awarded up to \$10,000 a year for four years as part of the new scholarship program, which is funded by the NSF grant. The program enhances the

opportunities of these academically talented students by providing internships, research experiences, and field trips. The scholarship winners work closely with each other, faculty, and administrators to ensure their success in a biology career.

**Bernadette Connors, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Biology, said, “This program will help to draw those students who may have financial need, but who are very passionate about learning biology and about gaining an education in all the sciences with a liberal arts background.”

The students accepted this year in the scholarship program are **Stephanie Denis, Darian Fernandez, Albert Martinez, Kelly Murphy, Natalia Perez-Cervantes,** and **Amanda Saab**. Next year, eight scholarships will be awarded.

### Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance Grant

In collaboration with the Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance, Dominican College was awarded a grant through the Water Resources Grant Program of the NYS Water Resources Institute (WRI) at Cornell University. The grant supports the development of a course-based service learning research project that will educate and train undergraduate students in the fields of ecology and molecular microbiology.

Students taking relevant courses will analyze the diversity of plant species in the Sparkill Creek Watershed area, and will determine the level and type of fecal contamination in the waterway. As hands-on researchers under the guidance of the Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance and the Hudson Riverkeeper, students will be encouraged to understand the role of “citizen science.” The grant provides funds from April 2015–April 2016.





## Pope's Visit to New York Puts Media Spotlight on Dominican College

When Pope Francis visited the United States at the end of September, the Dominican College community shared in the excitement of all Americans. The College was fortunate to receive 40 tickets from the New York Archdiocese to participate with the Pope at the Mass celebrated at Madison Square Garden. Half of the tickets went to students. The other half went to faculty, staff, administrators, and board members chosen randomly.

A few days before the Dominican College group traveled by bus to see the Pope, College President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., spoke live on WRCR radio about why Americans find Pope Francis so attractive. "He's fresh. He's spontaneous. He speaks from his heart. He cares. He doesn't hesitate to second guess. He will speak directly to issues, directly to people, and I think this is all very refreshing and encouraging," she said. "He's a source of great hope to people."

The Pope's visit to the U.S. and the Dominican College group's trip to see him, led to a lot of local media attention for Dominican College. In addition to Sr. Mary Eileen's live interview on WRCR radio, Director of Campus Ministry Barbara McEneaney, O.P., was a commentator on *Richard French Live* on RNN-TV. Several students were featured on News 12 and WHUD radio, and News 12 covered the College's bus leaving for the Papal mass.

Sr. Mary Eileen said that the students she spoke with were impressed that Pope Francis had immense concern for all of us and was very accepting and inclusive. Because so many Dominican College students have a commitment to social justice and community service, the students said that they liked that he was constantly reaching out to people in need and reminding us to do so.



## Cooperative Agreement Signed with X'ian International University

Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., President, signed an agreement in February for cooperation between Dominican College and X'ian International University. Cooperation will include student and faculty exchanges, student transfers, and joint faculty research.

## College Hosts College Goal Event

Dominican College hosted a College Goal event on Saturday, February 7, to help college-bound students complete the most important tool in securing financial aid—the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. A completed FAFSA can be used to apply for aid to any college or university.

Along with providing hands-on assistance with filing and submitting the FAFSA, the College's financial aid experts answered questions about financial aid, scholarships, and loans. This was the first College Goal event ever held in Rockland County.

## Dominican College Begins Offering Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

In Fall 2015, Dominican College began offering a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree (DNP), after receiving approval from the New York State Education Department.

The DNP has been adopted as the terminal degree for advanced practice nurses by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in response to the nursing shortage and the crisis in the healthcare system. Dominican College is implementing the Doctor of Nursing Practice to meet the needs of this paradigm shift and to offer the full spectrum of nursing education.

Building on current Master's Nursing Program curricula, students in this Post-Master's DNP Program will be prepared at the most advanced level of nursing practice.



## Communications Program Ranked as One of Nation's Best

Dominican College's Online Communication Studies Program ranks among the nation's top colleges, according to a new analysis by Affordable Colleges Online, a not-for-profit resource center that provides information about college cost, financial aid, and college rankings.

Dominican College is ranked #22 on AC Online's list of the "Top Online Communications Degrees." According to AC Online, colleges on the list "stand out either for cost or quality." The University of Minnesota (#1), DePaul University (#5), and Indiana University (#16), are some of the well-known institutions that are also named on the list.



## EVENTS



### 1: Health Care Symposium

Ed Imparato, Board Member, presided at the second annual Health Care Symposium on November 7, 2014. Panelists included: **Dr. Mary Leahy**, CEO, Bon Secours Charity Health System; **Dr. Clem Osei**, Rockland Pulmonary & Med Associates; **Ms. Nicole Carelli, Esq.**, Associate, DLA Piper; and **Ms. Johanna Alter Wilson**, Owner, Strategic Financial Group, Inc. The moderator was Dr. Joan Facelle, former Rockland County Commissioner of Health.

### 2: Holiday Concert

The Dominican College Christmas Concert featuring the **Reverend Alphonse Stephenson** and the **Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea**, was held on December 7, 2014, in the Hennessy Center, for nearly 600 attendees.

### 3: Federal Reserve Presentation

**Joseph Tracy** (pictured) and **James Orr**, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, returned to Dominican College to deliver a presentation on “The Outlook for the Economy: National and Regional Perspectives.”

### 4: Athletic Hall of Fame

On Saturday, October 3, 2014, the new members of the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame were inducted:

**Chris Canelliz**, '04, Baseball; **Margaret Denman**, '05, Soccer and Basketball; and **Katie Farrugia**, '06, Softball.

### 5: Alumni Reunion

Alumni, administrators, and guests gathered for a cocktail reception on the Granito Center Patio on Saturday, June 6, 2015, to kick off the annual Alumni Reunion.

During the reunion, **Michael McLaughlin**, '90, **Nhi Tran**, '00, and **Eileen Foti**, '95, were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Achievement.

### 6: 43rd Annual Grand Reception

The 43rd Annual Grand Reception on Friday, May 1, 2015, honored **Greg Laveeve** as the 2015 Person of the Year. He is the Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers and a longtime friend of Dominican College.

### 7: 36th Annual Dominican College Golf Classic

120 golfers enjoyed a spectacular day of golf at the Rockland Country Club. Proceeds from the Golf Classic support academic programs and technological advancements at the College.





## Spirit of the Founders Award

The Dominican College 2015 Spirit of the Founders Award was presented to seniors **Erica Descartes** and **Brett Mitchell** during a luncheon at Granito Center on Thursday, September 24, 2015. The event was one of the highlights of the week-long celebration of Founders Week, the annual Dominican College tradition of celebrating our Dominican heritage.

The Spirit of the Founders Award represents a respect for the values and traditions that have endured for centuries and holds the promise that the Dominican tradition will be carried on. It is presented to students who have great potential as leaders as they leave Dominican College and make their mark in the world.



### 8: Alumni Golf Outing

The 17th Alumni Golf Outing took place on Monday, October 6, 2014, at New York Country Club. During the outing, players enjoyed dining, contests, and a special complimentary gift from the Alumni Association and supporters.

### 9: Cardinal Visits Campus

His Eminence, **Timothy Cardinal Dolan**, shares a moment with **Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D.**, the College's President, and **Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P.**, the College's Chancellor, during the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Basketball Championship hosted by the College on Saturday, March 28, 2015.



### 10: Palisades Anniversary

The Chief Executive Officer of the travel discount website Priceline.com, **Paul J. Hennessy**, was the guest speaker at the Palisades Institute 25th Anniversary Celebration on October 8, 2015. The Palisades Institute was founded in 1990 as part of Dominican College to assist businesses, government, and not-for-profit groups in applying the principles of quality, leadership, and ethics by offering seminars and workshops. Hennessy's father, **James E. Hennessy**, founded the Palisades Institute with **Sr. Beryl Herdt, O.P.**, and **Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P.**

## College Completes Branding and Messaging Revitalization Project

Following a national search, Paskill Stapleton & Lord (PS&L) was selected this year to design and lead a comprehensive branding project on behalf of the College. The decision was announced by the President, Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., on November 7, 2014. Ten agencies were considered, with four finalists invited to visit the campus and respond to a formal Request for Proposal.

Based in Philadelphia, PA, PS&L fit all the criteria the College outlined in the RFP—including a proven track record in research, brand and identity development, publications, and advertising. The firm's experience and reputation with other Catholic institutions was an important factor as well. Work on the project began in November 2014 and concluded in July 2015.

The overall goal of the project was to clarify, position, and extend the Dominican College identity with new strategies and messaging. PS&L began by conducting an intensive research project with qualitative and quantitative components using both internal and external audiences.

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With the research findings in hand, PS&L created a new logo and other identity elements designed to be instantly recognizable as Dominican College. The logo and identity elements, consisting of overlapping gyrons, were put into use at the end of the summer, and currently appear on business cards, the website, campus signs, and all publications.

Among the many project components, perhaps the most important was the development of a brand rationale and brand platform that speaks to the attributes associated with the College. This includes specific messaging strategies for prospective students and a description of the brand personality of Dominican College, including tone, vocabulary, points and messages to reinforce, as well as layout designs and photography styles.

PS&L also provided a set of brand messages that will guide the College's marketing efforts and help shape the College's identity through consistent and persistent presentation. Core messaging themes

include community, academics, location, the value of a Dominican College education, the College's core values—including its Catholic heritage, and the comprehensive collegiate experience offered here. These messages will be presented and reinforced in all enrollment publications.

*"The new, consistent visual identity ensures that the messaging, mission, and core values of Dominican College are aligned consistently throughout the institution through a cohesive visual framework that represents who we are,"* said Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., President. *"The graphic standards are a vehicle for enabling our story to be heard in a cluttered and busy communications landscape."*

On campus, the branding initiative was led by Brett Bekritsky, Director of Marketing and Communications.



## About Our New Logo

The College's new logo combines the name of the school with an icon that was custom-designed by PS&L's designers. The icon consists of stylized versions of the Dominican Shield and Cross. The Fitched Gyronny Cross used in the icon has a three dimensional appearance and often depicts the Star of Bethlehem at Christmas. Along with suggesting a guiding star, the icon represents a compass.

The Dominican Cross symbolically represents the Torch of Truth—a symbol of the Dominican Order that is often shown being carried in the mouth of a little black dog. The story of the dog originates in a dream St. Dominic's mother had when she was pregnant with the Saint: She dreamed of her child as a little black and white dog, illuminating the world by carrying a lit torch in his mouth.

The shield used in the icon is derived from the coat of arms for the Dominican Order and consists of black and white gyrons, or triangles, that symbolize the unity of a body of people working together for the common good.



## ATHLETICS



### Former Charger Basketball Star Signed to Professional Team

Former Dominican College men's basketball star Nick Smith has signed a professional contract with the Solna Vikings Basketball Club in Sweden.

While at Dominican College, the 2015 graduate was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Co-Player of the Year and was a member of Dominican College's 1000 Point Club. Among his many accomplishments, Smith was a member of the first men's basketball team in College history to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA East Regional in 2013.

Chargers Head Coach Joe Clinton described Smith as an extremely talented young man. "The entire College wishes him only the best moving forward," he said.

Nick will be travelling to Solna, Sweden to begin training with his new coaches and teammates for the upcoming season.

### Men's Soccer

The Dominican College men's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 13-4-1 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 9-2-1. The Chargers finished in a tie for first place in the CACC and earned the second seed in the CACC Tournament due to a loss to Philadelphia University who earned the top seed.

The team also made appearances in the NCAA East Region and NSCAA/Continental Tire East Region polls where they were ranked as high as seventh.

### Women's Soccer

The Lady Chargers soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 4-8-3 and a CACC record of 4-5-3.

The team finished in ninth place in the CACC and just missed a berth in the CACC Tournament.

### Men's Basketball

The Dominican College men's basketball team finished the year with an overall record of 14-13 and a CACC record of 14-5. They won the CACC North Division standings and earned the top seed in the North Division in the CACC Tournament.

In the tournament, the Chargers faced off against the fourth seed in the South Division, Wilmington University, in a quarter-final match up where the Chargers fell 69-67.

### Women's Basketball

The Lady Chargers basketball team finished the 2014–2015 campaign with an overall record of 15-15 and a CACC record of 13-6.

They finished in third place in the CACC North Division standings.

### Baseball

The Dominican College baseball team finished the 2015 season with an overall record of 20-25 and a CACC record of 12-8.

### Softball

The Dominican College softball team finished the season with an overall record of 33-19, and a CACC record of 21-5, and made their eighth consecutive appearance in the CACC Tournament. Head Coach **Joe Burbridge** also earned his 300th career coaching victory this season.

The Lady Chargers were the second seed in the CACC Tournament and split on day one of the tournament with a 6-2 win over #7 Bloomfield College and a tough 2-3 loss

to #3 Wilmington University, to fall into the loser's bracket.

The team needed to win three games on day two and took down Post University, Bloomfield College, and Wilmington University to advance to the CACC Championships. In game one of the final day, the Lady Chargers lost to #1 Caldwell University, 5-2, to end their season.

### Golf

In the spring, the Chargers golf team had the high finish of second place at the Philadelphia U. Tri-Match #4.

At CACC Championships, the team tied for fifth place.

### Women's Lacrosse

The Dominican College women's lacrosse program finished with an overall record of 4-11 and a CACC record of 4-4 under first-year Head Coach, **Jim Drivas**.

### Men's Lacrosse

The Dominican College men's lacrosse program finished the 2014 season with a 1-12 record and an East Coast Conference (ECC) record of 0-8 under first-year Head Coach **Marcelo Sandoval**.



### Joe Clinton Named to Hall of Fame

Joe Clinton was among those inducted into the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame last April. He has been the College's Director of Athletics and Head Men's Basketball Coach for 25 years, posting a 362-341 career record.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



### Two Trustees Welcomed to the Board; Trustee Emeritus Named



**Joan H. Facelle, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P.**, served as the Rockland County Commissioner of Health from 2001 until her retirement in 2013. As Commissioner, she was responsible for public health clinics, communicable disease control, early intervention, and preschool programs for children with developmental disabilities, public health emergency preparedness, environmental health and safety programs, and public health education.

Dr. Facelle received her medical training at New York University School of Medicine, followed by

a residency in pediatrics at Bellevue Hospital, and New York University Medical Center. After serving in the United States Air Force for three years as a general pediatrician, she practiced pediatrics with Ramapo Valley Pediatrics in Suffern and Central Valley, NY, from 1987–2000. In 2003, Dr. Facelle received a Masters of Public Health from the New York Medical College School of Public Health.

Dominican College awarded Dr. Facelle an honorary degree, Doctor of Science, honoris causa, in May 2013.

Since 2010, Dr. Facelle has served on the Rockland Alliance for Health board and is currently President of the Board. She is also a board member of Catholic Charities Community Services.



**Brian J. Quinn, Esq.**, is a partner in the New City law firm of Montalbano, Condon & Frank, P.C., focusing primarily in the areas of banking and real estate.

Mr. Quinn has extensive experience in all aspects of commercial and residential real estate sales, acquisition, and financing. He has represented commercial lending institutions in complex commercial mortgages, construction loans, asset-based lending, and creative financing. He has prosecuted numerous residential and commercial foreclosures, and has represented residential

and commercial lenders in preserving and enforcing creditors' interests after debtors have filed for bankruptcy. In addition, he has prosecuted and defended various types of real estate litigation on behalf of title companies, individuals, and corporate entities.

A graduate of Boston College, B.A., 1973 (cum laude), Mr. Quinn received his law degree from Hofstra University in 1977. He is a member of the Rockland County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association, and is active in community organizations. Mr. Quinn served for many years on the board of Albertus Magnus High School and coached its mock trial team. He is currently a member of the Pearl River Rotary Club.



**Hugh (Jerry) Keahon**, a long-time board member, has been named Trustee Emeritus. Mr. Keahon served on the Board of Trustees for 27 years, serving one 15-year term from 1987–2002, and 12 years from 2003 to 2015. He also served as an early member of the President's Advisory Council from 1981–1987.

During his 24 years on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, eight of which he was chair, Mr. Keahon helped to envision and develop a plan for the new campus with construction of the Hennessy Center, Hertel Hall, and the Granito Center. He subsequently guided construction of Prusmack Center, Guzmán Hall, and the Granito Center Expansion.

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Valerie Olson (Physical Therapy),  
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## In Memoriam



**Patricia Walsh**  
Patricia Walsh (pictured here with her two daughters Caitlyn and Tara), who had served for the past 21 years as Assistant Professor of Nursing and Coordinator of the LPN-BSN program, succumbed this spring to a long illness. “She is missed by the entire community, especially by the nursing students she served so well,” said Ann Vavolizza, Ed.D.

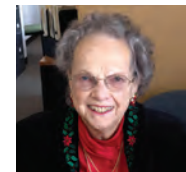
Professor Walsh taught nursing courses in all programs. She served as Faculty Moderator of the SNADC (Student Nursing Association of Dominican College), and, in this role, helped to plan the Annual Pinning Ceremonies during her tenure as moderator. She worked to increase coordination with clinical course adjunct instructors to increase student learning success, and to expand research opportunities and evidence-based practice awareness in all her courses—on campus and online. And, she was indefatigable as the advisor for LPN students seeking to gain entrance and achieve success in the BSN program.

Always a positive presence for the Nursing Division and the College, she is sorely missed.

**David Vacirca**  
David Vacirca, Transfer and Online Programs Counselor, passed away suddenly at the age of 30 on July 25, 2015. Mr. Vacirca joined Dominican College in October 2014. His colleagues remember him as a dedicated, hardworking young man with a passion to help others.

David had a talent for being able to make personal connections with the students he worked with and left a lasting impression on those who had the good fortune to work with him or get to know him. “He always had a smile on his face—a smile that was contagious,” said Brian Fernandes, V.P. for Enrollment Management.

Mr. Vacirca’s friends and colleagues miss his energetic personality and indomitable spirit. David was always willing to lend a hand around the Office of Admissions and oftentimes went out of his way to check in with his colleagues to see how they were and whether they needed any help. In addition to working at Dominican College, Mr. Vacirca was pursuing one of his life goals by being enrolled in the College’s MBA program.



**Mary (Edie) Reimer**  
Mary (Edie) Reimer, a 42-year employee of Dominican College, passed away May 30, 2015. Ms. Reimer spent the last 24 years at the College as an Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Assistant.

In addition to her strong work ethic and meticulous work, Ms. Reimer is remembered for being a warm, kind person. Marge Boyd, Ph.D., Occupational Therapy faculty member, said that she brought out the best in anyone who met her. “Edie was completely humble. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a great deal of wisdom,” said Dr. Boyd. “Edie never said an unkind word about anyone and her faith was unshaken regardless of life’s challenges, even during the loss of her beloved husband.”

Ms. Reimer was a member of the choir of St. Catherine’s Parish, where she cooked for the priests. She also volunteered as a Dominican Associate. She collected donations, sold raffle tickets to support the Dominican Sisters, and worked at the Dominican Sisters Annual Fall Festival.

Dr. Boyd said, “Edie is dearly missed by all of us in the Occupational Therapy Program. Edie’s pictures, presents, and memories remain a part of our environment, as does her spirit. We are all so grateful that we had Edie as a member of our Occupational Therapy Family for so many years.”

## Departures



**Jack Armstrong**  
Assistant Professor of Accounting, Jack Armstrong, retired this spring after 27 years of service to the Business Division and the College, both in and outside the classroom.

“He served as an epitome of what it means to be a great faculty member, much admired by his students for his excellent teaching, even in the courses they deemed more difficult,” said Dr. Ann Vavolizza, Assistant Dean. “He always willingly gave of his free time to provide assistance to students grappling with their accounting courses, and he was a consistently visible and active presence at open houses, advisement/registration days, and many other events throughout the academic year.”

Professor Armstrong was also an omnipresent fan and supporter of Charger athletic games, where his presence was often signaled by his characteristic whistling. In recognition of his steadfast support of the College’s student athletes, he was selected for inclusion in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Twice appointed to the Middle States Steering Committee, Jack made many contributions to this and other campus-wide committees over the years. In addition, he assumed an active role in the development of the Accounting concentration for the MBA program.



**Maureen Creegan**  
Dr. Maureen Creegan, who retired this past spring, provided the College and the Nursing Division with distinguished service for 36 years. Having begun as an instructor, she was promoted in 1998 to full professor.

Dr. Creegan served as Division Director of Nursing from 1991–2010, and, in her tenure, developed and gained State approval for the Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner Masters Program. She also achieved and maintained an active professional presence within the external nursing community through her association with agencies and institutions such as Columbia University Teachers College, Bellevue Hospital, and the National League of Nursing, among many others. Such extensive professional involvements have done much through the years to increase the visibility of the College’s Nursing Program.

Dr. Creegan provided instruction to students throughout nursing program options and degree levels, including the FNP, WABSN, and RN-BSN programs. She regularly administered the EBI (Educational Benchmarking, Inc.) survey to seniors in nursing to assess their mastery of discipline-specific knowledge and their preparedness for the NCLEX licensure examination.

And, through her more than 30 years on the faculty, Dr. Creegan also provided active membership on many College-wide committees; Rank and Tenure, Curriculum, and IRB among them.



Departures, cont.—



**Pamela McFall**

Pamela McFall, who served as Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy for 12 years, retired this year from her full-time faculty position, but will be temporarily staying on as an adjunct in OT. Pam consistently brought her commitment and passion as an OT practitioner into the classroom. She always strove to facilitate mastery of foundational knowledge in pediatric and adolescent OT courses, and, in compliance with accreditation standards, to incorporate global awareness and cultural influences into her curricula.

Professor McFall also served as a research mentor for student projects, some of which were accepted as poster or paper presentations at national AOTA conferences. As the faculty advisor for SOTA (Student Occupational Therapy Association), she organized the meetings held each trimester, encouraging student members to exercise independent and professional behaviors. Recently, their efforts under Professor McFall's leadership resulted in fundraising for service projects (e.g., The Philippines Typhoon Relief).



**Eric Sponza**

Assistant Professor of Mathematics for the past seven years, Eric Sponza left the College this year. He consistently served as a positive force in the Arts & Sciences

Division, Mathematics Department, and was always available to assist students on an individual basis. He mentored some in the Honors Program, others preparing for the Praxis exams, and still others grappling with math assignments in non-math classes. Professor Sponza also assisted fellow faculty by coordinating the scheduling, mentoring, and room availability for testing days during particularly snowy winters, to enable faculty to stay on schedule.

Professor Sponza was visible on campus outside of his classes and office. He served as faculty advisor to two student organizations, the Anime, and the Health and Fitness Clubs, and was a member of the College's Honors Program Committee.



**Samira Allen**

Samira Allen, the College's Director of Alumni Relations, stepped down after eight years in the post, to pursue a new career opportunity in the corporate sector. During her tenure, Allen introduced many new programs and opportunities for alumni to network. Among her accomplishments were the development of the Alumni Achievement Awards. She also played an important role in the production of the *100 Alumni of Distinction* publication.

"Samira's legacy is embedded into our current programs and we are most grateful for her leadership," said Dorothy Filoramo, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "We will miss her engaging smile and manner, but wish her the best success on her new professional path."

**Erin deWard**

In December, the College bade a farewell to Erin deWard, Director of Public Relations.

"A wealth of College news and events were placed in the media through her efforts," said Dorothy Filoramo, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "Erin brought social media to new levels, connecting with students, alumni, and friends of the College through Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Her presence at Dominican College is greatly missed."

DeWard played a key role in producing *Dateline* and the *100 Alumni of Distinction* magazines. She conducted interviews, wrote articles for, and edited both publications. She also served as the College's roving photographer, capturing campus events and activities and leaving a legacy of memories in the photo gallery.

DeWard is an accomplished actress who left Dominican College to start her own business as an audio describer and narrator.

**John Barrie**

Assistant Professor and Head Librarian, after 20 years of service.

**Lisa Decker, Ph.D.**

Assistant Academic Dean, after two years.

**Denise DellaPorta, M.S.**

Freshman Year Director, after nine years.

**Carla Enriquez, DPT**

Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, after four years.

**Colby Valentine**

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice after three years.

**Paige Zannetti**

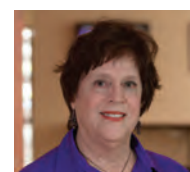
Admissions, after two years.

## SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES



**Lucinda Acquaye, Ph.D.**, (Social Work), this past fall delivered two presentations, "How Do Educators Really Feel?" and "Global (Global/Local) Social Work: Transforming Social Work Education through International Experiences," at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting in Tampa, FL. She also had a book chapter, "Restoring the Hope of Social Work Students through an International Service Learning Program in Cape Town, South Africa," published in *Hope Matters: The Power of Social Work*, by NASW Press.

**Michael AINETTE, Ph.D.**, (Psychology), earned his licensure to practice as a clinical psychologist. He also served as a reviewer for the *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*.



**Marge Boyd, Ph.D.**, (Occupational Therapy), was awarded a Ph.D., from Nova Southeastern University upon successfully defending her dissertation titled, *Contextual Aspects Influencing Mothers' Placement Considerations for their Children with Autism*.



**Andrew Burns, M.A.**, and **AnnMarie DiSiena, Ed.D.**, (Communication Studies), along with two of their students, presented a panel titled, "Teaching Approaches: Techniques and Strategies for the Speech Communication Course," at the New York State Communication Association Annual Conference, held this year in Ellenville, New York. Professor Burns also established a campus chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communications Studies Honor Society.

**Jaqueline Cassagnol** (Nursing), an adjunct clinical instructor in Nursing, has been included among this year's *Forty Under 40* nominees.



**Joanne Clemente, Ed.D.**, (CASE Program), was honored with a *Woman of Distinction Award* by St. Catherine Academy in the Bronx, her high school alma mater, for her years of volunteer teaching and the establishment of the not-for-profit foundation, Ventures for Good, to benefit the people of Uganda.



**Bernadette Connors, Ph.D.**, (Biology), along with fellow faculty **Colleen Evans, Ph.D.**, and **James Reitter, Ph.D.**, co-presented a workshop titled, "An Interdisciplinary Means of Approaching a Career in Microbiology" at the General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in New Orleans this spring. Colleen Evans also served as the research mentor for Biology major **Michael Bauer**, who was this year awarded a Beta Beta Beta Research Scholarship. In addition, she and fellow Biology faculty member **Madeline Mignone, Ph.D.**, were awarded a grant to fund an analysis of the Sparkill Creek, and Dr. Connors is also the recipient of an O&R STEM Classroom Grant to fund the high school workshop to be held on campus this fall.



**James Crawley, ATC, PT**, (Athletic Training), presented "Recreational Drug Use Deterrence—Whose Job Is It?" at the NCAA Convention in Washington, D.C.





**Giovanna Czander, Ph.D.**, (Religious Studies), was chosen to participate in the 2015–2016 “Teaching and Learning Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities,” to be sponsored in Indiana by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. She was also selected for participation in the Council of Independent Colleges and the Interfaith Youth Core seminar on Teaching Interfaith Understanding.



**AnnMarie DelliPizzi, Ph.D.**, (Biology), presented two of her co-authored poster presentations, “Tumor Necrosis Factor-Alpha (TNF) Regulates NKCC2 and AQP2 Expression and Adaptation to High NACl Intake” and “Activation of EP3 Receptors Suppresses COX-2 in Thick Ascending Limb (TAL) and Inhibits Water Excretion,” at a recent meeting of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) in Boston.

**Barbara DeSimone, Ed.D.**, authored a review of the seventh edition of *Arnold and Boggs’ Interpersonal Relationships, Professional Communication Skills for Nurses*, Chapter 22, and a text box titled, “Caring, Leadership, and Technology.”



**Nancy DiDona, Ed.D.**, (Nursing), co-authored the second edition of her text, *Nursing Exam Review, Strategies and Skills*, which was published by Jones and Bartlett this spring.



**AnnMarie DiSiena, Ed.D.**, (Communication Studies), presented two workshops this spring to the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County’s Institute for Non-Profits; they are titled, “Identifying your Leadership Skills and the Use of Emotional Intelligence” and “Mediating Conflict through Leadership Skills and Communication Competencies.”

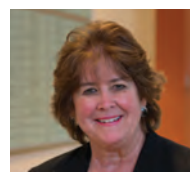
**Ellen Dolgin, Ph.D.**, (English), has recently had her book, *Shaw and the Actresses Franchise League*, published by McFarland Press. She also presented her paper, “Beyond the Bravura: Shaw’s Historical Figures in Repose,” at the Comparative Drama Conference in March. She participated in two panels and delivered her paper, “I Became a Manager: Self-Serving Commedia Characters in Edna St. Vincent Millay’s 1919 play, *Aria da Capo*,” at the NeMLA conference held in April in Toronto.

**Ayse Edeer, Ph.D.**, (Physical Therapy), has had her co-authored article, “Factors Affecting the Benefits of a Six-Month Supervised Exercise Program on Community-Dwelling Older Adults: Interactions among Age, Gender, and Participation,” in a recent edition of the *Journal of Physical Therapy Science*.



**Dorothy Filoramo, B.A.**, (V.P. for Institutional Advancement), was named President of the Rotary Club of Pearl River, NY.

**Patty Furlong, D.N.P.**, (Nursing), was elected President of the Hudson Valley Region of Sigma Theta Tau.



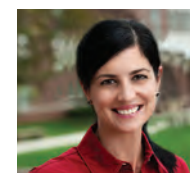
**Jan Garbarini, Ph.D.**, (Occupational Therapy), successfully defended her dissertation, *The Lived Experience of Type 2 Diabetes: The Occupation of Diabetes Self-Management*, and was awarded a Ph.D., by NOVA Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.



**Kevin Herberg, Ph.D.**, (Philosophy), had his co-edited book, *Philosophy through Teaching*, published by the Philosophy Documentation Center.

**Kate Hickey, Ed.D.**, (English), presented a workshop, “Working with Underprepared Students: Uncovering Some Assumptions” at the New York College Learning Association (NYCLSA) Symposium, held in Briarcliff Manor, NY, in April.

**Kathleen Hinge, Ph.D.**, (Physics and Mathematics), was awarded a grant in support of her involvement in a American Meteorological Society (AMS) Climate Course Implementation Workshop held last May in Washington, D.C., and in the upcoming 96th Annual AMS Annual Meeting to be held next January in New Orleans, LA.



**Jennifer Kaywork, Ed.D.**, (Teacher Education), delivered several workshops, “Early Head Start (Infants and Toddlers),” “Head Start (Preschool),” “Literacy Experiences in Your Science Curriculum,” and “The Project Approach” for Head Start of Rockland, Nyack Teacher’s Center, and PAEYC (The Project Approach, a local affiliate of the national accrediting body for early childhood education). Working with *Parents* magazine as an early childhood expert, Dr. Kaywork also hosted a video series, *Back to School*, featured on the magazine’s website and linked to its tablet version for its “Back to School” issue.



**Michael Kelly, Ph.D.**, (Teacher Education), made a presentation at the NYS Council for Exceptional Children—Student Leadership Conference held at the College of St. Rose titled, “What’s the 411? How to Prepare for Successful Outcomes with the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations.”

(He served as a Conference Facilitator as well). Dr. Kelly also presented six “Dignity for All Students (DASA)” workshops, a NYS-mandated workshop on anti-bullying, discrimination, and harassment for 83 former DC students and others from the community applying for additional certifications. This past year, Dr. Kelly served as a Board Member for the Council of Exceptional Children, as the Proposal Review Chair for their annual conference, and as a member on three separate NYSED Teacher Certification Exam committees. Dr. Kelly also has been serving this academic year as the Higher Education Partner with a Rockland BOCES program, P-TECH, which provides high school students interested in STEM careers with educational enrichment during high school and then funding for the AAS degree at RCC. Last month, he arranged for a group of 9th graders from this program to visit the campus for two interactive workshops on Robotics and Microbiology with Professor Phil Sciamie (Computer Information Systems) and Dr. Bernadette Connors (Biology), with CIS and Biology students serving as mentors.



**Holly Korzendorfer, Ph.D.**, (Physical Therapy), had her co-authored article titled, “Biophysical Technologies for Management of Wound Bioburden” published in a recent editions of *Advances in Wound Care*.

**AnneMarie McDermott, DNP**, (Nursing), successfully defended her dissertation, *Childhood Obesity in the Mexican-American Population*, and was awarded a DNP degree from Pace University.



**Madeline Mignone, Ph.D.**, (Biology), gave a poster presentation of “Promoting Values through Learning Service in Ecology” at last summer’s 13th Biennial Colloquium of Dominican Colleges and Universities, and at the 2014 Annual Environmental Consortium last November. This spring she also accompanied senior **Michael Gordon** to the Sigma XI Research Society Conference at Western State University in Danbury, CT, where he delivered a poster presentation of research he had conducted with a professor at Bronx Community College.

**Debra Moniz** (Director, Academic Success Center), successfully defended her dissertation, titled *Academic Support Based on Social Cognitive Learning*, and was awarded an Ed.D., in Teaching and Learning by Argosy University.

**Margaret Mulligan, M.S.**, (Mathematics), along with former Biology faculty **Evelyn Voura** and several DC Biology students, co-authored “Guarana Provides Stimulation over Caffeine Alone in the Planarian Model,” which has been published in an online journal.

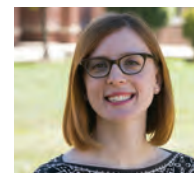




**Claudia Moreno, Ph.D.**, (Social Work), whose co-authored article, “Capacity Building from the Inside Out: Development of a CITI Ethics Certification Training Module for American Indian and Alaska Native Community Researchers,” was published in a recent edition of *The Journal of Empirical Research in Human Research Ethics*, has been appointed to a three-year term on the CSWE Council on Practice Methods and Specializations.



**Tanya Radford, Ph.D.**, (English), chaired a panel discussion and presented her own research on “Inkhearts and Inkspells: The Magic of Reading in Cornelia Funke,” at the 2015 NeMLA Conference, this year held in Toronto.



**Gina Shelton, MSLIS**, (Head Librarian), has been selected for inclusion in the 2015–2016 cohort of new directors in the College Library Director Mentoring Program.



**James Reitter, Ph.D.**, (English), presented his paper, “The Volume of Words: Poetry as a Tool for Political/Social Activism,” at this year’s NEMLA conference, held in Toronto.



**Robert Stauffer, Ph.D.**, (English), presented two papers, “English Mysticism Reborn: The Mirror of Simple Souls in the 20th Century,” and “A Celebration of the Languages of Marguerite Porette’s ‘The Mirror of Simple Souls,’” at the NeMLA Conference in April in Toronto. In May, at the 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, he presented “Crows and Daisies: Textual Subtleties in the Middle English ‘Mirror of Simple Souls.’”



**Valerie Olson, Ph.D.**, **Ayse Edeer, Ph.D.**, and **Marie Kelly, DHS**, (Physical Therapy), delivered poster presentations at this year’s CAPTE conference in Indianapolis. The presentations, co-authored by PT students, are titled, “The Effects of Static Versus Dynamic Stretching on Peak Muscle Torque and Average Power in the Young Adult Athletic Population,” “Does the Carrying Style and Different Loads of a Messenger and Standard Backpack Change Velocity, Double Limb Support Percentage, and Step Length in Young Women?” and “Comprehensive Written and Lab Practical Assessments: Impact on PT Students’ Critical Thinking Skills and Preparedness for First Clinical Affiliation.”

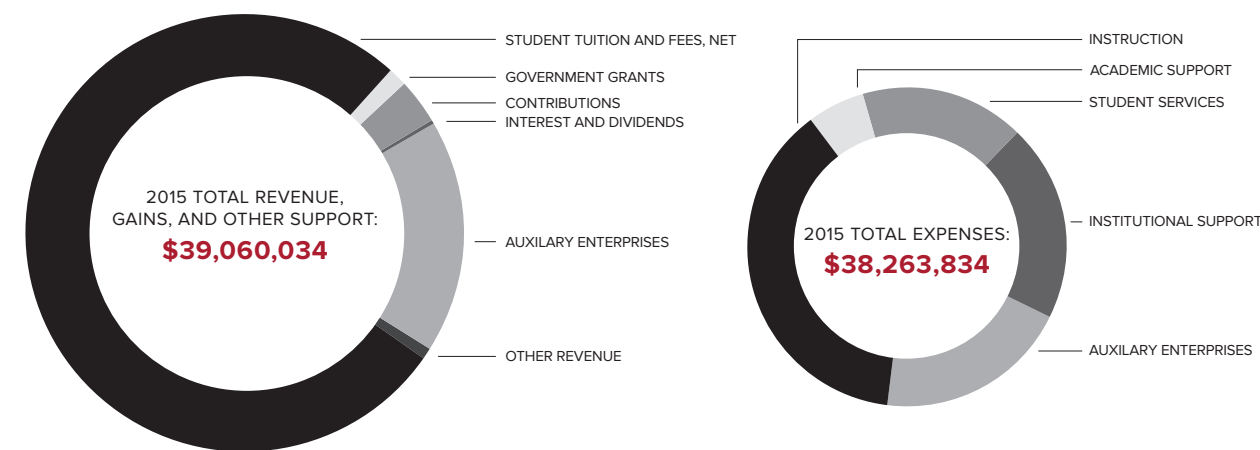


**Emma Sarro, Ph.D.**, (Biology), this past fall delivered two panel presentations, “The Unique Acquisition and Expression of Neurobiology of PTSD in Infancy: Lessons from an Animal Model,” at a conference of AACAP (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry) in San Diego, and “Influence of Maternal Presence on Amygdala Electrical Activity in Infancy with Early Life Trauma,” at a conference of SFN (Society for Neuroscience) in Washington, D.C.

**Sarah Strout, Ph.D.**, (Psychology), presented her paper on “Playing in the Dark: The Dark Triad and Competitive Sports,” at the April Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference in Boston, where psychology senior Emma Fortunato also presented “Sex and Sexual Orientation Differences in Flirting.”

## FINANCIALS

### Dominican College Statement of Activities 2011–2015 Revenue, Gains, and Other Support



#### REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Student Tuition and Fees	\$ 43,077,845	\$ 40,986,414	\$ 40,226,494	\$ 39,084,481	\$ 38,473,319
Less: Institutional Aid	\$ (12,970,946)	\$ (11,512,464)	\$ (11,316,368)	\$ (11,864,890)	\$ (11,166,736)
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 30,106,899	\$ 29,473,950	\$ 28,910,126	\$ 27,219,591	\$ 27,306,583
Government Grants	\$ 575,114	\$ 434,672	\$ 625,627	\$ 514,045	\$ 1,108,219
Contributions	\$ 1,249,509	\$ 1,116,752	\$ 863,036	\$ 818,517	\$ 2,733,070
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$ 6,766,800	\$ 6,390,670	\$ 6,812,176	\$ 7,470,777	7,211,741
Interest and Dividends	\$ 122,762	\$ 185,272	\$ 172,941	\$ 191,228	\$ 204,591
Other Revenue	\$ 238,950	\$ 213,313	\$ 273,139	\$ 365,122	\$ 228,730
Total Revenue, Gains, and Other Support	\$ 39,060,034	\$ 37,814,629	\$ 37,657,045	\$ 36,579,280	\$ 38,792,934

Instruction	\$ 14,478,802	\$ 13,787,499	\$ 13,592,509	\$ 12,912,241	\$ 12,711,025
Academic Support	\$ 2,177,599	\$ 2,112,575	\$ 1,992,954	\$ 1,870,671	\$ 1,775,935
Student Services	\$ 6,385,483	\$ 6,266,243	\$ 6,032,808	\$ 5,745,781	\$ 5,552,336
Institutional Support	\$ 7,752,768	\$ 7,558,966	\$ 7,488,416	\$ 6,829,827	\$ 6,823,998
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$ 7,469,182	\$ 7,674,349	\$ 7,728,411	\$ 8,514,194	\$ 8,419,733
Total Expenses	\$ 38,263,834	\$ 37,399,632	\$ 36,835,098	\$ 35,872,714	\$ 35,283,027
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets From Operating Activities	\$ 796,200	\$ 414,997	\$ 821,947	\$ 706,566	\$ 3,509,907
Endowment Growth	\$ 4,933,528	\$ 4,543,100	\$ 3,897,324	\$ 3,282,152	\$ 2,797,291



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