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The Mount's Culture of Service: “...let us love one another, for charity is of God.”

For students attending the College of Mount Saint Vincent, an undergraduate education consists of much more than mere courses, lectures, and lab work. For the College is, as Dianna Dale, Vice President for Student Affairs puts it, “mission driven.” The College aspires to develop a whole person: young men and women who appreciate the fact that what one individual does inevitably has an effect on the lives of others.

Mount Saint Vincent was founded by the Sisters of Charity of New York and it

espouses the teachings of Saint Vincent de Paul, the 18th-century French priest who championed aid to the sick, the reviled and the poor. Among Saint Vincent's famous sayings: “It is only for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give to them,” and “Dearly beloved, let us love one another, for charity is of God.”

The College also celebrates the good works of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. Working in 19th-century

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Dr. Natalia Smirnova Brings More International Flavor to the Mount

Dr. Natalia Smirnova is ambitious. The Assistant Professor of Economics at the Mount is ambitious in her field of work, ambitious in her studies, even ambitious in her personal dreams. Yet, in many senses, it is how nontraditional her accomplishments, experiences, and aspirations are that make describing her as ambitious an understatement. In a shaky economic climate both globally and domestically, she worked relentlessly in researching economic improvements that would mutually benefit the United States, Russia, and even our own Mount community. From conducting research with the U.S. Consulate in Russia to drafting and eventually receiving a Title VI grant dedicated to funding undergraduate International Studies curriculum, Dr. Smirnova is truly a “go-getter.”

Dr. Smirnova spent this past spring semester working with the U.S. Consulate in Vladivostok, Russia, researching the current and future states of economic development in the Russian Far East, which is an important regional power, both within Russia and within the Pacific Rim. She also dedicated herself to searching for opportunities to improve the labor market participation of Russian women. Her work, which was made possible by grant funding and is coordinated through the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), was part of a program that supports U.S. embassies and consulates overseas by providing policy specialists-in-residence. During this assignment, Dr. Smirnova conducted an economic analysis of policies and projects of the infrastructure, economic diversification, competitiveness, entrepreneurship, environment and

energy efficiency of the Russian Far East in an attempt to discover ways to attract U.S. businesses and investors to the Russian Far East region. Dr. Smirnova feels it is imperative to promote cooperation between the two countries, and that doing so will help strengthen each country economically.

Still, how does one person go about handling such a large task? While in Russia, Dr. Smirnova gathered a wide array of information and research on the different aspects of the country’s economy. Her goal was to accumulate enough evidence to support her idea



Dr. Natalia Smirnova and students in Russia

that investing in Russia would be beneficial for both countries. After achieving the goal, she used this data to write Scholar Research Brief titled, “Opportunities for American Business in the Russian Far East.” Dr. Smirnova says, “I wanted to find less apparent and more diverse solutions for the economic development challenges of the Russian Far East, that appeal to investors of various asset and commitment levels, allowing them to find a suitable opportunity.” Dr. Smirnova highlights five key areas that are potentially the most attractive for investors and include Alternative Energy, the Food Industry, Pharmaceuticals, Tourism and the

Information Sector.

The second part of the project was a more specialized study on women’s participation in the labor force in Russia. Dr. Smirnova studied the factors affecting women’s labor market outcomes, especially in foreign firms. One of her research methods was interviewing local business women on their opinion of her research and the current status of women in the labor force. This topic has been a long-term interest for Dr. Smirnova. At the College her course “Women in the Labor Market,” explores this topic and promotes research on the positions of women around the world.

In addition to research, Dr. Smirnova widely promoted her findings, the Mount, and also opportunities for Russian students to study in New York City. She did so by visiting the Far Eastern National University, where she spoke to students of a Global Economy class. She also organized and participated in an economic roundtable on April 6th, discussing the “Problems and Perspectives of Russian-American Business.” This event proved to be very successful with participants of varying backgrounds, including the diplomatic community, regional and local government and the business sector and received Russian news coverage.

While Dr. Smirnova works to improve the economy abroad, she is also making waves here at the Mount. Armed with her passion for Russian studies and devotion to improving economic well being around the globe, Dr. Smirnova’s most recent accomplishment is receiving grant funding for a Title VI grant this academic year. This grant will help improve the undergraduate

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CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Fall 2010 Semester Schedule of Events

International Studies Symposium “Let’s Go International!”

Keynote speaker: Mr. Tom Armbruster, US Department of State

Tuesday, October 19

4pm–6pm, Smith Hall, Administration

Faculty Cultural Seminar: “Russian Far East: Women and Work”

presented by Dr. Natalia Smirnova,
Department of Business and Economics

Tuesday, November 9

4:30pm–6pm, Science Hall, Room 101

Distinguished Guest Lecture: “Migrants for Export: How the Philippine State Brokers Labor to the World”

presented by Dr. Robyn M. Rodriguez, Rutgers University

Tuesday, November 30

4pm–6pm, Smith Hall, Administration

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International Studies curriculum and foreign languages instruction by supporting course development and providing opportunities for faculty growth. Title VI is a federally funded grant awarded for the purpose of educational advancement. Dr. Smirnova believes that “having an education well rooted in international affairs can enable the students at the Mount to make well-rounded and better informed decisions in business endeavors and other various aspects of their educational and occupational lives.”

Under this grant, the Mount will add international components to six courses and develop 10 new international

courses in Economics, History, Sociology, Communication and Fine Arts. The College will also improve the Filipino Language offerings by incorporating methodology for non-native speakers, hiring new faculty and strengthening an existing summer study abroad program by offering Russian area studies.

Dr. Smirnova can now take even bigger steps to combining other areas of the world with a newer approach to education, one which includes a more diverse and global outlook. To Dr. Smirnova and the rest of the Mount community, this is the first of many strides towards a deeper and more comprehensive international program.

Dr. Joseph Skelly Explores Reform for the Middle East in his new book *Political Islam from Muhammad to Ahmadinejad*

Never has there been more worldwide attention focused on understanding the Middle East. With wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan and constant terrorist threats and attacks, curiosity about Islam has continued to rise. The need to understand the historical, political, religious, and cultural dynamics at play in the region are more important than ever. In response to this interest, Dr. Joseph M. Skelly, Professor of History at the Mount, released his fourth book titled *Political Islam from Muhammad to Ahmadinejad* in the spring of 2010, published by Praeger Security International. This volume is a compilation of over 15 essays presented at the first annual conference of the Association for

the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) in 2008. The book includes contributions from international scholars with diverse perspectives in areas such as history, political science, anthropology, theology, international relations and counterterrorism.

The book is divided into five sections: The Origin of Political Islam, Interpreting Political Islam, Jihad in Africa: Past and Present, Political Islam in Iran, Iraq and Palestine and Economic Reform and Reforming Islam. These sections include

chapters that discuss the intersection of Islam and politics and evaluate political Islam or Islamic radicals

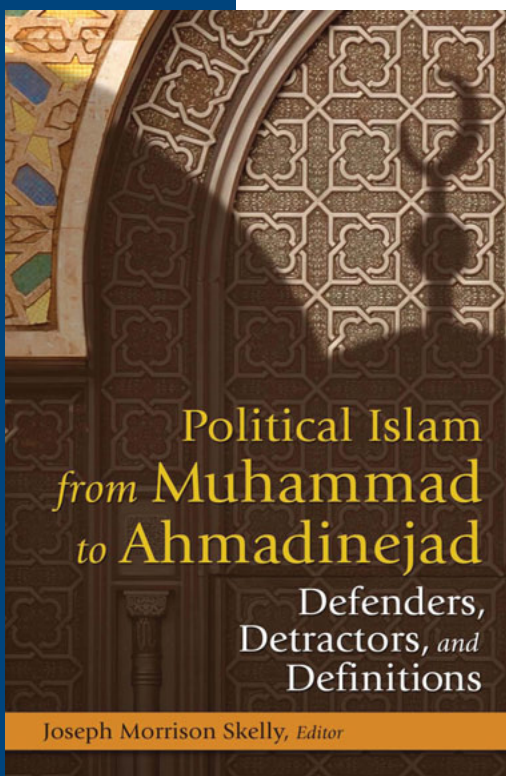
across a wide sequential time frame. In editing the book, Dr. Skelly says that his objective is to help others, “understand what drives militant Muslims and how we may engage with them and hopefully point them in a new direction.” The book contains what Dr. Skelly believes to be an ideal balance, with chapters on both Islamic reformists and investigations into Islamism, a term which he defines as, “the propensity of radical adherents of Islam to transform their religion into a political ideology.”

The complex reflections in *Political Islam from Muhammad to Ahmadinejad* answer to the worldwide interest in the subject of Islamism. The volume’s contributors address specific aspects of this topic, including interpretations of jihad, the tribal origins of radical Islam, Islamism in Africa and the nature of the Iranian regime. While doing so, they also analyze various stages in the politicization of Islam.

Dr. Skelly is one of the founding officers of ASMEA, which is a non-partisan, non-profit organization consisting of professors, diplomats, and policy analysts who are dedicated to promoting research and education on the Middle East and Africa. Through publications and scholarly activities, the members of ASMEA have made significant strides towards achieving their goals. ASMEA’s purpose is to respond “to the growing interest in these interrelated subjects and the absence of any single group addressing them in a comprehensive, multidisciplinary fashion.”

Dr. Skelly, who earned his Bachelor’s from the University of Notre Dame and his Master’s and Ph.D from University College Dublin, is nationally recognized for his research on Middle Eastern affairs and International Terrorism. His other interests

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Kevin Garlan '10 Presents his Published Paper Comparing the Remittances Received by Mexico and India at a National Conference

Kevin Garlan, Class of 2010, made waves in the business world even before his May graduation. Kevin, who is from Jackson Heights, Queens, was a business major with a concentration in finance at the Mount. This past year, he wrote his honors senior thesis paper titled "Migrant Worker Remittance Payments: Targeting the Determinants of Resiliency." His paper not only received attention from his professors and fellow classmates, but also on a national level. This past academic year, he presented his paper at a national conference and also recently had it published.

The paper compares Mexico and India, two of the world's largest remittance receiving nations, or countries in which foreign workers transfer money to their home country. He sought to determine whether the global financial crisis spells automatic hardship for remittance dependant nations or presents the chance to show resilience and growth. He

concluded that despite an economic slowdown, global remittance payments continue to flow, even as sending behaviors change and foreign direct investments decrease.

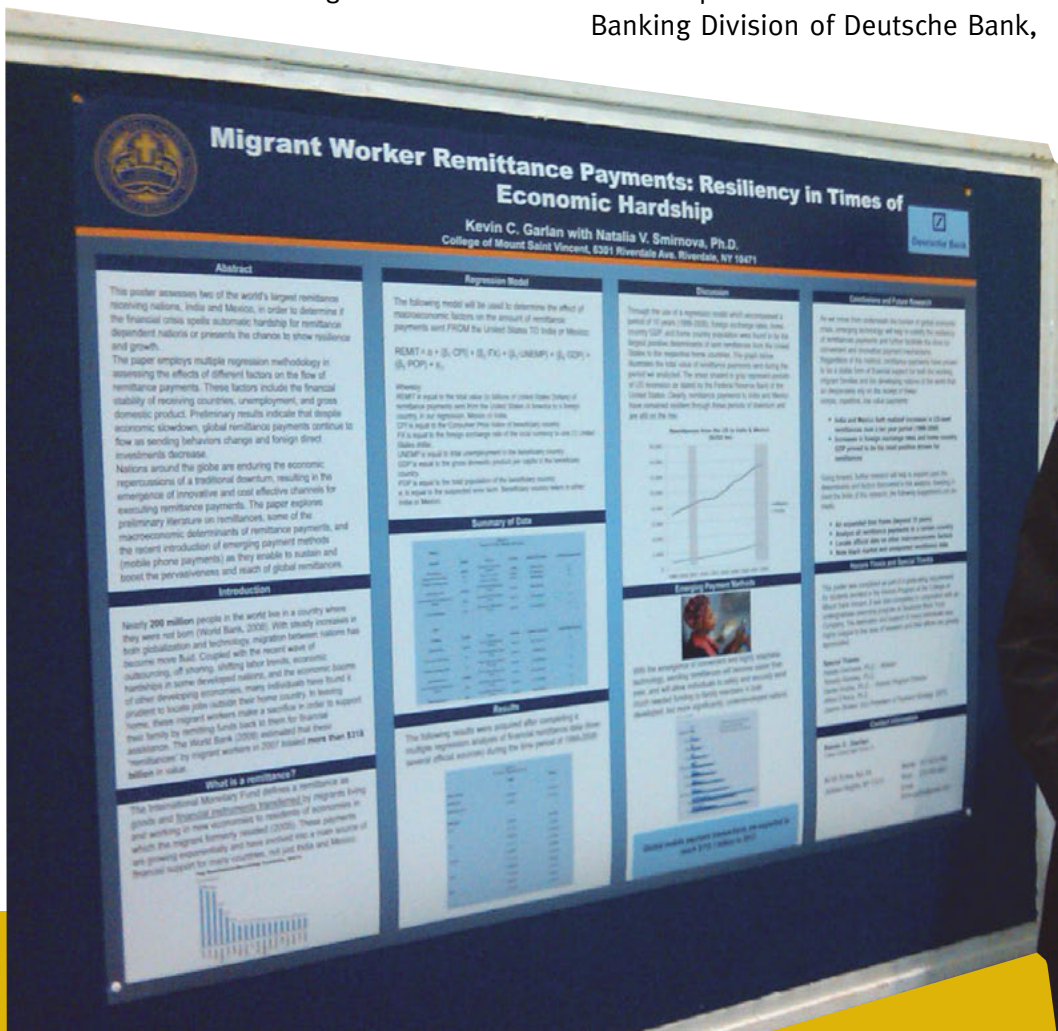
Kevin presented his paper at the National Conference for the American Anthropological Association in Philadelphia this past December. The American Anthropological Association (AAA) is the world's largest professional organization of scholars and practitioners in the field of anthropology. Its membership averages in excess of 10,000. His paper was recently published in the July publication of the *Issues in Political Economy Economic Journal*. *Issues in Political Economy* is a journal edited and refereed entirely by students, with oversight from faculty at the University of Mary Washington and Elon University on research in all areas of economics.

Kevin's research was drawn from an internship with the Global Transaction Banking Division of Deutsche Bank,

where he has spent his past three summers. Although slightly unusual for a business major to present at an anthropology conference, Kevin advises others to remain open-minded. "Don't limit your thinking. There is definitely an array of disciplines in which you can find your niche." The Mount is a liberal arts college where general knowledge develops the student's intellectual capabilities and cross disciplinary thought is encouraged.

Kevin's advisor, Dr. Natalia Smirnova, Professor of Economics, is enthusiastic about his accomplishments. "As an educator, I am proud of the achievements of our students, especially if those achievements are outside of campus," says Dr. Smirnova. "Participation in a conference of national significance with a rigorous selection process is a big accomplishment."

Following his graduation, Kevin has continued to work at Deutsche Bank as a Product Manager in the Global Remittance Payments division.



Kevin Garlan '10

Thomas J. Moran, Cardinal Edward Egan,
Joan M. Squires and Charles L. Flynn Jr.



2010 Scholarship Tribute Dinner Breaks the Records. Over \$550,000 Raised for Scholarships

The College of Mount Saint Vincent hosted its annual Scholarship Tribute Dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City on April 20, 2010. This year's Dinner, which rose over \$550,000, was record-breaking in both Scholarship funds raised and the number of attendees. At this event, various community leaders, including Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Cardinal Edward Egan, were present. The gala is a significant annual event for the College and for the community. Money raised provides scholarship funds for students with extraordinary ability and great need. The gala brought together alumnae/i, friends, members of the business community, as well as political and religious leaders. The Dinner's success, considering these trying economic times, is a reflection of the College's strong base of community support and the goodwill inspired by the event's honorees.

This is the 24th Dinner the College has hosted and the tenth under College President Charles Flynn's tenure. This year, the Dinner honored three individuals for their strength of character, leadership and devotion to making higher education accessible:



Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Sr. Kathleen M. Tracey

Thomas J. Moran, Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company; Joan M. Squires, Executive Vice President & Chief Information Officer, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company and alumna of the Mount, as well as Chair of the Board of Trustees; and Kathleen M. Tracey, S.C., Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Biology & Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement, College of Mount Saint Vincent. Kathleen

M. Tracey was also honored at the event with a Proclamation from Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Funds raised through the Scholarship Tribute Dinner allow the College to give students like speaker Albert Bararwandika '10, whose speech is featured to the right, the opportunity to excel beyond their expectations. Albert, who came to the Mount after escaping violence in war-torn Africa, spoke about his gratitude to the College. "Due to the high cost of education, there are numerous minds being lost," says Albert. "We, at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, realize how lucky we are to have support." Albert, who was a biochemistry major, was accepted to various medical schools around the country and started his studies this fall at The Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

The continued increase in education costs often makes tuition a determining factor in the college application process. Nearly 95% of the Mount's incoming freshmen receive some form of financial aid. A large percentage of scholarship funding is raised at our annual Scholarship Tribute Dinner.

Albert Bararwandika '10 "Everyone has a Dream"

Below is a reprint of the student speaker at the 2010 Scholarship Tribute Dinner

"Good evening and thank you everyone for coming. Years ago, the Rwandese foreign minister went to France for a visit. With his Rwandese accent, he gave his speech in French. The audience seemed very pleased. He thought he had convinced them with his business proposal. When he finished, he asked what they thought. Their answer was, "Kinyarwanda is really close to French!" They thought he was speaking Kinyarwanda. Tonight, I assure you, though with a different accent, I am speaking English.

While searching for a theme for my speech, I came across a quote by Alfred Whitehead. He said, "No one who achieves success does so without the help from others. The wise and confident acknowledges this help with gratitude." I think this quote is emblematic of the Mount. The truth is, there are so many success stories at the College that would not be told if it were not for each and every one of you. Your generosity opens windows of opportunity for those who otherwise would not have a chance for a good and strong education.

Due to the infamous genocide, civil war, and instability in the Great Lakes region of Africa, one of my best friends, Robert, and I left our country, friends, and family with dreams and the hope that one day, somehow, we would get a good education and dedicate our lives to serving others. He always wanted to become a lawyer, while I prefer stethoscopes and syringes in an Emergency Room. However, when I got to New York, the reality settled in. College was far more than I could afford. Fortunately, I had the chance to meet Sr. Mary Donagher, who in turn introduced me to Mr. Tom Moran, one of our honorees tonight. After I explained my predicament to him, he sympathized with me. He in turn introduced me to President Charles Flynn. It all still seems like yesterday in my mind.

When I got to the Mount, everyone was eager to help me. I remember passing a whole morning in the financial aid office while they helped me fill out all the paper work.



Albert Bararwandika '10

In my personal experience, everyone talks about how beautiful the campus is, which is true, but it is also remarkable how lovely the people on campus are. I am sure my professors Schellenberg and Miroshnikov could come out with a mathematical model to account for that effect.

Given that we are honoring Sr. Tracey, I have to tell you all how she ruined my life. Let me explain, when I came to the College, I was torn between majoring in chemistry or biology. While I understood the importance of biology for a future medical doctor, chemistry, mathematics, and physics came a lot easier to me. I wanted to take chemistry and leave the complex biological processes to my fellow students Ana, Alex, and David, who are here tonight. However, when I went to talk to Sr. Tracey about my conflict, she called in Dr. Fabrizio, who is now the Chair of the Science department. Their verdict was, "Try to balance both chemistry and biology, and then, you can decide in your junior year what you really want to do." I took their advice, which was probably a big mistake, and I got hooked on both. Before I knew it, I was majoring in both, and graduating with enough credits for two people. Let me rephrase, Sr. Tracey enriched my life, as she pressured, I mean encouraged, me to work hard! Now I can appreciate how it will help in the long run.

Now all of this is in the past, and after four years I stand here before you, ready to
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Jessica Abejar '11 Earns Kudos in C200 Summer Internship

Jessica Abejar's small stature is not reflective of her big dreams and aspirations. Indeed, her drive for success can be felt in each of her soft-spoken words. A senior business major with a minor in performing arts, Jessica is nothing short of exceptional, which has been evidenced in her academic and extracurricular work at the College since her freshman year. This summer, she continued to impress those both on campus and off

through her work at a highly competitive internship at the asset management firm New Amsterdam Partners LLC.

This past November, over 100 female college students from the Mount participated in the 2009 C200 College Outreach Seminar. Hosted by the College and sponsored by the Committee of 200 (C200), an invitation-based membership

organization of high powered women executives and business leaders, the seminar provides a chance for college women to explore opportunities in the business world. Jessica was not only one of the students selected to attend this seminar, but also one of the five students selected from those 100 students to land a paid summer internship with one of the C200 member firms.

Jessica was selected to intern with New Amsterdam Partners LLC, an asset management firm in New York City. At first Jessica was intimidated. Not only did she not have any background in this line of work, but she was placed alongside interns from universities such as Cornell, Oxford,

and Columbia. Her mentor at the company, founder and CEO Michelle Clayman, was also initially skeptical. She admits, "Students who intern here aren't typically from smaller, lesser-known colleges. I've been extremely impressed. She came extremely well prepared. My hat is off to the College."

Kathryn Swintek, alumna, former Trustee and C200 member whose efforts

in nominating the College to host the College Outreach Seminar last fall were key to the Mount's selection, was delighted to hear of Jessica's success. "I understand Michelle was so pleased with the quality of Jessica's work that she telephoned the C200 office to praise her and to note that she was 'hands down' the best summer intern she had."

During her internship, Jessica worked with the Marketing Department. Throughout the summer, she researched and presented ways to improve the firm's Website and newsletters. Jessica says, "This project meant a lot to me because I felt like I contributed a lot. Internships cannot only be looked at as 'What's in it for me,' but as 'What can I give to the firm'."

In regards to Jessica's research and presentations at the firm, Clayman was highly complimentary. "I am extremely impressed with how well prepared she is. She came up with a good analysis and great suggestions. She produces work right on the money." Clayman also added, "Even

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Michelle Clayman and Jessica Abejar '11

Top 10 Athletics Moments of 2009-10



Left to Right: Dan Cohen '12, Lauren Percodani '10, Kelly Martin '10

Opening of the Peter Jay Sharp Center:

On November 17, 2009, the Mount's new facility opened when the Men's Basketball team hosted cross-town rival Lehman. The Dolphins opened the building in style with a hard fought 76-71 win over the Lightning. Freshman Carson Miller led the way with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Men's Basketball Nearly Upsets

Division I Army: In its last game before the Christmas break, the Men's Basketball team traveled to West Point, N.Y. to take on Division I Army. The Dolphins nearly shocked the Black Knights, falling in a tightly contested game 62-56.

Women's Basketball Earns Third Straight ECAC Tournament Berth:

For the third consecutive season, the women's basketball team earned a postseason berth after being selected to participate in the ECAC Division III Metro Division Tournament in 2009-10. The Dolphins traveled to Drew for their first round contest on March 3.

Men's Lacrosse Opens 2010 Season

2-0: After defeating Cobleskill and Saint Joseph's College of Maine to open the season, the Dolphins posted the best start in program history at

2-0. With their win against Mount Saint Mary on April 12, the Dolphins matched the program mark for wins in a season with six.

Heesemann, Percodani Named First Team All-Skyline Conference:

Two Mount Saint Vincent Women's Basketball players were honored by the Skyline Conference with First Team All-League selections. Lauren Percodani, who scored her 1,000th point during the season, earned the honor for the third straight season. Courtney Heesemann joined Percodani on the first team in a season that saw her reach 1,500 career points and 1,000 career rebounds.

Kelly Martin Scores 2000th Career Point:

Senior Kelly Martin of the Women's Lacrosse team recorded her program record 2000th career point during the 2010 season at Montclair State on March 20. She is the Mount's all-time leader in points, goals, and assists.

Baseball Earns Four Skyline Conference Weekly Awards:

Following the April 12 weekly report from the Skyline Conference, the Mount Saint Vincent Baseball team has earned four weekly honors. Mike Ruckdaschel, John

McManus and Mike Pope have all been named Player of the Week over the course of the season, while Kevin Coogan earned a Rookie of the Week award.

Dan Cohen Named Men's Lacrosse Rookie of the Week: Dan Cohen earned the Rookie of the Week award after posting 10 points on eight goals and two assists in the Dolphins' first two games of the season.

Men's Volleyball Place Four On All-Skyline Conference Teams: The Men's Volleyball team, which appeared in its third straight Skyline Conference final, had four players honored by the Skyline Conference at season's end. Senior Rob Hockenjos and junior David Guerrero were named First Team All-Skyline Conference, while junior Mike Quinn and sophomore Chris Bacchi were named Second Team All-League.

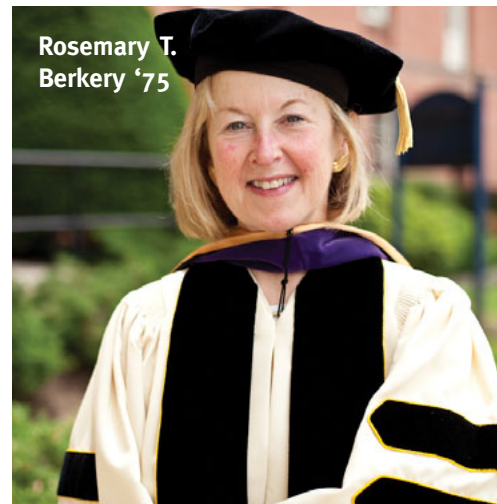
Reynes Named Second Team All-Skyline Conference: Sophomore Women's Volleyball Player Renee Reynes was named Second Team All-Skyline Conference after the conclusion of the 2009 season this past fall. Her 6.46 digs per set average over the season placed her in the top-10 nationally.

Renowned Alumna Rosemary T. Berkery Inspires the Class of 2010 with her Commencement Address

The 2010 Commencement ceremony was celebrated this past May 22nd. At the ceremony, a total of 297 Bachelor's degrees and 69 Master's degrees were conferred totaling 366 degrees.

Rosemary T. Berkery, Alumna of the Class of 1975 and Trustee of the College, delivered the 2010 Commencement Address and was conferred an honorary Doctorate of Laws. Ms. Berkery is an accomplished financial services executive, with over 25 years of experience in the industry and expertise in both general counsel

responsibilities and as a business executive. This past year, she joined UBS Bank and serves as Vice Chairman of UBS America's Wealth Management business and Chairman of UBS Bank USA. Previously, she served as Vice Chair, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. During her inspirational speech, she spoke to students about the many lessons she learned during her time at the Mount, which influenced and propelled her to become the person she is today.



Rosemary T. Berkery '75

The Class of 2010 Student Award Recipients

The following students received awards in their respective fields and graduated with distinction:

Albert Barawandika, Bachelor's of Science, received the Biochemistry Departmental Award. He is known for his exceptionally insightful questions and his passion to discuss ideas. Albert conducted research at Columbia University under the supervision of Dr. Owen O'Connor and participated in the summer undergraduate research program in Anesthesiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Albert will attend The Albert Einstein College of Medicine this fall.

Meghan Conroy, Bachelor's of Science, received the Joseph McGoldrick Memorial Award. She was formally a Nursing major. She realized her passion for medicine and became a Biology major with a pre-med concentration. She not only impressed the entire science faculty, but also experienced physicians and researchers like Dr. O'Connor, with whom she conducted original research. Meghan is also in our Honors Program, served as President of "the Mount MDs," and

was recently accepted into New York Medical College.

Yanell Innabi and Nour Aqee, both Bachelor's of Science, were awarded the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society Award of Recognition. Nour and Yanell are both Biology majors who conducted original research with Dr. Fabrizio. They identified, characterized, and mapped four genes involved in late-stage sperm development in *Drosophila Melanogaster* using fluorescence microscopy and various molecular techniques. They presented their findings in the form of two poster presentations at the 51st Annual *Drosophila* Research Conference in Washington.

Cori Dayton, Bachelor's of Arts, received the Business and Economics Departmental Award. Not only did she complete her Bachelor's Degree in Economics in three years with high honors, but she also set the bar high by excelling not only in her coursework, but also in student leadership positions as a member of the Executive Council and the President of the Business Club. Last year, Cori presented a paper at the

Eastern Sociological Society meeting.

Marcelle Elfar, Bachelor's of Arts, received the Sister Susanne Breckel Memorial Award. She was a member of the College's Honors Program, a member of the National Honor Society for Communication students, and was also voted the outstanding television newscaster on campus by her classmates.

Amanda Robles, Bachelor's of Arts, received the Kathryn Magaziner Award. This award recognizes leadership skills, scholastic achievement, and involvement in extracurricular activities. It is named in honor of an alumna of the College, who was a Communications Specialist and a television executive in New York City. She was chosen this summer by the C200 to intern with APCO Worldwide.

Justin Lebowitz, Bachelor's of Arts, received the Kimberly Kennedy Sgammato Award in Communication. This award is given in memory of an alumna of the College, class of 1994, and recognizes excellence in creativity and technical expertise in the field of Communication.

Jill Wronski, Bachelor's of Arts,

received the Sister Marjorie Walsh Memorial Award and the Sister Elizabeth Marian Murray Memorial Award. As co-editor of the literary journal *The Underground*, she's been organized, discerning, proactive, and cool under pressure. In her fiction, her characters are complex and believable, and her stories are crafted to engage without ever going for the easy way out. Her achievements are due to her rigorous work ethic, rich imagination, and her obvious talent.

James Darley, Bachelor's of Arts, received the Dr. Mary C. Stuart Medal for History. James has pursued both historical knowledge and historical truth. His senior colloquium paper on Washington's crossing of the Delaware in 1776 is inspiring. He graduated with a major in History and a minor in Political Science. He has been accepted into the Master's degree program in History at McGill University.

Yafreisy Carrero, Bachelor's of Arts, received the Mathematics Department award. Yafreisy majored in Mathematics and also completed a minor in Fine Arts. She presented at the Nebraska Undergraduate Women's Math Conference and the Spuyten Duyvil Undergraduate Math Conference. She has also won a number of awards and scholarships. She has been accepted into the Harvard School of Design, where she will combine her passions for math and art to study architecture. Yafreisy also won a prestigious General Electric Scholarship, which will pay for her graduate studies.

Sarah M. Rodriguez, Bachelor's of Arts, received the Solange Bruneau Mally Award for Modern Languages and Literatures. Sarah has a Spanish major and an International Studies minor. She is currently enrolled in the Master's Degree in Secondary Education program at our College, and was inducted into Alpha Mu Gamma, the national collegiate modern language honor society. After completing her master's degree, Sarah will pursue doctoral studies in Spanish.

Daniel Clark, Bachelor's of Science, received the Kathleen P. Knowles Award in Nursing. Daniel has excelled in theory and clinical practice. He served as a

tutor for fellow students, which has been instrumental in helping them to both understand theory content and develop and perfect their clinical skills. He is accomplished and conscientious, and was recently acknowledged as an outstanding student at his clinical nursing site.

Jon Rivera, Bachelor's of Science, received the Medal for Clinical Excellence from the Nursing Department. When Jon attended a nursing pinning ceremony in his freshman year, it was evident nursing was important to him. During his education, Jon has provided leadership, encouraged group cohesion in clinicals, and assisted other nursing students with the incorporation of theoretical and clinical knowledge. He won a student nurse externship and impressed the VNS staff with his knowledge and clinical abilities.

Kerri Weiseman, Bachelor's of Arts, received the Margaret M. Broderick Memorial Award and the Dale Gordon Medal from the Psychology Department. The latter is named after the late Dale Gordon Boyd, who is described by family and friends as a man of great character, who had a deep love for his family and his fellow human beings. To honor his memory, an endowed medal is given to a student who has excelled in psychology and shows concern for others. The student must have at least a 3.4 GPA and must have been engaged in service to the community. Kerri is an outstanding student who excels in her academic work, completed a Women's Studies minor, had highly successful internship experiences, and worked on research with two professors. This year, as President of the Psychology Club and the Psychology National Honor Society, she organized speakers, graduate school information sessions, and a trip to Broadway. She traveled twice to Appalachia for Alternative Spring Break. She will continue her career of service in Psychology in a job gained through her internship working with clients who have chronic mental illness.

Allyson Brennan, Bachelor's of Arts,

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Helen Quinn Riso recently celebrated her 90th birthday and is still the program chair for AAUW, AARP and the Irish American Cultural Society. In addition, Helen enjoys reading and swimming.

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Mary Gloria Dempsey Kostiw is retired and enjoys life with her husband William in Flushing, New York. Mary volunteers at her church and partakes in sing-a-longs at her local senior center.

Marie Louise Rotondi Straton is a Eucharist Minister for St. Agnes Parish and received the St. Agnes Medal Diocese of Rockville Centre award for her service in the fall of 2009. She enjoys volunteering in her parish, as well as attending the opera and visiting art museums in Manhattan. Marie is also a mother of three and grandmother of two.

Marion McCann Short is the President of Leamington Company in Minneapolis, Minn. and served nine years on the board of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Marion is a grandmother of 22. Five of her seven children are lawyers, one is a college professor, and one is an accountant.

1947

Catherine McLoughlin Nowicki was appointed to the Rockland County Industrial Development Agency on March 4, 2008. She was selected to Chair the committee, which is in charge of reviewing existing economic, demographic and zoning information, and developing a long-range strategic plan to attract new business and support and help retain existing businesses.

1948

Kathryn Shaker Sperrazzo just celebrated her eight-year-old great-granddaughter's First Holy Communion at St. Theresa Church, Ashburn, Virginia. She is very grateful for her Catholic faith and excited that it has been continued through her granddaughter, Irene, and the rest of her family.

1949

Eileen Mahoney recently celebrated her 80th birthday party, which she shared with her outstanding family.

Irene Carroll Sager lives in Florida, where she participates in golf and bridge. She also enjoys attending the theatre and traveling.

Blanche Scheib is retired and currently resides in Riverdale, where she is active in many cultural programs, which allows her to visit museums, attend the theatre, and travel.

Edna Sandroni Ulasewicz volunteers for many charities, does consulting for residential interior designers, and is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

Katherine Doran VanDeventer is very busy with her seven children, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lillian Webb is 94 and is hoping to be in San Francisco this August competing for the eighth time in the National Senior Games. In 2004, Governor Jeb Bush presented her with a trophy from the Florida Sports Association honoring her as the states amateur athlete of the year. She has set national records for her age group in the 100 meter run, long jump, shot put and discus throw. Lillian's secret to staying healthy and happy is staying active, both mentally and physically.

Janet Wolf is happily retired and enjoying a rich and fulfilling life in Waverly, NY.

1950

Rosemary Fath Steele is the CEO of her late husband's company, KA Steel Chemical Inc. As Chairman of the Board, she managed to build KA Steel Chemical Inc. into the largest distributor of water purification chemicals in the Midwest. She was honored by the College in 2009 with the "Ad Laudem Dei" award presented to her in recognition of the national significance of her professional life.

1955

Barbara Kennedy is retired and enjoys traveling and photography. She received her Ph.D. in chemistry from Georgetown University and her Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University. Barbara also volunteers at the St. Andrews Hospital Center, participates with various parish ministries, and is on the Board and Committees of Townhouse Association.



Class of 1960

Mary McGinley Gibault is married and a retired mother of four and grandmother of nine who enjoys quilting, reading, and gardening. Mary volunteers with Dismas House, which helps to provide housing for former prisoners. She obtained her M.A. in counseling at St. Joseph's, Hartford, CT, in 1980.

Jane Petrillo Arciero is an adjunct at Tunxis Community College and taught at the University of Hartford this past spring semester. Jane is also a grandmother of 25.

Maureen Kenny is a Registered Nurse, enjoying the luxuries of her new home in Virginia. Maureen stays physically active and is currently working on writing her memoir, which largely consist of stories connected to her studies as a student nurse, as well as her volunteer work in the Peace Corp.

1958

Sr. Margaret Mary has retired after 40 years of service to the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, where she now volunteers.

1960

Katherine Noone, the twin sister of

our own Patricia Noone, SC, has been the English Department Chairperson at Blessed Sacrament-St. Gabriel High School for 37 years and was recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Association as a "Life-Time Learner."

Margaret Cregan Slavin is retired after working 35 years in public service. In 1980, she became the Village Manager of Tarrytown, followed by 20 years as Manager in Dobbs Ferry. Margaret now likes to garden, travel, and enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren.

E. Jeanine Hinsberger Baker is an active member of her parish and received a certificate in Church Ministry in 2006. She is presently learning Spanish and enjoys gardening and visiting her family. She is currently planning a trip to France.

1964

Mary Jane Myers Foley is celebrating the growth of her family now that her son, Marco Forster, was recently married and daughter, Alicia Forster, is engaged to be married in October.

1965

María "Maya" Padoch Liteplo is fully

retired and focusing on what she calls the three "G's;" golf, gardening, and grandchildren. Maya also does some editing in her local town newspaper, the "Carlisle Mosquito," and works on community beautification projects with the Carlisle Garden Club.

Margaret Mahon retired in September 2008 and has been able to enjoy traveling to Sicily and Germany. Her other hobbies include reading, attending the theater and visiting museums.

Susan Scully Braunstein is a retired teacher who currently serves as an officer on her Co-Op Board of Directors. She participates in a monthly book club with former teaching colleagues and is in the process of learning to play golf.

Gail Farrelly is a writer and was featured as the "Last Word" person in the March Journal of Accountancy. "Beaned in Boston," her first mystery, was named to the 1997 Washington Irving Book Selection list. Gail's most recent book, "Creamed at Commencement," is the story about the murder of a college professor at a graduation ceremony.

1967

Carmel Carratura Banks retired in May 2010 from the position of Coordinator for Tutorial Services, Resnick Learning Center at the SUNY Delhi campus. She will now have time to complete her book about her grandparents' early 20th century immigration to the United States, as well as continue to preach as a lay minister in Pentecostal circles.

1971

Ann Godesky is a local artist who has had her work on display at McKinney & Doyle. She is also a high school art teacher and advisor to the peer leaders.

Judy Papio Mastracchio created and launched a Website providing information, resources and discussions for those 55 and older living in Orange County, California.

1972

Patricia Carris is celebrating her daughter's, Jennifer Guski, upcoming graduation here at the Mount in December 2010.

1974

Susan M. Clabby Young has two children attending her alma mater, the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Susie, a junior, and Tommy, a freshman.

Kathy Butler retired from IBM after almost 36 years in the company and is committed to spending much of her time giving back. She joined CT boards of the Alzheimer's Association and the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation.

Virginia Brander Dowd became the archivist for the Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, NY, as of September 2009.

1977

Barbara Seemiller Berrios recently received the "Above and Beyond" Award, which is presented annually to a woman whose community involvement enriches the lives of many and contributes to the betterment of Yonkers.

Rachelle Cotugno received her third guide dog named Oriole from Guiding Eyes for the Blind in 2007. She is currently teaching music at St. Mary's Institute in Amsterdam. In May 2009, she graduated from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry with two graduate certifications.

1979

Kenneth Davis was promoted to Detective in March of 2009 and now works within the Yonkers Police Department's Gang/Narcotics Unit.

He also speaks at the annual gang specialist program sponsored by the National Gang Crime Research Center in Chicago, IL, as well as occasionally speaking at the annual Anti-Graffiti Symposium throughout Canada.

Judith A. Hard has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims in Albany County since 2002. She received her law degree from New England School of Law in 1982 and her Masters of Law in Taxation from Boston University School of Law in 1983. From 1995 until 1999, she served as Assistant Counsel and as First Deputy Counsel to Governor George E. Pataki. She also served as Legislative Counsel to the Republican Conference in the New York State Assembly and as Senior Legislative Analyst to the New York State Senate Finance Committee.

1980

Kathleen Corcoran Schmidt teaches fourth grade at Grace Day School while volunteering on the St. John the Baptist High School Development Committee and Cougars Club, and is a member of the Board of Governors for the Ungua Corinthian Yacht Club. Kathleen has been married to husband Paul for 29 years and together they have three children involved in school athletics.



Class of 1985

1981

Bernadette Donohue completed a certificate in Non-Profit Management at the University of Tennessee.

Julie Fitzgerald Krzeski double majored in Business and Communication and is now the Managing Director of Development at the Bay Street Theatre and happily married to Michael Krzenski.

1982

Phyllis Alosco Lucia is the Vice President of Business Development with Educational Services of America and her primary goal is to improve the national graduation rate.

Kathleen Timothy Pastina has three children and recently celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary.

1983

Ellen Ernenwein Turner has been named Supervisor of the Communicable Infectious Disease Unit of the New York State Dept. of Corrections. She and her husband, Darren W. Turner, currently reside in Johnstown, NY. Ellen is also currently celebrating her daughter Anne Turner's recent graduation from Le Moyne College *cum laude*.

1984

Maria T. Vullo was appointed Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice, where she oversees the Attorney General Investor Protection, Consumer Frauds, Antitrust, Real Estate Finance, and Internet Bureaus. She has served on the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, the Public Service Committee of the Federal Bar Council, the Aspen Institute's Justice and Society Seminar, Sanctuary for Families' Board of Directors and the Board of NARAL.

1985

Valerie Vautrin-Gardinier is now working for Cohen's Children's Medical Center of New York in New Hyde Park. She just received the North Shore-Long Island Jewish 2010 Pediatric Emergency Room Nursing Excellence Award and is currently enrolled in graduate school for Nursing Education.

Maggie Scarry Barbieri lives in Croton-on-Hudson and is celebrating the publication of her fourth mystery novel. One of her

novels centers on a school loosely based on Mount Saint Vincent. Maggie has been cancer-free for over a year and says writing saved her life by helping her keep a positive focus.

1987

Kathleen Kelly-Dorrian is happy that her nephew Ainsley Dorrian graduated from the Mount in May 2010. Also celebrating his recent commencement is Ainsley's mother, Anne Dorrian of the class of 1971, and his Aunt Grace Dorrian-Balter of the class of 1983

1989

Dennis Fuentes can now call himself a musician after the release of his debut CD "Letters from Broken Street." His single "The Show Goes On" was charted on a radio station's weekly top 10. Dennis is also a Manager and Private Consultant of a medical clinic.

1990

Carolyn Concia worked as a nurse practitioner for a non-profit group in Portland, Oregon. She is a member of the American Geriatrics Society and American Academy of Home Care Physicians and now resides in Cary, North Carolina with a growing interest in all sports.

Cathy Ruebenacker Mazzola, M.D. and her husband Steve, adopted two little girls from Poland. The girls join three brothers. Cathy also has her own practice in pediatric neurosurgery in northern New Jersey and was selected to be on the Executive Committee of the Congress of Neurosurgery. She has authored several neurosurgical articles and is very involved in community outreach.

1991

Mary M. Lemon Cronin was married in 2004 and gave birth to her son, Liam Michael, in August 2006. Mary and her husband live in Putnam County NY, and she works in midtown Manhattan.

Ester Brymova is a filmmaker whose feature documentary film, "Butterflies," a film about "youtubers", was an official selection of the New Filmmakers Festival in NYC 2009.

1992

Francine Loud Dennis is proud to announce

that her son, James, has been accepted to West Point and began duties on 06/28/10.

John J. Rust is the Sports Director and play-by-play announcer for KYCA-AM in Prescott, AZ. Over the past year, he has conducted interviews with Pittsburgh Steelers Hall of Fame receiver Lynn Swan, former Kansas City Royals Mark Little, former New Jersey Devils player Claude Lemieux and Olympic Softball pitcher Jennie Finch. John's first science fiction short story, "The Last Soldier," was recently published in "What If? A Collection of Science Fiction Short Stories."

1993

Anna Reis-Dematos has finished her Master's Degree in HR Management from the College of St. Elizabeth and plans to pursue a MBA in Organizational Behavior at Kean University.

1996

Dismayra Alejo Martinez has two daughters with husband Jose Martinez. Nadia turned three years old in May 2010 and Leila turned a year old in April 2010.

1999

Annalisa Rivera Schlesinger is happily settled in New York City and working for a non-profit organization, Independence Care System, which helps the physically disabled and chronically ill.

James Nitzkowski finished his residency in Surgery at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in June 2009 and obtained his board certification. He currently is a Fellow in Surgical Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia and is happily married to his wife Sydney.

2001

Deborah Nunziato Ghobashy graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2010 with a degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. She started an internship at Nassau University Medical Center and plans on pursuing residency in Anesthesiology. Deborah was married on June 13th, 2010 to Christopher Ghobashy.

Annette K. Netburn is now in the Masters program at Hunter College studying Early Childhood Birth and interested in connecting with others who are doing the same.

2002

Marlana Pressley is a co-founder of New York City's only all-inclusive picnic delivery service, That Picnic Place. She currently teaches science in NYC and is married with three children.

2003

Erin Ellsworth and **Matthew Marzella** both graduated in 2003 and were married in August of 2008. Erin is currently working at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx as an Ultrasound Technician and Matthew is attending Pace University for his Masters in Elementary Education.

Olivier Maisonet received the Oncology Nursing Society Excellence in Radiation Therapy Nursing Award. This award recognizes him as an expert oncology nurse in the field of radiation oncology and a significant contributor to the field through outstanding patient care at Saint Vincent's Comprehensive Cancer Center in New York. Olivier is also an active member of the New York City Chapter of ONS and the ONS Radiation Special Interest Group.

2005

Aicila Barksdale is currently a registered nurse at New York Presbyterian Hospital. In addition, Aicila is working toward an MSN at NYU, which she will attain in 2011. She is also active in Young Catholic New Yorkers, a church group in New York City.

Karen A. Daxis is a Special Education teacher who teaches all subjects for students from grades 9 through 12, and has been working to improve her education in all content areas. She has two licenses in English and Special Education. Karen has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada. In addition, she has traveled to London a number of times, and her most rewarding to date was in April 2008 when she traveled throughout China. She plans to begin a doctoral program in Social Psychology in January 2011.

Juliette Geary graduated from Baruch's School of Public Affairs with a Master of Public Administration degree in 2007. She is now working in Development as an Associate Manager of Individual Giving at the New York Public Library.

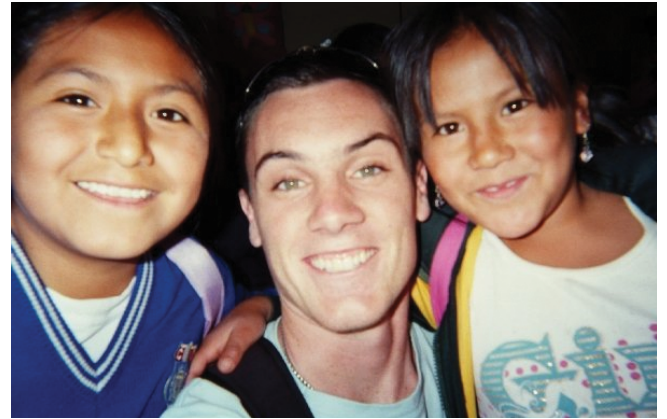
Nicole Palma earned a Masters of Science in Toxicology in 2007 at St. Johns University. During graduate school, Nicole worked as a Teaching Assistant in the anatomy and physiology and medicinal chemistry labs. She also assisted in research on the effect of hyperoxia on pulmonary macrophages, results of which were published in *Free Radical Biology & Medicine*. Currently, she is the Assistant Editor in the Special Projects Department at McMahon Publishing Group.

Erin Potterton received her Masters in Urban & Multicultural Ed from the Mount in 2008, and went on to teach English in Cairo, Egypt for a year and then in Stockholm, Sweden for a semester. She has returned to Chicago, working with Mothers with Mental Disabilities, a nonprofit organization. She is also a co-founder of an organization that builds desks for schools in the village of Alenga, Uganda.

Leighann Snyder went directly into the New York City freelance market after graduation and, in October 2005, moved to Beverly, MA (just north of Boston). In December 2008, Leighann moved back to New York City and is now working Off-Broadway at the Public Theatre and she still dances. Leighann is happy to be back in the tri-state area.

Jorge Solis is a professional writer for Fangoria Entertainment, a global brand which currently operates Fangoria Magazine, Fangoria Radio, Fangoria Graphix, Fangoria Music and more. He has interviewed artist Jenna Morasca (*Survivor: Amazon*) and Thomas Jane (*HBO's Hung*), while covering movie screenings of upcoming luminaries, such as Stephen King (*Under The Dome*) and William Peter Blatty (*Dimiter*). He is constantly writing to bring in quality horror entertainment to numerous fans. His animation short, *Dreamland*, has garnered attention and received a title page on the Internet Movie Database (IMDB).

2006
Christopher Bracey began his career as a Broadcast Associate for CBS College Sports and moved on to Senior Researcher at College Sports Television. Chris now works as a Graphics Production Assistant for Major League Baseball and resides in Brooklyn.



Tristan Franz '09

2007
Michael DeNobile is finishing his third year as seventh grade English Language Arts teacher at John Philip Sousa MS 142 in the Bronx. He is also the Faculty Advisor for Sousa's newspaper since Fall 2009 and is enrolled in Manhattanville College's Graduate Business and Writing Program.

2009
Vandana Chand is now working in Columbia University's Medical Center within a pathology research lab as a research technician studying cell division and plans on applying to medical school for the class of 2012.

Tristan Franz is currently working at the International Cambridge Training Center in Ciudad Guzman, Jalisco, Mexico, teaching English to all ages and levels. After graduating, he first went to Peru and taught at Universidad Nacional Santiago Antunez de Mayolo in Huaraz, Ancash, Peru. He enjoyed teaching in Peru so much that he decided he wanted to become an English teacher. He then went to Mexico, where he got his teaching certificate.

Heather Gostomski received the *Wall Street Journal* Student Achievement Award as a senior in May 2009 and recently accepted a position with JP Morgan Investment Bank in Prime Brokerage.

Michael Spasiuk is working as a Media Desk Production Assistant for Fox News Channel and Fox Business Channel.

NEW ARRIVALS

1971

Mary Lyle Missere welcomed her granddaughter Charlotte Grace Moriarty, born on April 16, 2010.

1983

Mary-Jean Maddia Parill adopted a daughter Elizabeth Albina, who is now almost three years old.

1989

Barbara Ficano O'Donnell and James O'Donnell welcomed their new son, James Vincent O'Donnell.

1994

Sonja Ghersini Schiller gave birth to her second son Alexander Ghersini Schiller.

1996

Poonam Abbi welcomed her first granddaughter, born on April 5, 2010, to her daughter Aastha Abbi Chopra, who lives in India.

Elizabeth Dollard gave birth to her daughter Anya Sheila Kayaian on December 13, 2009.

1998

Anne O'Connell Lanzi gave birth to her daughter Olivia Clare on June 26, 2007.

MARRIAGES

1970

Barbara Dore Russell celebrated the marriage of her daughter Catherine Ann Russell to William G. Miller on September 5, 2009.



Alumnae/i Executive Board President Barbara Cronin LaPerche and fellow members of the Class 1985

1998

Jenny Alejo and **Christopher Famularo** both of whom graduated in 1998 are now engaged.

2000

Nydia "Nini" Reid married Gregory Blackshear on September 5, 2010.

2002

Nitza Jones-Sepulveda married Jose Sepulveda on September 26, 2009.

2004

Margarita Gonzales married Reginald David on May 30, 2009. She currently works at St. John's University, while earning her MBA in Management.

2006

Julie Fagnani married Patrick Howard on September 18, 2010 in Washington D.C.

Andrea Fontenova and **William Hallowell, III** were married on July 20, 2008.

2007

Angela Hernandez married Vincent Viguera on October 11, 2009.

Karen Valenti married Daniel L. DeCecco on July 3, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNA/US

1928

Dr. Marion C. Thiesen, Ph.D.

1930

Rosemary Murphy Mayer

1932

Louise McInverney Tobin

1933

Otilia Cancillieri Porcell

Mary Brew Ward

1934

Aileen Quin McCabe

Margaret J. Mullen

1935

Catherine Goodwin Barth

Sr. Therese Grondin, LLP

Mary Farrell Iverson

1936

Marie Claire Linehan Babiak

1937

Mary Browne

Sister Helen Ippoliti

Margaret Mary O'Rourke

Frances Walter, SC

1938

Eleanor Daly Boylan

Julia M. Costello

Bernadine McNeany

Mary Deeley Tallon

1939

Elvira Paino Giallorenzi
Rita King Burke Lanigan

1940

Phyllis Callanan
Eva Cardamone Caracciolo
Marion F. Gamann Claffey
Marie Dooley
Alice Kearney
Nancy O'Connor

1941

Clare Lally Farrell
Doreen M. O'Sullivan

1942

Jane Pennell Beckmann
Helen Haggerty Benedict
Claire Darcy Menagh
Rosina Termini Spellman

1943

Mary C. Galligan
Betty Cabana Forden
Regina Kraft, SC
Ann McNerney Levesque
Wilhelmina E.S. Pilger

1945

Mary Epes
Claire Ferraro

1946

T. Sally O'Malley Coyne
Catherine Curtin Lowery

1947

Rita Burke Lanigan
Lucille Ambrosino Sabino

1948

Frances P. Masella Allegra
Virginia Duffy Kenny
Jane Mulherin Lyons
Leona O'Connor McGeady
Mary Ann O'Connor Quaranta, Ph.D.

1949

Rose Mary Gurnee Fiore
Grace Anne Gately
Helen McLoughlin Jennings
Dolores Lusardi Lown
Louise Pegnam McCarthy
Patricia DelBalso McNamara
Margaret Reid Walsh

1950

Mary Louise Fernandez, SC
Audrey-Jean Gray
Kathleen Lawlor Riconda

1951

Patricia Horgan Brenner
Teresita Conjuangco Lopa

1952

Marjorie Conroy Condon

M. Louis Gilfedder, SC
 Joan Hallinan Kenny
1953
 Corazon Cojuangco Aquino
 Mary Alice Sheridan Grant
 Joanne King Griffin, Ph.D.
 Mary E. Riley
 Marie Jane Verdeschi Wiack
1954
 Teresa Denman Dawadeit
 Catherine Picora Gill
 Dr. Ivette deArteaga Morgan
1955
 Patricia Duffy Sammler
 Patricia Wetzel Reinis
1957
 Eleanor Gauthier
1958
 Helen King Marotta
1960
 Natalie Blake Smith
1961
 Carol Anne Dupraz
 Loretta Ziemann Forgione
1962
 Julia M. Kelly
1964
 Margaret Lowney Troy
1965
 Joanne Wisniewski Durkin
1968
 Michele Petrucci
1969
 Patricia M. Connolly
 Lynda Warfel Green
 Margaret Rooney
1970
 Dr. Jean Ann Walters Nohava
1973
 Carol Pope Pufahl
1974
 Dora Maillaro
 Carol Cassidy Sausville
1978
 Anne M. Keegan
1982
 Maureen McMahon McHugh
 Kathleen Kastner McLane
1993
 Alice Douglas
1994
 Charles W. Poidevin
1997
 Maria Paynor
2009
 James E. Cimino

HUSBAND OF
1938
 Mary Deeley Fallon
1942
 Marian Burke Miller
1943
 Mary Trier Wyan
1946
 Colleen Welch Citarella
 Mary Niewenhous Gormley
 Nancy Herklotz Schrag
1948
 Anna Dunne Seebold
1949
 Grace Anne Gately
 Ann Taber Hassett
 Patricia DelBalso McNamara
1950
 Marybeth McCarthy O'Leary
1951
 Angela Connellan Murphy
 Gertrude Maher Sweeney
 Patricia Foley Windman
1952
 Patricia Mecking Liptrot
1954
 Beatrice Chao Lee
1955
 Maureen Birkman Ackerman
 Carolyn Burns O'Brien
1957
 Joan Noonan Ervin
1960
 Catherine Doherty Desa
 Ann Marie Farrell Fitzpatrick
1965
 Valerie Hackett Zenus
1966
 Mary Alice Becker
1975
 Donna Buck Fitzgibbons
MOTHER OF
1961
 Valerie Panarello Mastronardi
1963
 Rosemary Tallon Levine
1964
 Marie A. Dooley
1965
 Patricia Tallon Fager
1968
 Anne Doone
1969
 Catherine Forte Lanza
1970
 Marie T. Foti

Barbara Dore Russell

1971

Virginia Delsignore Johnson

1972

Margaret Maher Philbin

1973

Anne Delsignore Hill

1978

Ann Maher Barlow

1984

Margaret Mary Pratt Grant

1992

Susan Crowe

1999

Christine Vaughn

FATHER OF

1961

Loretta Zeiman Forgione

1963

Sharon Zeiman Duggan

1964

Marie A. Dooley

1967

Theresa Suppa Kruger

1969

Catherine Forte Lanza

1971

Shan Murphy Cyr

Kathleen A. Frawley, Esq.

Margaret Magdalenski Tringali

1972

Margaret Maher Philbin

1978

Ann Maher Barlow

1979

Kathleen Gormley Gutekunst

1998

Elizabeth Nolan

FATHER-IN-LAW OF

1985

Barbara Cronin LaPerche

DAUGHTER OF

1927

Frances Skelly Power

1956

Helen Cashman Kastner

SON OF

1925

Margaret O'Brien Sheridan

1962

Therese Lederman O'Keefe

1965

Rosemarie Cacioppo Scinicariello

SISTER OF

1945

Elizabeth Termini Mulligan

1946

Mary Jane Lawlor DePhillips

1947

Catherine McLoughlin Nowicki

1949

Rosemary Lally Inlow

1951

Teresita Conjuangco Lopa

1953

Corazon Conjuangco Aquino

Patricia Lawlor Luongo

1955

Theresa McLoughlin Colloton

Margaret Sheridan Kuhn

1959

Anne Sheridan O'Connor

1962

Rosemary Sheridan Durkin

1963

Sharon Zeiman Duggan

1999

Margaret Paynor Calandra

2009

Joseph Nickerson

BROTHER OF

1953

Mary Alice Sheridan Grant

1955

Margaret Sheridan Kuhn

1956

Theresa DeCola Medlar

1959

Anne Sheridan O'Connor

1962

Rosemary Sheridan Durkin

Dorothy Frohlich

Mary Edward Zipf, SC

1968

Jocelyne Nowaski Harding

SISTER-IN-LAW OF

1953

Margaret Cummings Driscoll

1969

Ellen Reisz Green

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF

1948

Julia T. Dunne

GRANDDAUGHTER OF

1966

Carol Merritt McCaffrey

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The Mount's Culture of Service: "...let us love one another, for charity is of God."

Maryland, Elizabeth Ann Seton founded schools and institutions to care for the children of the poor. The teachings of these two extraordinary individuals are at the core of a Mount Saint Vincent education. In fact, the Mount's mission statement describes how the College fosters "an understanding of our common humanity, a commitment to human dignity and a full appreciation of our obligations to each other."

For students, this philosophy translates into a value-added liberal arts education. Sr. Cecilia Harriendorf, Director of the Campus Ministry, cites the Midnight Runs—a series of visits to aid the homeless—to explain why active service is so critical to the Mount Saint Vincent experience: "It's a wonderful activity. It helps put flesh and bone on studies. It's one thing to learn about homelessness in sociology and quite another to get close to people who are homeless," she says. Midnight Run, an organization based in Dobbs Ferry, New York, sends vans in which seven or eight students accompany aid workers and distribute food, clothing, conversation and good will to destitute men and women on the mean streets of Manhattan.

But the College provides many paths to students who want to help others. Each year, for example, there is a trip to McKee County, Kentucky. In one of the poorest parts of Appalachia, students from colleges around the country spend three weeks assisting members of the Christian Appalachian Project in activities dedicated to improving the lives of local residents. "It's a wonderful opportunity," Sister Cecilia says, "for students to experience another culture in their own back yard."

Just a few miles from Mount Saint Vincent, on Webster Avenue in the Bronx, students volunteer at the

POTS Soup Kitchen, and work in a food pantry, serve dinners, and give haircuts to the working poor.

This March, during spring break, a group of students—members of the Science Club and Mount MD's—journeyed to and volunteered in Guatemala City. President Charles L. Flynn Jr., explored this experience with three student participants in "Conversations from the Mount," his monthly radio program that aired this year on WVOX, an AM news station in Westchester. Alumna Gabrielle James '10 had already experienced the joy

"It's a wonderful opportunity for students to experience another culture in their own backyards." —Sr. Cecilia Harriendorf

of helping others: she spent last year's spring break with Orphanage Outreach, a non-profit organization, in the Dominican Republic. Ana Uruena, a junior Biology major who came to Mount Saint Vincent from her home in Caracas, Venezuela, is president of the Science Club. When she is not assisting the homeless in New York, she can often be found in a genetics research lab. Alumna Sindy Gonzalez '10 attended a 2009 "Path to Peace" United Nations meeting devoted to developing ways in which the world could be transformed. She also participated in the Appalachian program.

In addition to organized activities, the Mount Saint Vincent student community responds to need caused by natural catastrophes and disease: nearly \$5,000 was raised this year to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti; walks were organized both on campus and in Central Park to raise awareness and financial support for breast cancer research, and another

fundraising drive was devoted to providing aid to victims of domestic violence. Mount Saint Vincent students journeyed to New Orleans to work with victims still suffering from Hurricane Katrina, and the College hosted a basketball game featuring the men's team versus alumni, which raised funds for medical research on hypertension.

Members of the College community adopted several local families dealing with financial hardship this year. They provided Christmas Day food, fulfilled Christmas gifts wishes, and helped to

make the holiday festive, in addition to participating in a "Toys for Tots" campaign. They also collected clothing for the homeless, provided a variety of life enhancing supplies for the elderly, and ensured that Thanksgiving food was available for poverty-stricken residents of Yonkers.

Students become aware of the College's mission their first day on campus, according to Dr. Dale.

"When a student decides to join our community, they are educated about our mission integration" she says. And the altruism that students demonstrate as undergraduates often leads to service-oriented career choices. In recent years, more than 20% of graduating students who responded to a survey reported that they intended to be nurses (or other types of health-care providers), teachers, social workers, psychologists, or police. As Sr. Cecilia says, "It's not just about making a living. It's how you are going to live the rest of your life."

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graduate with a degree in biochemistry. I am ready for the next challenge, which is to start medical school this fall. This would have never been possible, if it weren't for my professors Drs. Fabrizio, Kerrigan, Ribiero, Rollins, Visviki and Dr. Z, just to name a few. They have been impeccable sharing their knowledge, and challenging us to do more than we thought we could do. They are great professors and friends to us students.

The Mount Saint Vincent administration is the same way. Except for the fact that they did not accept our suggestions to get rid of exams, or instruct Dr. Rollins to make Organic Chemistry a bit less torturous, they are extremely accessible and open to other constructive suggestions on how to make our lives better at the college.

You might be wondering why I mentioned my friend Robert earlier in

my speech. While he graduated ranking first in our high school class in Kenya, he was not as fortunate as I am. Today, he is still waiting to get the required documents to start college studies in Norway, where he lives now. My point being, even with dreams, intelligence, and talent, just as he possesses, one still has to get opportunities to achieve his/her goals.

Due to the high cost of education, they are numerous minds being lost. We, at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, realize how lucky we are to have you supporting us. And we thank you for your continuous generosity. Once Mr. Moran told me, "Many immigrants came to America because it was the only place where a son of a farmer could become a corporate CEO. And that is the American dream." For those of you who are wondering, I asked and he was not talking about

himself. Everyone has a dream. In these tough times, your dedication to the College of Mount Saint Vincent gives many of us a fair shot to attain that dream.

And since my English professor will not read this, I authorized myself to use a second quote without a works cited page. "One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind." Thank you, all of you here tonight, for your kindness to us, the students of The Mount. We hope that even after we graduate and go on in life, you will still help our brothers and sisters who will follow us. We are forever indebted to you, and it is nice to know that, unlike the federal reserves, you will not hike up the interest rates.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for your attention, enjoy the rest of your evening."

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though she's petite, the new interns have big shoes to fill."

Jessica, who dreams of owning her own performing arts company, when questioned on what advice to give future interns responded, "always be willing to learn and not to be intimidated."

In addition to Jessica, four other students from the Mount were chosen

for the highly sought-after C200 internships. Fernandine Agbossou '10 interned for Nina McLemore, owner and founder of Nina McLemore, a unique women's designer clothing company; Amanda Robles '10 interned for Margery Kraus, chair, founder and Chief Executive of APCO Worldwide, a multinational communication and public affairs company; Jasmine

Grant-Niblack '10 interned for Kay Unger, founder and creative head of Kay Unger New York, a sophisticated fashion brand; and Amber Soto '10 interned for Lynn Unger Knoll, President and CEO of Knoll, a leading designer and manufacturer of branded office furniture products and textiles recognized for innovation and modern design.

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received the Sociology Departmental Medal. She was an honors student, participated in the Mount's mentoring program and conducted field research for the Central Park Conservancy. She presented an original policy framework at the National Association of Ethnic Studies this past April, regarding a more effective model for school counseling. In the fall, Allyson will begin graduate studies at Fordham's School of Social Service.

Eraina Collazo, Bachelor's of Arts,

received the Patrick J. Broderick Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching. Eraina completed a 41-credit dual education program leading to New York State Certification in Childhood Education 1-6 and students with disabilities 1-6. She is a highly competent and professional prospective teacher who has won the admiration of her professors, peers, field supervisors and cooperating teachers.

Courtney Heeseaman, Bachelor's

of Arts, received the Excellence in Physical Education Medal. Courtney has balanced a rigorous academic schedule with an intensive athletic program. Throughout her collegiate career, Courtney has been recognized for her exceptional talent. She was named Skyline Conference Player of the Year and recorded her 1,000th career, rebound. Her intelligence, motivation, and dedication will make her an exceptional role model for her students.

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include the study of modern Ireland, military affairs and higher education reform. He has published articles in scholarly journals, as well as three previous books, *Irish Diplomacy at the United Nations, 1945-65: National Interests and the International Order*, *Ideas Matter: Essays in Honour of Conor Cruise O'Brien*, and *Irish Foreign Policy, 1919-66: From Independence to Internationalism*.

Dr. Skelly also has personal experience in the Middle East. An officer in the United States Army Reserves, Dr. Skelly served in Iraq from 2004-2005, and was awarded a Bronze Star for his “exceptionally meritorious service.” While in Iraq, Skelly

helped restore Yarmouk University and Baquba Technical Institute, schools that were critically damaged in June of 2004 by insurgents.

This year, Dr. Skelly will serve as the Chair of the Department of History. Dr. Skelly, who has been teaching at CMSV for 11 years, is a popular teacher known among his students for his candor, energy and enthusiasm. He was voted Teacher of the Year in 2010. When not in the classroom or his office, he can often be found striding down a hallway, running up a staircase, or breezing across campus, always with a ready smile and hearty hello to all who cross paths with him.

“Dr. Skelley’s objective is to help others understand what drives militant Muslims.”



Dr. Joseph Skelly in Iraq

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