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ALPHONSE  
STEPHENSON**

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*Captain Maria Guerriero Young, '91***

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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, Family, and Friends,



In each issue we get the chance to provide updates on the status of fellow alumni and their accomplishments since leaving Dominican College. For this edition, we put the alumni spotlight on U.S. Navy Captain Maria Guerriero Young, '91, who is doing some wonderful things in her military career.

The other main goal of Dateline is to update you on the happenings around the College over the past few months. As always, the holiday season was an exciting time around here! One of our staple events over the past 20 years has been our Dominican College Christmas Concert featuring the Rev. Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea. We had the opportunity to meet Fr. Alphonse, where we learned about his time as a priest, Broadway conductor, military chaplain, and Brigadier General.

I'm looking forward to meeting more alumni this April as we celebrate 10 years of our Criminal Justice program. I invite you to come back to the College to celebrate with fellow alumni and faculty. For more information and reservations please go to [dc.edu/events/reunion2019](https://dc.edu/events/reunion2019).

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Anyone interested in an alumni trip to Rome? We are in the process of planning a trip in April 2020. All are welcome to come along! Stay tuned for more details. If you may be interested, please email the Alumni Office at [alumni@dc.edu](mailto:alumni@dc.edu).

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I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you around campus!

Sincerely,

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# New Inductees *Welcomed Into* Athletic Hall of Fame

*Pictured above:  
Members of the 2005  
Men's Soccer Team were  
inducted into  
the Athletic Hall of Fame.  
Team Roster: Rob Kelly,  
Kieran McGovern, Tom Rolson,  
Eric Valentin, Scott Silva,  
Kyle Clancy, Giovanni Femia,  
Jhonny Arteaga, Richard Cestaro,  
Kyle Wheeler, Almar Selimi,  
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A record-breaking team, four standout athletes, and one longtime coach were inducted into the Dominican College Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony on Friday, September 28, 2018 in the Granito Center. The new inductees include: the 2005 Men's Soccer Team; Brian Mackey, '08, Golf; Courtney Marks, '00, Volleyball; Corey Fleetwood, '96, Basketball; Rick Gianetti, Service; and Bobby Mulligan, Basketball.

## **2005 Men's Soccer Team**

The 2005 men's soccer team holds the school record with 17 straight wins and won the first NCAA Tournament berth in school history. The team was ranked in the top ten in the nation and first in the region by the New England Region by NSCAA. The team also retained its Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference regular season and tournament titles.

Former Assistant Soccer Coach Lou Fratello fondly remembered the players' camaraderie. "They were brothers on and off the field. They were all together, all the time, and in the true sense of the word. They were eating, sleeping, playing, working, pushing each other to be better," he said.

In 2005, the men's soccer team played 20 games and gave up just 11 goals all season.



### **Brian Mackey, '08, Golf**

Brian Mackey was the first athlete in school history to qualify for an NCAA National Championship and the first to win an NCAA Northeast Regional Individual Championship. His list of honors includes: three-time

Division II PING All-Region Northeast Team selection; four-time All-CACC honoree; 2008 Charger Award recipient; and four-time Dominican College Men's Golf MVP recipient.

Athletic Director Joseph Clinton said even with all those awards, Mackey remains one of the most humble guys he knows. "With all the things he's done, he doesn't have a big head. He's a winner. He's a gentleman in every sense of the word," said Clinton. "I can't say enough good things about him."

Mackey apologized for getting choked up when he spoke. "There's one honor that I have really cherished to this point and that was the fact that I got to play for my dad who is here," he said. Wayne Mackey was the former men's golf coach. Brian Mackey continues to play professional golf and won three tournaments in 2018.



### **Courtney Marks, '00, Volleyball**

Courtney Marks was "phenomenal on the court" according to John Burke, V.P. for Student Development and Dean of Students, who coached the team when she played. She had 3,115 assists—second in all-time program history.

Burke credits Marks with assisting him in coaching the team. In addition, he said Marks was a good student and helped to start several service projects, including the Big Brother, Big Sister Program. "She is small in stature, but has a huge heart and she really allowed our program to sustain a couple of good years," he said.

Marks was a two-time recipient of the DC Women's Volleyball Most Valuable Player Award.



### **Corey Fleetwood, '96, Basketball**

Clinton, who also serves as head basketball coach, thanked former player Corey Fleetwood for giving his heart and soul to him and said he will never forget it. "He took the

team and we got as high as 15th in the country and he kind of carried us on his back," said Clinton.

Fleetwood thanked his father for instilling in him the love of the game, while always being kind and gentle. Then he thanked Coach Clinton. "He was my second father. He was kind, but he was tough. He wouldn't settle for anything except my best and that's what I wanted to give him because he believed in me," he said.

Fleetwood was a two year team captain, honorable All-American, three year All-CACC selection, 8th all-time in program history in rebounds, and a member of the 1000 Point Club.



### **Rick Giannetti, Service**

Longtime Baseball Coach Rick Gianetti asked all his former players to stand at the induction ceremony and thanked them. "I'm standing here because of you guys," he said. Now in his 27th year at Dominican College, Giannetti said,

"I've spent more than half of my life here. I owe everything in my adult life to this place—everything."

Clinton said he was very proud of Gianetti's accomplishments. "This is my observation with Rick. He is a baseball guy. Baseball has been his life. The passion and love he has for the game is a marvel to watch every day," he said. "He has the same passion and love of this game that he had when we first started."

Gianetti has 784 Dominican College coaching victories; his teams have won 15 CACC Tournament Championships and made 10 regional tournament appearances. His other accomplishments include being named ECAC Coach of the Year, nine-time CACC Coach of the Year, and six-time Regional Coach of the Year.

### **Bobby Mulligan, Basketball**

Bobby Mulligan, a star basketball player who tragically died more than 30 years ago at the start of his senior year, was posthumously inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Mulligan had amassed 912 career points at Dominican College, and certainly would have reached the 1,000 point mark if he had played his senior year.

A letter from Mulligan's sister, Mary Sue, who lives in California, was read during the ceremony. "We are truly grateful for your recognition of Bobby. Since his death, we have come to know the values Dominican College and the athletic division hold true and we are honored that you believe Bobby held these values as well," she wrote.

Mulligan was a beloved student, remembered for his generosity and his volunteerism. His good friend and teammate Billy Hofmann, '89, said the choice of Mulligan to enter the Athletic Hall of Fame, was a "great choice and well-deserved." ■



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# *The Reverend* **Alphonse Stephenson** *Making Heavenly Music*

Every year, on the first Sunday of December, hundreds of people flock to Dominican College for the annual Christmas Concert featuring the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by the Reverend Alphonse Stephenson. The 40 classically-trained musicians, accompanied by three vocalists, fill the Hennessy Center with spectacular music. First-time attendees are often astounded to hear such beautiful,

professional music in suburban New York. Some are moved to tears; there is always a standing ovation at the end.

Although Fr. Alphonse and his orchestra have been coming to Dominican College for 21 years, the enthusiasm for the concert continues to grow. This past December brought one of the largest crowds ever with an audience of about 600 people.



Front and center at the concert is Fr. Alphonse, with his affable personality, interjecting stories and humor throughout the performance. The fascinating Fr. Alphonse is a Roman Catholic priest, a retired Chaplain Brigadier General, and the former conductor of the orchestra of *A Chorus Line* on Broadway.

Fr. Alphonse's story began in Patterson, NJ where he grew up, spending the summers in Point Pleasant, NJ. At six years old, he asked if he could start studying piano. "I think at the age of 11, maybe, I knew I wanted to live at the Jersey Shore, be a priest, and be a musician," he said.

While his plans have taken several twists and turns, Fr. Alphonse has fulfilled his childhood dreams. After his freshman year studying music at Montclair State University, he entered the seminary. Upon being ordained a priest, Fr. Alphonse taught music at Patterson Catholic H.S. for one year. Yearning to pursue a career as an opera conductor, he asked the Church for permission to further his musical studies and was told that if he did so, he would have to support himself. Fr. Alphonse was willing to make that choice because "the Lord leads you to where He wants you to go," he said.

For the next three years, Fr. Alphonse studied privately with teachers including George Schick, the House Conductor at the Metropolitan Opera. Then, in 1980, he accepted an offer to conduct *A Chorus Line* with a touring company that traveled throughout the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. After two years on the road, he came back to the Jersey Shore and started saying mass at St. Peter's Church in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ and teaching music at a Catholic high school. Then Fr. Alphonse got the chance of a lifetime—a job as music director of *A Chorus Line* on Broadway.

From 1984 to 1987, he was conductor of eight Broadway performances a week. "It's exhilarating. It's wonderful. But as musicians, you are doing the same show every time and the producers don't want creativity. They want a rubber stamp of what happened the night before and of opening night," he said.

While still conducting on Broadway in 1986, Fr. Alphonse received permission from the Pastor at St. Peter's to put together an orchestra and hold a concert at the church. The concert was a great success and raised \$2,000. "I started to think that if we made money for this parish, why couldn't we make money for other parishes?" he said. The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea was born.

Soon after, Fr. Alphonse decided to leave his Broadway job. "I was doing a job that was very glamorous with a great title and a great salary and I was miserable," he said.

A few years later, in 1989, as Fr. Alphonse approached the age of 40, he began to re-evaluate his life. He decided he wanted to be a military chaplain and became a chaplain for the Air National Guard. It was not a full-time job and he was able to continue conducting the orchestra.

*"I always write my appointments in pencil, because you never know. The Lord may have a different plan."*

For more than 30 years, the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea has been performing throughout the metropolitan area, helping parishes and nonprofits raise money. The orchestra has a charitable arm, the St. Cecilia Foundation, which provides money and instruments to young musicians. In the past, the orchestra also had free summertime performances on the beach that drew many thousands of people.

In 2011, Fr. Alphonse moved to Washington, D.C. and became Chaplain Brigadier General overseeing all other Army and Air National Guard chaplains and their assistants. As a Brigadier General, he had special permission to conduct the Christmas concerts with the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea. Fr. Alphonse retired as Chaplain Brigadier General in 2014 and returned to the Jersey Shore he loves so much.

Since then, Fr. Alphonse shows no signs of slowing down. He continues to conduct the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, celebrate mass at St. Michael's Church in Long Branch, NJ and is now pursuing his dream of having his own opera company. He recently held auditions for a performance of *La Boheme* scheduled for the Algonquin Arts Theatre in Manasquan, NJ this spring.

Looking back on his life, Fr. Alphonse said, "I wouldn't change anything at this point." As far as the future goes, he chuckled and said, "The Lord knows more than we do. I always write my appointments in pencil, because you never know. The Lord may have a different plan." ■

# ALUMNI UPDATES

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Captain Maria Guerriero Young, '91 COMMANDING OFFICER OF U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL GUAM

Captain Maria Guerriero Young, '91, has had a distinguished career in the Navy, working in nursing and administrative positions in naval hospitals in California, Virginia, Japan, and Guam. She is now the commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam.

Captain Young holds a BSN from Dominican College, a MBA from National University, and is a member of the National Navy Nurses Association. Her personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



Captain Young answered our questions about her career in the Navy, and her time at Dominican College.

**Q** Did you always know that you wanted to be a nurse? Why did you choose that career?

**A** When I was very young, I decided I wanted to be a nurse. I don't remember exactly when or even why, other than I really wanted to help care for people and serve. I was focused and attended a vocational program while in high school so when I was 18, I graduated with my LPN.

**Q** Why did you decide to join the Navy? Do you come from a military family?

**A** I had no exposure to the military prior to a Navy recruiter visiting Dominican College my sophomore year. The Navy recruiter was a Nurse Corps Officer who took a group of us on a trip to Norfolk, VA to show us the Naval Medical Center there, as well as the naval base. It was amazing. I remember being so impressed by the ability to literally serve and care for those who serve our country. The Navy, at that time, offered to pay me as an enlisted member while attending college classes. I had to maintain a 3.0 GPA and give them three years after graduation. It seemed like a good deal at the time—get paid while going to college and then give back three years while getting to see another part of the country. I enjoyed it so much, that I said I would take another three years and headed from sunny southern California to Okinawa, Japan.

**Q** Looking back on your career, what accomplishments are you most proud of?

**A** There are so many—the greatest honor though was being selected to command U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. This is equivalent to being the CEO of a civilian hospital. I was able to serve as a Senior Nurse Executive. As a Navy nurse, I had the opportunity to



develop young nurses, mentor them, and develop their clinical and leadership skills. As a Quality Manager, I worked side by side with the Medical Executive Chair to help a command (hospital) sail through a Joint Commission survey. The Navy Medical Department is a true team, I work side by side with physicians, ancillary support, nurses, and hospital corpsmen.

**Q** You have two children, who are now young adults. Can you tell us a little about the experiences they had living all over the world, while they were growing up? Is your husband in the Navy or the medical profession as well?

**A** I have a daughter, Jennifer, who is now 22 and a son, Justin, who is 20. They have enjoyed getting to travel the world, and living in Japan. If you asked them, I think they would both say it has made them very flexible and adaptable to situations moving every three years and making new friends, while keeping in touch with their old ones. My husband served in the Airforce prior to us meeting and grew up in a military family as his dad was a Marine. However, he has spent the majority of my career taking care of the children so that I could focus on my career. His background is law enforcement.

**Q** Tell us what your responsibilities are as Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Guam? How large is the hospital? How many patients are cared for there?

**A** Naval Hospital Guam has 33 beds with a staff of 780. We are a community hospital that supports the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, National Guard, VA, and Coast Guard here on Guam, approximately 25,000 beneficiaries. I am responsible and accountable for all the care rendered inside the hospital and our branch health and dental clinic, as well as the health and wellbeing of my military staff.

**Q** What are your fondest memories of your time at Dominican College?

**A** My classmates and professors. It was a small nursing class so we got to know each other very well and were very supportive of each other. The professors took the time to get to know us and knew when something was challenging us or was difficult and would help get us through it. I also loved the fact that we started our hands-on nursing clinical in our sophomore year instead of junior year like most other BSN programs, which was a key reason I choose Dominican over other colleges.

## 1960

**Sister Ann Connolly, O.P.,** formerly Sister M. Arthur, passed away on November 12, 2018 at the age of 84. She was a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic for the past 67 years. Sr. Ann was born on November 22, 1933 in the Bronx. She entered the Sisters of St. Dominic on September 12, 1951 and professed her final vows on July 3, 1956. Sister earned a BS in Education from Dominican College and devoted many years in ministry to the education of youth as both a teacher and an administrator, most notably as principal at St. Margaret's School in Pearl River, NY. Upon her retirement in 2011, Sr. Ann volunteered at St. Luke's School and Siena House in the Bronx until her death.

## 1991

**Greg Slader** is an Account Executive with CPR Multi Media Solutions. He lives in Virginia with his wife and family. As Greg was recently documenting his 27 years of experience in the audio/visual, rental and staging industry, he realized that "it all started back at Dominican College with Mr. Szabo in his little office at the end of the hall in Casey." He credits Mr. Szabo for being a wonderful mentor, as well as referring Greg for his first job in the industry. While at Dominican College, and even after graduation, he helped with video production and helped to ensure that Weekend College had needed equipment.

## 1994

**Roland Alexandre** has written and published a book called *Agony of a First Time Home Buyer: Prep to House Purchasing*. The book is available on Amazon and details his own adventures in purchasing a home. Roland said he includes helpful real estate tips throughout the book.

## 1998

Since graduating from the nursing program, **Dorothy Fears** has held many different nursing positions. She worked as a nurse in both Pascack Valley and Englewood Hospitals, followed by her time as a Nursing Supervisor at a home care agency. For the past seven years, Dorothy has been the school nurse at Chestnut Ridge Middle School in Chestnut Ridge, NY. As the school nurse, Dorothy has also acted as the team leader for the school's Health and Wellness Program for the last three years. During the summer breaks, she works as the nurse for Visions Camp for the Blind. Dorothy lives in Orangeburg, NY with her family.

## 2008

**Torri Brown** is an Enrollment Advisor for Walden University, as well as an independent education consultant. Torri said as a consultant

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# COLLEGE NEWS



## Honoring Their Memory

The final two months of 2018 brought heartbreaking losses to the Dominican College community, as we mourned the passing of: A. Jon Prusmack, a former board member and generous donor; Sr. Catherine Howard, O.P., Ph.D., Presidential Assistant for Special Projects and a former board member; Sr. Florence Dwyer, O.P., former director Evening Sessions; and Sr. Jane McDermott, former Director of Teacher Education.

"There was a great deal of appreciation for their contributions," said Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D. "When you think about committed teachers, advocates for adults, a wonderful administrator, and such a generous entrepreneur, these people exemplify that. It seems to me the best way that we can honor them and show our appreciation is to move forward in a similar direction. They were all people you can't replace, but their spirit and their commitment you hope would be a continuing driving force".



**A. Jon Prusmack**

A. Jon Prusmack, a successful entrepreneur who devoted his life to expanding rugby in the USA, died on December 21, 2018. He was 77.

Prusmack was a good friend and generous benefactor to Dominican College and the Prusmack Center for Health and Science Education was named in his honor. "Jon was always pleasant—a very gracious gentleman, very optimistic, hard-working, and passionate about whatever he did," said Sr. Mary Eileen.

Sr. Mary Eileen said that Prusmack often shared ideas on how to improve the College. He brought speakers from the Federal Reserve Bank of NY for the annual "Outlook on the Economy" presentation, and began the College's partnership with the Rockland Center for the Arts (ROCA).

Prusmack founded DHS Systems which manufactured DRASH, a quick-erect shelter system that became a standard for the US Army. DHS Systems in Orangeburg, NY, employed about 300 employees and had offices throughout the world.

A longtime rugby advocate, who played, coached, and refereed, Prusmack saved the USA Rugby from bankruptcy by taking over the USA Sevens tournament. As the owner of United World Sports, Prusmack succeeded in improving rugby attendance at tournaments and getting games televised.

In the rugby community, he was considered a legend, and an innovative visionary.

**Sr. Catherine Howard, O.P., Ph.D.**

A talented administrator and social worker, Sister Catherine Howard, O.P., Ph.D., died suddenly, on November 9, 2018. She was 67.

Sr. Cathy had been working in the Office of the President after having expressed an interest in taking on a larger role at College. She previously served as President of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt and was a College board member. As President of the Congregation, she played a key role in the sale of 17 acres of land to the College.

"She was a woman of vision and a woman of great persistence. She was very gifted, generous, quiet and gracious, and very effective," said Sr. Mary Eileen. "She didn't know how not to be quite respectful of everyone."

From 1989 to 1992, Sr. Cathy served as Assistant Director of Siena House, a transitional housing program for single mothers and children, and was Founding Director of the Paradise Housing Program, the first short-term residential program for HIV infected, addicted and homeless persons in New York City. She was

also Coordinator of the Ryan White, Part D Program.

Sr. Cathy earned a doctorate with distinction from the Graduate School of Social Service at Fordham University. The teaching jobs she held on the secondary, undergraduate, and graduate levels included serving as Assistant Professor of Social Work at Fordham University.

In 2016, Sr. Cathy was the commencement speaker during the Dominican College graduation ceremony and received an honorary degree.

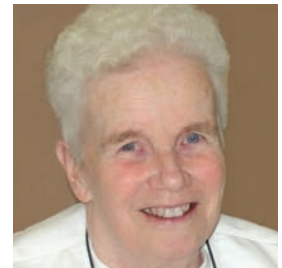
**Sr. Florence Dwyer, O.P.**

Sr. Florence Dwyer, former Dominican College English professor and former Director of Evening Sessions, died on December 27, 2018. She was 98 years old.

"Sr. Florence was an absolute sweetheart. She was a lady to her fingertips," said Sr. Mary Eileen. "She was sweet, gentle, and kind, but strong—totally dedicated to whatever she did and in particular to the adults who came back to college."

Sr. Florence held a BA in liberal arts from Manhattan College and an MS in educational speech from Fordham University. Her many years in active ministry were devoted

to education. Prior to serving at Dominican College, she taught in the Bronx at St. Luke School, St. Anselm School, and St. Benedict School, and was Principal at Our Lady of the Assumption School.

**Sr. Jane McDermott, O.P.**

A devoted teacher of children and young adults, Sister Jane McDermott, O.P., died on November 27, 2018. She was 78.

Sr. Jane taught at St. Catharine's in Blauvelt, Our Savior in the Bronx, Holy Rosary in Yonkers, St. Martin DePorres in Poughkeepsie, and St. Joseph's in Demarest, NJ.

"Sr. Jane was an absolute superstar. She received recognition wherever she taught," said Sr. Mary Eileen. "She received awards up in the Poughkeepsie area. She even had a park named for her in New Jersey. Yet, she was very unassuming."

At Dominican College, Sr. Jane was known as a wonderful teacher who would meet with students at any time or any place to help them. Sr. Jane taught teacher education at Dominican College and served as Acting Director of Teacher Education.

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# COLLEGE NEWS



## College Hosts MLK, Jr. Day of Service

Community members from throughout Rockland County volunteered at a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service event sponsored by Volunteer New York at Dominican College on Saturday, January, 19, 2019.

Nicole Lowrance of Volunteer New York said the Day of Service is a wonderful way for families to honor the legacy of Dr. King. "There's not a better way to honor him than coming together, being of service to others, and making goods

that are going to non-profit partners in this community and Westchester as well."

Volunteers worked on a number of projects during the Day of Service held in the Granito Center including birthday bags for children at the Nyack Center, gifts for the troops and veterans, and dog pull toys for sheltered dogs. Volunteers also had the opportunity to learn CPR.

## High School Students Invited to Attend Red Bandanna U '19

High school students interested in leadership, service, and character development, are invited to attend Red Bandanna U '19. The week-long residential summer program at Dominican College will take place from Sunday, July 7, 2019 through Friday, July 12, 2019 for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Red Bandanna U '19 is a project of the Welles Remy Crowther Foundation, in

cooperation with the Rockland County YMCA and Dominican College. Welles Remy Crowther is the 9/11 hero credited with helping to rescue at least 10 people before he lost his own life. He is known as the "man with the red bandanna" because those he saved identified him as wearing the signature bandanna he had carried since childhood.

Students attending Red Bandanna U '19 will

participate in a number of team building activities, as well as:

- ♦ Learn leadership skills and the lessons of Welles from noted faculty.
- ♦ Visit the National September 11 Memorial and Museum.
- ♦ Meet with a 9/11 First Responder and a retired member of the FDNY.
- ♦ See *Come from Away*, the hit Broadway show set in the days following 9/11, and talk to cast members.
- ♦ Climb an Adventure Ropes Course.
- ♦ Perform a read of the play "The Legacy of Welles Remy Crowther, taught by Bridgewater State College professor and playwright Lisa Rafferty.
- ♦ Watch a Lacrosse demonstration by All-American and Collegiate lacrosse players.



Bandana U '19 costs \$980, including all meals, lodging, and admissions fees.

For more information and to apply, visit [redbandannaproject.org](http://redbandannaproject.org).

## Student Receives Statewide Award for Social Work

Senior Nelcy Garcia received the Undergraduate Student of the Year Award from the New York State Social Work Education Association (NYSSWEA) in October 2018. The award is given in recognition of a student's passion for social justice and dedication to academic achievement, college and departmental leadership, and service to diverse populations.

Nelcy said there are a number of factors that have contributed to her passion for social justice. "Being an immigrant, having strong

family role models, and my personal experiences of injustice, have all led to my acquiring a sense of responsibility and understanding that positive community involvement is my moral obligation," she said.

Nelcy was recognized for her organization of a peaceful protest to highlight discriminatory hiring practices against people with disabilities. She is also a member of the Rockland Immigration Coalition and interns at the office of New York State Assemblymember Ellen Jaffee, translating for constituents and working on projects related to children and families.



Nelcy Garcia, recipient of the Undergraduate Student of the Year Award from the New York State Social Work Education Association.



Dr. David Clare delivering his "Bernard Shaw's Inextinguishable Pride in Being an Irishman" lecture on Friday, November 16, 2018 in Rosary Hall at the College.

## International Scholar Visits Dominican College

International scholar and native Rocklander Dr. David Clare visited Dominican College for several days in November and delivered a public lecture on Friday, November 16, 2018 in Rosary Hall. The lecture entitled "Bernard Shaw's Inextinguishable Pride in Being an Irishman" focused on the playwrights' formative years in Dublin and how his Irish experiences left a big imprint on his plays.

Dr. Clare is an Assistant Lecturer in Drama and Theatre Studies at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick, Ireland. Since 2009, he has delivered more than 60 conference papers and public lectures in Ireland, Britain, Hungary, Canada, and the United

States on important figures in Irish, British, and American Literature. His first monograph, *Bernard Shaw's Irish Outlook*, was published in 2016 and his essays have appeared in numerous journals and edited collections.

Beginning in Fall 2019, Dominican College students will have the opportunity to study at Mary Immaculate College as part of a new student exchange program which Dr. Clare discussed during his visit to Dominican College. Dominican College Trustee Emeritus Karim Abood, who is Dr. Clare's father, has generously announced that he will pay the transportation expenses for one student during the inaugural year of the student exchange program.

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# COLLEGE NEWS

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## Economist Presents “Outlook on the Economy”

An economist from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York had mixed news about the “Outlook on the Economy” during his annual presentation in the Fury Lecture Hall of the Prusmack Center. Jason Bram, Research Officer, Regional Analysis Function, spoke about the latest economic indicators on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Bram also told the audience of business leaders, students, and college administrators that:

- ♦ The labor market remains strong and wage growth has picked up.
- ♦ Manufacturing and housing have shown signs of slowing.
- ♦ New York City’s economy has continued to boom, while other local economies across the tristate metropolitan region have grown modestly.
- ♦ New York City’s finance sector has remained sluggish, but its tech sector has grown briskly.

Bram produces the regional Beige Book reports, and uses monthly business surveys to monitor and analyze current and emerging economic trends and issues of concern.



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Panelists Nicole Leon and Maureen Mack (left to right) discussed a multigenerational workforce at a January 17, 2019 Palisades Institute forum.

## Business Leaders Discuss Multigenerational Workforce

Local business leaders learned about Harnessing the Power of a Multigenerational Workforce at a Palisades Institute forum held on January 17, 2019 in the Lawrence Room of Rosary Hall.

The panelists discussed how employees from different generations have different expectations and priorities. Panelist Maureen Mack, a Partner with Mercer Consulting Services, said she hoped those attending the forum walked away with a better understanding of workers in different generations. “There’s no right or wrong way to approach anything,” she said. “We all bring our own perspective and can work together.”

Panelist Nicole Leon, Director of Diversity & Inclusion at Consolidated Edison, said businesses need to tap into workers’ talents and strengths and help them develop their weaker skills. “We have regular training programs that help people with presentation skills, communications skills, leadership, managing, and time management,” she said. “At the same time, I think it’s imperative that businesses not only work internally with their employees, but also mentor.”

The panelists stressed that there are many different work cultures and employees should be open to new ideas and improving the way things are done.





## Students Who Deliver Meals Named Volunteers of the Week

A local newspaper, the *Rockland County Times*, named Dominican College students who volunteer with Meals on Wheels, the “Volunteers of the Week” in their December 6, 2018 edition. Every Friday, the students deliver meals to the elderly and homebound along a designated route.

In the *Rockland County Times* article, Meals on Wheels Volunteer Coordinator Dianna Diffley said that Dominican College students have great enthusiasm. “Some have returned after graduation and taken their own route. Connecting the aging population to the youth has proven to be wonderful,” she said.

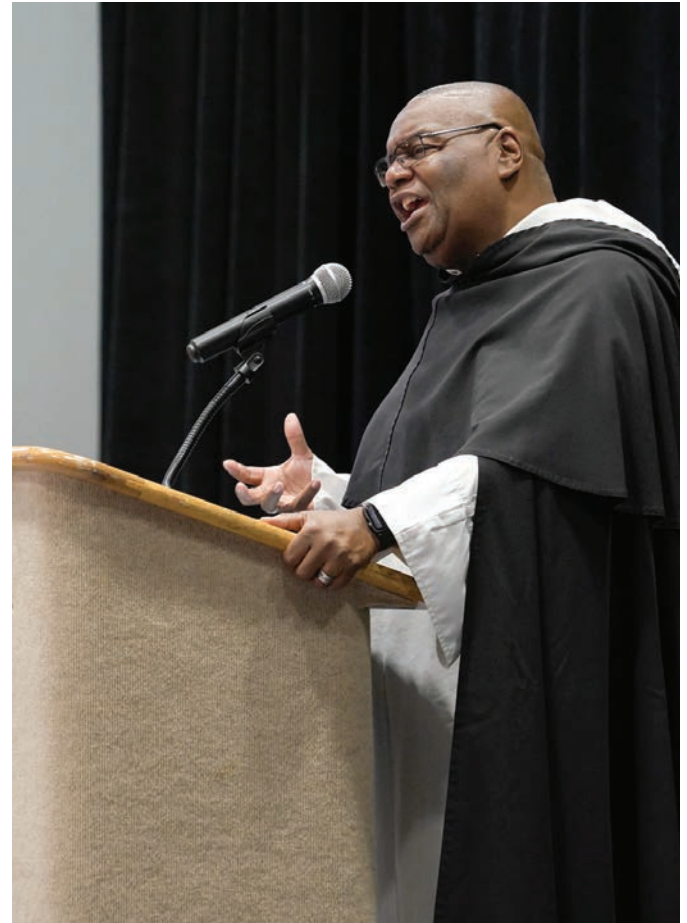
Melissa Leigh Grau, Dominican College Director of Community Engagement

and Leadership Development, was also quoted in the article. “The human connection is a language of love when we help each other. Student volunteers get a chance to say hello to an elderly homebound person, who may not be able to leave home or have a visit from someone else that day,” she said.

Dominican College students have been delivering nutritious meals for Meals on Wheels for the past five years.

## College Celebrates Founders Week

Dominican Friar and Itinerant Preacher Father Brian Walker, O.P., kicked off the celebration of Founders Week 2018 on September 24, 2018 with his keynote presentation, which addressed racism. Fr. Walker talked about the life of St. Martin de Porres, who was of mixed race and is the patron saint of racial harmony. Although he faced many injustices, St. Martin



*Dominican Friar and Itinerant Preacher Father Brian Walker, O.P., kicked off the celebration of Founders Week 2018.*

dedicated his life to helping others. St. Martin had unique healing powers and founded a residence in Lima for orphans and abandoned children.

“When we have our doubts about whether or not we are being treated right,” said Fr. Walker, “let us take a lesson from him and ask the question, ‘Are we treating others right?’” Fr. Walker surprised the audience by belting out a

beautiful gospel hymn during the speech. “If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain,” he sang.

Founders Week celebrates the spirit of the Dominican Order. Other highlights of the week-long celebration include:

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER 7, 2018

## *Pocketbook Bingo*

LAWRENCE ROOM, ROSARY HALL







DECEMBER 2, 2018

## *Holiday Buffet & Christmas Concert*

GRANITO CENTER & HENNESSY CENTER



FEBRUARY 8, 2019

## *Mardi Gras*

LAWRENCE ROOM, ROSARY HALL





# ATHLETICS



## Men's and Women's Basketball Tip-Off Dinner Frank McLaughlin: Winning On and Off the Court

As the 2018–2019 basketball season was about to get underway, Charger athletes were told that their character was their most important possession. They were encouraged to have discipline and stay focused. The words of wisdom came from special guest speaker Frank McLaughlin at the Men's and Women's Basketball Tip-Off Dinner on October 25, 2018.

McLaughlin is a member of the ECAC Hall of Fame and New England Basketball Hall of Fame. He was a standout basketball athlete at Fordham University and was drafted by the New York Knicks. His coaching career included serving as assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame and head coach at Harvard University. McLaughlin then returned to Fordham to take over as athletic director. In 2012, he was promoted to associate vice president of student affairs for athletic alumni relations at Fordham—a position he still holds.





Men's basketball team



Women's basketball team

"Winning is extremely important. You are getting ready to start the season. You've got to understand that winning is important. I get that because I'm from Fordham and Vince Lombardi was a Fordham man and there was nothing more important than winning—except winning the right way," said McLaughlin. "I think you've got to remember that as the season starts. Lombardi always preached to his team that it was God, country, family, and then team."

Trustee and former Charger basketball player Michael McLaughlin, '90, explained that the idea behind the Tip-Off Dinner is to energize the players and have speakers that give insight into what made them successful. He described his uncle Frank McLaughlin as an incredible human being. "We're trying to give you guys role models, not just on the court, but off the court," he said.

The Tip-Off Dinner was held at the Casa Mia House in Blauvelt, NY.

## New Men's And Women's Tennis Teams to Start Up In Fall

Beginning in fall 2019, Dominican College's intercollegiate athletic programs will include men's and women's tennis, for a total of 17 NCAA Division II Sports.

"We are excited about the addition of the men's and women's tennis programs," said Director of Athletics Joseph Clinton. "We have been looking for ways to increase opportunities for student-athletes and with both sports already being conference championship sports, it will allow both programs to have immediate post-season opportunities as part of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference."

Clinton named Joseph Gravagna as the head coach of both programs. Gravagna was most recently the head coach of Rockland Community College's men's and women's tennis programs. At RCC, he coached three All-American players and took his men's team to back-to-back National Championships after winning Regional and Conference Championships. In addition, Gravagna's women's team finished as high as seventh in the nation. He also coached a women's player to the NJCAA D3 National Championship. Prior to coaching at RCC, Gravagna served as an assistant coach at Fordham University, Queens College, and Manhattan College.

The men's and women's tennis programs will compete in the fall and spring athletic seasons. The women's CACC Championship Tournament is held in the fall, while the men's CACC Championship Tournament is held in the spring.

# ATHLETICS

## Wrap-Up

### Dominican College Wins Two CACC Championships

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Dominican College men's basketball team won the 2018–2019 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Championship on March 10, 2019 after downing the top seed, Bloomfield College, 70-55, in a game played on Corino Court on the campus of Caldwell University.

With the win, Dominican (23-7) earned the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA East Regional Tournament. Making their third consecutive CACC Championship Final appearance, DC brings home the crown for the first time since joining the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II back in 2000.

Junior guard Daraja Rodwell (Baldwin, NY) was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player (MVP) and to the All-Tournament Team. Teammates Jonathan Garcia (Springfield, Mass.) and Ian Gardener (Norwalk, Conn.) also joined Rodwell on the All-Tournament Team.

The Chargers opened the game with the first five points, but the Bears rallied to take an 11-9 edge with just under 11 minutes left in the first half. Gardener tied the game with two free throws and began a 17-1 tear that saw DC jump in front 26-12. BC would cut the lead to 26-21 in the final two and half minutes, but Rodwell recorded back-to-back trey's and Tavon Ginyard (Brentwood, NY) closed out the half with a layup to give the Chargers the 34-21 lead at the intermission.

Dominican would lead by as many as 20 points in the second half as Ginyard connected on a three-point bucket (68-48) with 3:31 left in regulation en route to the 70-55 win.

#### MEN'S GOLF

The Dominican College men's golf team won the 2018 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Golf Championship held September 29–30, 2018 at the Deerfield Golf Course in Newark, DE. The Chargers compiled team scores of 298 both days to finish the tournament with a final score of 596 (+36) to win their third CACC Tournament in program history, after winning back-to-back championships in 2001 and 2002.



For alumnus Keith Prokop, '14, who coaches the team, winning the championship was a dream come true. "It meant everything. My goal for our college program here was to complete three things: win a CACC, win a Regional Championship, and attend a National Championship. This was the last thing on the list that this team needed to accomplish," he said.

Coach Prokop attributes the victory to the players' hard work and dedication, as well as to the great competition among his players.





### WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

The women's cross country team finished in 10th place at the CACC Championships. The team competed in a total of six meets this season and had the high finish of fourth place at the LIU Post Invitational and the Cougar Chase. Sophomore Andrea Nardone was named to the CACC Weekly Honor Roll three times this season, while Kaitlynn Connor was named to the weekly honor roll once this season.



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### WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 4-14-1 and a CACC record of 4-7-1. DC finished in a tie for 8th place in the CACC and earned the 8th seed in the CACC Tournament. The Lady Chargers had to face the top seed, Georgian Court University, in a quarterfinal match where they fell 10-0 to end their season.



### MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 6-12 and a conference record of 4-8. The Chargers finished in 11th place in the CACC.



### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Chargers finished the season with an overall record of 3-24 and 3-16 in the CACC. The team finished in sixth place in the CACC North Division.



### WOMEN'S GOLF

In the inaugural year of our new women's golf team, the team sports two golfers. Marissa DeMarco competed in three tournaments in the fall. The team is competing in the winter season as well. ■

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she assists students in applying for admission to a college or university, while providing support, motivation, and encouragement throughout the process. Torri serves as Secretary of the Executive Board for the Howard County, Maryland chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society, a professional society for women in education. She also works as an Independent Sales Consultant for Traci Lynn—selling jewelry and accessories through direct sales.

## **Wreath Fineries at the Wineries**

Another great trip on the Shawangunk Wine Trail! The weather was a bit cooler this year, but the wine helped keep everyone warm. A great time was had by all! ■



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- ♦ Walking in the Footsteps of Dominic—Students Jeantil Beltre and Sierra Sheridan spoke about their mission trip to Fanjeaux, France.
- ♦ Living the Legacy—Wendy St. Felix, DNP, '17 and 2018 Badami Award recipient talked to students about the effect a Dominican College education had on her life.
- ♦ Spirit of the Founders Recognition Luncheon—Sr. Barbara McEneaney and her sister Sr. Carmel McEneaney,

who passed away in February, received the Spirit of the Founders award.

- ♦ Preaching in Action—Dominican College volunteers prepared 10,000 meals to be distributed through local food banks and charities.

Founders Week concluded on Saturday, September 29, 2018 with the 68th Annual Dominican Sisters Festival, which featured games, food, and pony rides.



The Palisades Institute forum "Cybersecurity: Protect Yourself and Your Business" featured panelists Mikhail Falkovich and Tony Cetera (left to right).

## Cybersecurity Forum Held at College

Two cybersecurity experts shared their advice with business leaders during a Palisades Institute forum called "Cybersecurity: Protect Yourself and your Business." The presenters at the forum on October 10, 2018 were Tony Cetera, Chief Information Security Officer, New York University Information Technology, and Mikhail Falkovich, Director of Information Security, Consolidated Edison.

It was recommended that companies follow five steps to devising their security plan—identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover. Even with planning, there is a

danger of an attack, said Cetera. "People are the weakest link. I think that's probably an important message that I want to send," he said. "You can put lots of tools and technologies in place, but if someone makes a mistake or clicks on the wrong thing because they are not paying attention, that's when the attacker gets in."

The experts recommended phishing testing, using benign emails, to find out which employees might be susceptible to an attack. Another recommendation was that companies consider having cyber insurance.



Pictured above are some of the alumni who attended the Steve Baxter CACC Hall of Fame Induction at the College.

## Former Women's Basketball Coach Steve Baxter Enters CACC Hall of Fame

The former coach of the women's basketball team Steve Baxter was posthumously inducted into the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place prior to the start of the women's basketball game on Saturday, February 16, 2019 on the Coach Baxter Court in the Hennessy Center. Baxter passed away in 2006.

"We are extremely proud that the Hall of Fame Committee selected Steve Baxter into this year's class of inductees," said Director of Athletics Joseph Clinton. "Steve was one of my best friends for more than 30 years. We called him 'the legend' because he had been a member of our DC family for so long. He was a guy you could lean on at all times and he truly cared about the student-athletes."

Baxter served for 29 years at Dominican College in a variety of roles, including 24 years as the women's basketball head coach. A three-time CACC Coach of the Year, Baxter led the Chargers to 16 CACC Tournament appearances and two trips to the NAIA Division II National Tournament. He compiled a career record of 361-328, and was among the top 15 in career wins among NAIA coaches when he retired in 2001.

Coach Baxter Court serves as the home venue for the men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball teams. The court was dedicated in the legendary coach's memory on October 14, 2006. ■

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## April

### REUNION

We will be celebrating 10 years of the Criminal Justice Program! Please join us to celebrate this milestone with program coordinator Dr. Tara Parrello, other faculty members, and alumni.

Sunday, April 7, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Brunch in Granito Center, \$30 per person

For registration and more information, visit:

[dc.edu/events/reunion2019](http://dc.edu/events/reunion2019).

### Alumni Event Info

For information and details on alumni events, please contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@dc.edu](mailto:alumni@dc.edu) or 845-848-7407

## May

### CLASS OF 1969 50TH REUNION

Saturday, May 18, 2019

2:00 p.m.

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

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

**4:00 p.m.** Baccalaureate Mass, Mother House

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

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### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

Alumni Day at Dr. Davies Farm  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Congers, NY

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019**

Alumni Golf Outing  
at Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course  
1:00 p.m. Shotgun | Pomona, NY