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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,

It's very exciting when I get to meet alumni who are truly making a difference. For this edition of Dateline, we put the alumni spotlight on Thomas Sheridan, '82, who has been a champion for social change for decades.

We also had the opportunity to chat with Washington, DC, radio personality Elsa Sanchez, '13. See how her experience at Dominican College helped her today!

Our department is busy updating our Alumni Directory. Look for a postcard in the mail asking for your up-to-date information. We hope to get a new book published within the next year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

I'm looking forward to meeting more alumni this April as we celebrate our Athletic Training program. I invite you to come back to the College to celebrate, as we induct three new members into the Alumni Hall of Achievement. For more information and for reservations, please go to [dc.edu/events/reunion2020](https://dc.edu/events/reunion2020).

In May, we are hosting the 50th Reunion for the Class of 1970. For information and reservations, please go to [dc.edu/class-1970-50th-reunion](https://dc.edu/class-1970-50th-reunion).

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

Sincerely,

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# ***Thomas Sheridan, '82***

## **ON THE FRONT LINES OF SOCIAL CHANGE**

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For three decades, Thomas Sheridan, '82, has been working in Washington, DC, as a lobbyist to bring about groundbreaking social change. During that time, he joined forces with Senator Edward Kennedy, Bono from the Irish rock band U2, and many others on important legislation. He recently chronicled his work in *Helping the Good Do Better: How a White Hat Lobbyist Advocates for Social Change*.

In his book, Sheridan gives a behind-the-scenes look at the passage of historic legislation including the Ryan White Care Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. He has been on the front lines of these fights, as well as those advocating for debt forgiveness for poor countries, combating human trafficking, and increasing federal funding for cancer. Sheridan is the Founder and President of the Sheridan Group in Washington, DC, and is considered the nation's foremost advocate for public interest causes.

In addition to sharing compelling stories in his book, Sheridan gives practical advice on how passionate citizens can join forces and change history. "I tried to demystify it. There's no perfect moment. There's no perfect time. There's no perfect member. There's no big poll. That's not how social change happens. There's no wand," he said. "It's really very simple, but toiling work, and there's not a lot of shortcuts to it."

After traveling the country on his book tour, Sheridan returned to Dominican College to speak with students. He encouraged the students to register to vote, to work toward solutions, and to challenge themselves to be "catalysts for change." He warned them not to listen to anyone who tells them that they are too young to make a difference. "It's actually when you are too young that you have the greatest courage to engage boldly and to risk failure. This courage to fail, to challenge, to insist, and persist, is a vital ingredient for good to prevail."

Sheridan speaks from experience because he got his start in advocacy at a young age. During high school, he was President of the Catholic Youth Organization for the Archdiocese of New York and earned a full scholarship to Dominican College. He had grown up in nearby Pearl River, NY and his aunt, Sr. Maria Goretti, was a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt. He credits the Sisters and Dominican College with encouraging what he



*Sheridan speaking with students at Dominican College.*

calls "change-making." Sheridan said, "If you pay attention to Catholicism, with nuns you are all about service. You are all about humility. You are all about work. You are all about getting the job done."

Getting the job done was exactly what Sheridan did when working at ARC in Pearl River with people with intellectual disabilities, while he was a social work student at Dominican College. He led the fight for a group home and later fought against cuts in funding. The media attention he garnered fighting the budget cuts caught the attention of the National Association of Social Workers. Sheridan was offered a fellowship, which included a full-time job and a full scholarship to earn a master's degree at Catholic University. It was an opportunity he could not pass up and Sheridan moved to Washington, DC.

The fellowship led to an offer to work on Walter Mondale's campaign for president. Sheridan said it was a fantastic two-year experience. "There's a lot of bad stuff that happens in politics. It's not an easy profession by any stretch of the imagination," he said. "But when you get on the ground and meet real voters and you talk to them about real problems, and you talk to them about trying to solve those real problems, it is a completely empowering experience. And it was for me."

Sheridan is passionate in his belief that citizens cannot just treat problems, but must be committed to solving problems. He told the social work students at Dominican College that their profession needs an infusion of advocacy and lamented the fact that the majority of social workers are providing therapy instead of advocacy.

Solving problems is the "heart" of the profession, said Sheridan. To him, the work is a calling or a vocation. "I do feel my work is not about a pay check. It's about something bigger and something more spiritual," he said. ■



*Thomas Sheridan, President of the Sheridan Group, with Bonni Raab, Assistant Professor of Social Work, and student Leangy Matos-Smith, President of Phi Alpha.*



# Youngest Class of Inductees

## WELCOMED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The new Dominican College Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were described as both the youngest class ever inducted and one of the most talented, during a ceremony on September 27, 2019 in the Granito Center. It was a bittersweet event as the beloved Michael Coffey, '10, was honored posthumously for his service to the College. Others inducted included: Prince Learry-Jackson, '08, Basketball; Tom Rolston, '06, Soccer; Sarah Beck, '09, Softball; Alexander Jones, '11, Lacrosse; and Althea Chambers, '09, Basketball.

### Michael Coffey, '10 SERVICE

Michael Coffey was remembered for being smart, upbeat, hardworking, and incredibly committed to his job as Assistant



Michael Coffey's mother, Gerianne Coffey, his brother, Matthew and his sister, Michele.

Men's Basketball Coach and Assistant Sports Information Director. Most of all, he was remembered as a good friend.

"That young man did more in 27 years than most people do in a lifetime," said John Lennon, Jr., Director of Public Safety and Security, and the voice of Chargers basketball. "He was a wonderful person—almost like a celebrity. You wanted to be around him."

Coffey passed away suddenly in 2016 from a massive heart attack. He suffered from Duchenne muscular dystrophy and was confined to a wheelchair. His mother, Gerianne, who works in the College Athletics Department, spoke about how much Michael loved Dominican College and thanked everyone for keeping his memory alive. "I just feel this wonderful energy in the room. There is so much love and happiness. It is so wonderful seeing everybody and I absolutely feel Michael here," she said.



### Prince Learry-Jackson, '08 BASKETBALL

Transfer student Prince Learry-Jackson played Chargers basketball for just two years, but left his mark with 1,044 career points and an average of 19 points per game. Athletic Director and Basketball Coach Joseph Clinton said he was blessed to coach

Learry-Jackson, who was a terrific player and a good person. "What a great, great talent. What a great, great player he was," said Clinton.

Learry-Jackson was a two-time, All-CACC First Team selection, was named CACC Player of the Week, and led the team in scoring his senior year.

He said he was truly grateful to be inducted, "Dominican College was so much more than basketball. I made lifelong friends. I learned a lot of lessons here. I grew so much as a person."



### **Tom Rolston, '06 MEN'S SOCCER**

Former Dominican College Soccer Coach Michael Swanwick said Tom Rolston was a phenomenal player who had a winning attitude, "I've been coaching college ball for 14 years and without

question Tommy Rolston is the best defender I've ever coached—ever been around—and that's the truth."

Rolston was a member of the first team to compete in an NCAA Regional Tournament. The team won CACC regular season and tournament titles both his junior and senior year. In addition, he was named to the All-CACC First Team, All-CACC Tournament Team, and to the NCAA Division II New England Regional All-Tournament Team.

Rolston thanked everyone who had supported him as an athlete. "We had a phenomenal team, and they all made me look good," he said. "I wasn't doing anything that I believe was outstanding. I was just playing as hard as I could, having as much fun as I could, with my friends and my teammates—getting to do every day what I loved for four years, which is playing soccer."



### **Sarah Beck, '09 SOFTBALL**

Softball standout Sarah Beck led the CACC in batting average, hits, runs scored, total bases, and RBIs her senior year. She is also the all-time leader in Lady Charger history in RBIs

and was named CACC and ECAC Player of the Year.

Softball Coach Joseph Burbridge said Beck was a good leader because her teammates wanted to be like her, "She was an exceptionally good player, good student, good kid, and a really hard worker."

Beck was a three-time All-CACC First Team selection, two-time Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division II All-Northeast Region First Team pick, and was named to the 2009 Daktronics NCAA Division II East All-Region First Team.

"To receive an award for something that was such a big part of my life is very special," said Beck at the Induction Ceremony. "I'm truly blessed and grateful to everybody."

Beck had a 3.9 GPA and after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology, earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Dominican College in 2012.



### **Alexander Jones, '11 LACROSSE**

Alexander Jones is the first men's lacrosse player to be inducted into the Dominican College Athletic Hall of Fame. He is the all-time leader in goals with 134, as well as the all-time leader in career points with 167. He was also a two-time All-ECAC Team selection.

"Alex was a leader on and off the field for us and he led us to our best record back in 2010 in program history," said Lacrosse Coach Daniel Steigert.

Jones said lacrosse was the greatest gift and he gave it everything he had. "To this day, I do believe that's the attribute I brought to Dominican College," he said. "I made a promise to the coach. I had a role on the team. I had a trust in my teammates and everybody else around me."



### **Althea Chambers, '09 BASKETBALL**

Basketball inductee Althea Chambers had an incredible work ethic that helped her "explode" on the basketball court her junior and senior years, according to her former coach, John Burke.

Chambers led the team in scoring and rebounding her senior year—averaging 18 points a game as a senior. She scored 1,141 points and 657 rebounds. "Al is special—3.75 GPA, one of the hardest workers we've had in our program, certainly during the last 24 years that I've been here." He also praised her outstanding character.

Chambers was named to the All-CACC First Team, to Daktronics NCAA Division II East All-Region Second Team, to the All-Met First Team, and was a three-time CACC All-Academic Team Selection.

"Playing at Dominican was the progression of a journey," said Chambers, who thanked her family, coaches, and teammates. "Who I ended up becoming is not who I started out as and I'm so appreciative of all the events along the way." ■

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# ***Elsa Sanchez, '13***

## **“LATIN AND PROUD” RADIO PERSONALITY**

Although Elsa Sanchez, '13, was a shy child while she was growing up in the Bronx, she has since found her voice. Sanchez is the midday on-air personality on El Zol radio 107.9 FM in Washington, DC, and can be heard weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. “Latin and Proud” is the radio station’s slogan and the format is Spanish Tropical.



Sanchez was recently named a finalist in the Medallas de Cortez Awards Local Personality of the Year category. The winner will be announced at the Hispanic Radio Conference in Miami this spring.

While a communications student at Dominican College, Sanchez first got her start in radio. She was President of the College's radio station, Radio DC The Voice, and co-hosted a radio program called Intuition, where she gave advice to students. She also interned at Hot 97 radio station in New York City.

"I loved it. I transferred from a bigger school in the city where I was commuting," she said. "I knew after my first semester that I needed to be in a smaller school where I wasn't just a number—where I could talk to people by name and they would know me by name. That's exactly what I got from Dominican College."

Sanchez took advantage of many opportunities to get involved at Dominican College. She went on several Alternative Spring Break trips, was a Resident Assistant, was Senior Class Vice President, and received the Hennessy Family Scholarship and the prestigious Spirit of the Founders Award.

Sanchez admits she gets a bit emotional thinking about her alma mater. "Just being out here in the real world, when I look back, I'm grateful that that's the choice that I made. Every time I talk about Dominican College, I speak of it with pride because I made great connections there and it felt great to go back after every break."

After graduation, Sanchez was accepted into the City Year program in Washington, DC. Through the national service program, she volunteered full-time, working with elementary school students. She continued teaching and received her certification, and then became a pre-kindergarten teacher at the Excel Academy Public Charter School.

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At the same time, Sanchez began working part-time as a street team member for El Zol Radio. She worked her way up to a board operator and then began covering shifts on-air. Finally, she landed her dream job one year ago—a regular on-air shift on El Zol. "There are still times that I can't believe that I'm actually the midday personality at a radio station at a top 10 market," she said. "It's something I don't take for granted and I'm still working hard every day."

Sanchez spends five hours a day on-air, and that means a lot of time off-air preparing to make sure that she is up-to-date on all the latest Washington, DC, news and entertainment news. In addition, Sanchez aspires to be a role model for her young Latino listeners. "I'm hoping that with them hearing me they can believe in their own voice—even if they don't do something in radio. I want them to voice their beliefs and their concerns—especially young women." ■

# ALUMNI UPDATES

## U.S. Senate Confirms Dominican College Alumna as Federal Judge

The U.S. Senate voted on December 19, 2019 to confirm Mary Kay Vyskocil, '80, as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York. Vyskocil had served as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge since 2016.

Prior to being appointed as a judge, Vyskocil was a partner in the New York Law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP. During her 33-year career at Simpson Thacher, Vyskocil litigated some of the most significant insurance and reinsurance cases, representing major domestic and foreign insurers in complex coverage litigations, including numerous arbitrations, jury trials, and appellate arguments. She represented Swiss Re Ltd. in litigation arising from the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. Vyskocil also represented JPMorgan Chase & Co. and the Travelers Cos. Inc.

Vyskocil graduated summa cum laude from Dominican College and attended St. John's University Law School. At Dominican College, she was the first recipient of the prestigious Badami Outstanding Alumna Award, was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Achievement, and was named an Alumni of Distinction.

After serving two 15-year terms on the Dominican College Board of Trustees, Vyskocil was named a Trustee Emeritus in 2018.



**1989**

On January 2, 2020, **Megan Carey** was sworn in to the position of Town Clerk for the Town of Stony Point, NY. Megan has worked in the Clerk's Office for the past 18 years. Megan graduated with a BS in Marketing Management. She currently lives in Rockland with her family.

**1994**

**Karen Michalowski** has joined the Business Department at the College as an Adjunct Professor, teaching the QuickBooks lab. Karen has served on several nonprofit boards—the Rockland Community Foundation, Leadership Rockland, and Rockland Family Shelter. As a small business professional, Karen is the Managing Partner of ASM Associates. She has spent the past 20 years setting up small businesses, nonprofits, and retail businesses on QuickBooks, in addition to working with clients to maximize the benefits of their accounting systems. Karen graduated with a BS in Management. Karen currently lives in Rockland County with her husband.

**2002**

**Michael Guarnieri** recently joined the Board of Trustees for the Center for Safety and Change in Rockland County. Michael is a Managing Partner at Scheer Guarnieri & Associates, CPAs LLP in

**Wreath Fineries at the Wineries**

Alumni and friends attended the Wreath Fineries at the Wineries event on November 24, 2019. They visited several wineries along the Shawangunk Wine Trail, sampled wines, and received a souvenir wine glass, wreath, and unique ornaments to commemorate the event.

White Plains, NY. He has also served as a Board Member and Coach for the South Orangetown Little League. He graduated from the College with a BS in Accounting and subsequently earned his CPA.

**2006**

This spring semester, **Kristina Barton** returned to campus as an Adjunct Professor of Psychology.

Since graduating, Kristina has become dually credentialed as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) and as a Master Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC-M). She operates a private practice located in Orange County, NY. Kristina specializes in Dialectical Behavior Therapy and addresses First Responder Trauma. Kristina currently lives in Orange County, NY with her husband. ■

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# COLLEGE NEWS



## Dominican College Ranked a Top Performer on Social Mobility by U.S. News & World Report

Dominican College has been ranked as a Top Performer on Social Mobility by U.S. News & World Report in its 2020 Best Colleges list. Dominican College was ranked #19 out of Regional Universities North for social mobility. Top performers in this category are more successful than other colleges at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded Pell Grants. Most of these federal grants are awarded to students with adjusted gross family incomes under \$50,000.

President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien said, "We are delighted to be recognized for helping economically challenged students to succeed. Dominican College has always welcomed students of all economic backgrounds and strongly believes that everyone deserves a top quality education."

Dominican College is the top-ranked college for social mobility in Rockland County.



*Virginia Reeves, sister of Sr. Catherine Howard, cuts the ribbon on the new Sr. Catherine Howard Food Pantry. College President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien is on the right.*

## New Food Pantry Opens on Campus

A new food pantry for students has opened in the Sullivan Library. The Sr. Catherine Howard Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The goal is to help students so they are able to pursue an education with as few barriers as possible. Students who say they need food assistance and students referred by faculty or staff have access to non-perishable food staples and healthy snacks. A \$500 donation from the Rockland Community Foundation and Inserra Supermarkets will also allow students to purchase perishable items with gift cards. There are bins located at buildings around campus so that donations can easily be made to the pantry.

The Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt have collaborated with the College on the project—donating money from several fundraisers. The pantry was named in honor of Sr. Catherine Howard, who served as President of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt and as a College Trustee. The talented administrator and social worker died on November 9, 2018. She is remembered for her dedication, kindness, and selflessness.



## New Pre-Athletic Training Track in Health Sciences to Start in Fall 2020

Dominican College's Health Sciences Program will include a new pre-athletic training concentration beginning in fall 2020. The New York State Education Department has approved the change to

the Bachelor of Science in the Health Sciences degree.

“Many of our students are interested in careers in fields related to professional sports. Currently, we have a sports management concentration within the business management major,” said Academic Dean Thomas Nowak, Ph.D. “The pre-athletic training track in the health sciences provides an exciting second option for students who want to be involved with sports as a career—even possibly on the professional level.”

Other tracks in the Health Sciences Program include pre-occupational therapy, pre-physical therapy, and a general track. The new pre-athletic training concentration will allow students interested in a master’s degree in athletic training to complete all the prerequisites needed. Across the nation, the professional degree required to become a certified athletic trainer is changing from a bachelor’s degree to a master’s degree based on guidelines from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

### **Dominican College’s Online Program Ranked #5 In New York**

Dominican College’s online undergraduate program has been ranked #5 in New York State by Value Colleges.

According to Value Colleges, the best-ranked colleges are all regionally accredited, job-market proven, and have strong reputations for educational excellence.

“What makes Dominican College Online special is our small classes that are taught by professors, not teaching assistants,” said Mary McLean-Hely, Director of Online Education. “Our faculty has been trained in online teaching best practices and all the college resources, like the library, Career Development Center, and tutoring are also available online. Students receive both the attention from professors and an enriched online learning environment.”



Dominican College offers undergraduate online programs in business management, psychology, criminal justice, communication studies, social sciences, computer information systems, and nursing. The College also has online graduate programs for Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy, Masters in Organizational Leadership and Communication, and Teachers for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



### **Olympic Medalist and Activist Speaks at Freshman Read Event**

Freshman English students were treated to a question and answer session with Ibtihaj Muhammad—entrepreneur, activist, author, and Olympic medalist—on October 17, 2019 in the Hennessy Center. The students had all read Muhammad’s memoir, *PROUD: My Fight for an Unlikely American Dream*. Muhammad is the 2016 Olympic bronze medalist in fencing and was the first American woman to compete in the Olympics in hijab.

Muhammad told the students that her journey was not easy because she faced bullying and battled depression. During the Freshman Read event, Muhammad was asked how young people could help combat discrimination. “Don’t think that this is not my problem and I can’t do anything,” she answered. “You have to know that you are part of the solution and you have to find ways to insert yourself into the conversation and make yourself part of that change that you seek.”

Muhammad is a sports ambassador with the U.S. Department of State’s Empowering Women and Girls through Sport Initiative and works closely with organizations like Athletes for Impact and the Special Olympics. She was named to Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential list in 2016, the year she was in the Olympics.

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## Volunteers Package 10,000 Meals for the Hungry

The Dominican College community packaged 10,000 macaroni and cheese meals for the hungry by partnering with The Outreach Program, Inc. during Founders Week. More than 130 students, faculty, administrators, and staff volunteered on the assembly lines that were set up in the Lawrence Room of Rosary Hall on September 27, 2019.

The Outreach Program Regional Manager Ted Swartwood said Dominican College's assistance is appreciated, "Hunger is a real issue wherever you go

and the meals will go to people who really need them. One in five people in the greater Rockland County area do not know where their next meal is coming from. These meals will help."

About 9,000 meals were delivered to People to People for distribution to local families and the remainder are being kept in the College food pantry for students. The Outreach Program is a nonprofit organization focused on providing safe water, food, medical care, and education to children and those in need at home and abroad.



## Founders Week Focuses on St. Thomas Aquinas

The 2019 Founders Week celebration began with a keynote presentation from Theological Ethicist Kevin Ahern, Ph.D. Ahern served as President of the International Movement of Catholic Students and in 2016 was elected President of the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs.

Ahern told students that the legacy of St. Thomas Aquinas, who lived in the 13th century and was Dominican, was important to them today. "I'd encourage you to think about how you can mix faith and reason, how you can strive for justice for the common good—especially in this moment when lots of human beings are treated as sub-human," he said.

Ahern presented a clear, impassioned message to the students—describing St. Thomas Aquinas as a fascinating character who is still very relevant when it comes to fighting discrimination, racism, and poverty. Founders Week is the annual celebration of Dominican College's heritage and the Dominican Sisters who established it. One of the highlights of the weeklong celebration was the presentation of the 2019 Spirit of the Founders Award to senior Samantha Colon and junior Bruno Garcia.



Junior Bruno Garcia and senior Samantha Colon were presented with the 2019 Spirit of the Founders Award.



## Grand Reception to Honor IBEW's Sam Fratto

Dominican College and its Board of Trustees have named Sam Fratto Dominican College's 2020 Person of the Year. Fratto will be honored at the 48th Annual Grand Reception on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Old Tappan Manor in Old Tappan, NJ.

"We are pleased to announce that Sam Fratto, Business Manager of IBEW Local 363, has been selected as the Dominican College Person of the Year," said College President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien. "Sam was chosen for his outstanding professional leadership, his community involvement, and his philanthropic works."

In 2011, Fratto was appointed Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 363 by the Executive Board. He has since been elected by the membership three times. Fratto was appointed to his current position 33 years after first joining the electrical trade as an apprentice for Local 631.

Tickets to the Grand Reception can be purchased at [dc.edu/grandreception2020](http://dc.edu/grandreception2020). For additional information, please contact Mary Lichtman at 845-848-7406 or [mary.lichtman@dc.edu](mailto:mary.lichtman@dc.edu).



## Dominican College Hosts MLK Day of Service

Students, staff, and community members volunteered on Saturday, January 18, 2020 as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The event was sponsored by Volunteer New York! and took place in the Granito Center.

"MLK Day is a day millions across our country choose to come together as volunteers, inspired by a message of hope and equality, and enact positive change by addressing local needs," says Volunteer New York! Executive Director, Alisa H. Keston. "We're especially thankful to Dominican College for their partnership in bringing our 10th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service to Rockland in such a special way."

Volunteers worked on a number of projects for children, seniors, and deployed service members. In addition, some volunteers were trained in Hands-Only CPR.

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 23, 2019

## *Pocketbook Bingo*

LAWRENCE ROOM, ROSARY HALL





DECEMBER 8, 2019

# *Christmas Concert & Holiday Buffet*

GRANITO CENTER & HENNESSY CENTER



# ATHLETICS

## Men's and Women's Basketball Tip-Off Dinner



*Women's Basketball Coach Bill Diener, College Trustee Michael McLaughlin, '90, Former New Jersey Net Michael O'Koren, and Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Joseph Clinton (shown left to right) at the Men's and Women's Basketball Tip-Off Dinner.*



### Former New Jersey Net Michael O'Koren Inspires Charger Athletes

The 2019 – 2020 women's and men's basketball teams got advice on how to be successful on and off the court from former New Jersey Net standout Michael O'Koren at the annual Tip-Off Dinner on October 24, 2019.

O'Koren said that during his career he learned that fundamentals, confidence, and camaraderie are all key to performing well on the basketball court. At the University



*Men's basketball team*



*Women's basketball team*

of North Carolina, O'Koren was an All-American athlete and played under legendary head coach Dean Smith. He was a first round selection of the New Jersey Nets in 1980 and played with the club for ten years. O'Koren then moved on to coaching as an assistant coach with the Nets, the Washington Wizards, and Rutgers University.

College Trustee and former Charger basketball player Michael McLaughlin, '90, told the athletes in attendance, "As great of a player as he is, off the court he is an even better person."

O'Koren's advice to the athletes went beyond tips for a successful athletic career. He told them to be successful in life they needed discipline and should strive

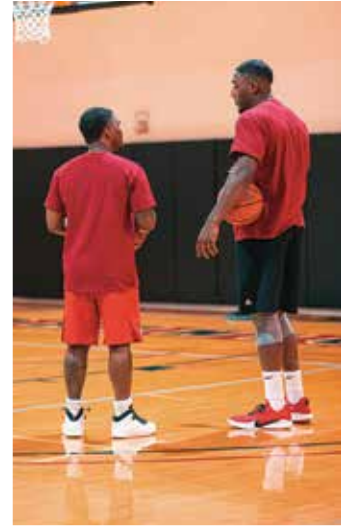
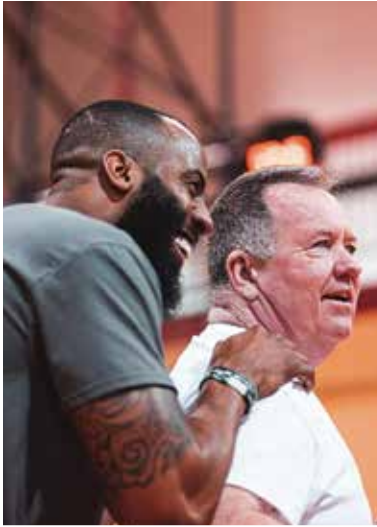


to make their parents proud. "You know the difference between right and wrong," he said. "Follow that right path and make them proud and good things will certainly happen for you."

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

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## Outlook on the Economy Remains Positive

Overall, the regional economy is in good shape with unemployment rates at or near record lows. That was the message from Jason Bram, a Research Officer with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, during the 9th annual Outlook on the Regional Economy presentation on January 23, 2020 in the Prusmack Center.

There are some signs that the robust economy is slowing. Bram pointed out that housing markets have softened, job growth has slowed, and recent business surveys are less positive. "The economy has slowed, but it hasn't slowed dramatically," said Bram. "It's hard to be negative when unemployment is so low and still declining."

Bram's research focuses on the U.S. economy, with a primary emphasis on the Federal Reserve's Second District, which includes New York State, northern New Jersey,



Jason Bram delivering the 9th Annual Outlook on the Economy on January 23, 2020.



Stan Jacoby, Executive Director of the Palisades Institute, introduces a panel discussion on "Trends Transforming the Way We Live" on October 3, 2019 in Rosary Hall.

and southwestern Connecticut, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He produces the regional Beige Book reports, and uses monthly business surveys to monitor and analyze current and emerging economic trends.

## Business Forum Addresses Trends Defining the Future

Business leaders heard about trends that are transforming the way we live during a Palisades Institute forum on October 3, 2019 in Rosary Hall.

Greg Singer, VP and Investment Director at Capital Group, said three major trends are the growth of cloud computing, advances in medical research, and the increase in global air travel. "Everyone is very worried about volatility in the markets right now and the risk of an

upcoming recession. We see volatility likely to stay and a recession likely to happen in the next couple of years," he said. "But at the same time, there are multi-decade trends going on and companies that are going to get through the recession to the other side and that can create attractive investments."

Singer advises business owners to make sure their businesses can get through the stress of a recession, noting that companies with volatility and debt are particularly at risk. Singer was joined on the panel by Kathy Nalywajko, VP at Capital Group.

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.

## Business Leaders Discuss the Internet of Things

Business leaders had plenty of comments and questions about how internet-connected devices are rapidly changing the world we live in at the Palisades Institute forum, "Defining the Future: the Internet of Things." Tom Gilley, Chief Technology Officer at Convergia Communications, was the guest speaker at the December 11, 2019 forum in Rosary Hall. Gilley said connected products increase effectiveness and optimize revenue.

"Any time you are changing a part of your infrastructure, whether it is in your home, a small company, or a large company, you should think about what your connected product strategy is," said Gilley.



Gilley suggests businesses that are changing lighting, HVAC, and business systems consider connected products. While connected products have many benefits, Gilley said there are concerns about security and privacy.

At the beginning of 2019, there were about 7 billion internet-connected devices. That number is expected to explode to 21 billion by 2025. ■

# ATHLETICS

## *Wrap-Up*

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 6-9-4 and a CACC record of 4-4-4. The team finished in eighth place in the conference and earned the eighth seed in the conference tournament. The Lady Chargers fell to the top seed #1 Thomas Jefferson University, 5-0, in a CACC quarterfinal game to end their season.

Jasmine Pesante was named to the CACC All-Academic Team for the second time, while Megan Geary and Bailey Cummings earned the first CACC All-Academic accolades.



### MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 8-11 and a CACC record of 6-6. The team finished in seventh place in the conference and earned the seventh seed in the conference tournament. DC fell to #2 Post University, 3-0, in a quarterfinal contest to end their season.

Bruno Garcia made his second appearance on the CACC All-Academic Team, while Tyler Doll was named to the team for the first time. Doll was also named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Division II Academic All-District Team.



### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Chargers finished the season with a 0-25 overall record and a record of 0-19 in the CACC. Sara Hayward and Emmalyn LaPier were named to the CACC All-Academic Team for the first time in their careers.



### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team went to six meets this season and had the high finish of 7th place at the York College Cross Country Invitational.

Sophomore Desiree Joseph-Jarvis had the high finish of 28th place at the York College Cross Country Invitational. At the CACC Championships, the team finished in 10th place.





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

The Chargers went to six meets this season and had the high finish of fifth place at the York College Cross Country Invitational.

Cameron Whitton had the high finish of 15th place at the York College Cross Country Invitational. At the CACC Championships, the team finished in 10th place.



### **WOMEN'S GOLF**

The women's golf team went to five tournaments in the fall portion of their season and had the high finish of second place at the Collegiate Invitational.

Mariella Yanitelli had the high finish of sixth place at the

Collegiate Invitational.

### **MEN'S GOLF**

The golf team competed in six tournaments in the fall portion of their season, including the CACC Championships where they finished in seventh place.

The Chargers won the Jefferson Match for their high finish in



fall and senior Carlos Armas Stenner won the individual title.

### **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

The women's tennis team finished their inaugural season with



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## March

### 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR THE DIVISION OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Thursday, March 26, 2020  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Induction and Celebration  
Granito Center

Please join us for a wonderful celebration for the Division of Teacher Education. In addition, there will also be an induction ceremony for Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education.

Please RSVP **845-848-7407**  
or email [mary.mchugh@dc.edu](mailto:mary.mchugh@dc.edu).

## April

### ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sunday, April 26, 2020  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Brunch  
Granito Center

\$30 per person

This special celebration is open to all alumni as we celebrate the Athletic Training program and induct three alumni into our Alumni Hall of Achievement. Please join us to celebrate with program Director Jim Crawly, Jenna Tacinelli Hach, faculty, and alumni.

For registration and more information, visit: [dc.edu/events/reunion2020](http://dc.edu/events/reunion2020).

## May

### CLASS OF 1970 50TH REUNION

Saturday, May 16, 2020

**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  
Sisters of St. Dominic Chapel

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

To register:  
[dc.edu/class-1970-50th-reunion](http://dc.edu/class-1970-50th-reunion).

**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

## Calling All Charger Supporters

Come join the **dirt 2 turf** campaign for the building of the Turf Field.

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—The **dirt 2 turf** campaign committee

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