



GRANITO CENTER

Dominican College

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020



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. Committed to building its programs upon a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, the College maintains a student-centered climate and serves a diverse community of students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The College empowers this community of learners to excel, lead, serve with integrity, and to engage responsibly in the pursuit of a more just, ethical, and sustainable world. Dominican College is dedicated to the principle that its educational programs and services must be both challenging and supportive, distinguished both by high standards and by attention to the needs and potential of the individual student. Affirmed and engaged by these standards and values, graduates are prepared for purposeful lives and for the careers and professions they choose to pursue.



Message from the President

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2019–2020 Annual Report and share with you some of our accomplishments over the past year. Although we are living through the most challenging of times, the College community remains strong and resilient. Together we have adapted and survived the demanding, uncharted experiences since mid-March, 2020.

Dominican College is particularly proud of the students, faculty, and alumni who have been on the front lines in hospitals, risking their health and safety while caring for COVID-19 patients. The College donated personal protective equipment to New York hospitals and local ambulance corps when the pandemic first broke out in New York. In addition, food from the newly-opened Sr. Catherine Howard Food Pantry was delivered to local organizations to help needy residents. The College commitment to service, which is central to its mission, is more important now than ever before.

Throughout the difficulties of the pandemic, the College continues to strive for educational excellence. The hopeful Dominican spirit prevails. Students and Faculty, supported by the technology team, quickly transitioned this past spring to fully remote learning. In May, the College celebrated the Class of 2020 with a virtual commencement, congratulating 563 students and bringing the number of our alumni close to 15,000. We are grateful to the Reopening Coordinating Committee who worked diligently during the summer to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure a safe reopening of the campus this fall.

You are invited to read about the College’s many other accomplishments this past year which are highlighted on the following pages. Several of our faculty members received impressive honors, including an award of a National Science Foundation Grant. A new undergraduate marketing degree was introduced. The campus is now officially tobacco-free and smoke-free with the enactment of a new policy that recognizes the harmful effects of tobacco and second-hand smoke. The Sr. Catherine Howard Food Pantry was established to help food insecure students. In athletics, the men’s basketball team captured the CACC championship and Coach Joe Clinton was named All-Met Coach of the Year for the third time.

The College’s financial picture has shown resilience as all were guided to make substantial changes due to the COVID pandemic. A surplus from operations was realized as a result of a combination of carefully managed expenses, government stimulus, and a \$2.2M art donation. Although enrollment challenges are affecting colleges across the nation, Dominican College is particularly encouraged by a high freshman to sophomore retention rate attributed to many successful efforts on campus.

As we move forward into the next phase of the pandemic, the College remains grateful for the guidance of its Board, the dedication of its faculty and staff, the generosity of its benefactors, and the enthusiasm of its students. The challenges are many but the College community is committed to realizing a promising tomorrow.

May your lives continue to be blessed with good health and happiness.

Gratefully,

A. Mary Eileen O'Brien

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



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Creating Public Impact

Dominican College Nursing Students, Faculty, and Alumni: Heroes in the Battle Against COVID-19

As the worst pandemic in 100 years gripped our world, Dominican College nursing students, faculty, and alumni worked tirelessly in hospitals to care for patients who were stricken with a virus unlike anything they had ever seen before.

New York was the epicenter of the virus in early spring. Hospitals were making room for COVID-19 patients, personal protective equipment was in short supply, and healthcare workers were getting sick. Patricia Kivlehan M.S.N. '16 Clinical Coordinator of the Graduate Nursing Program and a Nurse Practitioner at Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Department in Suffern, NY, was among the nurses who caught COVID-19, but was eager to return to work to help overwhelmed colleagues.

Several other nursing faculty members transitioned from outpatient care to inpatient care to help hospitals with COVID-19 patients.

Kivlehan said the College's graduate students were critical workers since so many are employed at local hospitals. For instance, the drive-up screening tent set up outside Good Samaritan Hospital was run predominately by Dominican College graduate students.

It quickly became evident to health care workers that COVID-19 was not only affecting the elderly. Kivlehan said in April that young people were becoming very sick from the disease. "We're intubating 30-year-olds. I can't remember the last time I intubated a 30-year-old before this

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Claudia Charles

—that wasn't for trauma—and now at least two a day," she said.

Undergraduate nursing students like Claudia Charles '20 helped care for patients as well. Charles credited her professors with preparing her to handle any situation when she was working as a Patient Care Associate at Montefiore Nyack Hospital in Nyack, NY. "I find myself not panicking," she said in April. "I am there and I'm doing what I was taught to do." Since family members were unable to visit the hospital at the height of the outbreak, Charles would hold the patients' hands and listen to them. "I express to them that I can't replace your family member, but I can be a comfort if you need to talk to me about anything," she said. Charles has since graduated and is working in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit as a Registered Nurse.

Joshua Guzman '20 took on extra shifts and rotated between two COVID-19 floors, the Intensive Care Unit, the Critical Care Unit, and the Emergency Room as a Patient Care Assistant at the Hackensack Meridian Health Pascack Valley Medical Center in Westwood, NJ, where he worked as a Patient Care Assistant. "I definitely feel very blessed that I am able to help out," he said in April. In addition to helping the nurses provide patient care, Guzman assisted families in communicating with COVID-19 patients through FaceTime. He is now a Registered Nurse working on a Medical Surgical floor at the same hospital.

Dominican College nursing alumni, of course, were also working around the clock caring for patients—many in the worst hit areas of New York City. Brianna Fogarty '16 recalled that it was extremely alarming when the number of cases at NewYork-

Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City skyrocketed practically overnight. The patients required a high level of care, and there was so much to manage that she likened the atmosphere to a "war zone."

"We hadn't seen so many people that were so extremely sick at one time like this. It was just such a shock," said Fogarty.

Video Salutes Student Heroes

The Office of Student Activities produced a video to salute Dominican College students who are essential workers. The nearly six-minute video includes photos and the job titles of more than 60 students who held essential jobs during the pandemic, while studying remotely at the end of the spring semester.

In addition to the many health care workers, the students featured are employed as fire fighters, EMTs, caregivers, and delivery drivers. They also work in grocery stores, in the food industry and in pharmacies. The video called "Thank You to Our Student Heroes" was posted on the College's YouTube account on April 6, 2020 and was shared on social media.

Student Returns CARES Grant

Recent nursing graduate Sheila Greason '20 was one of 1,600 Dominican College students who received grant money through the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act.

Greason and her husband, who is a teacher, decided to return the money because they felt fortunate to have jobs when so many were unemployed.

"We just both thought there are so many other people who could use this money much more than the two of us," said Greason. She was pleased to receive a phone call from Anthony Cipolla, Vice President for Financial Affairs, thanking her for her generosity and assuring her that the money would go to a student in need.

At that time, Greason was working at White Plains Hospital, in Westchester, helping to care for COVID-19 patients, and had a second job in homecare. She

is now working as a Registered Nurse at Elizabeth Seton Children's Center in Yonkers, NY.

Dominican College distributed a total of \$888,000 from the federal CARES Act to students within guidelines provided by the Department of Education.

College Donates Equipment to Protect Healthcare Workers

Dominican College donated desperately needed personal protective equipment for healthcare personnel in March. Thomas Nowak, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, said the College donated N95 masks, basic procedural masks, gowns, and gloves.

"We are well known for our health programs—from nursing to occupational therapy to physical therapy," said Nowak. "That puts us in a unique situation. Many faculty and graduate nursing students are involved on the front lines and anything the College can do to help out, we will certainly do."

The personal protective equipment was donated by the College Departments of Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and Athletic Training. Equipment was sent to the Javits Center, as well as local ambulance corps.

Students Volunteer During Alternative Spring Break

About 30 students and chaperones from Dominican College participated in the Alternative Spring Break Program in early March, volunteering in three different locations across the country. Some of the students worked with Habitat for Humanity to construct and restore homes for people in need in Melfa, VA and Loveland, CO. The students put in long days working on the homes, while they also lived simply, disconnected from technology, and focused on self-reflection.

"I learned a lot about myself from this experience," said Jhanya Squires '20, who volunteered in Colorado. "I want to be more involved in service opportunities like this and encourage others to be involved."

This is my second service trip I have been on this year and the feeling and memories I have gotten from them is like nothing I have felt before.”

A third group of students volunteered at Casa Alitas Catholic Community Services in Tucson, AZ. Kathryn Strobel, Director of Community Engagement and Leadership Development, said the goal of this trip was to assist migrant families who legally crossed the border. A grant from the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt helped to fund the trip.

“They wanted us to help at the border,” said Strobel. “Their intention was for us to be at Casa Alitas helping these families, welcoming these families, and interacting with them—just being someone the first time they are in America who is kind and meets them with a smile.”

At Casa Alitas, the students served meals, cleaned, and played with children. They also learned about illegal migrants from the Colibri Center for Human Rights and witnessed federal prosecutions of those accused of illegally crossing the border in the U.S. District Court of Tucson. Strobel said the experience broadened students’ perspectives and inspired them to create positive change.



Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, Dr. Bettye H. Perkins, Dr. Diane DiSpagna, and TSTT students at the signing ceremony.

Today’s Students Tomorrow’s Teachers and Dominican College Announce Partnership

Today’s Students Tomorrow’s Teachers (TSTT) and Dominican College announced a partnership this year to help address the teacher diversity gap in the nation’s classrooms. Dr. Bettye H. Perkins, President and CEO of TSTT, and College President

Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien signed an agreement during a ceremony held on campus on February 27, 2020.

TSTT is one of the nation’s leading teacher diversity mentoring programs and was founded 25 years ago. Dr. Perkins said the new alliance is a hopeful development, “But, it also comes at a critical time in our nation’s history when only 13% of the teachers are teachers of color, yet more than 50% of the students in the classroom reflect the ever-increasing diversity of the general population, posing serious economic and societal threats to our nation’s future.”

We are proud to partner with Today’s Students Tomorrow’s Teachers to encourage more talented students from diverse backgrounds to enter the teaching profession...

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

Sr. Mary Eileen said, “It is a pleasure to welcome these talented young scholars who have been mentored by TSTT to our campus. We are proud to partner with TSTT to encourage more talented students from diverse backgrounds to enter the teaching profession so that our nation’s teaching population can better reflect the backgrounds of today’s students. At Dominican College, we have a highly respected Teacher Education Program and offer both undergraduate and graduate degrees in education.”

Prior to the signing ceremony, 20 promising TSTT students from the East Ramapo Central School District toured the Dominican College campus and participated in a workshop to learn about the Teacher Education Program. Among those in attendance was Kimberly Pinos, who was a senior at Spring Valley High School at the time. Pinos is now a freshman at Dominican College, becoming the first TSTT student to major in education at the school.

Food Pantry Opens On Campus

In an effort to help students pursue an education with as few barriers as possible,



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.

Dominican College officially opened the Sr. Catherine Howard Food Pantry with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, September 27, 2019.

The food pantry is located in the Sullivan Library and is staffed by a social work intern on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students who need food assistance have access to shelf-stable food staples, as well as on-the-go snacks like granola bars and peanut butter.

The food pantry was serving up to 27 students each day it was open, until students began studying remotely because of COVID-19. Then in April 2020, Dominican College donated boxes of pre-packaged meals and bags of canned goods to People to People and the Nyack Center to help local families in need.

Kathryn Strobel, Director of Community Engagement and Leadership Development, said, “My thought was why have the food sitting there going unused knowing that there are people who desperately need food right now in our community.” In addition, Dominican Dining Services run by Chartwells donated snack foods to emergency room doctors and nurses at Montefiore Nyack Hospital who had little time to prepare or order food as they responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The food pantry reopened at the start of the fall semester and is accepting donations in bins located around campus.

The Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt helped fund the food pantry, which was named in honor of Sr. Catherine Howard, who



Volunteers packaging meals during Founders Week.

served as President of their congregation 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.

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.”

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.

College Becomes a Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Campus

Dominican College became a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus on June 1, 2020 after joining a nationwide movement to increase awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco and secondhand smoke. The

College received funds and technical support from Truth Initiative®, the nation’s largest nonprofit public health organization dedicated to making tobacco use a thing of the past.

Director of Student Health and Project Leader Lynda Chesterman said the College has a responsibility to set a positive example. “Tobacco use is widely recognized as a major preventable cause of many diseases in smokers and non-smokers alike. There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke,” she said. “Our institution is committed to providing a safe, healthy, comfortable, and productive working, living, and learning environment for all who visit, study, or work in and around our facilities. This is a shared opportunity for all of us to empower each other to take steps towards a healthier lifestyle.”



Ashley Sainvil, Gianluca Barecchia, Lynda Chesterman, and Jenna Tacinelli at the task force booth during Fire in the Sky.

The new policy prohibits smoking and the sale or use of any tobacco and/or vapor products on the grounds of the campus and on off-campus properties owned, leased, or rented by the College. The policy was developed by the College’s Task Force for a Tobacco-Free Campus. Prior to this policy, tobacco use on campus was prohibited indoors only.

SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON COLLEGE LEADERS

The students on the Task Force for a Tobacco-Free Campus spread their anti-tobacco message far and wide as they travelled to Washington D.C. to sit in on Congressional Hearings about vaping in July 2019 and participated in the Ditch JUUL Rally in October 2019. College Leader Gianluca Barecchia '21 had an interesting story that captured a lot of media attention and led to his TV appearances on the Today show and affiliates of ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX.



Jenna Tacinelli, Project Co-Lead on Task Force for a Tobacco-Free Campus at Dominican College.

Task Force for a Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Campus (2019–2020)

- Lynda Chesterman
Project Lead
- Jenna Tacinelli
Project Co-Lead
- Gianluca Barecchia
Student-College Leader
- Ashley Sainvil
Student-College Leader
- Janine Santos
Student
- Alana Boutelle
Rockland Department of Health
- Leilani Lockett
Power Against Tobacco
- Maureen Aitchison
- Kathleen Boylan
- Marybeth Broderick
- John Burke
- John Caputo
- Jonathan Delgado
- Roxanne Drown
- Evelyn Fiskaa
- Melody Hyppolite
- John Lennon
- Rose Macom
- Thomas Nowak
- Maddy Schiering
- Kathryn Strobel
- Sr. Kathleen Sullivan

Barecchia started vaping at age 16, and then began smoking cigarettes too. As a freshman, he passed out and was hospitalized with severe lung problems from a nicotine overdose. Barecchia has been tobacco free for the past four years and uses his story as a cautionary tale. “It really is an honor to be able to not only share my story, but to also use my story as a survival guide for others who are struggling,” he said. “That really is what I’m trying to do. Not only to help people stop, but even prevent them from starting.”

Barecchia is a nursing student who volunteers as an Emergency Medical Technician. The other College Leader on the task force was Ashley Sainvil ’20 who also helped in the education efforts against tobacco use. Sainvil was an involved student as Vice President of the Debate Society, Vice President of Psi Chi Honor Society and a member of the Student Career Board.

Climate Class Inspires Student to Launch an Eco-Friendly Business

Student Shailei Kraft said choosing to take a class called Climate Science and Action as an elective in Spring 2020 was one of the best decisions she ever made. It opened her eyes to global warming and made her want to spread awareness. When Kraft was assigned a class project to encourage others to pay attention to their carbon footprint, she launched an online business called ecoly-cute.

The only way to stop climate change is having everyone on the same page.

Shailei Kraft

“I started creating these eco-friendly products in hopes that people would buy them because they are eco-ly cute, but also because they will act as posters hung up all around the world,” said Kraft. “The only way to stop climate change is having everyone on the same page.”

The women’s T-shirts, which are made of 65% recycled polyester and 35% cotton, have sayings such as “Save our Earth” and “There is no Planet B.” In addition, Kraft tries not to generate any waste in making the shirts, reusing her scraps of fabric. The T-shirts are modeled by Kraft on her website ecolycute.com.



Shailei Kraft

The Climate Science and Action class that inspired Kraft was taught by Professor Kathleen Hinge, Ph.D. Student Maddie Walker also worked on the class project. Kraft is in her fourth year of a five-year program to earn a Bachelor of Science/ Master of Science in Occupational Therapy.



Attendees at the MLK Day of Service

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.

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Alisa H. Keston
Executive Director, Volunteer New York!

country choose to come together as volunteers, inspired by a message of hope and equality, and enact positive change by addressing local needs,” said 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.



Sr. Barbara McEneaney

Busy Person’s Retreat

Dominican College students, faculty, and staff gathered for a five-day Busy Person’s Retreat at the end of October 2019 to focus on their spiritual lives. “The purpose of the retreat was to come to a deeper experience of God in your life,” said Sr. Barbara McEneaney, O.P., of Campus Ministry.

The retreat began with a welcoming gathering on Sunday, October 20, 2019 in

Rosary Chapel. The 25 retreatants were then paired with a Dominican Sister who acted as their spiritual guide and met with them individually for a half hour from Monday through Thursday, at a time of their convenience. Sr. Barbara said the retreat leaders also encouraged daily personal prayer and prayer journaling, which is a form of prayer where you express your thoughts in writing.

The Busy Person’s Retreat allowed students and staff to continue going to class and working while still taking time for reflection. The retreat concluded with a closing celebration where retreatants privately wrote down a practical or spiritual intention on a piece of paper and threw it into a basket. They also chose a prayer stone that had an inspirational word on it, like faith, hope, or courage, to take with them as a reminder of the campus retreat.



Kathy Nalywajko, Greg Singer, and Stan Jacoby.

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, Vice President and Investment Director at Capital Group, said three major trends at the time were 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 was joined on the panel by Kathy Nalywajko, Vice President 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.



Tom Gilley

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 seven billion internet-connected devices. That number is expected to explode to 21 billion by 2025.



Rockland County Executive Ed Day

County Leaders Discuss Renewed Interest in Suburbs During Annual Forum

About 200 business leaders and local residents participated in the Annual County Executive Forum on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 to hear the latest information from the County Executives from Westchester, Rockland, and Orange Counties. The event, which was sponsored by the Palisades Institute, took place via Zoom.

The county leaders spoke about reopening businesses following the COVID-19 outbreak and the financial challenges faced by local governments. However, all three leaders said that there is a silver lining to the tumultuous times—a renewed interest in moving to the suburbs.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, “People want to be where there is less dense, intense population. They want to be in places with a little more elbow room and they believe that will help them stay real healthy.”

In addition, the County Executives predicted telecommuting will become more widespread in the future since many people are working from home while continuing to be productive.

The County Executive Forum is a long tradition of the Palisades Institute, held annually since 2005.



Promoting Educational Excellence

Graduates Honored During Virtual Commencement

Dominican College celebrated the Class of 2020 during a Virtual Commencement on Sunday, May 17, 2020. The Commencement premiered on the Dominican College website and Facebook with graduates, family, friends, administrators, and faculty remotely watching “together” as they reacted and commented on social media.

Alumnus Brandon Hasbrouck '08, Assistant Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, VA, delivered an impassioned Commencement Address to the graduates. He challenged the graduates to “do justice” in whatever career path they choose. “A kind of justice that smashes hierarchies, privileges, and

entitlement. A kind of justice that requires courage—courage demonstrated by you throughout your time here at Dominican College—that even when you take a loss, and you will, you get up every single time and persist,” he said. “There is no path to justice that is only comfortable and convenient. We will not achieve or create justice until we’re willing to sometimes position ourselves in uncomfortable places and be a witness. Justice is hard work. It is unending work. It is our life’s work. You are all ready!”

Dominican College awarded Hasbrouck an honorary degree of Doctor of Law, in recognition of his accomplishments in the practice of law and of his dedication to criminal justice reform.

Photos Above:

- A. Brandon Hasbrouck '08
- B. Denzel Edwards with Melissa Grau
- C. Paul Bonk, Ph.D.
- D. Ibtihaj Muhammad
- E. Dominican College School of Nursing
- F. Thomas F. Sheridan '82

The Mother Geraldine Forkel Award for Academic Excellence was presented to graduate Brianne Botta, a social sciences major who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average and is now pursuing a master’s degree in occupational therapy at Dominican College.

Botta delivered the Baccalaureate Student Address and spoke of Mother Teresa’s quote: “God does not call us to do great things, but to do small things with great love.” She told her fellow graduates, “If there is something we should keep in mind after we leave here today, this is it. We may not have the opportunity to do grand things, but each time we make the choice to do good for one person, we do good for the world.”

More than 560 students received degrees during the Virtual Commencement; 101 doctorate degrees, 130 master’s degrees, 328 bachelor’s degrees, and four associate degrees.

Two of the graduates, Kevin Graiani and Steven Malagraph, passed away prior to the ceremony and were awarded their degrees posthumously. Both men were former police officers who turned to nursing as a second career. Graiani, who earned his master’s degree at Dominican College in 2018, was awarded a Doctorate in Nursing Practice. Stephen was awarded a Master of Science in Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner).

The Virtual Commencement Ceremony was planned and produced by Brett Bekritsky, Director of Marketing and Communications and Christine Dilts, Assistant Dean of Student Life. Together, the two administrators supervised every creative and technical aspect of the project.

Outstanding Student Leaders Honored

Dominican College’s outstanding student leaders were honored during a virtual ceremony on April 21, 2020 that was posted on the College’s YouTube account.

President Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien welcomed viewers to the 33rd Annual Student Leadership Awards. “We honor those students who by their generous actions and strong commitment make a difference in the life here at the College, in their families, and in our communities,” she said. “We are proud of you. These awards are well-deserved.”



Denzel Edwards was awarded the Hennessy Family Scholarship.

The final awards of the evening were the Hennessy Family Scholarship in Honor of the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt and the Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien Award for Citizenship and Service to the College. The \$2,500 Hennessy Family Scholarship was awarded to Denzel Edwards '21, an honors biology student who is President of the Student Government Association. The Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien Award went to Natalie Infante '20, an honors nursing student who was a Student Ambassador, involved in Campus Ministry, and a three-year participant in Alternative Spring Break.



Bruno Garcia was selected to participate in a Leadership Forum and Conference at Harvard and MIT.

Student Selected to Participate in NCAA Leadership Forum and Conference at Harvard and MIT

Soccer player Bruno Garcia was chosen to represent the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC), which includes 14 colleges, at the NCAA National Leadership Forum in Los Angeles, CA. The forum

gathers student-athletes, administrators, and coaches from around the country to enhance their leadership capabilities and to help them grow personally and professionally. Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, the event was scheduled to take place from April 16–19, 2020.

“I am extremely proud to be the first Dominican College student-athlete to be chosen to represent the CACC at the national level,” said Garcia.

Garcia '21, is a business major from Brazil. He was also selected to participate in the annual Brazil Conference at Harvard and MIT. Unfortunately, that conference, which was to take place April 3–4, 2020, was canceled because of COVID-19 as well.

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

Dominican College was ranked as a Top Performer on Social Mobility by U.S. News & World Report in its 2020 Best Colleges list released in fall 2019. 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.

Dominican College has always welcomed students of all economic backgrounds and strongly believes that everyone deserves a top quality education.

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

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."



Director of Retention and Student Success, Ryan O'Gorman

College Sees Growing Retention Rate

As students were welcomed back to the classroom at the end of August, College leaders celebrated a 73% freshman to sophomore retention rate. This is especially noteworthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Every member of the retention team shares in the strong outcome," said Director of Retention and Student Success, Ryan O'Gorman. "All of us—including Katie Anderson and Michelle Fitzpatrick in the New Student and Transition Center as well as the faculty and advisors—play a role in helping students succeed and in providing a positive college experience for our students. I am also grateful for the financial aid staff, the staff in the Bursar's Office, Residence Life staff, coaches, student leaders, and countless others who help our students continue in their journey towards a degree."

Over the last several years, the College has made concerted efforts to support students in their progress toward graduation, including implementing SAGE, a personalized advising platform that magnifies communication between students, faculty, and support staff. Under O'Gorman's leadership, required study halls for at-risk students have been added, and O'Gorman himself

frequently meets one-on-one with students to provide counseling, support, and mentorship.

College Unveils New Finish in 4 Program

Dominican College has unveiled a new Finish in 4 program that guarantees students will graduate with a bachelor's degree in four years. If a student follows the requirements of the program, but is not able to graduate in four years, the College will cover the cost of any remaining courses needed to complete a degree.

"The Finish in 4 Program reinforces Dominican College's emphasis to provide a high standard of education with a focus on graduating on time," said Joseph Ahlstrin, Director of Admissions. "Keeping students on track to pay for no more than four years of college will result in significant savings for the student and their family—especially when the average student takes more than four years to complete their bachelor's degree. The same individual attention students feel in the classroom will be reflected in this program through advisement."

Incoming freshmen were eligible to join the program beginning in August 2020. The program is voluntary and requires that students sign a Student Participation Agreement. Students agree to actions and behaviors that will help them to graduate, and the College provides them with an academic advisor to keep students on track.

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Alumnus and Author Thomas Sheridan Inspires Social Work Students

Alumnus and author Thomas F. Sheridan '82 returned to his alma mater on February 3, 2020 to talk about his new book and inspire social work students to become "catalysts for change." Sheridan is the author of *Helping the Good Do Better: How a White Hat Lobbyist Advocates for Social Change*. The book is a first-hand account of Sheridan's role as a key player in passing groundbreaking legislation, including the Ryan White CARE Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Thomas F. Sheridan '82

Sheridan encouraged students to vote, be engaged, and be committed to solving problems. He stressed that they should never let anyone tell them 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 has been the President of the Sheridan Group for the past 25 years. His book includes practical tips and advice he has learned throughout his Washington career on the front lines of many social issues.

Olympic Medalist and Activist Speaks at Freshman Read Event

Freshman English students were treated to a question and answer session with Ibtiyah 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."



Ibtiyah Muhammad with students.

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. Mattel's first hijabi Barbie, modeled in Muhammad's likeness, became available for purchase in July 2018. That same month, Muhammad released her memoir, which also has a young readers edition. In September 2019, her children's picture book, *The Proudest Blue* was released. She also has her own clothing company, Louella, which aims to bring modest, fashionable, and affordable clothing to the United States market.

After fielding questions, Muhammad graciously signed copies of her memoir and posed for selfies with students.

Nursing and Education Programs Receive Special Recognition

Dominican College has received special recognition from Colleges of Distinction for its Nursing and Education Programs. This honor is in addition to Dominican College being named overall as a College of Distinction for excellence in education.

"We complete a thorough review of the programs before granting the honors," said Tyson Schritter, Chief Operating Officer for Colleges of Distinction. "We're looking for qualities such as accreditation, breadth of program, advising and mentoring, integration of career services, and successful outcomes for students. It's wonderful to see how Dominican College really exemplifies these qualities."

Now in its 20th year, Colleges of Distinction is committed to honoring schools throughout the U.S. for excellence in higher education. The member schools within the Colleges of Distinction consortium distinguish themselves through their dedicated focus on the undergraduate experience.

New Marketing Program

Dominican College introduced a new marketing major beginning in fall 2020. The new undergraduate major falls under the Business Administration Division, and will lead to a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

"Like all our business majors, our new marketing major promotes our motto of 'Doing Business Right'—by which we mean that at Dominican College business students are taught how to be successful while also making the world a better place," said Ivan Rudolph-Shabinsky, Director of the Business Administration Division. "When it comes to marketing, we believe an ethical approach is especially critical today when new technologies collect so much personal data on consumers. Avoiding unethical practices, however, is just the start. Effective marketing can also be a powerful tool to promote causes ranging from sustainability to justice. We teach our students to be creative and to use marketing as a positive force in business and in our society."

Some of the marketing courses offered include Digital Media, Social Media Marketing, Global Marketing, Sales, Sports Media and Promotion, Innovation and

Product Development, and The Fashion Business. Three Hospitality courses also focus on restaurants, resorts and hotels, and spas and fitness centers.



The Athletic Training Lab of the Hennessy Center.

New Pre-Athletic Training Track in Health Sciences Offered

Dominican College's Health Sciences Program now includes a new pre-athletic training concentration, which began in fall 2020. The New York State Education Department 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 Thomas Nowak, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs. "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 allows 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.



Celebrating Our Community Members

Biology Professor Receives National Science Foundation Research Grant

Bernadette Connors, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology, has been awarded a research grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The two-year, \$166,042 grant (award #1950018) is enabling her to take a year-long sabbatical during the 2020–2021 academic year to work at the Bioinformatics Lab at the University of Massachusetts–Amherst.

Connors is working with world-renowned computational biologist Li-jun Ma, Ph.D., and Ma's research team to understand how to analyze genomic data with different sequencing technologies. "I will synthesize that work such that when I come back to Dominican College I can utilize that technology with our students and our undergraduate researchers," Connors explained.

In addition to furthering her research of microbial communities in Hudson River Valley freshwater streams, Connors said the grant will fund new equipment for Dominican College's laboratories

Photos Above:

- A.** Bernadette Connors, Ph.D.
- B.** Joseph S. Clinton, Head Men's Basketball Coach
- C.** Mary Kay Vyskocil '80, J.D.
- D.** Kevin Hermberg, Ph.D.
- E.** Tara Parrello, Ph.D.
- F.** Michael Pizzi, Ph.D.



Bernadette Connors, Ph.D.

and provide stipends for two undergraduate research students at the College. The grant from NSF's Division of Environmental Biology is awarded to scientists who have accrued meaningful data about environmental issues and challenges faced in the U.S., but who need financial support to synthesize their work.

Philosophy Professor Awarded Lenssen Prize

Philosophy Professor Kevin Hermberg, Ph.D., was awarded the 2020 Lenssen Prize for co-authoring the best article on teaching philosophy published in 2018 or 2019. The Lenssen Prize is awarded every other year by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT). Hermberg co-authored "Diversity is Not Enough: the Importance of Inclusive Pedagogy" which was published in the June 2019 issue of Teaching Philosophy.

"There have been significant efforts within philosophy in recent years to diversify, but the common focal points of that work—who is teaching, what is taught, who is taught—are not sufficient for the task; our pedagogies must be fully inclusive if we are to attain true diversity in the discipline," Hermberg said. "In the article, we advocate for five principles of inclusive pedagogy: fostering a growth mindset, examining inclusive conceptions of authority, promoting transparency, encouraging flexibility, and, finally, continually promoting self-reflection for both students and teachers."

The idea to write the article began as Hermberg worked with his co-authors—Melissa Jacquart, Rebecca Scott, and Stephen Bloch-Shulman—to prepare to facilitate a series of workshops and found themselves focused on the differences between diversity and inclusivity.

Criminal Justice Professor Awarded Faculty of the Year Award from Honors Council

The Northeast Regional Honors Council honored Tara Parrello, Ph.D., as the 2020 Honors Professional of the Year in the faculty category. Parrello is Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program at Dominican College and an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology.

Since Parrello was secretly nominated for the award by two colleagues, the announcement surprised her. "I was absolutely floored, humbled, and completely blown away," she said. "I didn't even know this honor existed, so to receive an award never expecting it was so exciting."

The winner of the award must demonstrate a dedication to honors education, be passionate about the honors program, and be an advocate for students. Parrello is a member of the Dominican College Honors Committee and has mentored students in the Honors Program.

Clinton Named Coach of the Year by Met Basketball Writers Association

Dominican College Head Men's Basketball Coach Joseph S. Clinton was named the All-Met Division II Men's College Basketball Coach of the Year by the Met Basketball Writers Association.

During the 2019–2020 season, the Chargers captured the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) North Division regular season title. Clinton then guided his team to a second straight conference playoff championship and a second consecutive berth in the NCAA Tournament. The NCAA cancelled the regional tournament in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.



Joseph S. Clinton

Clinton said he considers the Coach of the Year award "a team award" and he credits his coaching staff with doing a great job. "The assistant coaches and players were awesome. They put in a lot of hard work and it paid off for us. We were disappointed they had to cancel the regional because this was a team that had the potential to get to the Elite Eight," he said. "I am really going to miss this senior class. They won a lot of games in their careers and won two championships."

This is the third time that Clinton has been named All-Met Division II Coach of the Year. Clinton, who also serves as Director of Athletics, has 29 seasons and 857 games as the head men's basketball coach.



Mary Kay Vyskocil '80

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 has 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 and has also represented JPMorgan Chase & Co. and the Travelers Companies, 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 is listed among the College's Alumni of Distinction.

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

MBA Student Receives 2020 Student Veteran Leadership Award

Alumnus and current MBA student Andrew Anderson '18 received a 2020 Student Veteran Leadership Award from GI Jobs Magazine and was honored in the August edition of the magazine. Anderson served five years in the Army and two years ago started his own business OVR0UT, which sells streetwear fashion.

Anderson said his company donates some of its profits to veteran organizations. He also hopes to set up an entrepreneur fund in the future. "We would take profits from the business and create this entrepreneur fund for people who are transitioning out of life in the military and want to start a business," he said. "We would basically be the go-to source for advice and funding."



Andrew Anderson '18

GI Jobs Magazine bestows the Student Veteran Leadership Award to veterans who overcame challenges to excel as students, volunteers, and leaders.

Three New Trustees Join the Board

A former Dominican College Vice President, a successful alumnus, and a business leader have all joined the Dominican College Board of Trustees as of July 1, 2020. The new trustees are Dorothy C. Filoramo, William Gove, and Ronald Olori Jr.



DOROTHY C. FILORAMO

Dorothy C. Filoramo served as the College's Vice President for Institutional Advancement for 26 years until her retirement in 2019. During that time, she led five multi-million dollar capital campaigns for campus development, grew the annual fund, and significantly increased scholarship funds. Filoramo also formed the Heritage Society, which is composed of individuals who plan to leave the College in their wills. Under her leadership, the College began hosting the beloved Christmas Concert, the Annual Scholarship Dinner, and the Kaplen Tea.

Filoramo is active on many regional boards and served as Chair of People to People, Leadership Rockland, Dominican Academy, and the Pearl River Rotary Club. She has traveled to El Salvador several times to work with students at a day camp in Sol Naciente and to help bring clean water to three rural communities.



WILLIAM GOVE

William Gove '77 has more than 52 years of experience in the construction industry working with owners, architects, consultants, and contractors. Gove recently retired from Jacobs Engineering Group after nearly 30 years with the global firm, where he worked as a Senior Project Manager.

He worked on many public projects for New York City and New York State, in addition to providing leadership and management for projects commissioned by Fortune 500 companies.

Gove earned a Bachelor of Science in Management after attending Dominican College in the evening, while working in construction during the day. For the past 13 years, Gove has been a member of the Dominican College President's Advisory Council. He is a former CYO Basketball Director, a former member of the Board of Directors of the Blauvelt/South Orangetown Little League, and was honored by St. Catharine's Church in Blauvelt, NY, as Man of the Year.



RONALD OLORI JR.

Ronald Olori Jr. has worked for the past 35 years at Olori Crane Service in Nanuet, NY, starting as an apprentice crane operator and working up to Principal/Partner—a position he has held for the past 15 years.

Olori is involved in and supports many community organizations. He served as Chair of the Rockland Police Chiefs Foundation. He also serves on the board of the Hudson Valley Council Boy Scouts of America and is a scoutmaster. Olori is an active parishioner at St. Peter's Church in Haverstraw, NY, where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister and a Lector, as well as being involved in the Music Ministry. Olori has been a supporter of Dominican College and served as a member of the Dominican College Grand Reception Committee.

In Memoriam



FAY HART-DENMARK
Instructor in Nursing; Coordinator of the Weekend ABSN Program

The College lost Fay Hart-Denmark in March following a brave battle with cancer. She was formally appointed the Coordinator of the Weekend Accelerated BS in Nursing, or WABSN, program, in January 2019, having been actively involved in the program for over a dozen years, beginning as a clinical instructor in 2007 and later taking on lecture courses as well.

"Her students say she had a welcoming smile," said RN-BSN Coordinator Barbara Polowczyk, DNP. "Her love of nursing was apparent in all she did. She is truly missed, but we know she is looking down upon us."

Hart-Denmark took over the WABSN program in April 2018 on an interim basis following the passing of the program's founder, Ellen Stanley. Her appointment to this role on a full-time basis was due, in part, to very enthusiastic support from both the program's faculty and its students.



DANA SALZMAN
Purchasing Agent

Dana Salzman passed away at home surrounded by family on September 5 after a long battle with cancer. She worked at the College as a purchasing agent for the last seven years. Colleagues described her as "the go to person" who could fulfill any atypical need. She took great pride in her work, always looked for a positive outcome, and loved to help people.

Her former manager, Amy Bianco, said, "We learn so much from the people around us, sometimes knowingly and sometimes in retrospect. Dana taught me that strength comes from deep within you and it's how you manage adversities in life. She was the definition of grace in action. I will always be indebted to her for the lessons she taught me and humbled by her selflessness."



Nancy DiDona Reaches Milestone

The Director of the Division of Nursing, Nancy DiDona, Ed.D., recently celebrated a significant milestone at Dominican College. Thomas Nowak, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, thanked DiDona for 25 years of selfless dedication to the College during the virtual College Conference in August 2020.

“To put it simply, Dominican College’s nursing programs are the College’s programs of distinction. These are what come first to mind when both those inside and outside Dominican are asked about the College,” said Nowak. “This success is the result of the hard work of its full-time and adjunct faculty and its administrative support and clinical lab staff, but it is Nancy who is ultimately responsible for pulling all of this together.”

DiDona oversees six separate nursing programs. She has worked to secure additional clinical placement sites for the division and has excellent working relationships with all of the area hospitals. She was also instrumental in proposing a new evening traditional option which the College hopes to soon offer. DiDona was Coordinator of the Traditional Day Nursing Program from 2000 to 2010 and has been the Division Director for the past ten years.

In addition to being admired for her expertise in the classroom and leadership of the Nursing Division, DiDona has also won over the hearts of her colleagues by occasionally treating them to a home-cooked Italian meal.



Shaowei Wu Departs

Shaowei Wu, Ph.D., Director of Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment, left her position after eight years to relocate to Maryland with her family. Shaowei was the main source of official statistical and research data for the College and external agencies. She was instrumental in compiling and submitting various reports required by the New York State Department of Education and the federal government.

President Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien said that Shaowei provided critical data on projects such as enrollment analysis, cost analysis, retention and graduation analysis. “Shaowei was a respected member of our College community and graciously supplied information that helped many prepare reports and improve productivity,” she said. “We were very fortunate to have Shaowei in that position. She related well to colleagues and brought an informed, holistic approach to the table.”

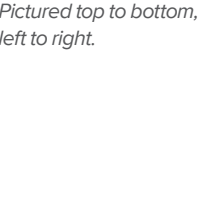
In addition to chairing the Strategic Planning Committee and Master Plan Committee, Shaowei updated and published internal reports. She was responsible for the Strategic Plan, Master Plan, Fact Book, and Policy Manual.

William Stegmayer, who served in this position previously, will be replacing Shaowei on an interim basis.

Faculty Milestones



GRANTED PROMOTION
Mary Walsh Roche, M.S. (Occupational Therapy) to Assistant Professor



Pictured top to bottom, left to right.

GRANTED TENURE
Lucinda Acquaye-Doyle, Ph.D. (Social Work)
Andrew Burns, Ed.D. (Communication Studies)
David Chun, Ph.D. (Psychology)
Emil Euaparadorn, DSc (Physical Therapy)
Emma Sarro, Ph.D. (Biology)
Pamela Story, OTD (Occupational Therapy)
Colby Valentine, Ph.D. (Criminal Justice)



NEW FULL-TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS
Mark Amir, M.P.H., Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy
Blair Hoplight, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology
Ivan Rudolph-Shabinsky, MBA, Assistant Professor; Division Director, Business Administration
Pictured left to right.



DEPARTURES
John Damiao, M.S., Instructor in Occupational Therapy, after three years of service
Kamille Duff, M.S., after eight years of service
Kasie Farlow, Ph.D., after four years of service
Melissa Grau, B.A., after ten years of service
Lynn Massey, B.A., after twelve years of service
Pictured left to right, Lynn Massey pictured below.

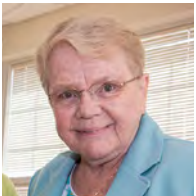
Service Anniversaries



35 YEARS OF SERVICE
Joseph Gartner



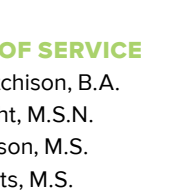
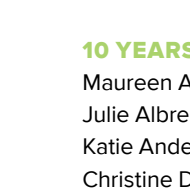
25 YEARS OF SERVICE
Nancy DiDona, Ed.D. Professor and Director, the Division of Nursing



20 YEARS OF SERVICE
Sr. Bernadette Burke, O.P., M.S.Ed., Coordinator of Special Projects, Academic Dean’s Office
Diana Caraballo (*not pictured*), Administrative Assistant, Allied Health
Carol Strax, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Teacher Education
Pictured top to bottom.



15 YEARS OF SERVICE *Pictured left to right, top to bottom.*
Beth Barlotta
Jimmy Corrigan
Gregory DiDona, M.F.A.
Veronica Glynn
Lori Henderson, M.S.N.
Kelly Johnson, Ph.D.
Jennifer Kaywork, Ed.D.
John Lennon, B.S.
Eileen Taylor, B.A. (*not pictured*)



10 YEARS OF SERVICE
Maureen Aitchison, B.A.
Julie Albrecht, M.S.N.
Katie Anderson, M.S.
Christine Dilts, M.S.
Evelyn Fiskaa, M.S.
Veronica Rogers, M.B.
Bridget Shalvey

Pictured left to right, top to bottom.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Riju Abraham, B.A.	Judith Gitlin, M.S.L.
John Caputo, B.S.	Ellie Horowitz-Lewis, M.S.L.
Susan Cerra, B.A.	Michael Lazar
Christine Davies, M.S.	Kristin Pagels, B.S.
Joseph Dratch, M.S.	Michael Pizzi, Ph.D.
Kamille Duff, B.A.	Joel Rajan, B.S.
Daphne Estwick, Ed.D.	Eileen Reilly
Michelle Fitzpatrick	Karl Rusch, D.P.T.
Emma Fortunato, M.S.	Diane Witschieben

Not pictured.



Bernadette Connors, Ph.D.



James Reitter, Ph.D.



Tara Parrello, Ph.D. and Colby Valentine, Ph.D.



Kevin Hermberg, Ph.D.



Colleen Evans, Ph.D.



Joseph Burbridge, M.A.

Noteworthy Scholarly and Professional Activities

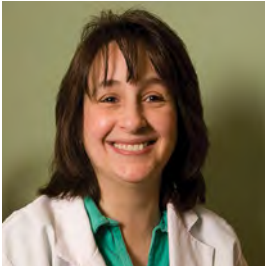


Joseph Burbridge, M.A. (Head Softball Coach) has written a book, *Suzi Softball*, that he hopes will encourage young people to be more accepting of others. The book follows the adventure of a young softball determined to make everyone feel included. Suzi ultimately persuades neighbors like Franny Football, Bobby Basketball, Vicky Volleyball and others that they can be friends with people who are different.



Bernadette Connors, Ph.D. (Biology) was awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for \$166,042 to be funded over a two-year period. This grant award will enable her to take a full-year sabbatical leave to work on her research project “MCS Synthesis of Longitudinal ‘-omics’ Research of Microbial Communities in Hudson River Valley Freshwater Streams.” This grant, awarded by the NSF’s Division of Environmental Biology, is awarded to scientists who have accrued meaningful data about environmental issues and

challenges faced in the U.S., but who also need financial support to synthesize their work. Dr. Connors will spend eight months of her sabbatical at the Bioinformatics Lab at University of Massachusetts-Amherst where she plans to develop a computational pipeline for such analyses appropriate for undergraduate researchers and that will also open new avenues of research in the field of microbial source tracking across the nation.



AnnMarie DelliPizzi-Citardi, Ph.D. (Biology), the Director of the College’s Honors Program, was appointed to the National Collegiate Honors Council.



Colleen Evans, Ph.D. (Chemistry), **AnnMarie DelliPizzi-Citardi, Ph.D.** (Biology), **Kathleen Hinge, Ph.D.** (Physics), and **Emma Sarro, Ph.D.** (Biology) were selected to participate in the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) Seminar on Science Pedagogy to be held in July 2021 at Holy Names University in Oakland, CA.



Brian Fernandes, MBA, Vice President for Enrollment Management, gave a presentation, in December, at the Middle States Commission on Higher Education’s Annual Conference. As the College’s Middle States Accreditation Liaison Officer, he gave useful, and relatable advice to less experienced liaisons about how to best

manage their own institutional relationships with Middle States. The year before that he spoke at Opening Plenary Session at the organization’s Annual Conference. The session was “Lessons Learned from the Collaborative Implementation Project.”



James Filippelli, Ed.D. (Fine and Performing Arts) had his co-authored article titled “Leadership Skills: From the Stage to Higher Education” published in the *Journal of Performing Arts Leadership in Higher Education*.



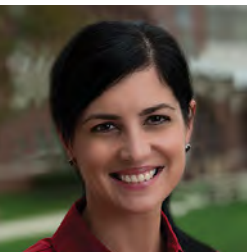
Charles Goodman (PSO/Parking Operations), a longtime College employee celebrated his 100th birthday in July at a Zoom ceremony attended by friends, relatives, and members of the College administration.



Melody Hyppolite, Ph.D. (Social Work) presented her e-poster on “Neurodiversity: A Strengths Perspective” at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting held in Denver, CO.



Kevin Hermberg, Ph.D. (Philosophy) co-authored an article, “Diversity is Not Enough: The Importance of Inclusive Pedagogy,” which was published in a recent edition of *Teaching Philosophy* and won the Lenssen Prize for the Best Article on Teaching Philosophy published in 2018 or 2019. More recently, his co-authored article, “Not Just Accommodating: Pedagogy Beyond the Archetypal,” was published in *Teaching Through Challenges for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*.



Jennifer Kaywork, Ed.D. (Teacher Education) published her second book, *An Educator’s Guide to Infant Toddler Development: Understanding and Responding Appropriately*.



Tara Parrello, Ph.D. (Criminal Justice) was named by The Northeast Regional Honors Council as the 2020 Honors Professional of the Year in the Faculty Category and was awarded both an advocacy and a chapter grant by this organization. She was also elected as the new Executive Counselor of the Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).



Tara Parrello, Ph.D. and **Colby Valentine, Ph.D.** (Criminal Justice) presented a poster entitled “Criminal Justice Field Trips: Can There Be Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students?” in November at the annual American Society of Criminology conference in San Francisco, CA.

Colby Valentine, Ph.D. (Criminal Justice) presented her paper, “Issues in Victimology Research: IRB’s, Sensitive Questions, and Strategies for Success,” at a Roundtable Discussion at the most recent meeting of the American Society of Criminology. She also served as moderator of the Roundtable Discussion of her co-authored article “Trigger Warnings in the Criminal Justice Classroom” and presented her article titled “The Relationship between Jail Visitation and Attitudinal Outcomes” at the meeting. Dr. Valentine was also elected to the Executive Advisory Board of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma.



Michael Pizzi, Ph.D. (Occupational Therapy) had his manuscript titled “Reliability and Responsiveness of the Pizzi Health and Wellness Assessment”

published in the Annals of International Occupational Therapy. He also had his first documentary accepted to the Golden Door Film Festival in Jersey City; the eleven-minute film, “Juan’s Song,” focuses on a blind, autistic man who takes refuge in his music. For his well-established record of such “Innovations in Health/Wellness, Advocacy, Mentoring, and Scholarship,” he was also chosen to receive the AOTA Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Occupational Therapy at the 2020 Annual Conference & Expo.



James Reitter, Ph.D. (English) was named Editor-in-Chief of the electronic journal Masque and Spectacle, had his poem “A Foot Below the Footing” published in *The Smoking Typewriter*, and a poetry book, *Scratched Records*, published by Alien Buddha Press.



Scott White, Ph.D. (History) was chosen as one of the 25 faculty to participate in the American Civil War: Origins and Consequences seminar offered by the Council of Independent Colleges and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to be held at the University of Virginia in summer 2021.



Kevin Ahern, Ph.D.

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.

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Kevin Ahern, Ph.D.
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.



2019 Founders Week began with a keynote presentation from Kevin Ahern, Ph.D. From left to right, Sr. Barbara McEneaney, Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, Kevin Ahern, Dr. Mark Meachem, and Sr. Bernadette Burke.

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, which was held from September 23–29, 2019, 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 Samantha Colon '20, and Bruno Garcia '21.



The 2019 Founders Week recognized Denzel Edwards, Jaylen Cruz, Bruno Garcia, Samantha Colon, and Isabelle Osse. Garcia and Colon were recipients of the 2019 Spirit of the Founders Award.



Women's Basketball



Women's Soccer



Men's Golf



Men's Basketball



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Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team finished the season with an overall record of 25-6, setting a new program record for wins. Their conference record was 15-4.

The College finished in first place in the CACC North Division and won a second consecutive CACC Tournament Championship.

After claiming the CACC Championship, the Chargers earned an automatic qualifier to the NCAA East Regional Tournament, but unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the tournament was canceled.

Head Coach Joe Clinton was named the All-Met Coach of the Year for the third time in his career.

Daraja "DJ" Rodwell was named to the All-CACC First Team and to the All-Met First Team. He also was named to the

CACC All-Tournament Team, along with receiving four CACC Weekly Honor Roll honors. He ranked in the top ten in the CACC in steals and assists, while being in the top 16 in points per game, free throw percentage, points, and free throws. Rodwell finished his career ranked eighth all-time in Charger history in points.

Jason Copman was voted the CACC Defensive Player of the Year and to the All-CACC Second Team, along with being named to the All-Met Second Team. Copman ranked second in the league with blocks, was the conference's best rebounder, leading the CACC in offensive rebounds, defensive rebounds, total rebounds, and rebounds per game. Copman averaged a double-double throughout the season in points per game and rebounds per game and was named to the CACC All-Tournament Team. He earned six CACC Defensive Player of the Week honors, one CACC Player of the Week honors, and was named to the CACC Weekly Honor Roll once this season.

Jonathan Garcia was also named to the All-Met Second Team, along with receiving All-CACC Third Team accolades. For his stellar play in the CACC Championship, he was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the Tournament and to the All-Tournament Team. The top defender in the DC arsenal, Garcia led the team and was in the top five in the conference in both steals and assists. He ranked fifth all-time in Charger history in steals, and won the annual Charger award.

Men's Cross Country

In their fifth season of competition since 2006–2007, the men's cross country team competed in six meets this season under first-year head coach, Kimberly Piard.

The team's best finish of the year was fifth place at the York College Cross Country Invitational.

Cameron Whitton '21 was named to the CACC Men's Cross Country All-Academic Team for the first time and was included on the CACC Men's Cross Country Weekly Honor Roll once this season.



Fredy Rosales-Santos

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished the season under head coach Colin Hodge. with an overall record of 8-11 and a CACC record of 6-6, good for seventh place in the CACC

Maximino Casares Martinez '23 led the team in goals, assists, and points. He was named to the CACC All-East Region Second Team and to the All-CACC Second Team. Keeper Tyler Doll took the annual prize as Dominican College's Top Male Scholar-Athlete. Along with teammate Bruno Garcia, Doll also made the CACC All-Academic Team.



Nora Frederick

Women's Cross Country

The women's cross-country team competed in six meets, including the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Championships under first-year head coach, Kimberly Piard.

The Lady Chargers best finish of the year was seventh place at the York College Cross Country Invitational.

Desiree Joseph-Jarvis had the high finish of the season taking 28th place at the York College Cross Country Invitational. In the 6k race, she ran a time of 32:27.80.

Djazmina Jean-Pierre and Marissa Murphy were named to the CACC Women's Cross Country All-Academic Team.



Women's Soccer

The Lady Chargers soccer team and head coach Sean McCarthy finished the season in eighth place with an overall record of 6-9-4 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 4-4-4.



Cheneda Jemedy

Women's Tennis

In their inaugural season, the women's tennis squad compiled an overall record of 3-10 and a 207 record in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC).

The Lady Chargers finished in eighth place in the conference under first-year head coach, Joseph Gravagna.

The spring portion of the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team finished the 2019 season with an overall record of 0-25 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 0-19.

The Lady Chargers finished seventh in the CACC North Division under second-year head coach, Maria Hedbeck.

Sara Hayward and Emmalyn LaPier were both named to the CACC Women's Volleyball All-Academic Team.



Samantha McClutchy

Women’s Basketball

The Lady Chargers basketball team finished the 2019–2020 campaign with an overall record of 15-14 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 13-6 under 10-year head coach, Bill Diener.

The Lady Chargers finished in second place in the CACC North Division and earned the second seed in the North Division for the CACC Tournament.

Taylor Tomlinson was named to the All-CACC Second Team and the All-Met Second Team for the first time. Korina Guerra earned all-conference accolades for the first-time year as she was named to the Third Team.



Arthur Quinones

Baseball

The Dominican College baseball had a record of 3-10 before the balance of the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to the start of the season, shortstop Joshua Colon was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Preseason All-East Region Second Team.



Juan David Fajardo

Men’s Golf

The Chargers golf team competed in six tournaments during the 2019-2020 year, including the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Golf Championship Tournament. The spring portion of their season was canceled in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The team’s best result of the year was a first-place finish at the Jefferson Fall Invite #4 held at the ACE Club. Carlos Armas Stenner brought home the individual title at the Invite.

The College hosted the CACC Golf Championship Tournament for the first time at the White Beeches Golf and Country Club in Haworth, NJ. At the tournament, the team finished in seventh place. Stenner was the top finisher for the team as he tied for 18th place in the two-day affair.

The team was awarded the CACC Team Sportsmanship Award, which is given to an institution that demonstrates outstanding character and sportsmanship throughout the regular season.

Men’s Lacrosse

The Dominican College men’s lacrosse program played six games in 2020 before their season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The team had a record of 2-4.

Bryan O’Loughlin was named to the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Men’s Lacrosse All-Academic Team for the second time, while Lorcan Teahan earned his first All-Academic honors.

Men’s Tennis

In their inaugural season, the men’s tennis squad, unfortunately, had their season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chargers were only able to compete in two tournaments, one in the fall and one in the spring under first-year head coach, Joseph Gravagna.

Men’s Track and Field

The Chargers participated in three meets under first-year head coach, Kimberly Piard, before the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 4x200m relay team of Dariel Suarez, Lowell Pierrette, Patrick Bateman, and Jaylen Cruz had the high finish of second place at The Armory Last Chance Meet.

At the Monmouth Winter Invitational, the 4x400m relay team of Cruz, Pierrette, Cameron Whitton, and Patrick Bateman took fourth place in the event.

Whitton was also named to the CACC All-Academic Team for the first time in his career.



Shailei Kraft

Softball

The softball team had compiled a record of 6-4 before their season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All 10 of the games played were played in Florida during their annual spring break trip.

Shailei Kraft and Shelby Smith were named to the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Softball All-Academic Team for the second straight year, while Madison Newman made her first appearance on the team.

Alexandria Ledgerwood was a co-recipient of the annual Lady Charger Award.



Marissa DeMarco

Women’s Golf

In year two of the women’s golf program, the team had a roster of four golfers under head coach Keith Prokop.

The team competed in five tournaments during the fall portion of their season. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring portion of the season was canceled.

Dominican had the high finish of second place at the Cabrini Invitational. Mariella Yanitelli had the highest finish of the fall as she took sixth place at the Cabrini Invitational.

Women’s Lacrosse

The Dominican College women’s lacrosse program had a record of 0-4 before the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jenna Fox was named to the CACC Women’s Lacrosse All-Academic Team for the third time, while Laurel Kennedy and Rebecca Nutting earn their first all-academic honors.



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The 2019 Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees. From left to right: Matthew Coffey, representing Michael Coffey, Prince T. Learry-Jackson, Althea Chambers, Sarah Beck, Alexander Jones, and Tom Rolston.

41st Annual Golf Classic

The College's first event after reopening was the 41st Annual Golf Classic, held at the Rockland Country Club in Sparkill, NY on August 24, 2020.





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Reopening Committee: Dominican College Moving Forward

A comprehensive, 32-page College Reopening Plan called “Dominican College – Moving Forward” was submitted to New York State on Monday, August 17, 2020, outlining plans to reopen the College safely following the COVID-19 outbreak and a move to remote learning. The plan was the culmination of months of work by the Reopening Coordinating Committee, led by Chair Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, Chancellor, in conjunction with the President’s Cabinet and working groups comprised of faculty and staff from across the College.

The committee was guided by the following principles:

- Dominican College will fulfill our mission and meet our standard of excellence.
- The health and safety of our college community are both paramount. Protecting our students, faculty, and staff is the starting point for each decision.
- We will be flexible and innovative in the face of evolving circumstances.
- We will heed our responsibility to ensure the College’s financial strength and stability.

Photos Above:

- A.** Michael O’Koren
B. Samantha Colon and Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien, O.P., Ph.D.
C. Russell Diaz
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Reopening Coordinating Committee from left to right: Lynda Chesterman, Maureen Aitchison, Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, Denise McLaughlin, Marybeth Broderick, Julie Albrecht and Colby Valentine.

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The plan sets forth requirements for students, faculty, and staff to wear face masks and to complete an online screening questionnaire, including a temperature check, each day they plan to be on campus. Additional protective measures include the presence of hand sanitizer at entrances/exits and in high traffic areas, and frequent cleaning and disinfection of campus buildings.

Classrooms, the dining hall, and offices throughout campus have been reconfigured and/or modified to allow for social distancing. In addition to face-to-face classes, students are able to take courses remotely with the hyflex and hybrid models of teaching. Furthermore, capacity in residence halls was reduced to ensure the health and safety of the College community.

Included in the plan is a Dominican Cares Pledge for students to commit to taking precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The pledge begins by stating, “Dominican College is a community of caring. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we all share in the responsibility for keeping our community safe. The conditions of the COVID-19 global pandemic require every one of us to commit to responsible actions and to being an accountable member of both the Charger and Dominican College community.”

Complete details of the reopening plan are available on the College website at dc.edu.

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Excerpt from Dominican Cares Pledge

Scholarship Recognition Dinner

The Dominican College Scholarship Recognition Dinner took place on November 7, 2019. Many donors, alumni, faculty, administration, staff, students, and their families attended the scholarship dinner recognizing the academic efforts of students currently enrolled at Dominican College. Some of the scholarships that students received were The Lavelle Fund Scholarship, the Karl Walker Memorial Scholarship, the Coca Cola Company Scholarship, and the Sue Heller Memorial Scholarship.

Returning winners and new winners were introduced by President Sr. Mary Eileen O’Brien, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brian Fernandes, and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas Nowak, Ph.D. Honorees were introduced with a description of their scholarship, followed by a list of their academic credentials in earning the scholarship.

About 100 students were honored for their academic achievements at the 2019 Dominican College Scholarship Recognition Dinner, making it the largest Scholarship Dinner to date. With many donors, alumni, faculty, students, and their families in attendance, it was an incredible night honoring the academic excellence of Dominican College.



The Office of Information Technology constructed the fleet of Zoom Carts. From left to right: Yoel Martinez, Tom Wells, Joseph Piccini, Charles Behanan, Martiny Jean Baptiste, and Russell Diaz.

Zoom Carts Facilitate Virtual Teaching

Last summer, the College began planning the fall semester with the understanding that classes needed to be smaller, with the ability to offer hybrid and online classes. The challenge was to come up with a portable video conferencing tool, made from inexpensive items, that would be flexible enough to work in a variety of settings.

The solution is a fleet of 34 “Zoom Carts” constructed this summer by the College’s Office of Information Technology.

Each cart features two touchscreen displays attached to a new computer that runs the Zoom video conferencing program. A camera and microphone system support both recording and real-time participation through high quality audio and video.

For students in the classroom, the larger display can show the faces of the remote students and slides from the instructor. Those participating remotely can see classmates and the instructor. The smaller display is used by the instructor to share images and slides with the class.

Russell Diaz, Director of Information Technology, credits the entire IT team for helping to create the carts.

“Tom Wells took care of purchasing the licenses and Martiny Jean Baptiste handled the programming. We received important

support from Eileen Taylor, Charles Behanan, and Joseph Piccini,” said Diaz. “Yoel Martinez, our student intern was a gift from God for us. Yoel did most of the actual construction of the carts. We would not have completed building the Zoom carts in time for the start of the semester without Yoel. The College owes Yoel a big thank you.”

The Zoom Carts are currently used daily across campus.



Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, Michael O'Koren, Michael McLaughlin, and Sr. Kathleen Sullivan.

Former New Jersey Net Michael O'Koren Inspires Charger Athletes

The 2019–2020 women’s and men’s basketball teams received advice on how to be successful on and off the court from former

New Jersey Net standout Mike 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 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 House in Blauvelt, NY.

Dominican College Earns 2020–2021 Military Friendly® School Designation

Dominican College earned the 2020–2021 Military Friendly® School designation in February for creating sustainable and meaningful benefits for the military.

“The College is proud to support veterans and active duty service members in their efforts to pursue their educational and career goals,” said Brian Fernandes, Vice President for Enrollment Management. “In addition to veterans’ benefit programs, the College also participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program to further its commitment to veterans. Members of these groups enroll in our bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral programs.”

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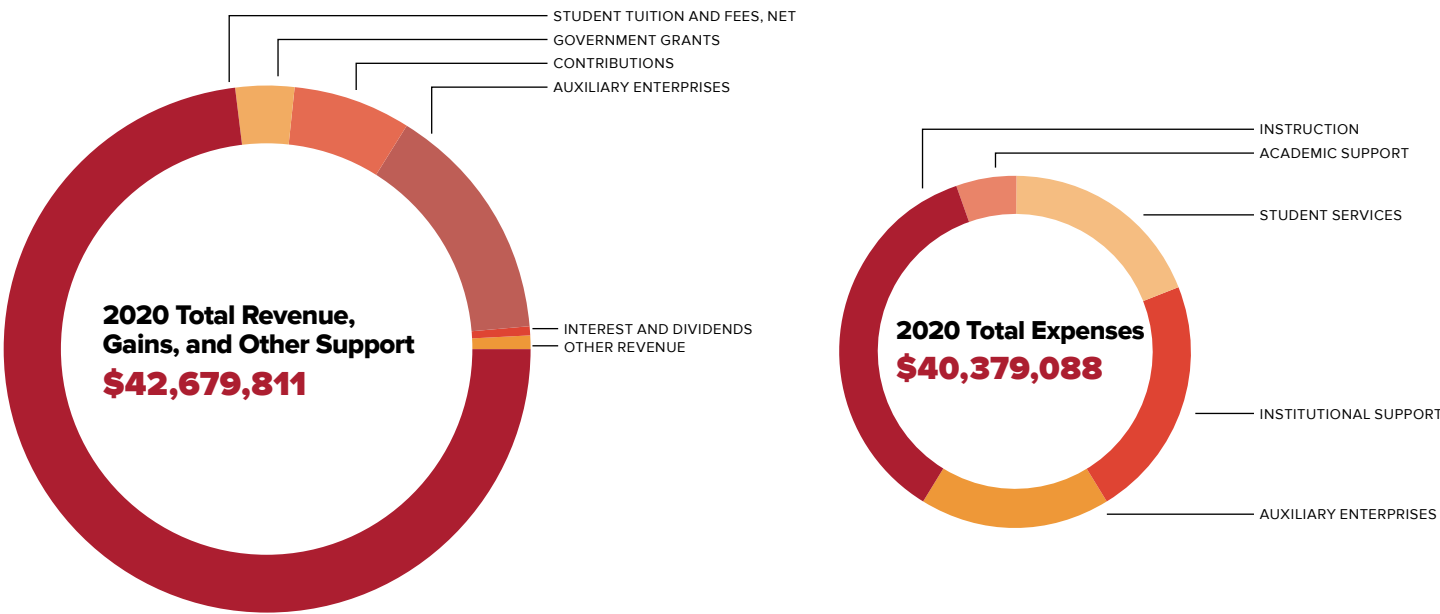
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Less: Institutional Aid	\$(17,909,910)	\$(17,987,757)	\$(16,733,288)	\$(16,899,143)	\$(15,726,356)
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$31,186,500	\$30,907,179	\$31,037,579	\$30,503,891	\$30,959,794
Government Grants	\$1,633,343	\$777,694	\$813,645	\$1,977,606	\$545,747
Contributions	\$3,088,951	\$939,270	\$823,216	\$1,139,251	\$774,222
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$6,223,623	\$7,379,157	\$7,045,397	\$7,452,306	\$7,641,199
Interest and Dividends	\$193,438	\$210,440	\$186,301	\$213,261	\$138,215
Other Revenue	\$353,956	\$360,313	\$483,405	\$956,279	\$228,385
Total Revenue, Gains, and Other Support	\$42,679,811	\$40,568,053	\$40,389,543	\$42,242,594	\$40,287,562
Instruction	\$14,538,977	\$14,644,503	\$14,606,237	\$14,370,619	\$14,284,882
Academic support	\$2,281,153	\$2,217,966	\$2,108,941	\$2,142,983	\$2,149,207
Student services	\$7,573,178	\$7,513,987	\$7,185,750	\$6,941,048	\$6,704,359
Institutional support	\$8,939,248	\$8,340,872	\$7,936,555	\$8,382,211	\$8,032,167
Auxiliary enterprises	\$7,046,533	\$7,499,113	\$7,550,792	\$7,711,175	\$7,701,933
Total expenses	\$40,379,088	\$40,216,440	\$39,388,275	\$39,548,036	\$38,872,548
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets from Operating Activities	\$2,300,723	\$351,612	\$1,001,268	\$2,694,558	\$1,415,014
Endowment Growth	\$7,627,296	\$6,578,300	\$5,549,700	\$4,532,800	\$5,011,000

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