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ON THE COVER: Dr. Martínez speaks with students (left to right) Alexander Lundvall, Cayla Howard, Nicolas Arrieta-Guerra, and Catherine McHugh.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Since I arrived at Dominican University New York, to begin my term as President, I have been so impressed by what we achieve here on our beautiful campus. We provide students with an excellent education, grounded in a rich Catholic and Dominican tradition, and prepare young people to go out into the world and succeed. At Dominican University, students have the advantages of small classes and extra attention from faculty members which encourage them to thrive and meet their full potential. As a first-generation student myself, I am a big believer in the value of higher education, and the importance of making it as affordable as possible for our students.

Charger Nation is a new publication highlighting some of the news we are particularly proud about as Dominican University Chargers, combined with information from our traditional Annual Report. I hope you will take the time to read through Charger Nation to find out some of the reasons why we are beaming with Charger pride. In the pages that follow, you will read about the amazing accomplishments of our students, alumni, faculty, staff, and others in our campus community.

Over the past year, Dominican University has been awarded a federal grant for a new Occupational Therapy initiative and has been ranked as a Top National University for Social Mobility by U.S. News and World Report. In addition, the Women's Lacrosse Team secured a second consecutive CACC Championship title. Shortly after I arrived on campus, another new administrator joined the cabinet. We are delighted to welcome Sister Jennifer Schaaf, O.P., D.Min., to the new position of Vice President for Mission and Ministry to ensure that the University continues to fulfill the mission of our founders, the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY. I look forward to working with our campus community and supporters as we look to the future to build upon our successes and actualize a new strategic plan.

Thank you to all of you who have been so kind and welcoming to me in my initial months here at Dominican University New York. I loved my years at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus and it is wonderful to be back at another university founded by Dominican Sisters. To me, although I moved far away, in many ways it feels like coming home. For those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I hope to see you at a University event in the very near future.

Wishing you and your family a very healthy and happy New Year!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manuel Martínez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Manuel Martínez, Ph.D.

PRESIDENT
DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY NEW YORK

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

Welcomes

A New Generation of Leaders

A pivotal moment of transition marks a new chapter at Dominican University New York, as fresh leadership steps forward to guide the institution while honoring its cherished Dominican traditions. In a historic appointment, Manuel Martínez, Ph.D., becomes the University's first lay President, bringing entrepreneurial vision and a deep connection to first-generation students. Meanwhile, Sr. Jennifer Schaaf, O.P., D.Min., takes on the newly-created role of Vice President for Mission and Ministry, ensuring the Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community, and service remain vibrant guideposts for a diverse student body. Together, these dynamic leaders are shaping an inclusive future while remaining rooted in the University's Catholic and Dominican heritage.



Dr. Martínez was one of the distinguished community members honored by the Center for Safety and Change during Hispanic Heritage Month in September.



Dr. Manuel Martínez Becomes the First Lay President of Dominican University New York

Dominican University New York is brimming with renewed energy and new ideas since Manuel Martínez, Ph.D., started on the job July 15, 2024. He has been plowing full steam ahead, attending many campus and community events and getting to know people in the Rockland County community, as he is poised to actualize a new strategic plan. “I’m having so much fun here. I love what I do so much,” he said. And it shows.

Dr. Martínez relates to many of the students on campus, because he was a first-generation student himself. “I really feel excited about helping young people make good choices,

have a great education, and be that kind of guide I didn’t have,” he said. That’s not just referencing personal interaction. That also goes to the way I want to craft our co-curricular offerings. It’s all pointed toward preparing our students as well as they can be prepared when they go out into the workforce,” he explained.

The good-humored Dr. Martínez easily strikes up conversations with students across campus, and enjoys attending student events. During Freshman Orientation, he participated in a dance-off. At the Charger Madness Pep Rally, he took part in the men’s basketball dunk contest. However, the 59-year-old Dr. Martínez is just as comfortable speaking with faculty, board members, and potential donors. He said he loves every aspect of being President of Dominican University New York. His enthusiasm and school spirit are clearly evident. Just take a peek at his Charger socks, which he proudly shows off. He quickly amassed a collection of about 20 pairs of socks with horses on them to display his school spirit and has a Charger necktie as well.

Dr. Martínez is the first layperson to lead the University since Dominican University New York was founded in 1952. He is the former Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Dean of Faculty at Mercy College of Ohio, a

Dr. Manuel Martínez and his wife Dr. Mónica Ayala-Martínez with Charlie the Charger.





Dr. Martínez enjoyed participating in the Charger Madness pep rally.

Catholic College which specializes in healthcare professions. Prior to that, Dr. Martínez spent 18 years at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio, working his way up from an Instructor of Spanish to Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and finally Vice President for Academic Affairs. When he heard of the job opening for a President at Dominican University New York, he jumped at the chance to return to a Dominican institution, “I have a great affinity for the Dominican Order, the Sisters, the Charism, and that’s why I applied,” explained Dr. Martínez. “As soon as I stepped on campus, it felt like home. I knew that this was a special place.”

The road to Dominican University New York was a long one. Dr. Martínez was born in Cuba and came to the United States with his family when he was six years old. He grew up in Miami, dreamed of becoming an archeologist and wanted to study history. “I didn’t think that was an option for me, because we were dirt poor and I felt an obligation to help my family and study something that I thought would lead to a high-paying job and career. So that’s what I did.” He graduated with a business degree and got hired at the Corporate Headquarters of a Fortune 250 Company. He earned an MBA in Marketing and eventually worked in international sales of construction and mining equipment in Latin America.

At the age of 33, Dr. Martínez decided to earn a doctorate and make the switch to academia. “I like to think of myself as a convert. I was a convert to academia, and I remember the first day I taught in a college classroom. I thought, ‘This is it. This is where I am supposed to be,’” he said. “And so, I believe it deep in my soul. What we do in teaching the next generation is not just important, it is inspiring. It sustains me.”

Dr. Martínez believes in the value of a liberal arts education in the Dominican tradition. He stresses to students that what matters most is that they leave college with soft skills so that whatever field they enter, they can read and write well, think critically, and have moral discernment.

Meanwhile, Dr. Martínez is planning for the actualization of the strategic plan. He publicly announced some of the new initiatives on the horizon at the Annual Grand Reception in November. Dr. Martínez said the University plans to roll out a new digital badging initiative, to leverage Artificial Intelligence technology to benefit students, and to work to establish a new minor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Martínez helped freshmen and their families move items into Hertel Hall on Freshman Move-In Day.



SR. JENNIFER SCHAAF, O.P.

Fills Newly-Created Position of Vice President for Mission and Ministry



The congregation of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY is looking to a younger generation to keep the mission of Dominican University alive under new lay leadership. On September 1, 2024, Sr. Jennifer Schaaf, O.P., D.Min., filled the newly-created cabinet-level position of Vice President for Mission and Ministry. Sr. Jenn is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt and worked for the past 11 years as Assistant Chaplain at Saint Thomas More, the Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University in New Haven, CT.

"I know that I am following in the footsteps of many beloved Sisters who have served at Dominican University throughout the years and shaped it into the institution it is now – one that truly cares about students and their success," stated Sr. Jenn.

Classes were already in full swing when Sr. Jenn arrived on campus, and she was quickly juggling many responsibilities. Former Director of Campus Ministry Sr. Barbara McEneaney, O.P., had retired more than a year earlier, and the position remained vacant, so Sr. Jenn initially focused on restarting long-standing traditions, like reviving Sunday evening Mass in the Rosary Hall Chapel. She has also been reaching out to the diverse student body by celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a bilingual Mass and choosing to celebrate a Dominican Saint of African descent from Peru, St. Martin de Porres, during Founders Week.

Meanwhile, Sr. Jenn also sees the bigger picture. She is working to embed the Catholic and Dominican heritage of the University in a way that continues to make it a welcoming place for all students. "The more you deepen the Catholic and Dominican heritage, it becomes more inclusive," she said. "We recognize that our students are of different faiths or may not be religious, but you can still come here and find values and ways of becoming a good human being while you engage in studies and activities on campus."

As Sr. Jenn works to incorporate the four pillars of Dominican life – prayer, study, community, and service – she is also open to starting new traditions on campus. "We need to continue the best of what has happened in the past, but also leave space for breathing in the new and being attentive to the needs of the students today and the needs of the campus today," she said.

*[L-R]
Sr. Jenn and Founders
Week Keynote Speaker
Sr. Venentia Mthembu.*

*Sr. Jenn arranged for the
first blessing of pets on
campus on the Feast of
St. Francis.*

*Sr. Jenn delivering the
invocation at the Dominican
University Grand Reception.*



UNIVERSITY

Highlights

The 2023-2024 academic year brought extraordinary achievements and growth to Dominican University New York. From transformative gifts and prestigious grants to athletic victories and academic achievements, these highlights showcase our continued momentum as an institution dedicated to educational excellence and student success.





DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY RANKED AS A TOP NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

Dominican University New York has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top National University for Social Mobility for 2025. The social mobility ranking was introduced in 2019, and Dominican University has been recognized every year since then for improving the outcome of graduating students.

Dominican University is among the top three private New York universities in the National Universities category recognized for social mobility. Top performers in this category are more successful than other universities at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded Pell Grants.

“Dominican University New York is so proud to be recognized, once again, for our efforts to promote social mobility among our student

population,” said Manuel Martínez, Ph.D., President, Dominican University New York. “We believe that all young people, no matter what their economic background, deserve access to higher education. We also make sure that our students have the support they need to succeed in the classroom and graduate. A top-notch education at Dominican University will open many doors for our students to a successful future.”

Dominican University is considered a National University, which is defined as an institution that offers a full range of undergraduate majors as well as master’s and doctoral degrees.

LOCAL BUSINESS LEADER PLEDGES \$1 MILLION GIFT TO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

A local business leader, who wishes to remain anonymous, pledged a \$1 million gift to Dominican University New York, in March 2024.

“This gift will go far to aid the University in its efforts to keep the cost of higher education within the reach of all students. Dominican University is nationally recognized as a leading university for social mobility with many of its students being the first in their families to attend college.”

JOSEPH VALENTI
VICE PRESIDENT FOR
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

All first-time, full-time freshmen at Dominican University receive some form of financial aid, thanks to the generosity of benefactors, alumni, and friends of the University.



Tania León delivering Commencement Address.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY NEW YORK HOLDS 70TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Dominican University New York celebrated the Class of 2024 at the 70th Annual Commencement Exercises held on Sunday, May 19, at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. Renowned Cuban-American composer Tania León delivered the Commencement Address. León is the Composer-in-Residence for the London Philharmonic Orchestra and was awarded the 2021 Pulitzer Prize in music for her orchestral work *Stride*.

León told the graduates, “Just as a symphony is made up of individual notes coming together in harmony, each one of you has contributed your unique talents, experiences, and perspectives to create the beautiful tapestry of this graduating class.” During the Commencement, she was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts.

OTHERS HONORED DURING THE COMMENCEMENT INCLUDE:



Edward Doering – Philanthropist and businessman Edward “Ted” Doering founded and owns Umbra Stages, Motorcyclepedia Museum, and V-Twin Manufacturing in Newburgh, New York. He received an honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service.



William Keenan – William “Billy” Keenan was a former teacher, musician, and triathlete who was left paralyzed by a surfing accident. He was awarded the 2024 Veritas Medal at Commencement. Keenan tragically passed away about two months later, on August 21, 2024.



Melissa Lucido – Alumna Melissa Lucido '95, is a dedicated elementary school teacher who was named Teacher of the Year in her New Jersey district in 2016. Since 2001, Lucido has been coming back to the University to serve as a co-director and choreographer for the University's spring musical. She was awarded the 2024 Badami Outstanding Alumna Award.



Dominican University OT students in a Maturity and OT Practice class which is not related to the new federal grant.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY AWARDED \$432,715 FEDERAL GRANT FOR NEW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INITIATIVE

Dominican University New York has been awarded a three-year, \$432,715 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education to fund a new Occupational Therapy Initiative. The Building Capacities and Strengthening Communities (BCSC) Initiative aims to cultivate a diverse and multilingual workforce in New York State to support children and families in underserved areas.

This new initiative has a number of objectives including:

- Enhancing resources and experiential learning in the OT program.
- Increasing and strengthening community partnerships.
- Preparing students to be culturally-diverse learners and future practitioners.
- Creating a pro bono Occupational Therapy Clinic for underserved communities.

OT Program Director and Allied Health Division Director Pamela Story, OTD, said, "This new federally-funded initiative

presents an unparalleled opportunity to attract a greater number of culturally diverse students to the profession of Occupational Therapy. It will significantly enhance their classroom and clinical preparation, equipping them with the latest and best evidence-based knowledge and skills to provide highly competent services for children and families in underserved areas throughout New York State and the Greater NYC region."

This initiative was developed and will be administered by a project leadership team of Dominican University faculty, which includes: Project Director Nadia Rust, OTD; Project Co-Director Catherine Cavaliere, Ph.D.; Project Oversight Advisor Pamela Story, OTD; Community Partner Outreach Coordinator Dr. Mary Walsh Roche, DMH; and Pre-OT Admissions Coordinator Dr. Caitlin Sorrentino, OTD. The project is fully funded by the U.S. Department of Education.



DOMINICAN'S BUSINESS, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS ARE REACCREDITED

Dominican University New York's business, education, and social work programs all recently received reaccreditation through different governing agencies.

The business programs have received full, 7-year reaccreditation from the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE). The IACBE said that the Division of Business, Innovation and Leadership demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in business education. The finance, marketing, business management, and MBA programs all received reaccreditation.

The undergraduate and graduate Teacher Education Programs at Dominican University were awarded full 7-year accreditation by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP). Accreditation is awarded to programs that prepare effective educators who continue to grow as professionals. In addition, the accreditation shows a commitment to maintain quality programs.

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), during its June 2024 Board of Accreditation meeting, announced the successful reaccreditation of Dominican University New York's Social Work Program for eight years, ending in June 2031. Faculty, staff, administrators, field instructors, students, and alumni all contributed to the self-study that was submitted. A site visit took place in February 2024.



WOMEN'S LACROSSE SECURES SECOND CONSECUTIVE CACC TITLE

The Dominican University New York women's lacrosse team secured their second straight CACC Tournament title on May 5, 2024, after defeating the Georgian Court University Lions on O'Brien Field.

The #1 overall seed Lady Chargers defeated the #3 seed Lions by a score of 13-8 and finish the 2024 season with 16 overall wins.

Dominican goalkeeper Kristinamarie Kaszovitz (Hicksville, NY) made nine saves and earned her 16th win of the season in net. The Lady Chargers scored the first goal of the game and stayed in front the rest of the way.

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY IS COMING TO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY NEXT FALL

Dominican University will have a women's field hockey team, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. With the addition of field hockey, the University will offer 19 NCAA-sponsored sports, including 11 women's teams and eight men's teams.

Field hockey has been an NCAA fall sport since 1981. There are 37 NCAA Division II institutions with field hockey teams. "We are excited to bring a new sport to DU," said Dominican University New York Director of Athletics, Joseph Clinton. "Field hockey continues to grow and we feel we can put a competitive team on the field."

Field hockey will be the fourth sport that Dominican University has added in the last three years. In the 2023-24 school year, the Athletics Department added a women's bowling team, men's volleyball team, and women's rowing team.



OUR Students

From national athletic championships to groundbreaking research, innovative business ventures to compassionate community service, Dominican University students continue to excel in remarkable ways. These stories highlight just a few of the outstanding achievements that demonstrate our students' dedication, talent, and commitment to making a difference.



Student Earns Full Scholarship to Law School

Caitlin Anderson delivered the 2024 Class message during the Baccalaureate Awards Ceremony. She was a criminal justice major with a 4.0 GPA and minors in psychology and pre-law. Caitlin is now attending Seton Hall Law School on a full scholarship.



DPT Students Care for Former Ukrainian Soldiers

Our Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) students have been providing physical therapy to former Ukrainian soldiers who lost limbs in the Ukrainian War. The O.U.R. (Organizing Ukraine Relief) Foundation brought the former soldiers to the United States, and arranged for their services at the University's Pro Bono PT Clinic. The clinic provides free care to those who are uninsured or underinsured.



Honors Students Published

Two honors students, Sabryna "MC" Cadavillo and Erin Carr have had their papers published in *Illuminate*, the journal of the Northeast Regional Honors Council.



Student Wins Men's National Championship in Rowing

In May 2024, Dante Galisteo became the men's national champion at the 85th Jefferson/Dad Vail Regatta rowing competition after placing 1st in the men's single. The Dad Vail Regatta is a national collegiate championship open to all club and varsity teams and the largest collegiate regatta in the country. It took place on the Cooper River in Pennsauken, NJ.

OUR STUDENTS



Students Volunteer With Habitat for Humanity

Two groups of students and staff spent Spring Break volunteering with Habitat for Humanity as part of the Alternative Spring Break Program. Some of the students traveled to Georgetown, DE and others went to Goose Creek, SC, to improve existing homes for families in need.



Student Ties for First at National Mathematics and Statistics Conference

Mathematics and finance student Niccolo Moretti tied for first place as the winner of the poster competition during the Shenandoah Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics Conference at James Madison University in Virginia on November 2, 2024, beating out students from universities across the country.



DUNY Golfer Takes Home Individual Title at CACC Golf Championship

Alexander Lundvall was the individual medalist at the 2024 CACC Men's Golf Championships in October 2024. In addition to bringing home the individual title, he was also named to the All-Tournament Team for his stellar play.



Students and Adult Learners Win Seed Money to Grow Businesses

The winners of Dominican University's Rocket Pitch Competition were Tristan Foster, Steffy Espejo, and Alex Castillo. They were each awarded \$5,000 seed money, funded by the Glenn Bailey Foundation and M&T Bank to help them launch or grow a successful business. The Shark-Tank-style competition on April 24, 2024, was the finale to an Intro to Entrepreneurship class, which was a joint project of Dominican University, M&T Bank, and BRIDGES.



Founders Week Award Recipients

Two senior nursing students have been named winners of the 2024 Spirit of the Founders Award. Jillian Craig and Daniel Pinilla volunteered on Alternative Spring Break, Experience El Salvador and Midnight Run programs, in addition to being involved in many other activities on campus.

OUR Alumni

For Alumni Notes, see page 40.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Dominican University New York welcomed the newest members of the Athletic Hall of Fame: Korin Pierce '14, Lacrosse; Justin Moore '12, Baseball; Keith Prokop '14, Golf; Nicholas Smith '15, Men's Basketball; Kathleen Broderick '76, Service; and Julie Plante '13, Softball. They were inducted on September 27, 2024.



ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

On April 11, 2024, three alumni were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Achievement: Joe Charles '87 for Leadership; Matthew Tolentino '06 for Excellence; and Janet Levitt '97 for Service. Longtime Criminal Justice Adjunct Professor Hilda Kogut was the first non-alum to be honored for displaying all three attributes of leadership, excellence, and service.



ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Michael McLaughlin '90 and Jim Crawley '04 were awarded the 2024 Joe Clinton Charger Cup Award at the 27th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Outing on September 24, 2024. The award is presented annually to those who display the Dominican attributes of leadership, excellence, and service.



50TH REUNION

Dominican graduates from the Class of '74 and the Class of '75 returned to campus on April 13, 2024, to celebrate 50 years since their graduation. The alumni enjoyed a welcome champagne toast, toured campus, dined with classmates, and attended Mass at the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY.



ALUMNI & FRIENDS TRAVEL CLUB

The Dominican University Alumni & Friends Travel Club took an 8-day trip to America's Music Cities from September 29 to October 6, 2024, traveling to New Orleans, Memphis, and Tennessee. The club is shown here in the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park in Nashville, Tennessee. Other stops included the French Quarter, Graceland, and the Grand Ole Opry.



TIP-OFF DINNER

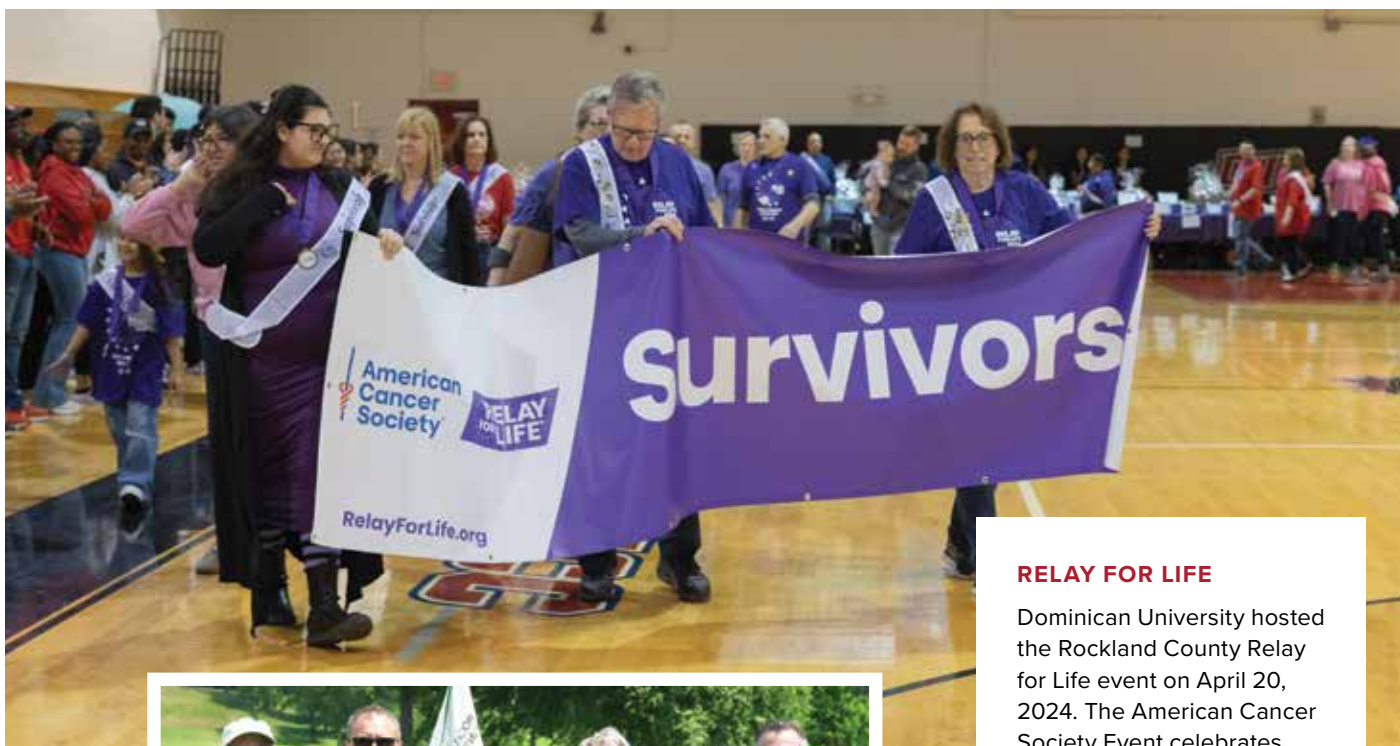
At the 10th Annual Tip-Off Dinner on November 6, 2024, John Gallucci Jr., DPT, '07 captivated the men's and women's basketball teams as he gave them life and business advice as the Keynote Speaker. Gallucci is the CEO of JAG Physical Therapy.



APPLE PICKING AT DR. DAVIES FARM

Alumni and Friends enjoyed picking apples, a hayride to the pumpkin patch, and a picnic lunch at Dr. Davies Farm on September 15, 2024.

OUR Events



RELAY FOR LIFE

Dominican University hosted the Rockland County Relay for Life event on April 20, 2024. The American Cancer Society Event celebrates survivors, honors those who lost their lives, and raises money to research cancer and support those battling the disease.



GOLF CLASSIC

The 45th Annual Golf Classic at the Rockland Country Club on June 17, 2024, raised funds to support deserving students. Attendees enjoyed a day of golf on a beautiful course, delicious food, raffle prizes, and the company of good friends.

GRAND RECEPTION

At the 51st Annual Grand Reception on Sunday, November 10, 2024, Dominican University New York honored former President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., former Chancellor Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P., the Olori Family, and the Construction Industry Council of Westchester & Hudson Valley. Sr. Mary Eileen and Sr. Kathleen received a standing ovation for their many years of unparalleled service to the University.

(Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, Dr. Manuel Martínez, John Cooney Jr. and Ron Olori)



FAMILY DAY & FIRE IN THE SKY

Our Family Day & Fire in the Sky Festival took place on April 19, 2024. Those who braved the damp weather enjoyed music, food, games, and spectacular fireworks.



SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

At the Annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner on November 21, 2024, the University celebrated scholarship recipients and the generous donors who made their scholarships possible. There were 70 new student recipients and 37 returning scholars honored.

(Dr. Manuel Martínez, Aaliyah Ellis, Thomas Nowak)



FOUNDERS WEEK

Sr. Venentia Mthembu, O.P., DPT, a Dominican Sister from South Africa, was the Founders Week Keynote Speaker on Monday, November 4, 2024. She spoke about St. Martin de Porres and his legacy of compassion.

Milestones

The 2023-2024 academic year brought meaningful transitions and achievements across Dominican University New York. From new appointments and well-earned promotions to service milestones and fond farewells, we celebrate the dedicated individuals who continue to shape our university's legacy of excellence.



DEPARTURES

Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P., M.A., Chancellor for External Affairs, after 56 years of service

Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, retired from Dominican University New York at the end of June 2024, after 56 years of service to the University. She retired as Chancellor, but over the years also served as President, Academic Dean, Director of Admissions, and foreign language professor. She played an instrumental role in the expansion of the campus, the development of new academic programs, and the establishment of the Palisades Institute.

Sr. Kathleen entered the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt after graduating summa cum laude from Good Counsel College and earning a master's degree in French from St. John's University. She embarked on her teaching career at St. Dominic's

School. Later, she taught at the elementary school of St. Anthony's Shrine in Oceanside, Long Island. She returned to Blauvelt, NY, to assume a number of important roles at what was then called Dominican College. From 1987 to 1997, Sr. Kathleen admirably served as President. Upon completing her 10-year term, she was bestowed with an honorary Doctorate, and the Board of Trustees appointed her Chancellor of External Affairs. During her Presidency, she was one of three individuals who founded the Palisades Institute in 1990 to assist business, government, and not-for-profit groups in applying the principles of quality, leadership, and ethics by offering seminars and workshops.

Sr. Kathleen's commitments went beyond the University and the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt where she served on the Congregational Leadership Team. Her service extended to various organizations, including The United Way of Rockland, Molloy University, Good Samaritan Hospital, Rockland Business Association, Rockland County Health Priority Services Committee, the Rockland Housing Coalition, St. Peter's Day Care, Partners of the Americas, and Rockland Economic Development Corporation. She also held the presidency of the Rockland County/Saint Lucia Partners of the Americas.

In honor of her many years of service to the University, the Board of Trustees has named Sr. Kathleen a Trustee Emerita.

GRANTED TENURE AND/OR PROMOTION



Ayse Edeer, Ph.D.
(Physical Therapy)
promoted to Full Professor



James Reitter, Ph.D.
(English) - promoted to
Full Professor



Catherine O'Sullivan, M.S.N.
(Nursing) - promoted to
Assistant Professor



Jovan Zigic, M.S.
(Math/Physics) - promoted
to Assistant Professor



Tanya Radford, Ph.D.
(English) - promoted to
Associate Professor



Dawn Haughey, M.S.N.
Assistant Professor of Nursing



Catherine Hennessy, M.S.N.
Assistant Professor of Nursing

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS



Regina Alvarez, Ph.D.
Coordinator of the
Science Programs



Catherine O'Sullivan, M.S.N.
Coordinator of the Accelerated
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Program (ABSN)



Elizabeth Fontes, B.A.
Director of Student
Financial Services



Joanne F. Sorace, B.A.
Director of Major Gifts



Emma Fortunato, M.S.
Registrar



Margaret Treacy, MBA
Director of Annual Giving,
Alumni and Parent Relations



Nick Marter, M.A.
Executive Director
of Admissions

NEW FULL-TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS



Dawn Haughey, M.S.N.
Assistant Professor of Nursing



Catherine Hennessy, M.S.N.
Assistant Professor of Nursing



DEPARTURES

Sr. Mary Hughes, O.P., Ed.D., Interim President, after 6 months

Sr. Mary Hughes, O.P., Ed.D., graciously agreed to temporarily serve as Interim President of Dominican University New York after Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., retired on January 1, 2024, until President Manuel Martinez, Ph.D., ultimately filled the job on July 15, 2024. Steven Sabatini, Chair of the Dominican University Board of Trustees, applauded her work at the University and said the Board appreciated having the extra time to conduct a careful and thorough search for a new president.

Sr. Hughes admitted to having some apprehension about taking the position because Sr. Mary Eileen is a legend in higher education. However, she said the administrators, faculty, and students were all blessings. "If I had to pass on any word of advice to anyone – I mean especially for students – it's don't ever be afraid to take advantage of an opportunity that's offered you because everything that you might be worried about might turn into a blessing," she said.

A member of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Congregation of the Holy Cross, Amityville, NY, Sr. Hughes began her career in elementary education. After completing advanced studies, she ministered as a teacher educator both at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY, and then at Iona College, which is now Iona University, in New Rochelle, NY. Sr. Hughes was Chair of the Education Department at Iona, and later was Special Executive Assistant to the President and Campus Dean. In addition, she was a member of the Board of Trustees of Molloy College, which is now Molloy University, for 12 years, including five years as Board Vice Chair.

DEPARTURES



Mary McFadden, B.S.,
Registrar, after 45
years of service

Lucinda Acquaye-Doyle, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of the Social Work Program, after 10 years of service

Anthony Bencivenga, M.A., Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, after 14 years of service

Eileen Doyle, Human Resource Generalist, after 18 years of service

Michelle Fitzpatrick, Administrative Assistant, New Student & Transition Center, after 8 years of service

Veronica Glynn, Administrative Assistant, Division of Math & Science, after 18 years of service

Stacy Petrino, B.A., Director of Financial Aid, after 10 years of service

Bridget Shalvey, Executive Assistant, Fiscal Affairs, after 13 years of service

Denise Signorile, Executive Assistant, Student Health Center, after 17 years of service

Daniel Steigert, B.S., Head Coach of Men's Lacrosse, after 10 years of service

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In Memoriam



Sister Michaela Connolly, O.P.

Sr. Michaela Connolly, O.P., formerly Elizabeth Ann Connolly, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt for 61 years and a member of the Dominican University Board of Trustees died unexpectedly on February 24, 2024, at the age of 78. Sr. Michaela was full of energy and had a strong and compassionate spirit. Recently, she served for 18 years on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Dominic as Prioress and Councilor. Over the years, she also served as Coordinator of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Dominican Sisters Family Health Services, Principal and Dean of Students at Saint Raymond's Academy for Girls, Bronx, NY, and Pastoral Associate at Saint Margaret's Parish, Pearl River, NY. She was Public Relations Director and Director of Development at Dominican University and in her early years was a teacher at Holy Spirit School and Saint Luke's School both in the Bronx. In addition to serving on the Dominican University Board of Trustees, she also served as a trustee for the Lavelle School for the Blind, Bronx, NY, and the Archdiocese of New York Regional Catholic Schools Board.



Donald Hsu, Ph.D.

Donald Hsu, Ph.D., who taught business courses at Dominican University since 1988, passed away peacefully at home on October 4, 2024, at the age of 77. Dr. Hsu was as Associate Professor in the division of Business, Innovation, and Leadership. In addition to teaching courses in computer science and international management, he served as Director of the Business Division from 1991 through 1996. He is remembered as a kind professor, beloved by his students, who had a passion for teaching and education. As a devoted educator, Dr. Hsu held various positions at different educational institutions and conducted international conferences. He also visited more than 80 countries in the span of 18 years.



Robert Vatter

Trustee Emeritus Robert Vatter of Pearl River, NY, passed away on November 23, 2023, after a short illness. He spent most of his career at MetLife, working as a Vice President and economist. At Dominican University, he was a dedicated, hard-working trustee who also was a part-time lecturer in Business Administration, teaching from Fall 1996 through Spring 2009. He taught a variety of courses including Microeconomics, Wealth and Poverty, Economics for Managers, and Strategic Management. Education was very important to Bob and he took great joy in being part of the educational journey of many students. He was a man of strong faith and longtime member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Pearl River. His faith was very important to him and he was a very active member of the church throughout the years.



Sr. Barbara Werner, O.P., '62

Sr. Barbara Werner, O.P., a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic for 66 years, passed away on August 14, 2024, at the age of 85. She is remembered as a spirit-filled woman, devoted educator, caring leader, and a beacon of warmth. Sr. Barbara earned a B.S. in Education from what was then Dominican College, an M.A. in Mathematics from Manhattan College, and a M.A. in Administration from Columbia University. Over the years she served in many roles at Dominican University. She was an instructor in nursing, and eventually became both an Assistant Professor and the Director of the Division of Teacher Education. Sr. Barbara left Dominican in 1993, but returned in 2010 to serve as the Coordinator of Freshman Registration, continuing to inspire students as a math and Freshman Seminar instructor. She later served on the Board of Trustees and was named a Trustee Emerita on December 10, 2022. As Prioress of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York from 1993 to 1999, she guided her community with grace and strength, and continued to be a leader and life-living presence to the Motherhouse community until her death. She also served on the Boards of St. Dominic Family Services, as well as on the Board of the Friends of St. Dominic.



Amelia Rigel Whitehurst

Amelia Whitehurst, Lab Technician in the Division of Math & Science, passed away suddenly in October 2024. She had recently joined the Division just a few months earlier and was thriving in her new job. Amelia was dedicated to scientific research and excelled at it. Prior to joining Dominican University, Amelia earned her bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry in 2022 at SUNY-Purchase College. She continued to work at SUNY-Purchase as a Research Assistant under an NSF grant until she joined Dominican University in summer of 2024. Amelia grew up with a great love for the outdoors and enjoyed visiting the Museum of Natural History, because she had great interest in dinosaurs and ancient Egypt.

FACULTY SCHOLARLY

Accomplishments



Mark Amir, M.P.H. (Physical Therapy) co-edited a book entitled *Interprofessional Perspectives on Community Practice: Promoting Health, Well-being, and Quality of Life*. This book includes a chapter co-written by **Ayse Edeer, Ph.D.** (Physical Therapy) and **Nadia Rust, O.T.D.** (Occupational Therapy) titled “Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice with Community-Oriented Interprofessional Practice.”

hosted by the University of Paderborn, and delivered a presentation titled “Motivation, Institution, and Time” at the online conference *Motivation and Time: Phenomenological Perspectives* hosted by the University of Cyprus. Additionally, he has contracted with Routledge Publishing to edit a volume of scholarly articles entitled *Motivation and Time in Phenomenology*.

Adam Cassell, MLIS (Assistant Librarian) presented a talk titled “Slowing Down with Care in the Information Literacy Age” at a December symposium held by the Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter of the Association of College and Research Librarians (ACRL).

- “The Impact of an OT Mentorship Program on Undergraduate Student Success”
- “An Exploratory Study of the Sensory Processing Patterns of Undergraduate College Students: Implications for College Campuses”
- “An Exploratory Study of the Safe and Sound Protocol in Young Children with Autism.” Dr. Cavaliere, with her colleague **Dr. Nadia Rust**, also co-presented a paper titled “A Transdisciplinary and Sensory Informed Approach to Early Intervention Services for Children with Autism” at the International Council for Development and Learning annual conference at the Javits Center in March.



Peter Antich, Ph.D. (Philosophy) published his paper “Mitigating Tensions between Phenomenology and Critique” in the November issue of *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology*. He also remotely presented his paper “Wesen in Edith Stein’s Finite and Eternal Being” at the Phenomenology, Reality, and Essences Conference



Cathy Cavaliere, Ph.D. (Occupational Therapy), alongside several graduate Occupational Therapy students, presented poster papers from four original research studies:

- “The Importance of Faculty and Staff Awareness and Perception of Support Services on College Campuses”



Jim Crawley, M.Ed. (Health Sciences), the University’s Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), served as a panelist at the NCAA Convention in Phoenix, Arizona in January. The panel focused on “The Role and Responsibilities of the Faculty Athletics Representative.”



Giovanna Czander, Ph.D. (Religious Studies) had a book review titled “The Prophet’s Message, Then and Now” on the book of Ezra published in *Living City* magazine. She moderated an international webinar titled “Unity or Uniformity? Lessons of Freedom from the Spirituality of Chiara Lubich,” sponsored by the publisher of *Living City*, and an interfaith and interdisciplinary panel titled “The Trinity Across Disciplines and Cultures” with Italian theologian Fr. Dr. Piero Coda at Fordham University. She also wrote a chapter on “Procedural Law” for *The Cambridge Companion to Law in the Hebrew Bible*, published by Cambridge University Press.



Christine Davies, D.N.P. (Nursing) was recognized as “Woman of the Year” by the MOM Foundation, a local organization dedicated to empowering, educating, and creating strong female leaders.



AnnMarie DelliPizzi, Ph.D. (Biology, Health Sciences) had her co-authored article “TNF Inhibits AQP2 Expression via a miR137-Dependent Pathway” published in the November edition of *The American Journal of Physiology*. Dr. DelliPizzi was also named “Honor Professional of the Year” in the “Administrator” category by the Northeast Regional Honors Conference (NRHC), a prestigious award presented at the NRHC’s annual conference in Albany this April.

Three Honors students presented the results of their senior projects at the NRHC conference:

- Sabryna Cadavillo – “How Caffeine Affects Academic Performance”
- Amanda Olachea – “Tackling Bias in Artificial Intelligence Models with Effective Prompt Engineering”
- Yuliana Perez – “The Sodium Knowledge of University Students”

Yuliana also received a minority scholarship from the NRHC to attend the conference.

Two other Honors Program students, David Guariglia and Sydney Grandison, had scholarly articles derived from their capstone Honors projects published in *Illuminate*, the undergraduate journal of the NRHC. Their papers were titled “The Role of Morality in Reporting Indiscretions” and “The Effect of Family Factors on a Student’s Grit,” respectively.

AnnMarie DelliPizzi, Ph.D. (Biology/ Health Sciences) and **Matt Schiering, M.B.A. (Marketing)** presented papers at the Biannual Dominican Colleges and Universities Colloquium held at Edgewood College in Wisconsin from June 10-13. Dr. DelliPizzi’s presentation, titled “Reimagining the DUNY Honors Program: Impacting the Future and Living with Honor,” co-authored by **Tanya Radford, Ph.D.** and **Robert Stauffer, Ph.D. (both English)**, focused on the new general education minor on “Longtermism” required of Honors students, culminating in their eventual Honors projects. Prof. Schiering’s paper, titled “Building Bridges: Entrepreneurship Education for Stronger Communities,” focused on the seven-week Entrepreneurship program he ran in partnership with M&T Bank and BRIDGES, a Rockland County nonprofit.



AnnMarie DiSiena, Ed.D. (Communication Studies/ Organizational Leadership & Communication) presented a seminar titled “The Leader in You” via Zoom to priests, religious sisters, and laypersons associated with the Archdiocese of Bloemfontein in South Africa. Participants included Archbishop Zolile Peter Mpambani, who expressed interest in scheduling a similar seminar for students in the archdiocese.

FACULTY SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Diane DiSpagna, Ed.D. and Mike Kelly, Ph.D. (Teacher Education) presented a Saturday workshop in February to 16 faculty participants on “Sustainable Teaching Practices to Promote Equity and Multicultural Awareness,” funded by one of the NSF grants received by the Biology program. Recent biology graduate Jose Encarnacion '23 also presented, expanding on his senior capstone research project titled “Strengthening Sense of Belonging of STEM High School Students.”



Ellen Dolgin, Ph.D. (English) attended the 46th Comparative Drama Conference at Rollins College in Orlando in early April, where she chaired sessions on George Bernard Shaw and early 20th-century theatre. She presented a paper titled “Head Winds in 1916: Authority in Flux in Shaw’s *Inca of Perusalem* and Lord Dunsany’s *The Queen’s Enemies*” in a third session. She presented a paper at the International Shaw Conference held in Dublin, Ireland, in June, focusing on the 100th anniversary of the British premiere of Shaw’s *St. Joan*. Dr. Dolgin also had an article titled “Loosening the Stays: Victorian Shaw” published in a special edition of *SHAW: The Journal of Bernard Shaw Studies*, devoted to the playwright’s arrival in London in the 1870s.



Colleen Evans, Ph.D. (Chemistry) co-authored an article published in *Tetrahedron Letters* titled “Regio- and Stereoselective Ring Contraction of 1,2-Dithianes to 1,2-Dithiolanes.” She also presented two research posters at the Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society held in New York City last June. The first poster was based on the aforementioned paper, and the second was titled “The Scope of Thionation of Organic Compounds with 2,4,6-Tris(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,3,5,2,4,6-Trioxatriphosphinane 2,4,6-Trisulfide (TMPT),” which involved research input from five Dominican University students.



Kelly Johnson, Ph.D. (Psychology) co-presented a poster with alumna Lizbeth Quiroga Lluizupa '23, at the Eastern Psychological Association annual conference in Philadelphia in March. Their presentation was titled “Blame Attribution and Empathy: Transgender Sexual Assault Victims.”

Adjunct lecturer **Rayah Mansour, M.P.H. (Biology)** co-authored a study published in the *Journal of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry* titled “Change in Neuropsychological Test Performance Seen in a Longitudinal Study of Patients with Post-acute Sequelae of COVID-19: A 6-Month Follow-up Study.”



Margaret Mulligan, M.S. (Mathematics) served as a judge for the COMAP (The Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications) Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling, responsible for judging 45 entries submitted by high school and college students.



Ryan O'Gorman, M.S. (Director of Retention) was named Leadership Rockland’s “Leader of the Year” for 2024.



Robert Stauffer and James Reitter

James Reitter, Ph.D. and **Robert Stauffer, Ph.D. (English)**, along with another colleague, edited an anthology titled *The Spark of Modernism: Twenty Speculative Stories and Writings That Defined an Era, 1886-1939*, published this past June by McFarland Press. This collection is a companion piece to their recently published study, *Speculative Modernism: How Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Conceived the Twentieth Century*.



Karl Rusch, D.P.T. (Physical Therapy) earned his FAAOMPT (Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists) designation, the highest and only internationally recognized credential in the field.



Nadia Rust, O.T.D. (Occupational Therapy) co-presented a poster titled “An Exploratory Study of the Safe and Sound Protocol in Young Children with Autism” at the annual AOTA conference in Orlando, alongside four of her OT students.



Matt Schiering, M.B.A. (Marketing) was named the “2024 Business Professor of the Year” by the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE). He was also invited to co-lead an IACBE webinar entitled “Strategies to Increase Enrollment.”

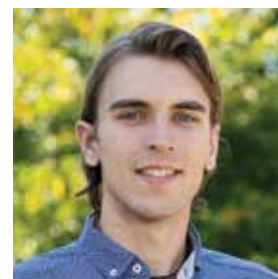


Elena Guevara Talarico, Ph.D. (Biology) was accepted last year as a research faculty fellow in the National Science Foundation (NSF) program, Course Based Undergraduate Research Experience (CURE). In June, she attended a faculty meeting funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute as part of the General Biology CURE

program. Additionally, she received a Professional Development Award to work in the research lab of her CURE faculty mentor this July at the University of San Diego, which will enhance the CURE curriculum in her Biochemistry and Molecular Biology courses.



Justine Ward, D.P.T. (Physical Therapy) was elected to a two-year term (February 2024 – February 2026) as the Director of the Pregnancy and Postpartum Special Interest Group through the Academy of Pelvic Health via the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).



Jovan Zigic, M.S. (Math/Physics) helped ten Dominican students—five in Business, four in Math or Science programs, and one in Nursing—secure grant-funded nine-month internships in Purdue University’s “Data Mine” project, a large-scale learning community focused on “Data Science for All.” Each student received a \$5,000 research stipend and \$500 for conference travel. Participants worked on data science projects with industry mentors, attended weekly online meetings, and completed training with high-performance computing resources. Dominican University had the second-highest participation in the program, following Arizona State University.

Dominican University

Welcomes Three New Trustees

The Dominican University Board of Trustees appointed Edward “Ted” G. Doering, Sr. Vivienne P. “Didi” Madden, O.P., LCSW, and Sr. Kathleen McManus, O.P., Ph.D., as Trustees effective July 1, 2024. In addition, Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P., was appointed as Trustee Emerita after serving 36 years on the Board, in honor of her years of service to the University.



Edward G. Doering

Ted Doering is a philanthropist and successful businessman whose generosity has created jobs, educational opportunities, and community revitalization in the Hudson Valley. He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service at Dominican University New York’s May 2024 Commencement Ceremony in recognition of his accomplishments in business and public service.

In 1969, Doering launched Ted’s Cycle Shed, after growing up working on motorcycles with his father, and it launched him into a career as a manufacturer and global seller of motorcycle parts. That company would later evolve into V-Twin Manufacturing. Wanting to share his passion with the local community, Doering founded two prominent museums in Newburgh. In 2011, he opened the Motorcyclepedia Museum, which houses the personal collection of Doering and his late father. The museum was permanently chartered as an educational museum by the State of New York in 2017.

Doering then established the equally impressive Velocipede Museum, where he showcases a rich history of wheeled innovation.

Doering is also a pioneer in bringing the film and television industry to the Hudson Valley. He founded Umbra of Newburgh in 2011, which now houses over a quarter million square feet of infrastructure, including multiple sound stages, as well as shop space for the creation of scenery, wardrobes, and props. This endeavor brought tax incentives to the region, and has made Newburgh and the greater Hudson Valley an integral part of the film and television industry.



Sr. Vivienne P. “Didi” Madden, O.P., LCSW

Sr. Didi Madden is a credentialed and dedicated clinical social work professional with more than 35 years of experience working in both private practice and organizations. Her clinical specialties include trauma

resolution, anger management, post-traumatic stress, neurofeedback, communication therapies, and family or multi-family therapies. Sr. Didi is also an accomplished grant writer with a record of achieving fundraising goals. Furthermore, she is skilled in technology and has developed a website and social media presence for the Dominican Sisters in Committed Collaboration.

Among her long list of accomplishments, Sr. Didi launched an inaugural program for HIV pre-and post-test counseling for the Bronx community and created a collaborative Justice and Peace Office for five Dominican congregations. From 1988 through 2011, Sr. Didi worked at the Highbridge Community Life Center in Bronx, NY, as a Community Organizer, Director of Community Services, and Director of Family and Community Services Division. Since then, she has worked at the Wellness Center in Tappan, NY, as a psychotherapist, at the Dominican Sisters in Committed Collaboration in Blauvelt, and currently is a Councilor on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt.

Sr. Didi has a Bachelor of Science from the State University of New York at Brockport, and a Master of Social Work from New York University.



Sr. Kathleen McManus, O.P., Ph.D.

A Systematic Theologian, Sr. Kathleen McManus writes and teaches in the areas of Christology, Theological Anthropology, and Feminist and Ecofeminist Theologies with special attention to suffering. Her most recent book is entitled *Suffering and the Vulnerable Rule of God: A Feminist Epistemology*.

Sr. Kathleen has lectured and preached nationally and internationally, most recently at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at KU Leuven, Belgium, where she delivered the Edward Schillebeeckx Lecture in 2023. She taught at Fordham University in 2021-22. In January 2020, she had the opportunity to offer a weeklong theological seminar to our Montebello Dominican Sisters in Formation in South Africa. She also served as the Rev. Randall Distinguished Professor of Christian Culture at Providence College in 2017. Currently, she lives and works in New York as an Independent Scholar and theological consultant. Previously, she served as Associate Professor of Theology

and Director of the M.A. in Pastoral Ministry Program at the University of Portland in Oregon. A scholar of Edward Schillebeeckx, the renowned Dominican Theologian, Sr. Kathleen serves on the International Editorial Team for the Bloomsbury/T&T Clark Series on Edward Schillebeeckx. In Fall 2024, she served as Adjunct Professor of Theology at St. John's Graduate School of Theology and Seminary in Collegeville, MN.

Sr. Kathleen is a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, and the roots of her theological pursuits lie in her experience of pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of New York on the Parish Mission Team and as a Pastoral Associate in the Bronx.

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A special thank you to the members of the Heritage Society. Members of the Heritage Society have designated Dominican University as a beneficiary of their estates.

Alumni Notes

Class of 1979

Dr. Gerald Mallon

"I received the best preparation at Dominican. I had a great educational and practice experience – especially with Bonni Raab, I loved my other professors too – Dr. Welisch in History and Dr. Kalynowych, in Sociology, both of whom have sadly passed on, but their influence continues with me until today."

Class of 1980

Frank Raspanti

"Dominican University taught me an approach of sensitivity along with the educational knowledge to use in all of my affairs. I was able to apply much from Dominican to leadership roles. One should choose DUNY for a quality, intimate education in many disciplines. I cherish my education from Dominican."

Class of 1983

Marie Buckley-Hoffman

Marie received a Bachelor of Arts in English from Dominican. Soon after, she pursued a Master of Science in Education from Hunter College and began working in the fitness industry. Marie is now the Principal Owner of MBH Fitness in Middle Grove, NY.

Class of 1984

Timur Gucluer

"When I enrolled at Dominican, I was young and inexperienced at that time. I learned a lot, enjoyed a lot, and grew up in a way. I had such a great time as a student and as a soccer player. Today I remember the good days, especially those days when we won a game, which was the case most of the time." Timur has been working for almost 25 years with Colorcon Ltd. as a Business Development Manager based in Turkey.

Class of 1988

Robert Weinstein

Robert is happily living in Florida and utilizing his Computer Information Systems degree from Dominican. For almost 30 years, Bob has been employed as a Service Executive providing Premier Client Business Services through AT&T.

Class of 2005

Jill Slesinski

"When I attended Dominican College, I was an education major. I did my student teaching in Rockland County and then moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL, after graduation to 'teach by the beach.' I was a successful math teacher for 10 years, an assistant principal for 4 years, and have been a principal for 5 years. I am now happily married for 8 years, living in Pompano Beach, FL, working as a middle school principal at Coral Springs Middle School in Broward County."

Class of 2010

Daniel Boyle

Dan studied Mathematics and Primary Education when he attended Dominican. He continued to pursue a Masters in School Administration at Coastal Carolina University, completing his degree in 2017. He now teaches fifth grade at Myrtle Beach Elementary School in South Carolina.

Class of 2011

Blair Keller (Larsen Holtz)

Blair graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work and continued to pursue a Masters of Social Work from New York University the following year. She is now employed as a Care Manager through Hamaspik Choice, MLTC.

Class of 2014

Allison Reiher (D'Esposito)

Allison earned a Bachelor of Science/ Master of Science in Occupational Therapy. She is now employed through the Bogota Board of Education in Bogota, NJ, as an Occupational Therapist.

Class of 2015

Karina Estrella-Gaspar, LMSW

Karina earned her Bachelor of Social Work from Dominican and continued to pursue a Master of Social Work from Yeshiva University. Karina is passionate about bringing advocacy and inclusion to Latinx communities through program development and management. She is currently a Bilingual School Social Worker in Tarrytown, NY.

Class of 2022

Armanie Abreu

"I was a track and field athlete at DUNY, my coach, Kimberly Piard, always made sure to support and help me with the proper resources. The advisor I had, Camille, helped me so much too – if it wasn't for her, I would not be where I am today. I love DUNY because the school is a small community and feels like family!"

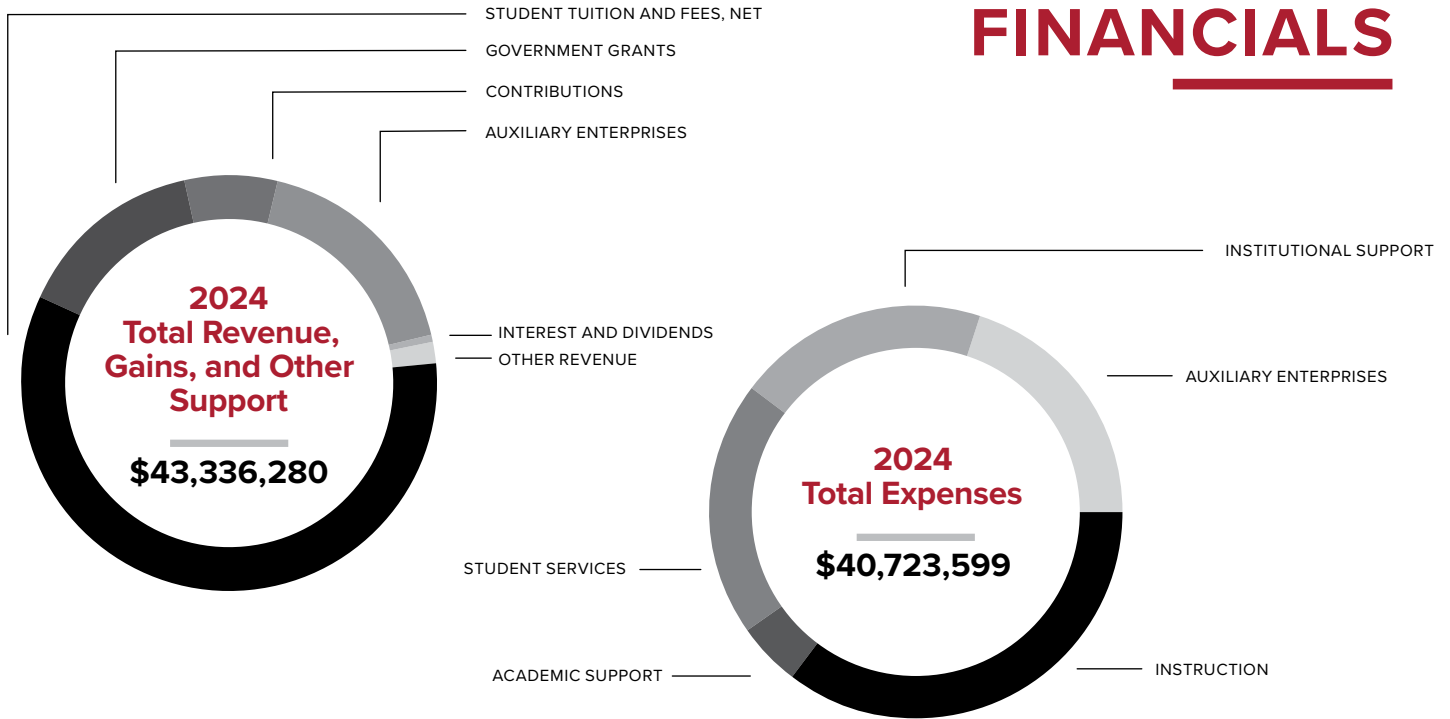
Class of 2023

Teresa Keel

Teresa has always been passionate about continuous professional development. As a lifelong learner, she found the right fit here at Dominican University and recently graduated with a Master of Business Administration. In 2024, she started her new role as a Tax Support Specialist at IBM.

Please send alumni notes to alumni@duny.edu. Be sure to include your name at the time of graduation and your graduation year along with the personal or professional news you would like to share.

FINANCIALS



REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Student Tuition and Fees	\$42,999,915	\$41,748,803	\$43,125,828	\$47,372,165	\$49,096,410
Less: Institutional Aid	\$(17,650,676)	\$(16,159,023)	\$(16,566,475)	\$(17,607,211)	\$(17,909,910)
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$25,349,239	\$25,589,780	\$26,559,353	\$29,764,954	\$31,186,500
Government Grants	\$6,358,724	\$3,138,137	\$6,740,432	\$3,182,519	\$1,633,343
Contributions	\$3,137,118	\$1,566,320	\$1,155,890	\$796,285	\$3,088,951
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$7,564,444	\$6,657,260	\$6,321,601	\$5,812,533	\$6,223,623
Interest and Dividends	\$244,752	\$230,373	\$212,522	\$206,875	\$193,438
Other Revenue	\$682,003	\$2,602,864	\$310,364	\$3,413,685	\$353,956
Total Revenue, Gains, and Other Support	\$43,336,280	\$39,784,734	\$41,300,162	\$43,176,851	\$42,679,811
Instruction	\$14,331,346	\$14,881,031	\$14,431,825	\$13,913,552	\$14,538,977
Academic Support	\$2,000,079	\$2,241,713	\$2,048,298	\$2,073,091	\$2,281,153
Student Services	\$8,154,035	\$8,280,827	\$7,762,526	\$6,892,953	\$7,573,178
Institutional Support	\$8,172,540	\$8,504,085	\$10,810,674	\$10,123,155	\$8,939,248
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$8,065,599	\$7,593,304	\$7,638,433	\$7,256,677	\$7,046,533
Total Expenses	\$40,723,599	\$41,500,960	\$42,691,756	\$40,259,428	\$40,379,088
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets from Operating Activities	\$2,612,681	\$(1,716,226)	\$(1,391,594)	\$2,917,423	\$2,300,723
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