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Mission Statement

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

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Letter from the Alumni Director

Dear Fellow Alumni,



One of our continuous goals here at the College is to foster lifelong relationships with our alumni through programs, events, and volunteer opportunities.

Just about all of our events this past fall brought alumni, family, and friends together. On the following pages you'll see what great things our alumni accomplished while they were students; you'll see what they've done since graduation; and you'll be able to enjoy a small sampling of their stories. You can also see the good times we have when we're all together at events such as our alumni weekend and the annual alumni golf outing.

This spring, the College is reaching another milestone—our athletic department will be celebrating 50 years! There are more details about the celebration of this historic achievement on page 13.

We're planning more opportunities for our alumni to get back on campus. Please take a look at our upcoming events on page 26. You can also view alumni events on the DC website (dc.edu/alumni/-alumni-events) or find other events run by the College on the online calendar of events (dc.edu/calendar-of-events). We have been keeping our Facebook page updated and the alumni "friends" are increasing. What an easy way to stay connected! While we're on the subject of communications—if you're not receiving our electronic newsletters and event postings, please contact alumni@dc.edu or call the Alumni Office at 845-848-7407 and we'll add you to our list.

I encourage you to continue to share your news with me. I am always so happy to hear from you and enjoy sharing your information with the alumni community. I'm looking forward to more great times together in 2018!

Sincerely,

Mary McHugh, '89, Director of Alumni Relations
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The new inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame (shown left to right) are Jaclyn Spitaleri, Kyle Clancy, Jamar Snider, Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, and Michael Zani.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Five new inductees were welcomed into the Dominican College Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony on Friday, September 29, 2017, in the Granito Center. The new inductees include: **Jaclyn Spitaleri, '07**, Basketball; **Kyle Clancy, '06**, Soccer; **Jamar Snider, '01**, Basketball; **Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., '64**, Service; **Michael Zani, '07**, Baseball.



Jaclyn Spitaleri, '07, Basketball

Basketball inductee Jaclyn Spitaleri was a strong, athletic, and smart basketball player, according to her former coach John Burke. "I think she was by far the most talented point guard we ever had here," he said. Burke pointed out that she was the all-time leader in assists with 530 assists, held the single season record with 173 assists her senior year, and scored more than 1,100 points. Spitaleri told the crowd gathered that she couldn't express how honored she was to be at the induction ceremony. "I took great pride in being a Dominican Charger and will hold onto those memories for the rest of my life," she said.

Kyle Clancy, '06, Soccer

Kyle Clancy was a "dream find" for any coach, according to former Dominican College Soccer Coach Michael Swanwick, who came back to the College to speak about Clancy during the induction ceremony. "He scored 71 goals in his college career and the majority of them were game-winning goals—games right down to the end—nail-biters," he said. While Clancy was at Dominican College, the soccer team won three Conference Championships. Swanwick said in addition to having excellent soccer skills, Clancy was an excellent student, a great teammate, and a nice guy.

Clancy pointed out that as a forward, he got to score the goals, but stressed that he had a great team behind him. "The real reason I'm able to receive this amazing honor tonight is my teammates," he said.

Jamar Snider, '01, Basketball

Coach Joe Clinton said Jamar Snider was the reason the College won a Conference Championship two years in a row. He scored over 1,000 points in three years and grabbed over 500 rebounds. Coach Clinton stressed that Snider also had tremendous loyalty to the program and the school, and years later likes to give the basketball team pep talks when they are playing near his New Jersey home. "I'm proud of him. He's well-deserving and again one of the best players to ever put on a Charger uniform—especially all-around players," said Clinton.

Snider talked about the relationship that he's built to the school over the years and spoke to his teammates and Coach. "To that relationship I say thank you guys, I say I love you guys. It's been a wonderful ride and a great journey," he said.

Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., '64, Service

John Burke, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students, described Sr. Mary Eileen as a humble leader who holds athletics close to her heart. As President of the College for about 30 years, she has been at the helm, he pointed out, for about 60 percent of the College's athletic history. "Sr. Mary Eileen I think is on the short list of the most valuable people to the 50 years of athletics at the College," he said.

Sr. Mary Eileen thanked those gathered for the honor. "It has been a privilege to serve with so many good people interested in very important and good things," she said. "Go Chargers! We need your team spirit, your strong bodies, your keen minds, and determination to win."

Michael Zani, '07, Baseball

Baseball Coach Rick Gianetti said Michael Zani was a solid player, a great lead-off hitter, and made two of the greatest catches he has ever seen. Zani was a member of the 2006 team that won the CACC Tournament Championship and played in the NCAA East Regional Tournament. He has the second most hits in College history at 214. Zani thanked his family and friends and said at Dominican College he learned to be respectful and to value other people. "Baseball was a big part of my life. It impacted me on and off the field," he said. ■

ALUMNI DAY AT DR. DAVIES FARM

October 1, 2017
Dr. Davies Farm





20TH ANNUAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GOLF OUTING

October 5, 2017
Spook Rock Golf Course



Howard Phillips, Jr.

A Family Legacy of Public Service



Haverstraw Town Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr., B.A. '79, B.S. '80, recently was sworn in to his ninth two-year term in office —carrying on a long family tradition of public service.

Phillips' grandfather and two great-grandfathers served as mayors of the Village of Haverstraw in Rockland County, NY. His great-great-grandfather served as president of the Village of Haverstraw before the mayoral position had been created. In addition, his great-uncle was Superintendent of what was then the Haverstraw/Stony Point School District for more than 30 years.

In the staunchly Democratic Town of Haverstraw, Phillips describes himself as a fiscally conservative Democrat who is concerned about social issues. He said he governs with the same philosophy that has served the residents of Haverstraw well through many years of Democratic rule. "Serve the people. Be out there in the public. Help support all the community events that are going on. It's a very simple philosophy, but an exhausting philosophy," he said.

Phillips said his greatest challenge is providing all the needed services, while keeping costs down for taxpayers. Since taking office in January 2002, Phillips has secured more than \$20 million in federal, state, and private grants. His accomplishments include improvements made to Bowline State Park and the

acquisition of 25 acres of land at Helen Hayes Hospital, which will be converted into recreational fields and become the permanent home of the Challenger League.

The youngest of three children, Phillips was born and raised in Garnerville, in the Town of Haverstraw. After earning his associate degree in political science at Rockland Community College, he attended Dominican College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in social science in 1979 and a Bachelor of Science degree in business in 1980. He paid his own way through college by working the midnight shift at the Rockland Psychiatric Center, living at home and commuting to Dominican College. "My experience was just wonderful. I didn't want a university setting. I didn't want to be in a classroom with 100 different students. I liked the one-on-one attention that you receive from the professors at Dominican College," he said. "It was a really comfortable, warm, and great place to get an education." While at Dominican College, Phillips ventured into politics with an internship in the office of former New York State Assemblyman Robert Connors. The internship, he said, left a lasting impression on him.

After college, Phillips worked on Mario Cuomo's first campaign for Governor of New York in 1982. He also worked on the historic write-in campaign in the Town of Haverstraw when the Democratic candidates were thrown off the ballot on a technicality. After a massive effort to teach residents how to write-in the candidates' names, Phillips' mentor Phillip Rotella was elected Town Supervisor with the largest write-in ballot results in the history of New York. The giant pencil that was given to Rotella as a gift by his campaign workers still stands in Phillips' office today.

He said the pencil is an important reminder. "The power of government always remains in the hands of the people. And it does. A lot of people may think, 'Oh, no, there's insulation and the people don't have the say.' But they do."

Phillips began working for the Town of Haverstraw in 1983 as Director of Finance under the beloved Supervisor Rotella.



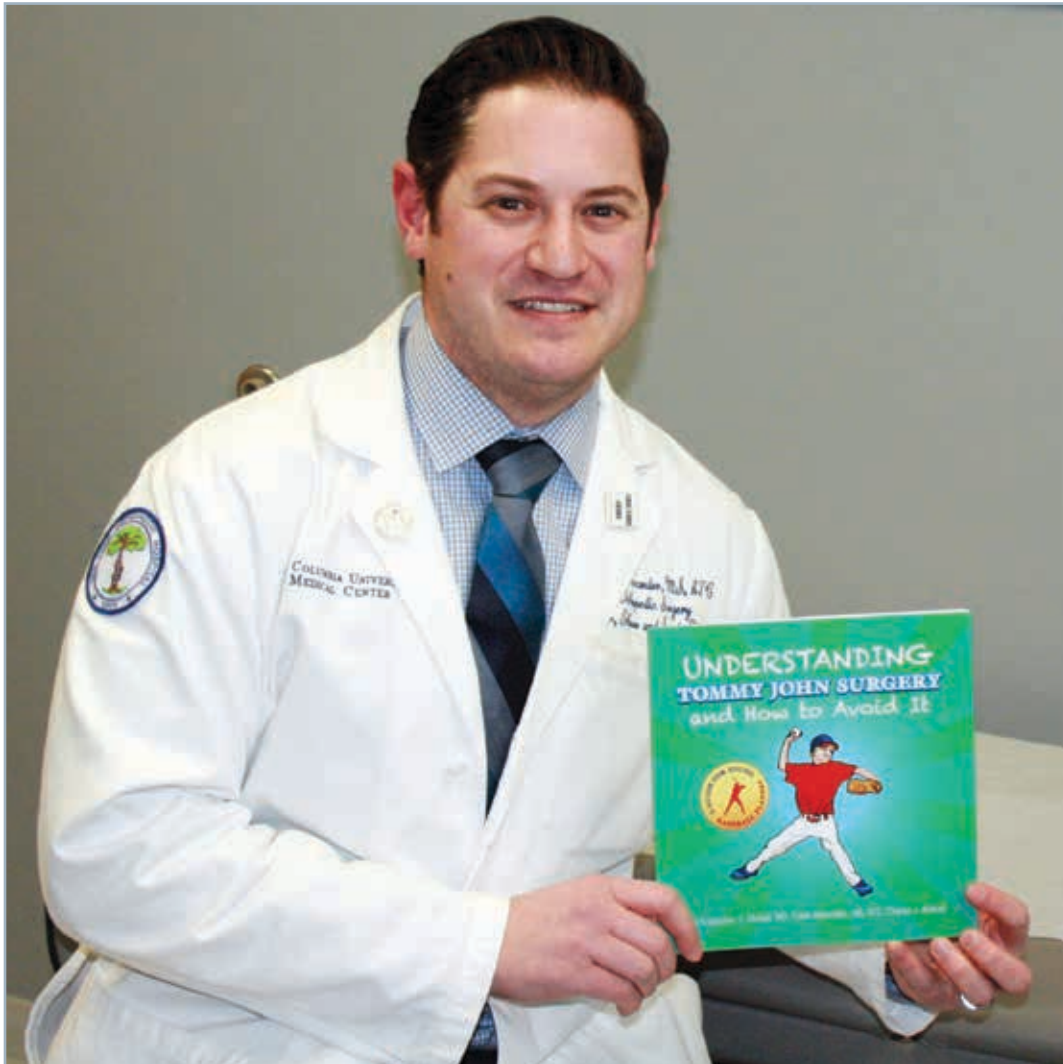
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He was elected County Legislator in 1995 and held both positions until 2001 when he was elected Town Supervisor. In addition to Town Supervisor, Phillips is Chairman of the Joint Regional Sewerage Board and Chairman of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority. He has also been involved in numerous community and charitable organizations. Phillips resides in Garnerville with Arlette, his wife of 34 years. He has three children—Veronica, Thomas, and William.

Phillips was very pleased when his daughter decided to attend Dominican College. “You know your child is in a very good environment and a safe environment. I have to say she did



exceedingly well,” he said. Veronica graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 2010 and went on to earn her law degree. She is now working as an Assistant District Attorney in the Rockland County District Attorney's Office in New City. ■



Frank Alexander

Educating Young Athletes

Alumnus Frank Alexander, MS, ATC, is on a mission to let young baseball players know how to protect their elbows and avoid having Tommy John surgery. He recently co-authored a book with Dr. Christopher Ahmad, an orthopedic surgeon and the Head Team Physician for the New York Yankees, called *Understanding Tommy John Surgery and How to Avoid It*.

“Understand that if you don’t have proper arm care and if you don’t have proper throwing mechanics, you are going to lead down a path to injury.”

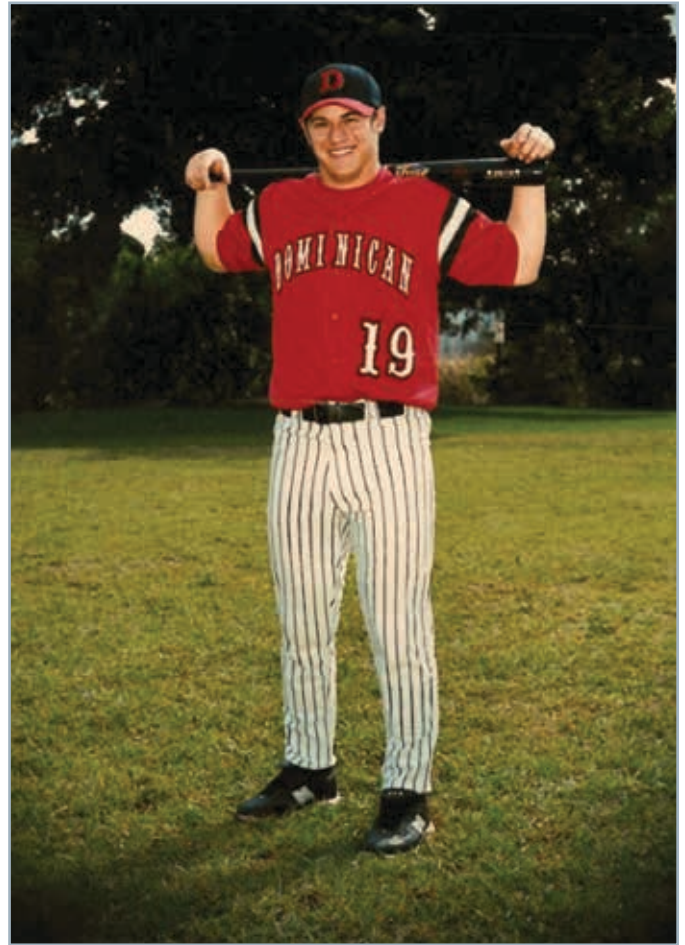
Alexander, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in athletic training from Dominican College in 2010, said that unfortunately there is an epidemic of elbow injuries among young people. While years ago kids played several different sports, it is very common now for children to specialize in one sport and play it year-round. Alexander said he is working with Dr. Ahmad to target young athletes and change their mindset, “And say, hey, it’s great that you want to play baseball, but understand that if you don’t have proper arm care and if you don’t have proper throwing mechanics, you are going to lead down a path to injury.”

Alexander grew up in Congers, NY, and while a baseball and football player in high school, he decided to pursue a career in athletic training. “I wanted a career where I could wake up in the morning and enjoy what I do every day,” he said. He commuted to Dominican College and played on the baseball team for the first two years, until deciding to focus more on his academics. After graduating from Dominican College, he earned a Masters in Kinesiology at A.T. Still University in Mesa, AZ.

Alexander said the lessons he learned at Dominican College still resonate with him. He particularly remembers learning from Jim Crawley, Director of Athletic Training, that he should help athletes “get back to life.”

He said he keeps those words in mind when dealing with young athletes. “I want to make sure you can use your elbow for the rest of your life. Are you going to be able to hold your kids? Are you going to be able to play catch with them when they are older?”

Alexander now works as a Physician Extender to Dr. Ahmad, who is a Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Columbia University Medical Center and Head Team Physician to the New York City Football Club and the Rockland Boulders, in addition to the Yankees. “Not many athletic trainers have the opportunity I do, so I’m extremely grateful to work with one of the most fantastic physicians—nationally and globally,” he said.



Frank Alexander, back when he was a Dominican College baseball player.

He explained that he evaluates patients and makes a diagnosis before Dr. Ahmad sees the patients and then coordinates their care with physical therapists and athletic trainers. “Everybody is different, but usually it’s making sure they are doing well within their program and then even developing a throwing program for baseball players or a return-to-sport program for whatever sport they are playing—whether it’s basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey, whatever it is. We kind of write out guidelines for them to make sure that they are safely getting back to what they enjoy,” he said.

While Dr. Ahmad and Alexander both like speaking with and caring for young athletes who come into the office, they are concerned about the rise in the number of injuries to young players. Their recent book, said Alexander, is an attempt to keep athletes out of their office—and instead keep them on the baseball field where they belong. ■

Alexander lives in Valley Cottage, NY with his wife Kelly Prisco, ’13. “Understanding Tommy John Surgery and How to Avoid It” is available on Amazon.

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Wreath Fineries Wineries Trip

We sold out again! Our 5th Annual Wreath Fineries at the Wineries Trip along New York's Shawangunk Wine Trail on Sunday, November 19, 2017 turned out to be a spectacular day! We had four full vans heading out from Dominican College to go to the wine tastings, with some of the vans visiting almost 10 wineries! If you are interested in participating next November, please make your reservation early! ■

1989

Catherine Cawley, Vice President at JPMorgan Chase, has been promoted to Oversight & Control Program Manager focusing on the Culture & Conduct Program for the firm. She resides in Pearl River and enjoys reconnecting with fellow Chargers at alumni events including our professional networking night, Pocketbook Bingo, apple picking, and the wine tour.

John Skae, is the Regional Sales Director for ViiV

Healthcare Pharmaceuticals. He lives in Nanuet, NY, with his wife Cathy, and children Anya and Johnny. "I always felt the educators at Dominican College added to my education because many of them had real life experiences. I attribute my 26 years in the pharmaceutical industry to Mr. Salem. He too had a long career in the industry and was always able to bring theory to real life," he said. ■

1996

For the past 20 years, **Angela Watts, BSN**, has worked

as a critical care nurse in several large hospitals in Connecticut. She is working toward graduating with a MSN in Nursing Education from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. She credits Dr. Bonnie DeSimone, Professor and Coordinator of the ABSN Program of Nursing for inspiring her own capstone project. During her research in her current class, Theoretical Basis of Teaching in Nursing, she came across Dr. DeSimone's research article, Curriculum Design to Promote Ethical Decision-Making Competence

of Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Nursing Students. Her capstone will continue to focus on ethics and its role in undergraduate education of nursing students.

Amy Vavolizza Runge, was the nurse representative on the welcoming team when President Trump visited the Las Vegas University Medical Center, where many of the victims of the October 1, 2017 mass shooting were treated. She organized and administered a highly successful blood drive at the medical center. ■

2009

Ryan McCarthy passed away suddenly on April 5, 2017. After graduating from Dominican College with a degree in Psychology, he earned his Master's degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology at Iona College. He returned to his alma mater to teach part-time in the Psychology program. He also served as a judge at the Hudson Valley Psychology Conference and sat as an alumni panelist at the annual Psychology Day. Both as a student and as an adjunct faculty member, McCarthy will always be remembered as the Division's "gentle giant." His tall frame and ever-present cheerful disposition made him readily liked by all whenever he entered the room. In addition to his passion for Psychology, he was an avid sports fan, especially of the NY Giants. ■

2011

Nataly Santana was recently promoted to Audit Manager at Deloitte and Touche, LLP. At Deloitte, she works with clients in the financial services industry. After graduation, Santana received her MBA from Iona

College in 2012 and then her CPA in 2013. She lives in North Rockland with her husband and her son, who is a toddler. She is currently a board member of the NYSSCPA. ■

2016

Edward O'Neill went to Germany to be a catcher on the Berlin Flamingos Baseball Club, after graduating with a degree in Social Sciences and playing four years on the Chargers baseball team. Upon returning to the United States, he went to work for New York Life Insurance Company. O'Neill recently took a position as a stockbroker with Reid & Rudiger Capital Management. He continues to stay involved with his alma mater as a member of the College's Alumni Board. ■



Celebrating 50 Years of Athletics

Dominican College is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its athletic program on April 7, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Hennessy Center. Alumni, coaches, and friends of the College are invited to join in the celebration. At the event, Joe Gartner, '78, will be honored for more than 40 years of service to the College as a statistician with the athletics department. In addition, the following six teams will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame:

- ◆ 1983 Men's Soccer Team
- ◆ 1988 Baseball Team
- ◆ 1995–96 Men's Basketball Team
- ◆ 1997–98 Golf Team
- ◆ 2007–08 Women's Basketball Team
- ◆ 2010 Softball

The event will be a wonderful opportunity for alumni to tour the newly expanded Hennessy Center, including the state-of-the-art fitness room, and a new recruiting/conference room.

To register, visit: dc.edu/50th-anniversary

The cost of the event is \$50 per person. All proceeds will go toward a new turf field for the soccer and lacrosse teams. ■

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Spotlight on Criminal Justice



This Spring, the Criminal Justice Program celebrates its 10th anniversary at Dominican College. We asked Dr. Tara Parrello, Coordinator of Criminal Justice and Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology, to answer some questions about the program and how it's changed over the years.

How has the Criminal Justice Program evolved and grown over the past 10 years?

When the CJ program launched in Spring 2008, the first cohort represented just over one percent of the College's total student population. Ten years later, CJ majors represent nearly 10 percent of the student body and collectively are the second largest major on campus.

For the first four years, I served as its only full-time faculty member. Today, The CJ program has a second full-time faculty member, Dr. Cynthia-Lee Williams, and a loyal and accomplished staff of part-time faculty members drawn from the many different career areas within the CJ field, including a retired FBI agent, former Rockland PBA president and current Suffern PD Sargent, former county senior assistant district attorney, and a constitutional scholar. The CJ program has expanded its curriculum with new course

offerings like Animal Cruelty, Research Methods in Criminal Justice, and Introduction to Applied Statistics, a variety of internship opportunities, and exciting extracurricular events to ensure students receive a premier educational experience in Criminal Justice.

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

There are a number that are worth mentioning:

- ♦ CJ's programmatic growth which includes, but is not limited to, new courses, ever-expanding internship database, and multidisciplinary events such as Gender Awareness Forum and Sexual Assault Awareness Week.
- ♦ Unique extracurricular events in conjunction with the CJ Club such as trips to The Eastern State Penitentiary, Sing Sing Maximum Security Prison, and Westchester County Department of Corrections.
- ♦ Annual Criminal Justice Day—A day in March devoted to discussing education, job training, and skills for various Criminal Justice careers.
- ♦ Freshman Directorate representation—Dr. Williams will teach a CJ cohort section of Freshman seminar.
- ♦ New courses—research sequence: Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Introduction to Applied Statistics to better prepare our students for more sophisticated research projects and graduate school.

What is your background and experience prior to coming to Dominican College?

I interned for Victims Assistance Services in Westchester County while I was in College. I was a graduate assistant for years while in Graduate School, and was an adjunct instructor at Concordia, FIT, and Fordham University.

What are some success stories of Criminal Justice alumni?

Our alums hold a variety of careers within the CJ field: law enforcement officers, corrections officers, and lawyers. ■

Middle States Commission Reaffirms College's Accreditation

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) has reaffirmed accreditation for Dominican College. MSCHE accreditation is an expression of confidence in an institution's mission and goals, its performance, and its resources.

Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., President, announced the accreditation to administrators, faculty, and staff on Monday, November 20, 2017. "This decision validates our commitment to continuous assessment and improvement of our institution. I take the opportunity of this positive news to thank all in the College community for participating in and contributing to the Self-Study Report. This is a proud moment for the College," she said.

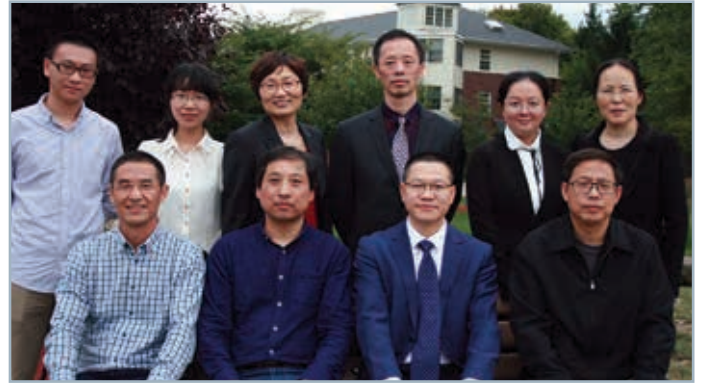
The two year re-accreditation process included the preparation of a report by the College's Self-Study Steering Committee which was submitted in March 2017. Then in April, a visiting team made up of representatives of similar institutions, visited the Dominican College campus for three days as

part of the MSCHE re-accreditation process.

MSCHE is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as the accrediting body overseeing all regionally accredited colleges and universities in the Mid-Atlantic states, as well as those in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and in several foreign countries. ■

Delegation from China Visits Dominican College

A delegation of doctors, nurses, and professors from China's Medical School of Quzbou College of Technology visited Dominican College October 3–6, 2017, to learn more about the education of health care professionals in the United States. The participants attended three full days of seminars taught by Dominican College faculty. Yao Shuihong, Dean of the Medical School and head of the delegation, said the instruction was very helpful. "As the society is aging in China, there is a lack of qualified nursing personnel, so it is crucial that we solve the issues involved in nursing education," he said. The delegation is looking for ways to improve China's education of nursing students. As part of the trip to Dominican College,



the delegation visited the infirmary at the Convent of the Sisters of St. Dominic. The trip concluded with a tour of Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern. ■

Healthcare Symposium Focuses on the Opioid Epidemic

Dominican College's Fifth Annual Healthcare Symposium, "The Opioid Epidemic: What you need to know" drew a crowd of interested health care professionals, educators, concerned parents, and students to the Fury Lecture Hall in the Prusmack Center on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe was the keynote speaker at the evening symposium and said in 2016, more than 64,000 people across the U.S. died from overdoses, and 75 percent of the overdoses were from opioid-based drugs. "I can't think of anything that's more topical and more important. We are in a crisis. We are in an epidemic here in Rockland County and well beyond," he said.

Zugibe stressed that the opioid crisis was unique to the U.S. because although the U.S. has 5 percent of the world's population, Americans use 90 percent of opioid painkillers.

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He blamed pharmaceutical companies for creating the problem with an aggressive marketing campaign to convince doctors that the opioid drugs were safe for long-term use and non-addictive. However, most people addicted to heroin begin by taking opioid prescription drugs.

There is no easy solution, said Zugibe, but officials are tackling the problem from a number of fronts, including aggressive law enforcement and treatment programs like the Rockland County Drug Court. He said the biggest focus going forward must be on prevention. “We have to get much better at educating and stopping these individuals from starting with it in the first place and that’s really where the focus is,” he said. “One of the key areas we’ve decided to focus on is doctors—educating doctors to change their prescribing methods.”

A panel of experts discussed services available in Rockland County and answered questions from the audience. The symposium was moderated by Joan Facelle, M.D., M.P.H., former Commissioner of Health for Rockland County. ■

Parents of the “Man with the Red Bandanna” speak with Education Students



Education students who read about the 9/11 hero known as “the man with the red bandanna” met for more than two hours with his parents to discuss Welles Remy Crowther’s incredible life. Welles is credited with rescuing 18 people from the World Trade Center on 9/11, while wearing his signature red bandanna. His parents, Jefferson and Alison, have traveled all over the country sharing his story. Alison said she enjoyed the discussion on December 14, 2107, with students in Professor Diane DiSpagna’s Literacy Class. The students had read a biography about Welles called “The Red Bandanna” by Tom Rinaldi.

“To me, it’s the most wonderful thing to see these

young people inspired by Welles, embraced and excited by his story and then wanting to share it,” said Alison. “And these are future teachers who developed from what I see is a beautiful study guide.”

The students presented the Crowthers with a study guide they wrote for “The Red Bandanna” for grades 4 through 12. The guide includes suggested classroom activities and comprehension questions for teachers to use when assigning this book. ■



CEO of Holt Construction Shares his Business Advice

Jack Holt, CEO of Holt Construction, stressed that customer service should be the first priority of any

business during a CEO Forum at Dominican College on November 8, 2017, which was sponsored by the Palisades Institute.

Holt Construction was founded in 1919, by Jack Holt’s grandfather and remains headquartered in Pearl River in his grandfather’s home. The company is now ranked one of the top 300 contractors in the U.S. and has offices in Manhattan, Boston, Philadelphia, Houston, Dallas, Goshen, and Newark. He explained how the company grew from its first corporate project of building 500 mouse cages for Lederle Laboratories to constructing baseball stadiums, airport terminals, hotels, and many other large projects. “It’s all about the client. We remain steadfast in our commitment to our clients—offering quality work while keeping their projects on time and on budget,” he said.

In addition to client satisfaction, Holt told the business leaders in attendance that site safety, a strong commitment to ethics, and embracing modern technology were also keys to his company’s success. He added that even as the company has grown and changed structurally, Holt Construction has continued to maintain family business

values. Holt's son and grandson also work at the company.

The aim of the Palisades Institute of Dominican College is to encourage leaders in business, government, and not-for-profit agencies to integrate the concepts of leadership, quality, and ethics to achieve long-term success. ■

museum and the History Club," he said. The collaboration has allowed students to creatively learn about history in the area and has opened up opportunities for internships at the Orangetown Historical Museum and Archives.

Professor Libertini said it will also be helpful as Dominican College prepares to host the



History Club Steps Back in Time for Debate

Students in the Dominican College History Club stepped back in time to debate whether the colonies should seek independence from Britain at the '76 House in Tappan on November 16, 2017. Christopher Libertini, Assistant Professor of History, said the Loyalists won the debate over the Patriots.

"This was an idea generated from the curator of the Orangetown Historical Museum and Archives as they look for ways to deepen a collaboration between the

2018 Phi Alpha Theta New York-New Jersey Regional Conference in April. Phi Alpha Theta is the National Honor Society for History. ■

Scholarship Recognition Dinner Honors Students and Donors



At the Annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner on November 9, 2017, attendees dined on a Thanksgiving

Lecture Held on Gender and the Criminal Punishment System

On November 6, 2017, the Division of Social Sciences hosted its annual Sr. Michelle Nugent Memorial Lecture featuring Dr. Venezia Michalsen from Montclair State University. The lecture was entitled "Gender and the Criminal Punishment System: What's different about women and girls?" Dr. Michalsen explained how the American Criminal Punishment system is by far the largest in the world, with millions of people behind bars. While the vast majority of these people are male, the rates at which females are criminalized and incarcerated has been rising dramatically. Male rates, meanwhile, have leveled and overall crime rates continue to fall to lows not seen in decades. Dr. Michalsen's lecture identified the personal characteristics of criminalized women and girls, the ways in which they get involved in the system, and also the ways in which larger national trends are gendered.

Dr. Michalsen's research interests focus on gender and the American correctional system. Prior to working at Montclair State University, Dr. Michalsen worked for six years at the Women's Prison Association, the nation's oldest organization serving women with criminal justice system involvement. Dr. Michalsen teaches Statistics, Research Methods, Seminar on Gender and Crime, Human Trafficking, Victimology, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies, and Criminology. ■

feast after the scholarship recipients received certificates of recognition. During the evening, the College gives thanks for the accomplishments of the students, for the guidance of parents and faculty, and for the generosity of donors.

Junior Nursing student Amanda Carby delivered the student address. "We have all been told plenty of times that education and knowledge are the keys to success, but

to obtain that success we need to have dreams, goals, and aspirations," she said.

Amanda received the Riversville Foundation Scholarship—one of five new scholarships. At the first Scholarship Recognition Dinner in 1995, just six scholarships were awarded to 14 recipients. This year, 45 scholarships were awarded to 98 students. ■



ALUMNI GAMES

Honoring the Memory of Bobby Mulligan and Sue Heller

Marking 30 Years Since Mulligan's Passing

At this year's Alumni Basketball Games honoring the memory of Bobby Mulligan and Sue Heller on January 27, 2018, the College held a special reception marking the 30-year anniversary of Mulligan's untimely death.

Mulligan, a star basketball player at Dominican College, was about to start his senior year when he tragically fell to his death off a cliff. The accident happened while he was playing ball with friends at a rest area, after going to a Yankee Game.

Mulligan's sister, Mary Sue Mulligan, traveled from her home in California to be at the reception. She said it means a lot to her family that Bobby is honored each year with the game and an annual scholarship given in his name. "What a great tribute to someone that they honor him, remember him, and keep him alive for us. It is a gift," she said.

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Mary Sue said Bobby had a tumultuous childhood because their mom died when they were young and they were raised separately, but he was still a very kind person. “The drive to be successful, but to be a good person, I don’t think there’s a better legacy,” she said.

College President, Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien, O.P., Ph.D., said, “My life was touched by Bobby Mulligan.” She was impressed that he was very generous and would often volunteer his time—to deliver flowers to a sick Sister or to play Santa Claus for children. “He was very much loved and respected by everyone at the College and we became his home,” she said. “Life was hard for Bobby, but that’s not what he gave back to people. He was thoughtful.”

Mulligan’s good friend and teammate Billy Hofmann, ’89, said he can’t believe it’s been 30 years since his passing. “I still think about Bobby often and the good times we had. His memory will always stay in my heart,” he said.

Mulligan will be posthumously inducted into the Dominican College Athletic Hall of Fame in fall 2018. Prior to the start of his senior year, he had amassed 912 career points and would have assuredly reached the 1,000 point mark if he had played his senior year.

Each year, alumni and friends of the College—especially former Dominican College basketball players—gather with their families for the Mulligan-Heller Games. The day-long activities include basketball contests, alumni basketball games, DC basketball games, and a complimentary lunch. It’s a great day for alumni to see old friends, catch up with former coaches, and enjoy their alma mater with their families.

Former DC basketball player Shelton Gibbs, ’08, is among the alumni who come every year to the games. “I tell my friends that I look forward to this day and I look forward to Thanksgiving,” he said. “Those are the two days a year I look forward to.” ■



A photo of Bobby Mulligan from the 1985 Dominican College yearbook.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Wine, Art, and Music

February 16, 2018
Rockland Center for the Arts



Pocketbook Bingo

October 25, 2017
Lawrence Room, Rosary Hall





Christmas Concert

December 3, 2017
Hennessy Center



ATHLETICS

Basketball Tip-Off Dinner Features Legendary High School Coach Bob Hurley, Sr.



Shelton Gibbs '08 was very excited when he heard that his high school basketball coach—the legendary Bob Hurley, Sr.—was going to be the guest speaker at the Dominican College Basketball Tip-Off Dinner. “The second I heard Coach Hurley would be here, I was coming. It was something I wouldn’t miss for the world. It was special to me,” said Gibbs. “It was a beautiful night. It was a great night.”

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Chancellor Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P., President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., Trustee Michael McLaughlin, and Coach Bob Hurley, Sr. at the Tip-Off Dinner.

The men's basketball team, along with their friends and family, got advice on basketball, coaching, and life from Coach Hurley at the Tip-Off Dinner on October 12, 2017 at the Casa Mia Manor House in Blauvelt. Hurley spoke about how he first started coaching as an 18 year old for CYO Basketball before taking a job at St. Anthony's High School in Jersey City, NJ, where his teams won 28 state championships and four national titles. Coach Hurley was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010 and was a 2017 ESPY

Award winner as "Best Coach." College Trustee and former DC Basketball Player Michael McLaughlin, '88, introduced Coach Hurley by saying that he has changed lives. "You want to talk about character? Here's a man that could have demanded a seven or eight figure contract and gotten it later on in his career," said McLaughlin. "He bypassed that because there was a community that needed him."

When one of his players was being overlooked by college recruiters, Coach Hurley called Dominican College men's

basketball coach Joe Clinton to take a look at the player—Shelton Gibbs.

Gibbs remembers the day Coach Clinton came to see him play. "You know I always try to put my best performance on and I put on a good performance," said Gibbs.

Clinton said giving Gibbs a basketball scholarship was a terrific decision. "Shelton had a great career with us. He was one of the best defenders we've ever had since I've been a coach here." ■

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Athletics Wrap-Up

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 2-14 and a CACC record of 2-10. DC finished in a tie for 11th place in the CACC. Ina Koeder, Kim Koeder, and Samantha Simler were all named to the CACC Women's Soccer All-Academic Team. ■



MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 3-14 and a conference record of 3-9. The Chargers finished in 11th place in the CACC. Matthew Snow and Marco Flores were named to the CACC Men's Soccer All-Academic Team. ■



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Chargers finished the season with an overall record of 1-29 overall and 0-19 in the CACC. Sophomore Deanna Knopf was named to the CACC Women's Volleyball All-Academic Team. ■





WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team finished in 8th place at the CACC Championships. The team competed in a total of five meets this season and had the high finish of 4th place at the SUNY Purchase Invitational and the Cougar Chase. Freshman Andrea Nardone finished 11th at the CACC Championships to earn All-Conference accolades and was named the Rookie of the Week twice this season. Kaitlynn Connor, Djazmina Jean-Pierre, Jennifer Heller and Micaela Ripsoli were all named to the CACC Women's Cross Country All-Academic Team. ■



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Chargers competed in five meets this season and opened the season with a first place finish at the SUNY Purchase Invitational. They placed 8th at the CACC Championships where senior Jovan Zigic took 10th place to earn All-CACC honors, took second place at the SUNY Purchase Invitational and was named to the CACC Weekly Honor Roll once this season. Teammate Oscar Vidal was named the CACC Rookie of the Week once this season and was named to the weekly honor roll twice this season. Adam Klein was named to the CACC Men's Cross Country All-Academic Team. ■



MEN'S GOLF

The golf team competed in seven tournaments in the fall, including hosting the annual "Charger Challenge" and the CACC Championships. DC won the Charger Challenge where junior Leonard Lee won the individual medal at the tournament. Lee earned one CACC Golfer of the Week honors and was named to the CACC All-Tournament team after finishing fifth place overall. Sophomore Carlos Arams Stenner also earned one CACC Golfer of the Week honors. The Chargers finished in third place at the CACC Championships and in fourth place at the Saint Rose Fall Shootout. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF DOMINICAN COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Saturday, April 7, 2018

6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Hennessy Center

\$50 per person

Honoring Joe Gartner ('78)
and Special Team

Hall of Fame Inductions

1983 Men's Soccer Team

1988 Baseball Team

1995–96 Men's

Basketball Team

1997–98 Golf Team

2007–08 Women's

Basketball Team

2010 Women's Softball Team

Join us to also kick off the

DIRT 2 TURF campaign
for the new soccer/lacrosse field.

To register:

dc.edu/50th-anniversary

*All proceeds go toward
the new turf field.

ALUMNI NETWORKING NIGHT

Thursday, April 19, 2018

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Granito Center

Free event.

Open to all alumni.

To register:

dc.edu/alumni-event-night-professional-networking

BUS TRIP TO SANDS CASINO, BETHLEHEM, PA

Saturday, April 21, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Meet at Hennessy Center
parking lot

\$40 per person

*Bonus package is

\$30 slot play and \$5 meal.

To register and pay:

[https://www.dc.edu/
alumni-trip-sands-casino](https://www.dc.edu/alumni-trip-sands-casino)

ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sunday, April 29, 2018

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Brunch in Badami Room

\$25 per person

Check the alumni website
for more information.

May

ALUMNI REUNION

Friday, May 11, 2018

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Granito Center

\$40 Cocktail Reception

Class Anniversaries:

'68, '73, '78, '83, '88,

'93, '98, '03, '08, '13

To register and pay:

[dc.edu/annual-alumni-
reunion-18](http://dc.edu/annual-alumni-reunion-18)

CLASS OF 1968 50TH REUNION

Saturday, May 19, 2018

2 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Badami Room,

Granito Center

3 p.m.

Tour of the Campus

Forkel Hall, Rosary Hall

4 p.m.

Baccalaureate Mass

Mother House

5:30 p.m.

Dinner

Granito Center

To register:

[dc.edu/class-1968-
50th-reunion](http://dc.edu/class-1968-50th-reunion)

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