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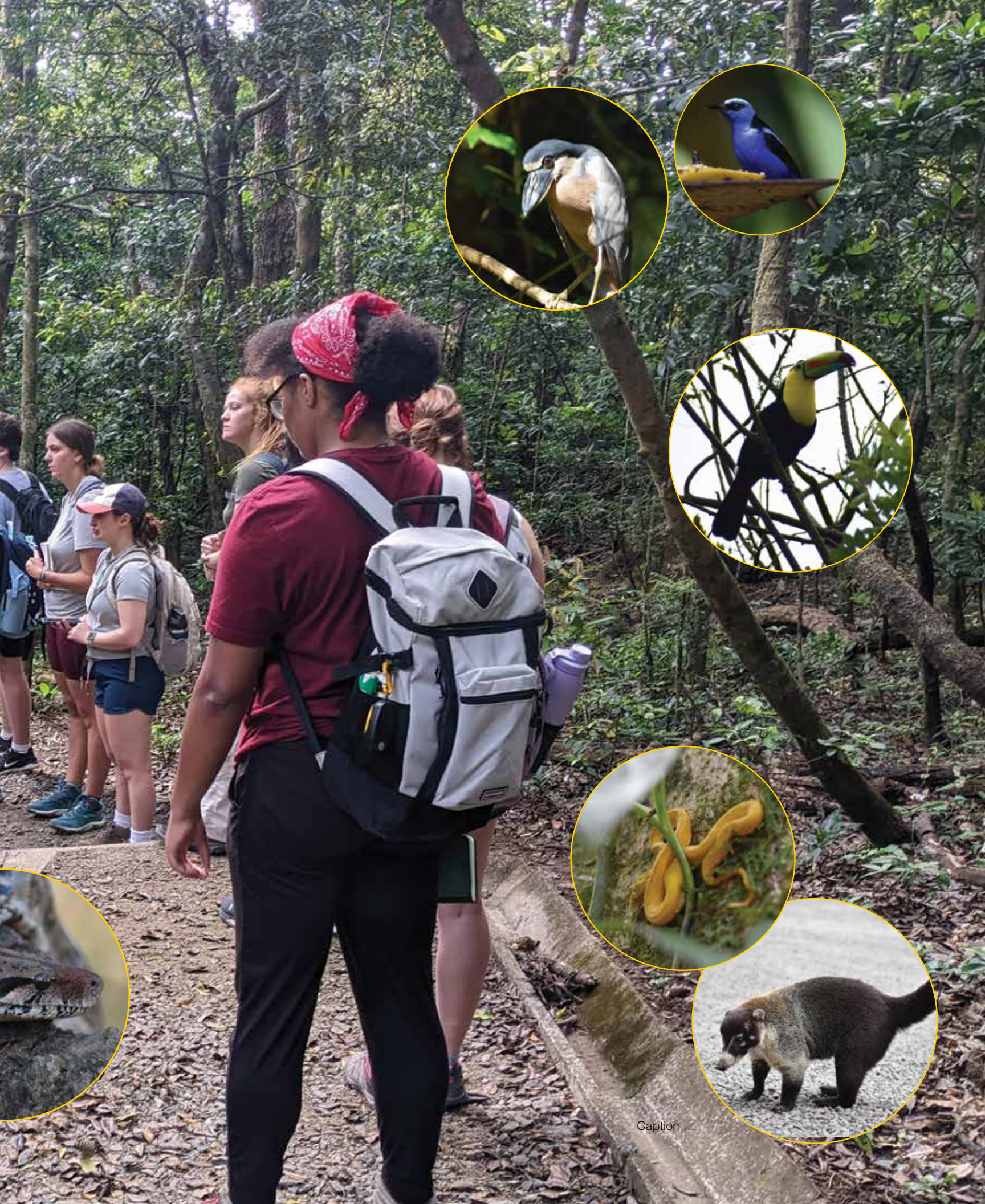


Critical Connections

Costa Rica is known as one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. Its expansive coastal plains, lush rainforests and rugged mountain ranges are home to approximately half a million species. For 10 days this winter, the Central American nation also became a living lab for the students enrolled in Ecosystems of Costa Rica, which focused on the organisms that live there and their environment. During their time in Costa Rica, the students saw Resplendent Quetzals in the wild; spotted a five- to six-foot-long boa constrictor as they ate lunch near a ranger post in a dry forest; and came face-to-face with a species of acacia tree they had read about in class. For Marie Stewart '23, a biology major from Brimfield, Mass., the experience further affirmed her desire to become a “boots-on-the-ground biologist,” focusing on wildlife biology and urban ecology. “This opportunity to encounter such incredible biodiversity and culture is life-changing for many,” she said. Nicolas Fallone '24, a biology major from Webster, N.Y., echoed those sentiments. The aspiring physician said that “going to Costa Rica after learning about some principles of forest ecology gave me the ability to connect what I was seeing to what I learned, and allowed me to ask deeper questions about how the ecosystem maintains balance within its great biodiversity.”

The trip to Costa Rica was led by Associate Professor Jason Luscier, Ph.D., and Professor Hilary McManus, Ph.D., both of whom serve in the Department of Biological Sciences. Photos by Jason Luscier, Ph.D. (large) and Nicolas Fallone (wildlife).





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by Molly K. McCarthy



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PARTNERSHIPS ROOTED IN FAITH | When Saint Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus nearly 500 years ago, he did not do so in isolation. His companions from the University of Paris, the very first Jesuits, were by his side. Even then, Ignatius understood the power of building community, forging partnerships and embracing interdependence. He modeled collaboration in a way that has inspired me throughout my presidency.



As I stated in my inaugural address eight years ago, “We teach Le Moyne students to be collaborators in creation. They will build the new bridges, new cities, new relationships and new ideas.” Today on the Heights, we continually work to establish new connections that will give way to even more opportunities for our young scholars as they grow in understanding, capacity and expertise.

As you will discover in this issue of *New Heights*, the College’s ERIE21 program links educators, employers and area residents so that together they can address two problems impacting the region – persistently high poverty and the inability of business owners to attract and retain skilled workers. The Salt Springs Neighborhood Association empowers members of the campus and surrounding community to work together on everything from nutrition to educational opportunities to home beautification. Campus Ministry brings together people of all faiths through events, volunteer opportunities and worship services. And, of course, we continue to deepen our relationships with the nearly 200 Jesuit colleges and universities around the world.

In addition, the technology company

Micron recently announced plans to invest \$100 billion to build a 7.2 million-square-foot semiconductor manufacturing facility here in Central New York. It is expected to bring in an estimated 49,000 new jobs to the area. As a Syracuse native, I am thrilled by the impact this will have on the region. I am also proud of the fact that by nurturing smart, highly skilled, well-rounded and confident individuals to join the workforce and play leadership roles throughout the area, Le Moyne has played an integral part in the effort to make our community an attractive destination for an investment of this magnitude.

As I walk around campus and see students studying together, sharing a meal or simply kicking around a soccer ball on a beautiful afternoon, I am reminded of all of the things they have come searching for at Le Moyne. That includes knowledge, direction, insight and very often, connection. There is something deeply human about all of these, but particularly the latter. As we continue to respond to the needs of an ever-evolving world, let us continue to build meaningful partnerships rooted in faith, hope and imagination.

President Linda M. LeMura, Ph.D.



DATA DRIVEN | Data can be used in a seemingly infinite number of ways, including to innovate, to identify and solve problems, and to predict trends. And in a world in which humanity is faced with making increasingly weighty choices about subjects as varied as the economy, the environment and the health care system, understanding how to use data effectively is critical. Mehmet Kilinc, Ph.D., and Furkan Oztanriseven, Ph.D., associate professors in the Business Analytics Program in the Madden School of Business, impress upon their students that the challenges they face are not local, regional or even national in nature. They are global.



“This is a great time to study business analytics and machine learning.”

Furkan Oztanriseven, Ph.D.

The educators also assure their students that they are not addressing these issues alone. They are doing so as part of a network of 189 Jesuit colleges and universities around the world. To that end, Kilinc and Oztanriseven are in the midst of building a partnership with St. Joseph University (SJU), a Jesuit institution in Beirut, Lebanon, with approximately 12,000 students. They plan to grow the collaboration thoughtfully and strategically. They will begin by hosting a virtual business analytics boot camp for SJU students and sharing the course curriculum with SJU faculty. Then they hope to provide a path for students at SJU to study at Le Moyne and vice versa. Their long-term aim is to build a system-wide collaboration with other Jesuit business schools around the world.

“Our hope is to create a global business analytics academic community, which is important because it will bring together

experts, researchers and students in the field to exchange knowledge, share best practices and collaborate on projects,” Oztanriseven said. “This can lead to a better understanding of the latest developments in the field, foster innovation and contribute to the development of more effective data-driven decision-making processes. By fostering a community of professionals who are passionate about business analytics, it will help to raise the profile of the discipline and increase its impact on the global economy. By creating a strong community, we can ensure that businesses and organizations have the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly data-driven world.”

Oztanriseven called this “a great time to study business analytics and machine learning,” noting that these fields are growing rapidly and shaping the global economy. There is an increasing demand for professionals who have the skills

to collect, analyze and interpret that valuable information in a meaningful way. Machine learning is particularly important because it allows organizations to automate many processes and make more informed decisions based on the data. Oztanriseven noted that “both business analytics and machine learning are interdisciplinary fields that draw from areas such as statistics, computer science and business, providing students with a well-rounded education that will be valuable in a variety of careers.

“Whatever their field may be, tomorrow’s leaders will need to make good, ethical decisions about everything from responding to emerging trends in their industry to assessing the lifecycle of a particular product,” Kilinc said. “Our hope is that this partnership will go a long way toward helping them meet that need. I am looking forward to seeing how it will grow and develop.”

Brent McKeown ’21 MSIS ’22 (above) using virtual reality. He and his research partner, Sam Salupo ’22, used machine learning algorithms in their McDevitt IS Research project to identify safety culture issues leading to accidents on Navy ships.

Le Moyne’s business analytics program is ranked 17th in the nation.

Scan for a more detailed version of this story.



We asked four faculty members, "How critical is collaboration and networking to success in your field?"
Here is what they had to say.

Faculty Angle

NORRELL EDWARDS, PH.D.

75th Anniversary Endowed Professor of the Humanities

I believe networking is a big key to success. Building long-lasting connections and community can shape your personal and professional trajectory. Sometimes we think of networking in a negative light – that it has to be opportunistic and calculating. Instead, we should see it as genuine connection and relationship building. No person is an island, and to truly get something accomplished, you need others. Think of networking as the opportunity to meet future collaborators. You never know what relationship might spark an idea or project. Thanks to technology, there are numerous apps and sites to help us to stay connected. I hope Le Moyne students take full advantage of the many networking opportunities

they encounter.

JONATHAN PARENT, PH.D.

Associate Professor of
Political Science

Beyond teaching in the classroom, a big part of my job as a political scientist is to conduct research that will hopefully contribute something new and meaningful to our understanding of the political world. That includes making connections with other folks in the discipline who might be doing similar work or have perspectives that I had not considered. If you think back to your undergrad days and remember seeing citations in academic works like Smith, Jones and Doe 1999, those publications were the result of networking that often started many years before putting fingers to keyboards. These types of collaborations also provide a great chance to meet and network with people around the world. I recently submitted a paper to an academic journal that I worked on with colleagues in Israel and China. This was a great experience, and I found it really interesting to learn about the ways academic life is both similar and different in these other countries.

CATHY BROWNELL, PH.D., R.N.

Chair and Professor,
Department of Nursing

For nurses, collaboration is essential and includes communication, teamwork, sharing and respect. In the delivery of health care, teamwork improves patient outcomes, increases patient satisfaction and promotes a positive working environment. One of the chief characteristics of nursing education is that it is very collaborative. Our curriculums are integrated across specialties and clinical settings. Networking is certainly valuable in every profession. In the field of nursing in particular, networking assists graduates in finding positions, learning about new specialties and sharing challenges and insights. I have found that networking is critical for professional relationships and developing a support system within the nursing community. It is also a great way for me to meet potential adjunct faculty.

BEN HUEGEL, DBA, CPA

Professor of Practice and Chair, Accounting

While networking and collaborating have always been critical factors in building a successful career in the field of accounting, their importance is becoming more evident. Strong professional networks assist individuals in becoming aware of trends and identifying best practices. As the world of business continues to change rapidly, being able to grow and utilize your network has become a natural part of normal operations. Additionally, your professional network can be a source of mentorship and guidance as you evaluate career aspirations and potential opportunities. Similarly, the ability to collaborate effectively has become increasingly important as firm operations become more complex. Collaboration with colleagues across a variety of locations, through multiple modalities with a changing roster of individuals, creates an environment in which those who approach their work with flexibility and adaptability significantly increase their ability to be successful. Those who can build a strong network while collaborating effectively will ultimately find themselves with many opportunities.



Overheard on campus ...

💖 There's extraordinary beauty in ordinary things. 🧠 At Le Moyne, we are trying to make people who are good decision makers ... If you make good decisions using the tools that we teach, people will follow you. 🏆 Le Moyne scholar-athletes are 'repping our Jesuit gem. 🕒 Recognizing the days when you need to take extra time for yourself does not make you weak. It makes you stronger and more resilient. 🌳 Climb a tree, they said. It will change your perspective. Now how am I supposed to get down? 🙏 Do what is right, not what is easy. 📱 Wordle and I are in a fight. I won't go into detail, but it knows what it did. 💖 For me, teaching is really something that comes from the heart. 🐬 Once a Dolphin, always a Dolphin. 🥎 Joined the ranks of the pickleball injured today. Also, I'm terrible at pickleball. 💡 It's a gift and a responsibility to engage with my students as I expose them to challenging and often ambiguous questions. 😊 Tomorrow has worries of its own. Focus on today. ⚾ All MLB playoff games, World Series included, should be day games.

Your Perspective



Networks and Social Justice

The best way to build a strong, reliable network of people around you is to create an environment in which everyone feels valued, equal and as though they can trust you. Networking is critical in terms of gender and women's studies because feminism is ever-changing and built upon community. Feminism cannot evolve in a vacuum, and feminist theory continues to adapt to changes in networks within and outside the United States. The most important issues facing humanity today are tied to social justice, including environmental justice, racial justice and gender justice. These three areas all intersect. If those working on gender justice are in conversation with advocates for environmental or racial justice, they build a more collaborative model that addresses gender and environmental justice in the most vulnerable populations, including in indigenous communities, the Black community and refugee communities. I have been able to build networks by attending events like the National Women's Studies Association conference and joining the Central New York Gender Studies Coalition. In addition, thanks to my colleague Leigh Fought, Ph.D., of the Department of History, I was introduced to the gender and women's studies faculty at St. John Fisher College and became involved with an educational program known as the Seneca Falls Dialogues. That allowed me to share my research with colleagues in the Rochester, N.Y., area, to publish in the *Seneca Falls Journal* and to share these connections with our gender and women's studies minors.

Farha Ternikar, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the Department of Anthropology, Criminology and Sociology and director of the College's Gender and Women's Studies Program.

An iGener and a Baby Boomer on the networks that have shaped their lives.

Face to Face



ALYSSA KIZER '23

The Law of Relationship-Building

Today's professional climate revolves around networking. As that has become more apparent, particularly to students of color, we have focused even more attention on our professional outreach in order to further our long-term careers.

When venturing out into the professional arena, I specifically looked into work related to law and civil rights. Over the summer, through the Ignite Scholarship, I was able to work at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. I met with attorneys and professionals who answered my questions about applying to law school and life as an attorney. One person who was particularly influential to me was Marcelyn Cox, director of diversity, equity and inclusion at Skadden. She implemented DEI affinity networks for LGBTQAI+, BIPOC and other intersectional-identity lawyers. She has been an inspiration to me when applying to law school, and she's even written a letter of recommendation on my behalf. Truly, without my commitment to networking at Skadden, I would not have been able to meet such amazing attorneys and other individuals.

Networking throughout my time at Le Moyne has allowed me to develop professional relationships, understand my own career goals and set up my life after college.

Alyssa Kizer '23 is a Brooklyn, N.Y., native who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science and preparing for a career in law.



TIM GORMAN '69

Growing Richer Connections

I recall Commencement as being bitter-sweet. There was a sense of accomplishment intermingled with sadness at the thought of perhaps not seeing some of our classmates again. Fortunately, many of us were able to stay in touch through various social and professional networks, thereby preserving our Le Moyne roots. However, something much more profound has occurred with the Class of 1969 in terms of networking – prompted by our 50th Class Reunion nearly four years ago.

Thanks to the efforts of caring classmates who saw how much we enjoyed reuniting in person, we now meet monthly via Zoom to catch up on current events, and to share memories of our time at Le Moyne and stories of our lives since. For those who are unable to take part in these regular calls, Kathy Donovan '69 keeps the entire class up to date with a summary of them.

I remarked at Reunion that coming together as a class after all these years must be what heaven is like – sharing lives that were once lived apart but which have miraculously been brought together again. The special bond we shared as students has grown richer as we have learned about the vibrancy of our classmates – even classmates we hardly knew until now.

Timothy Gorman '69 is an attorney specializing in health care mergers and acquisitions practicing in Denver, Colo.



CONNECTED BEINGS | Social connectedness offers immense benefits to our collective mental and physical health. One of the many lessons learned during the Covid-19 pandemic was the negative impact of social distancing on our overall wellness. Even prior to the pandemic, however, loneliness, isolation and alienation were on the rise, especially in young people.



Le Moyne students experiencing Australia together on a study abroad trip.

“Strong social connections, on the other hand, result in lower levels of anxiety and depression and increases in self-esteem and empathy.”

Maria Randazzo

As social beings, humans thrive in a connected, supportive community. The National Alliance on Mental Illness identifies three beneficial elements that having a community provides:

1. **Belonging** – Having a sense of community helps people be their true selves while embracing their most positive qualities.
2. **Support** – When you are feeling down or struggling with something, having somebody to talk to can help you work through your emotions and make you feel safe.

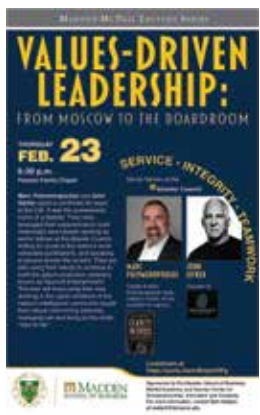
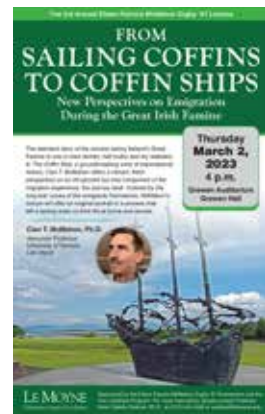
3. **Purpose** – In communities, people not only gain support, but they give it as well. Helping others will help give your life meaning and purpose.

Research shows that a lack of social connectedness is linked to physical decline as well as poor psychological health. Strong social connections, on the other hand, result in lower levels of anxiety and depression and increases in self-esteem and empathy. Some of the health benefits of connectedness are increased immune response and possibly longer life expectancies. Loneliness negatively affects our

health more so than smoking or obesity.

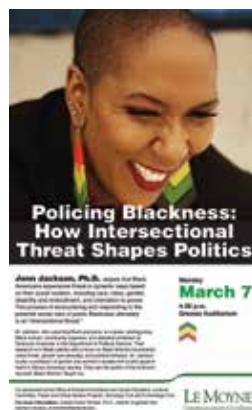
Social connection creates a positive feedback loop of social, emotional and physical well-being. Strong connections with others can be nurtured and built when we give of ourselves to others, afford ourselves grace and compassion, and when we ask for support when we need it.

Maria Randazzo '81 is the director of the Wellness Center for Health and Counseling at Le Moyne College, whose areas of expertise include development of college students, substance abuse treatment and fitness.



EXPERTS ON CAMPUS

The first fiction laureate of Ireland. Two highly decorated CIA agents. An artist who specializes in examining the conflict between society and the individual. These experts in their fields are among those who captured the imaginations and the attention of our community during visits to campus over the past year. And the best part about it is this: You never know who will come to Le Moyné next to spark your curiosity or deepen your understanding of something important.



“Being able to visit Paris was the experience of a lifetime ... I made connections by seeing the places we read about in class. Without a doubt, my favorite memory was watching the Eiffel Tower sparkle every night.”

Kaitlyn McGuinness '23
English major and
advanced writing minor
Albany, N.Y.

“My time in Paris helped me understand why [so many] authors went there to make their dreams come true. Paris is for the dreamer and someone who is seeking the extraordinary. Exploring Paris is about taking your time, walking everywhere, admiring the art and eating chocolate croissants.”

Emily Zhushma '24
biology major
Clay, N.Y.



Literary Paris

The students in Literary Paris immersed themselves in the city's history and culture, reading books and watching movies in which the city played a central role.

What They Read

A Son at the Front by Edith Wharton

A Moveable Feast: The Restored Edition by Ernest Hemingway

Paris to the Moon by Adam Gopnik

Paris in Mind edited by Jennifer Lee

The Lady and the Unicorn by Tracy Chevalier

Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light by Tyler Stovall

What They Watched

Paris, je t'aime (Paris, I Love You) multiple directors

Midnight in Paris directed by Woody Allen

The Myth of a Colorblind France directed by Alan Govenar

Amélie (also known as *Amélie from Montmartre*) directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet

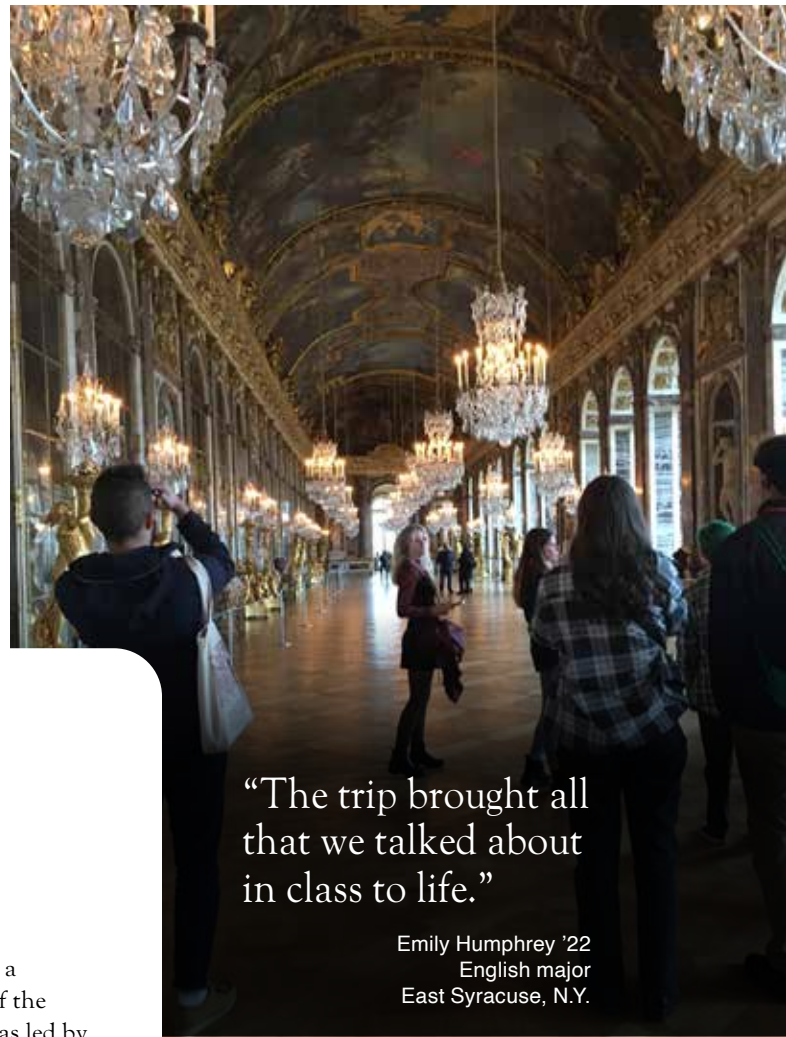
(Photos, left to right) The Eiffel Tower, Paris; students at the gravesite of author Edith Wharton; exploring the Hall of Mirrors at the Palace of Versailles; students at the beloved Shakespeare and Company bookstore; students taking in works of art at the Louvre Museum.

Photos by Julie Olin-Ammentorp.



City of Light ... and Literature

Paris is more than the City of Light. It is also the City of Literature. Early this year, a group of 10 students and two recent alumni traveled to the French capital as part of the culmination of a challenging, interdisciplinary course titled Literary Paris, which was led by Professor of English Julie Olin-Ammentorp, Ph.D., and Associate Professor of History Holly Rine, Ph.D. Over the course of 10 days, these Dolphins visited a range of well-known sites, and many that are off the well-worn path. They included author Edith Wharton's grave, the Musee d'Orsay (Impressionist Museum), the Luxembourg Gardens and the cafe where influential African-American author Richard Wright, who lived in Paris for many years, used to spend time with other writers. The students arrived eager to see in person what they'd previously only read about in class. Emily Humphrey '22, an alumna who audited the course and is now pursuing a master's degree in library science from Syracuse University, said that it was "hard to choose words to describe the experience." Here is what she and some of her classmates took away from their time in Paris.



"The trip brought all that we talked about in class to life."

Emily Humphrey '22
English major
East Syracuse, N.Y.





Garden-variety Network

Emma Schmid (third from right) with fellow Le Moyne community garden committee members.

As a freshman, I was not aware of all of the meaningful connections I would have the opportunity to make over the course of my time at Le Moyne. I have always had a passion for the environment, and I am especially proud to have been part of the growing effort to promote ecology on campus as a member of the Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee. This steering committee is a network of students, faculty and staff. While it has only been in existence for about four years now, it has grown quickly and has already helped to make the campus a greener place to live, work and learn. The College's community garden is just one example of the committee's efforts. Though it is less than two years old,

the garden has already become important to many members of the campus community, and we have exciting plans for it. We hope to allow our neighbors in the area to adopt parts of the garden and to establish a farmers' market to sell what we grow. This will help to strengthen the connection between Le Moyne and the families who live nearby. Although I am graduating this May, I look forward to what the College will achieve in the coming years, and I am hopeful that the networks that formed during my time here will be maintained for decades to come.

Emma Schmid '23 is a biology major from New Hartford, N.Y. Following her graduation, she plans to begin the Le Moyne Physician Assistant Studies Program in the fall.

Food For Thought

Clinicians have a variety of tools available to help them care for their patients. However, one is so simple that it may not immediately come to mind: food. The students in Le Moyne's Physician Assistant Studies Program are working to address this critical need.

As part of the program's commitment to embracing a bio-psycho-social-spiritual approach to care, the students are launching a service-learning project to provide nutritious, culturally sensitive food to members of the local community experiencing food insecurity. It is a significant undertaking, explained Mary Springston, M.S.Ed., PA-C, director of clinical advancement. Over the course of several months, the students will gather information about healthy foods, where they are sold and their costs, and explore how limited income impacts people's choice of meals. They will work with Le Moyne's Campus Cupboard, the College's on-campus food pantry, as well as St. Lucy's Food Pantry and Brady Market, which provide food to local families in need. The project was recently featured in an Open Classroom session on campus, part of Le Moyne's Diversity Central Initiative.

"Our hope is that this project will help our students better care for their future patients, especially those individuals who may find themselves facing food insecurity and who may be unsure of where to turn for support," Springston said.



PA students Stephanie Roach '24 (left) and Rachel Satter '24 (right)



A Pod for the Pod

Philip Reutter '23 loves talking to his friends about everything from the classes and extracurricular activities that occupy so much of their time, to their plans for the future, to the



ways they've grown since arriving on campus. Many of these conversations begin with the familiar refrain, "Here at Le Moyne ..." Those words serve as a kind of shorthand for the sense of community that Reutter has found at the College. They also prompted him to ask himself: What if there were a way to draw more people into this conversation about what it's like to live, learn and work on the Heights? This spring he launched a new podcast, *Hear at Le Moyne: A Pod for the Pod*, that does just that. In the first few episodes, he leads conversations about what it's like to be a communication major, a residential adviser and a member of the Office of Campus Life and Leadership team. Reutter believes that a strong, gregarious community is grown by the individuals who forge friendships with the people around them.

Hear at Le Moyne can be found wherever you listen to your favorite podcasts, or at hearatlemoyne.buzzsprout.com



The Le Moyne Way

“When you have the ability to affect people and be somebody who others want to emulate, who cares enough to help others, that's what makes you a good teammate, and that's what everybody's looking for.”

This quote by Alabama Football Coach Nick Saban is about more than just winning. It is about being a teammate. As athletes, we know that every time we step on the field, we are not going to be playing our best; that is the reality of competition.

Something athletes can focus on day in and day out is being a good teammate or a good friend. We are always able to pick our teammates up and be there for them no matter how well we are performing.

As athletes and leaders, we want others to look up to us. We have to be able to help the people around us, not just ourselves. When our playing careers are over, we are not going to recall the scores and statistics. Instead, we will remember the times we had with teammates. When we are as supportive and helpful as possible, our bonds with our teammates improve. When a team is full of competitors, leaders and supporters, that is when the team is at its best.

As student-athletes, we are expected to model “The Le Moyne Way” and to be there for other Dolphins. We can challenge each other to be encouraging even when we may not be playing or feeling our best. When we are concerned not just about our individual success, but that of our entire team, we see serious improvement on and off the field.

The best teams always seem to have the best comradery. This is something we can always work on, even without scheduled practice times and workouts.

Jason Boule '24
Baseball



My name is Liv, and I am chronically ill. I am also a captain of Le Moyne's cross country and track teams.

My official diagnoses reads as follows: systemic lupus erythematosus, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, dysautonomia, neurogenic orthostatic hypotension, Raynaud's phenomenon, rheumatoid arthritis and factor v leiden. What this means is that my body is attacking itself, my nervous system cannot communicate with the rest of my body, and my somatic nervous system does not function the way it is wired to function. I am in constant, debilitating pain and, in short, do not live like the normal, healthy 20-year-old athlete people see on the outside. I have not had a pain-free day in over four years.

To put it simply, my body is not able to handle what most student-athletes put their bodies through. It's likely I will never score points for my teams, but I know that my role as a member of these groups is just as important as anyone else's. And just as I have contributed to Le Moyne's cross country and track programs, they have provided me with the opportunity to make a difference across campus in ways I never expected.

As a freshman, I founded the Le Moyne College Chronic Illness Awareness Club (CIAC). The aim of this organization is to bring visibility to what are often invisible illnesses and to provide a space for those who are chronically ill to gather. We also make cards for patients in children's hospitals, host educational movie nights, bring inspiring guest speakers to campus and more.

I would not have been able to build the CIAC without the encouragement and support of the Le Moyne cross country and track teams. It is gratifying to know that this organization has made an immense difference in the lives of some of its members. I will never forget that it was the Department of Athletics that gave me this platform to reach out to others. The 'Phins have molded me into the leader that I am today – and I will always keep working to make them proud.

Olivia Snell '23 is a Valley Falls, N.Y., native pursuing a dual major in psychology and biology, coupled with minors in chemistry and statistics. Following her graduation, Snell plans to pursue a master's degree and a doctorate in sports psychology and to work with athletes recovering from eating disorders.

Aiding Those Who Provide

Dr. Wali Ahmadzai is in the Physician Assistant Studies program at Le Moyne.

In sixth grade, most kids want things like softballs or video games. Leon Ronoh wanted a first-aid kit.

Unsurprisingly, he would go on to pursue a career in medicine. Originally from Kenya, Dr. Ronoh graduated from the University of Bucharest, Romania, and completed two years of residency before immigrating to America.

For Dr. Ronoh and other international medical graduates (IMGs), the road to practicing medicine in America can be lengthy and confusing. IMGs often spend significant time and money obtaining the required credentials from their home country, studying for the licensing exams, applying to residency programs or simply trying to discern their next steps.

Housed in the Purcell School of Professional Studies at Le Moyne, the Healthcare Advancement Resource Center (HARC) creates opportunities for IMGs to resume their professions in the United States. Established in 2020 with funding from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, the program serves over 120 participants from 27 countries. “IMGs are an untapped resource in the region’s medical community,” said Stella Rwanda, Ph.D., director of HARC. “There is value in serving diverse people; the experience pushes me to seek knowledge beyond what I know.”

Aid to Others

By Natasha Beauchesne '20

At the HARC, inclusive and equitable environments foster collaboration and growth among the participants. I'm grateful for the opportunity to oversee the impactful work of the Center, especially when the world is grappling with the pandemic and an enormous shortage of health care providers."

Despite the hardships and loss of professional identity for some of HARC's participants, they model resilience and hard work. Over the past year, HARC has grown its community partnerships from seven to 22, pulling natural synergies from diverse organizations, hospitals and educational institutions in the Central New York region and beyond where HARC participants have accessed employment and career opportunities. HARC is also affiliated with the National Welcome Back Center Initiative, which organizes a network of similar centers across the country.

Tailoring its services to each individual's needs, HARC has supported its members in achieving their goals. Dr. Davor Ivanovski, currently a clinical research associate for the Upstate Medical Neurosurgery Department and a HARC participant, was working in retail while studying for his licensing exams and applying for research positions. HARC provided him with financial support for a preparation course to pass his final exam. He has recently applied for residency and has been invited

to interview in at least three locations in upstate New York. He has also connected his wife, a physician, with HARC, and she is taking English classes offered through the Center.

Participants such as Dr. Wali Ahmadzai, a doctor from Afghanistan with over 20 years of experience, also benefit from HARC's services. He completed certification training in the United States to become an echocardiograph technician, but Dr. Ahmadzai sought greater professional satisfaction because he could not interact with and see patients. After taking English classes offered through HARC and receiving interview preparation, Dr. Ahmadzai was admitted to Le Moyne's Physician Assistant Studies Program. He is working hard to return to his passion: directly helping patients. He hopes his journey serves as an example for his five children.

For Dr. Ronoh, HARC provided financial support, study materials, guidance and encouragement. He has submitted applications to residency programs around the country and is awaiting the responses.

"The journey to practice medicine in America could be very isolating," said Dr. Ronoh. "But other people are going through the same thing. There are other people inside the tempest, and knowing there are other people in the boat is calming. You know that you're not alone on this journey."

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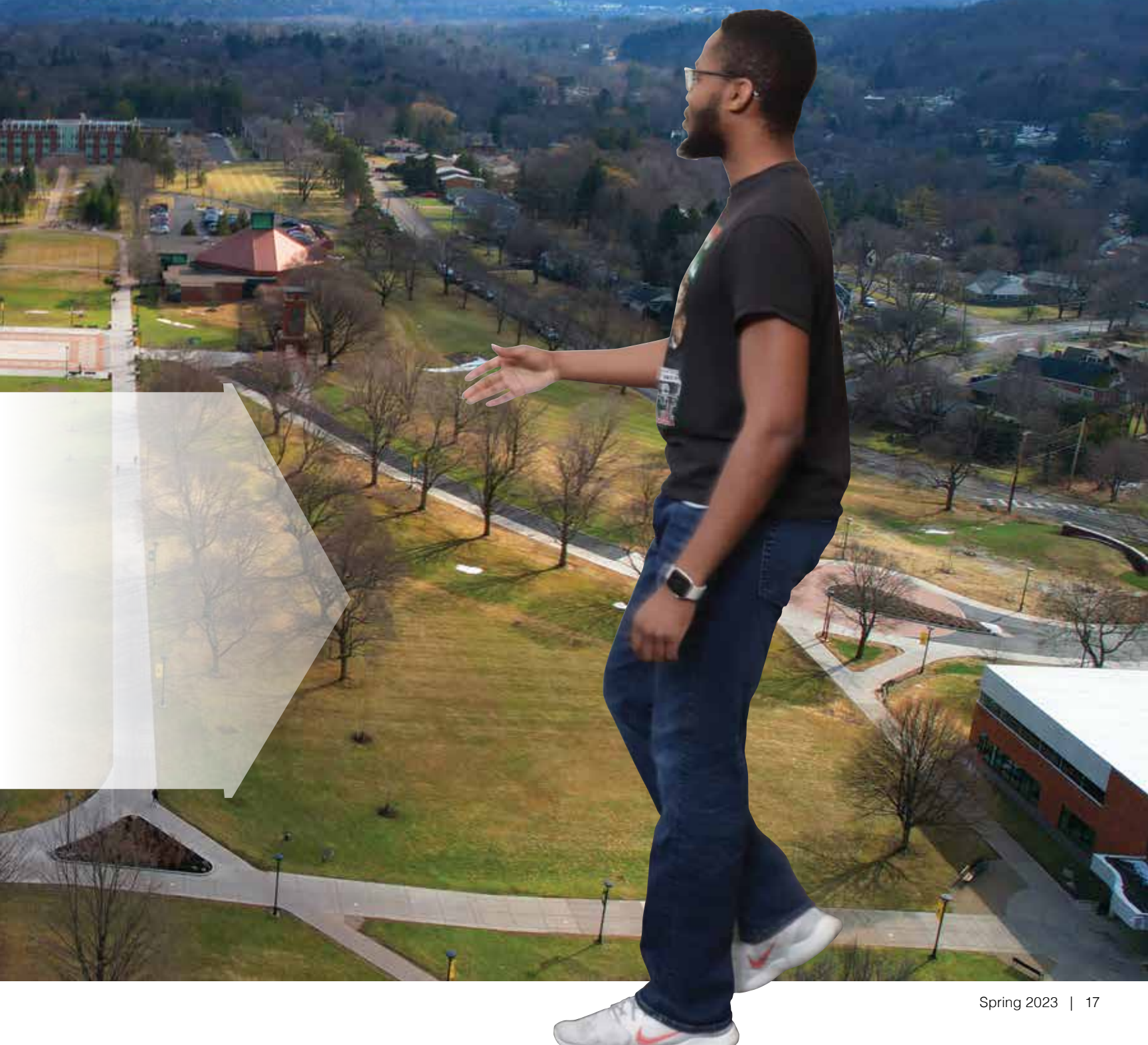


When Matthew Fledderjohann, Ph.D., began work as director of the College's Writing Center in July of 2019, he immediately set up as many meetings as possible. Fledderjohann spoke to faculty and staff members, department chairs and program directors. "I wanted to hear from all of them about what they understood about the state of writing at Le Moyne," he recalled. "I listened to their concerns ... and their visions of what a writing center on campus could achieve." Fledderjohann forged connections and shared with these stakeholders what he wanted to do with the Writing Center so that, moving forward, he could structure his work in such a way that he could respond to their concerns and have established relationships upon which he could rely. As he has continued this work, he has prioritized being what he called "capably dependable."

(silhouette, left) Matthew Fledderjohann, Ph.D., and (right) Osa Oduwa '23

etworks to Tomorrow

By Molly K. McCarthy



“Nobody can fight the good fight alone.”

Osa Oduwa '23
Student Government
Association President

“I want the folks in my network to know that they can consistently count on me,” he said. “I think a reliable network is built in large part by being personally reliable.”

There is a lot of focus on the idea of being independent. But as Fledderjohann’s experience demonstrates, none of us is truly dependent or independent. We are “interdependent.” Every day on campus, networks are forged, strengthened and expanded. The College’s ERIE21 program links educators, employers and area residents so that together they can address two problems impacting the region – persistently high poverty and the inability of business owners to attract and retain skilled workers. The Salt Springs Neighborhood Association empowers members of the campus and surrounding community to work together on everything from nutrition to educational opportunities to home beautification. (The aim is to build a more vibrant future for everyone.) Campus Ministry brings people together through events, volunteer opportunities and worship services. The Society of Jesus itself is, of course, a nearly 500-year-old global network.

Professor of Environmental Science Systems Lawrence Tanner, Ph.D., does not need to be reminded of how critical networking is to his field. It is apparent to him every time he opens a scientific journal and scans the lists of authors to see that research projects are conducted by a teams whose members often come from different institutions. Most of the scientific articles he has written have involved two or three co-authors, some of them from other countries. His own research has brought him from Iceland to

Costa Rica to the Four-Corners Region of the United States, providing him with opportunities to meet and learn from numerous other scientists. Tanner said it’s simply the reality that “no individual has the knowledge, talent and resources to accomplish as much as a group.” That’s especially true when it comes to combatting something as serious as climate change.

“We need all societies to recognize that short-term gains may need to be sacrificed in the interest of obtaining long-term benefits for Earth and humanity,” he said.

Professor of Practice Renée Downey Hart, Ph.D., who teaches courses in management and leadership in the Madden School of Business, learned her own valuable lesson about networking and the importance of building community at a very young age. When Downey Hart was in junior high, she wore slacks to school, which girls were forbidden to do at the time. She was subsequently suspended, as were two of her friends. Rather than be disillusioned, she, along with her mother, tutors, an attorney and a group of friends, banded together and brought the issue to the New York State Supreme Court, where they won. More recently, Downey Hart is proud to be part of the team that came together to create the Madden School. She reflected upon the way faculty members partnered with the School’s namesake, Mike Madden ’71, and its dean, Jim Joseph ’83, to build a “small but mighty, socially-aware business school” that places a premium on connectivity.

“Beyond the rankings and degrees granted, we completely embrace the community idea,” she said. “Our network is extraordinary.”



(above, left) Sen. Charles Schumer with Osa Oduwa '23 in downtown Syracuse. (above, right) Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon '03 meeting with President LeMura on campus.

Downey Hart exhorts her students to “mine the network.” There is ample evidence that today’s Dolphins are heeding that advice, whether it comes from her or others across campus. McDevitt Information Systems Fellows James McGarvey ’24 and Nolan Hillhouse ’23 recently collaborated with researchers at Upstate Medical University to investigate the use of drones to deliver drugs to the homes of patients, particularly to those who are recovering from Covid-19. Ivonne Santana ’23 secured an internship in the Kings County Federal Court through the Sonia and Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program. Student Government Association President Osa Oduwa ’23 worked with the Le Moyne Student Programming Board and the Office of Campus Life and Leadership to plan a series of events to welcome the members of the Class of 2026 to campus and to ensure that their first days on the Heights were memorable.

“Nobody can fight the good fight alone,” Oduwa said.

A Utica, N.Y., native, Oduwa plans to become an attorney after graduating from Le Moyne and is already cultivating his professional network. He believes the best way to do that is simply to “get yourself out there.” That may be more important than ever in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has forced people to change the way they think about gathering with others. He encourages his peers to look for opportunities on campus to meet people and to become involved in different organizations. “Why not plant the seeds of connection early when we are all here together?” he asks. That advice takes on even greater resonance when you consider this: Cable network CNBC recently reported that by some estimates, up to 70 percent of all jobs are not published on publicly available job search sites, and that anywhere from half to upward of 80 percent of jobs are filled through networking.

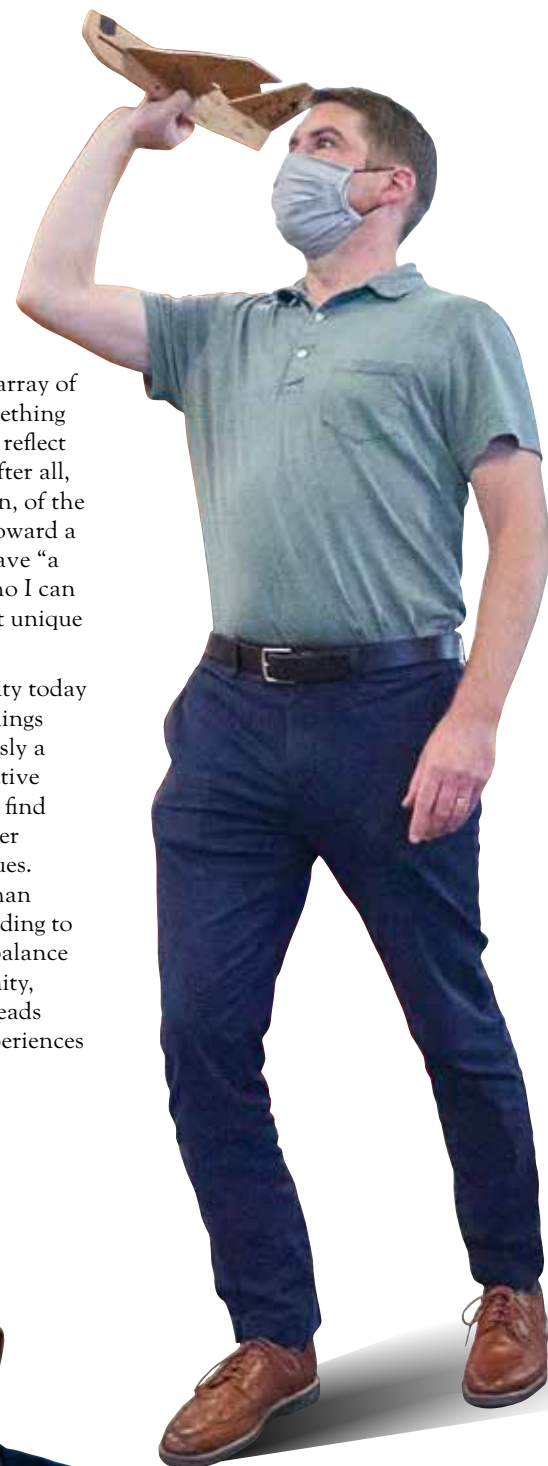
At their best, the networks we build provide us with a sense of belonging and support, hold us accountable for our actions and

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Renée Downey Hart, Ph.D.
Madden School of Business

connect us to other people from a diverse array of backgrounds and experiences. That is something that Matthew Fledderjohann continues to reflect upon in his work at the Writing Center. After all, his field is built on the idea of collaboration, of the capacity for two people to work together toward a common goal. It is important for him to have “a network of peers, mentors and mentees who I can learn from and learn through.” That is not unique to what he does, though.

“The most important issues facing humanity today are the same as they have always been – things like how our view of reality is simultaneously a product of and limited by our own perspective and how important and yet difficult it is to find and maintain balance,” he said. “We’ll never ‘resolve’ or fully address these kinds of issues. Struggling through them is part of the human experience. But we can get better at responding to our own limited perspectives and finding balance by listening to others, by being in community, by intentionally getting outside our own heads and by encountering and assessing the experiences of others.”



(Left to right) Tania Corte '24, Amy Rosario '24 and Jesenya Olivas '23, and (above) Mayor Ben Walsh sends a plane built by ERIE21 students on a test flight.





DIGITAL

C-o-n-n-e-c-t-i-o-n-s

By Molly K. McCarthy



Professor Matt Read demonstrates food prep on his YouTube series, Spatchcock Funk.



(opposite page) Matt Read in a video short he uses on various social media sites. (above) Sean Kirst and Lucy Kerr.

On the most creative use of social media ...

Social media plays a pivotal role in Matt Read's life as a teacher, consultant and entrepreneur. As a professor of practice in the Department of Communication and Film Studies, Read utilizes LinkedIn to grow his professional network. In his capacity as a marketing expert, he advises business leaders on how to use Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat and Twitter to bolster their brands. Finally, as the owner of the media company Spatchcock Funk, Read regularly uses YouTube, Instagram and TikTok to reach his audience.

Every day information travels around the world seemingly instantaneously thanks to the social media platforms that have been adopted by billions of people. These networks are not going anywhere. What's more, they are not particularly well regulated. Given that, Read believes it's critical for institutions of higher learning to train students to use these digital resources judiciously and effectively. After all, he reasons, "all of our social media handles are directly tied to our personal brands."

"It can be a strength or a weakness, but it's a part of our lives, professionally and personally, whether we want it to be or not," he says.

Read advises his students that, on social media, as in real life, they should be true to who they are and what they believe. He suggests that before they begin posting, they should make a list of the things they enjoy doing, sharing, and of the things that matter most to them. He also recommends that they periodically review and audit their online presence to ensure that they continue to remain true to themselves and their values. After all, he says, "your digital footprint is pretty permanent."

Read's colleague Sean Kirst offers his students similar advice. Kirst built a career as an award-winning journalist before being named the College's inaugural journalist-in-residence in July of 2021.

He continues to write a regular column for *The Buffalo News*, and uses social media sites like Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook to share his work. Kirst impresses upon his students that something written in "passion or anger or confusion" can live online forever and that how people see you online "can dictate how they relate to you in the real world." He urges the undergraduates he mentors to use social media to build "thoughtful community and connections."

"As [employees of] a college based on Jesuit ideals, we have an enormous responsibility to teach our students to be thoughtful, courageous, empathetic and kind, in all ways – and social media, with its siren call about instant attention, can enflame and elevate all the opposite qualities, especially the ease with which people can hide awful cruelties behind anonymity," he says. "These things seem obvious, but they need to be said out loud. I don't think it's a stretch to say the most poisonous elements of social media are helping to undermine the most redemptive parts of our broader culture."

Like Read and Kirst, Lucy Kerr, a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Film Studies, uses social media in her work as an educator and filmmaker. Given the visual nature of her work creating movies, Kerr primarily relies on Instagram. She enjoys sharing still images from her films in progress and following other filmmakers. Her presence on social media has allowed her to share her work and make connections with other people in the field. In fact, Kerr was invited to do a solo show after a curator saw her work on Instagram. Still, she cautions the undergraduates she works with to have "a healthy distance from social media."

"[Social media networks are] an opportunity to share resources, support and creativity with one another," she says. "[They are not] something to fall back on as a coping mechanism when feeling anxious."

"YouTube shorts allow for some really cool content, and Instagram reels can be really impressive, too. As social media continues to grow, it's an arms race in terms of what features they offer, and how content creators can really optimize them to shine and grow audiences and connections."

Matt Read

"I think the most extraordinary journalistic phenomenon of our time is the ability of the everyday person, with a phone, to instantly offer firsthand and revelatory witness to events that change the landscape, events that have deep impact, events that have powerful reach and effect because of such revelation."

Sean Kirst

"I enjoy following some mental health professionals who give really meaningful insight on tools we can use for anxiety, managing our use of social media, depression and relationship issues. Sometimes just reading one of their carousels gives me really useful information for coping when I'm having a hard day or find myself 'doomscrolling.'"

Lucy Kerr

Dolphin Stories

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

| Christine (Makhuli) Cotton's journey toward combatting hunger in her community began more than a decade ago. Cotton noticed that her son, Matthew, who was a teenager at time, was bringing extra sandwiches to school for lunch, but didn't appear to be eating them.

She asked him about it, and he explained that he was giving them to a classmate who sometimes didn't have enough to eat. Soon after, she and her friends Debbie Horwitz and Susan Romaine began talking about the growing impact food insecurity was having on communities across the country, including the Chapel Hill, N.C., neighborhood they call home. More specifically, they began asking themselves what they could do to help alleviate this growing crisis. A member of the Le Moyne College Class of 1987, Cotton is, by her own admission, someone who loves to build, create and solve problems. Before she knew it, PORCH Communities was born.

The premise of PORCH Communities is decidedly simple: On a designated day each month, residents are encouraged to leave nonperishable items outside of their homes (most often on their porches) to be picked up and transported to a local food bank.



Christine (Makhuli) Cotton '87

Cotton, Horwitz and Romaine began their venture by collecting cans of tuna – nutritious, economical and easy to store – before branching out to include other items as well. It didn't take them long to realize that they had hit upon a business model that was consistent, flexible and inclusive, not to mention easy to replicate. Purely through word of mouth, what began as a local initiative gradually morphed into a “national movement of neighbors helping neighbors.”

Today there are approximately 30 PORCH Communities in 10 states. The chapters are run almost exclusively by volunteers who organize monthly food drives and fresh food programs. By partnering with local pan-

Learn how to start a chapter of PORCH at

<https://porchcommunities.org>

tries, schools and youth programs, PORCH ensures that donations meet the needs of the communities it serves. In 2021 alone, PORCH served more than 9,000 people, raised \$2 million in support of hunger relief and worked with 140 local partners. For Cotton, the most rewarding part of this work has been witnessing the relationships that have been forged because of PORCH. Yes, the organization's stated mission is to feed people, but its unstated one, which is perhaps equally as important, is to bring neighborhoods and communities together. After all, Cotton says, “No one wants someone else to go hungry.” Years after PORCH's founding, the simplicity of its mission, and the strength of its network, continue to inspire her. Today Cotton spends most of her time forging new partnerships and onboarding new chapters. “Our vision is to have a PORCH in every community,” she says. 📍

by Molly K. McCarthy

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In 2022, Cotton received the Ignatian Award for Community Service in recognition of her work with PORCH Communities.

LIFE PURPOSE



Margaret Sherlock '81 of Hawthorne, N.J., retired as vice president of Selective Insurance Company. Sherlock is now a member of the second cohort of the Ignatian Legacy Fellows Program. This dynamic initiative was designed to provide a sense of community and accompaniment to people in the second half of life as they take part in a yearlong pilgrimage and reimagine the purpose of their lives using the tools of Ignatian spirituality and discernment. The program involves interior searching and travel to six different Jesuit missions, including in the United States, South America, Spain and Italy.

The above photo is from Lima, Peru, taken at Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya.

BOILERMAKER 2022



Members of the Class of 1991 joined together for a post-race photo at the annual Boilermaker Road Race held in Utica, N.Y.



Doing BIG Things

Le Moyne College Giving Day 2023 was the most successful on record. The donor goal of 2,023 was exceeded with the second-highest total in eight years of Giving Days – 2,636 donors and counting. A record amount of over \$1 million was raised, thanks to the many alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends who donated.

The day began with Mike Madden '71 and Dan McNeil '77 challenging one another to each make \$100,000 Giving Day gifts with an unprecedented challenge to all 32,000 Le Moyne alumni: "Match our combined \$200,000 gifts."

The Dolphin Athletic Association also broke numbers, with 1,332 donors and over \$200,000 raised in support of student-athletes. Beth Scanlon '78 led the Phins Share Meals program to a record 390 Le Moyne students who donated meal swipes to students that need them most.

The most exciting news occurred late in the evening. Inspired by Giving Day 2023 and building upon the momentum created by the October 2022 grand opening of the Keenan Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity, Tim and Kate Keenan '81 infused an additional \$1 million to accelerate the center's impact on the Le Moyne community and the Central New York economy.

In honor of their parents, Professor Charles and Rita McCain, Chuck '76 and Pam McCain, with the support of Lee '78, Mary Kay '79 and Pat '85, made a \$1 million gift to name the physics labs, support the McCain Scholarship and for general use. Professor McCain taught at the College for more than three decades, serving as chair of the physics department for much of that time, and his wife of nearly 61 years, Rita, worked as Le Moyne's registrar and later as the first dean of women.

1965

Bill Collins of Fayetteville, N.Y., was granted emeritus status by President Linda LeMura after retiring from Le Moyne College in 2020.

Mary Anne (Munz) Corasaniti of Fayetteville, N.Y., was honored in *Women of Distinction: Honoring Women in New York* by State Sen. John Mannion.

1969

Mary Elizabeth Curry of Silver Spring, Md., retired from the National Security Archive.

1970

Joseph Condo of Vienna, Va., received a lifetime-achievement designation from *Washington* magazine in recognition of his work as an attorney. Condo,

who is a principal in the Virginia firm of Offit Kurman, is a past president of the Virginia State Bar Association. He is also a recipient of the Betty A. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award from the state bar association's Family Law Section and the Clarence A. Dunnville Diversity Award from the bar's Diversity Conference.

1971

Maire Dugan of Utica, N.Y., has retired from her position as a GED reading, science and social studies instructor for Richland County School District 2.

1973

James Mosconi Jr. of Liverpool, N.Y., retired from the United States Postal Service.



Cruisin' Together

D'Angelo's "Cruisin'" has special meaning for **Allysa Pantano '12** and **Meeshan Reid '13**. The duo began dating shortly after meeting as students on the Heights. They would often spend afternoons driving around Syracuse, taking in the scenery and imagining their future as the mid-90s R&B song played in the background. Its lyrics, "We're gonna fly away ... I love it when we're cruising together," in some ways seemed symbolic of their relationship and where it would lead them. Following their respective graduations, the pair moved nearly 400 miles south of Syracuse to Washington, D.C., where Allysa now works as a math instructional specialist at a charter school, and Meeshan works as a financial consultant.

But they never forgot the road home to Le Moyne, and the campus would eventually draw them back. This fall Allysa and Meeshan returned to the Heights to celebrate the most important occasion of their lives to date, their wedding, in the Panasci Family Chapel. It was important to them to solidify their commitment to one another in a place that is significant to them, surrounded by family and friends. "We wanted to be sure to share our special moments and memories with those who genuinely love and care for us, now and for the years to come," they said. Afterward, the pair hosted a reception for their guests at the SKY Armory. When the time came for their first dance as husband and wife, it was, of course, to Cruisin'.

WHEN LOVE COMES FERMATA NOWHERE



Sometimes love comes seemingly from *Fermata Nowhere*. That is certainly the case for **Brian Katt '13** and **Emily Kirch '15**. The duo met while performing with Le Moyne's a capella group, which is cleverly named after the musical term for a hold or rest. They forged a friendship that over years developed into a strong partnership, culminating in their engagement on Christmas Eve of 2020 near Brian's home in Lake George, N.Y. They'd walked into town to look at the holiday lights together and, as Emily recalled, "It was the perfect time for Brian to propose and for us to take the next step of our journey together."

They wed past fall in the Panasci Family Chapel, a place with special significance to them. Not only was it the site of many of *Fermata Nowhere's* concerts, but it also came to symbolize "a shared love of faith, family and community" that was instilled in them by their families and nurtured at Le Moyne. They could not have imagined a more full-circle moment as they exchanged their vows there before family and friends. Emily and Brian said that, throughout the wedding planning process, they found themselves reflecting on this passage found in Corinthians: "Love is patient. Love is kind." When the time comes to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2072, they will remember those words and the feeling of community that enveloped them on their wedding day.

Beginning with a Splash

Some love stories begin with a splash. That is certainly true for **Daniel Tarbrake '16** and **Haley Buchholz '19**, **ABSN '21**. In their case, though, the splash wasn't figurative. It was literal. Dan and Haley met in 2015 by the Vincent B. Ryan, S.J. Pool at Le Moyne, where they were both members of the College's swimming and diving team. The duo bonded over their shared love of water and competition. But the more they talked to one another at practices and on their way to meets, the more they realized how much they had in common outside of sports. In fact, they found that their happiness was inextricably linked to the other person's, and before long, they grew into a team of their own.

That team is now a family. Dan, an officer in the U.S. Navy, and Haley, an ICU nurse, were married in a simple civil ceremony in 2020. In June 2022, they were finally able to host

a long-awaited larger celebration for their family and friends in New York state's Finger Lakes region, with a Mass at Holy Family Church in Auburn and a reception at the Lodge in Skaneateles. It seems appropriate that Dan and Haley, who first met by water, have now made their home in Hawaii, on the island of O'ahu. They live about seven minutes from the beach and enjoy spending their weekends surfing, snorkeling and scuba diving.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

Le Moyne welcomed the following Dolphins to the Alumni Association Board in June of 2022:

Gerry Docteur '63
Tom Russell '73
Jeanne Manto '82
Bridgett Lett '89
Tom Myers '94
Jim Suriano '94
James Cochran '14
Michael Songer '20

All will serve three-year terms, with the exception of Gerry Docteur '63, who will serve a one-year term while he is assisting with his Class Reunion Committee.

1975

Jim Canfield of Syracuse, N.Y., was named a notable practitioner by Chambers, and was included in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Margaret (Stenson) Kennedy of Ticonderoga, N.Y., retired from her position as contract manager for Columbia County.

Mark Lewis of Palm Bay, Fla., retired from Solvay Bank.

Beth (Ackley) Rocco of West Hartford, Conn., has retired from her position as an ophthalmologist for Middlesex Eye Physicians.

Gerry Stack of Syracuse, N.Y., was named in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1976

Kevin McKenna of Naples, Fla., is a manufacturer representative for Lanco Adhesives.

Lenore (Spadafora) Sealy of Syracuse, N.Y., has retired from CNY Works.

1977

John Delaney of Pittsburgh, Pa., is vice president of academic affairs for Saint Vincent College.

Veronica (Flynn) Wiles of Grand Island, N.Y., retired from the University at Buffalo.

1980

Bernadette Scolaro of Sioux City, Iowa, serves on the Sioux City Community School Board.

1981

Douglas FitzMorris of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., was ordained as a permanent deacon.

Rosemary McNamara of Rhinebeck, N.Y., is the superior general of the Society of St. Ursula de Tours.

1982

Annemarie (Spadafore) Mosley of Liverpool, N.Y., is vice president of institutional advancement for Christian Brothers Academy.

1983

Jim Joseph of Cazenovia, N.Y., was invited to serve on the International Association of Jesuit Universities Task Force, which supports the Inspirational Paradigm for Jesuit Business Education. Joseph also has a new role as the vice president of advancement and innovation at Le Moyne. He will continue serving as the dean of the Madden School of Business.

1984

Ed Hillenbrand of Richmondville, N.Y., received the Covid-19 Pandemic Civilian Service Medal for exemplary service to the nation as part of the federal medical response to the global health crisis.

Joe Savage of Bethlehem, Pa., serves as vice chair of United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley's board of directors.

1985

Mary Graham of Syracuse, N.Y., is the faculty athletic representative for Syracuse University.

Wright Lassiter III of Chicago, Ill., is chief executive officer of CommonSpirit Health in Chicago.

Sandra (Gunsalus) Melocik of Southlake, Texas, retired from ExxonMobil Corp.

Peter Paige of Albany, N.Y., was named executive vice president and hospital general director for Albany Medical Center.

Joseph Svitak Jr. of Jamaica, N.Y., earned tenure, called Reappointment with Certificate of Continuous Employment, in his role as lecturer in the Department of Computer Science at Queens College.

John Thompson of Brooklyn, N.Y., was honored with the Elliot Norton Prize for Sustained Excellence. Thompson was also nominated for Outstanding Performance by an Actor for a Large Theater for his performance as Prospero in Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's production of *The Tempest*, which earned a total of five nominations.

extended studies at South Dakota State University.

1987

Mark Vetrano of Kernersville, N.C., is chief strategy officer for data management company BIGDBM.

1988

Michele Corrente of Delray Beach, Fla., is a human resources consultant for MDC Associates LLC.

1989

Charles Alridge of Freeville, N.Y., retired from the Cornell University Police Department.

Annette Anthony of Charlotte, N.C., is senior financial accountant for Wells Fargo.



Jim Joseph '83 was invited to serve on the International Association of Jesuit Universities Task Force, which supports the Inspirational Paradigm for Jesuit Business Education.

1986

Andrew Adler of East Syracuse, N.Y., celebrated 35 years of being an accountant at Bowers & Company.

Timothy Murphy of Camillus, N.Y., was named in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and was included in "Upstate New York Super Lawyers" for 2022. Murphy currently serves as a managing partner for Hancock Estabrooke, LLP.

Roger Stackpoole of Norton, Mass., is vice president of finance and administration for Wheaton College.

Victor Taylor of York, Pa., was named vice provost for graduate education and

Michael Daley of Lakewood, Calif., was promoted to clinical associate professor of screenwriting and made the graduate director of the Writing and Producing for Television Program at Loyola Marymount University.

Anthony Santiago of Scottsdale, Ariz., is chief executive officer for Gila River Health Care.

1990

Antonio Eppolito of Alexandria, Va., retired from the United States Air Force after 28 years of active military service. Eppolito is currently a family physician for the University of Virginia Hospital Center.

1991

James Marshall-Ward of Ocean Shores, Wash., was promoted to human resources manager for Quinault Beach Resort and Casino.

Kelly (Cash) Rotter of Canandaigua, N.Y., graduated from the inaugural Leadership Ontario Program.

1994

Jo (Engle) Austin of Manlius, N.Y., was featured on an episode of *Jeopardy!*

Chris Harrigan of Syracuse, N.Y., is an Upstate New York Super Lawyers honoree and was named in the 2023 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1995

James Aiello of Cicero, N.Y., is the vice president of revenue, operations and strategy for DUMAC Business Systems.

John Cook of Camillus, N.Y., is an Upstate New York Super Lawyers honoree and was named in the 2023 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1997

Heather Dera of Fayetteville, N.Y., is a talent sourcing partner for St. Joseph's Health.

Sheila (Murray) Marshman of Oxford, N.Y., received the Distinguished Faculty Award at SUNY Morrisville for her commitment to her students and the college.

Philip Matzke of Henniker, N.H., is an instructional coach for the John Stark School District.

Derek McGork of Chittenango, N.Y., is director of security for Le Moyne College.

1998

Kathie (Russell) Hucko of Cicero, N.Y., is senior project manager for National Grid.

1999

Lisa (Eaton) Brown of Cumming, Ga., completed her

term as president of the Atlanta Estate Planning Council.

Erin Fiden of Addison, Texas, was promoted to senior manager of consumer insights and experience for Frito-Lay, part of PepsiCo.

Mary King of Syracuse, N.Y., was included in Upstate New York Super Lawyers for 2022. King currently serves as partner in the trusts and estates, elder law and special needs, and family business succession planning practices for Hancock Estabrook, LLP.

2000

Sarah (DeSanctis) Neidert of Brighton, Mich., was named director of the Crompton District Library in Hartland Township.



Jo (Engle) Austin '94 was featured on an episode of *Jeopardy!*

2001

Sarah Blakeman of Syracuse, N.Y., is an English teacher at Bishop Grimes Junior/Senior High School.

Matthew Fort of Davidson, N.C., is vice president of investor relations and global financial planning and analysis for Ingersoll Rand Inc.

William Fortino of Lexington, S.C., was named a 2022 Platinum Client Champion by Martindale-Hubbell.

2002

Nicole (Jones) Adams of Syracuse, N.Y., is assistant director of inclusive excellence for Le Moyne College.

John Martinson of Naples, Fla., was named one of the Top 25 Healthcare Technology Leaders of Dallas for 2022.

2003

Jeremy Doran of Camillus, N.Y., and Stone Hammer Constructors were the general contractors for a project that redeveloped an office building into an apartment complex in downtown Syracuse.

Cheryl (Baillargeon) Glick of Albany, N.Y., was recognized by the New York State Society of Physician Assistants (NYSSPA) and received the organization's President's Award for her contributions to the profession and NYSSPA.

Christian Schlaerth of Forest City, Iowa, had his article titled "The Perversion of Populism in the 21st Century" accepted for publication in the journal *Theory in Action*. Schlaerth

Bank. Gardner is a tax partner at Grossman St. Amour Certified Public Accountants.

2006

Michael Backus of Mexico, N.Y., is president and chief executive officer of Oswego Health.

T.J. DiPeso of Brewerton, N.Y., is working with **Grazi Zazzara Jr. '07** to turn the former GHD Inc. office buildings in Cazenovia, N.Y., into Courtyard at Cazenovia, a new apartment building.

Chris Doran of Camillus, N.Y., was presented with the 40 Under Forty Award by M&T Bank. Doran is the co-owner of Stone Hammer Constructors, a residential and commercial construction company based in Syracuse.

Katie (Barrett) O'Connor of Albany, N.Y., was named Teacher of the Year at the 2022 graduation ceremony for Mildred Elley College.

Huasheng Tan of Brooklyn, N.Y., is the director of banking relations and services for the New York City Department of Finance.

2007

Amanda (Keegan) Montes of Woodland Hills, Calif., is divisional vice president of the Western Division at Equitable.

Melissa Moore of Canastota, N.Y., is assistant dean of Title IX and compliance for Le Moyne College.

Kathleen (O'Neill) Thomas of Charleston, S.C., has been named a master teacher by the South Carolina Independent School Association.

2008

Christina (Eppeley) Chamberlain of Rodman, N.Y., was named superintendent of the South Jefferson Central School District.

Vijay DaCosta of Hamden, Conn., is a theology teacher at Fairfield College Preparatory School.

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ARTISTIC NETWORK

No one told Elizabeth Haroian '11 the places a degree in theatre arts would eventually take her. Even if they had, she might not have believed them. Since graduating from Le Moyne with the aforementioned credential, Haroian has built a career that has brought her around the country – and the world.

Along the way, she says, she has learned several valuable lessons about “resilience, humor and work.” But perhaps most important, she has discovered the value in building strong networks of people who can depend upon one another. That has been key to every project Haroian has ever undertaken, whether it was collaborating with the cast and crew of the feature-length film *Dash*, for which she served as a producer; helping others to review the dialogue in the musical version of *Rocky* to ensure that the show's references to the City of Philadelphia were historically accurate; or working with and overseeing the staff at a Saudi hotel during the successful five-week run of a live magic show in Riyadh.

Haroian learned the importance of building networks early. As a student at Le Moyne, she was part of the Performing Arts Center Learning Community, which allowed her to live near and share key courses with other theatre arts students. She was inspired by the people around her. Since then, she has found that the key to forming strong relationships is to be flexible, to treat everyone as an individual, and to nurture shared values and goals.

She has also become more mindful of the ways in which networks can provide us with new opportunities. *Dash* is a prime example of that. The film tells the story of how one person's choices impact the lives of the people around him. It is complex. Not only is it shot in one take, but it also takes place entirely in a car as it is driven around the City of Los Angeles. Several of Haroian's friends who began the project started to wonder: What if a traffic light held them up, or if an actor forgot one of his lines? They realized they needed to bring someone with experience in live theatre on board, and immediately thought of her. Haroian is glad that they did as it opened her to a whole new way to tell stories at a time when streaming services demand more and more content.

“It's an interesting time to be doing this work and to be alive,” she says.

By Molly K. McCarthy



Caption (above) Haroian attends an announcement concerning the film *Dash*.

(below) Haroian takes a moment to enjoy the majestic scenery while working in Saudi Arabia.



Flash From the Past

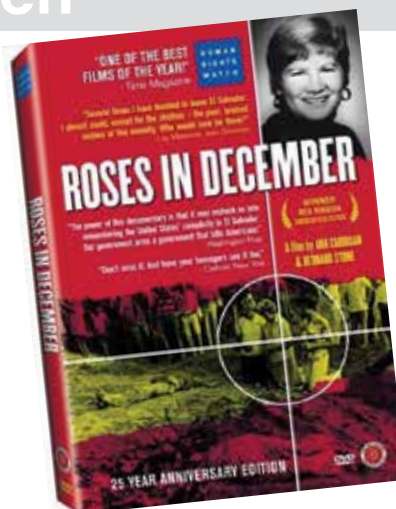


New Norms

2011 ► Nelligan Hall went co-ed. The change recognized a shift in both culture and demographics. Not only were more people comfortable with the establishment of housing for male and female students, but approximately 60 percent of the College's student body was female. Le Moyne's only remaining all-female dorm, St. Mary's, went co-ed in the fall of 2013.

Contributions of Women

1983 ► The original "Women's Week" was hosted by International House in 1983. Activities included the movie "Roses in December," based on the life of Jean Donovan, one of the American women killed in El Salvador; a lecture by Carol Berrigan, sister-in-law of Daniel Berrigan, S.J., on "Women in the Middle East;" and an introduction to the liturgy by Professor of Religious Studies Nancy Ring, Ph.D.



Alumni Achievements

WONDER WOMAN



1994 ► **Valerie Woods** of Belize City, Belize, was chosen as "Wonder Woman of the Week" by the special envoy for the Development of Families and Children. The special envoy features outstanding Belizean women making a difference in their communities.

Woods is a firm believer in continued education and professional development. A former senator (2016-2019), she was elected in December 2020 as the speaker of the Belize House of Representatives.

Woods is an advocate for human rights, gender representation, women in leadership, and LGBT rights and inclusion. She recently facilitated the establishment of the first Women's Parliamentary Caucus for Belize and has facilitated several panel discussions on gender representation and inclusion.

BRAIN POWER

2012 ► **Jonathan Hess** of



Syracuse, N.Y., received over \$1 million from the U.S. National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to continue his efforts to uncover the risk factors for cognitive deterioration in people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Love & Marriage

Christine Caruso '06 to Joseph Samaniuk

Colleen Curtin '06 to Jonathan Bullock

Craig Lane '07 to Ann Thomas '12

Sarah Jordan '10 to Isaac Dost

Danielle LaTour '10 to Joe Bright

Megan Daigle '18 to Noah Whalen '18

Andrew VanRiper '16, MBA '18 to **Kaitlyn MacArthur '18** (below)



Samantha York '21 to Henry Rose (below)



Cara Neri of Petersburg, Va., is an arbitration advocate and office of workers' compensation specialist for the United States Postal Service.

Matthew Vassil of Nashville, Tenn., is an associate in the business counseling and securities practice groups for Eckert Seamans.

Barbara Wasil-Espinoza of Fayetteville, N.Y., is a world languages teacher for Bishop Grimes High School.

2009

Elizabeth (Kimball) Bivens of Oswego, N.Y., has been promoted to the director of community health for Oswego Health.

Sam Deb of Camillus, N.Y., opened a restaurant called The Deli @ 700 located in Syracuse, N.Y.

Adrienne Graves of Syracuse, N.Y., is director of alumni relations for the Syracuse University College of Law.

Armina Ibrahimovic of Cicero, N.Y., works in software delivery management for Equitable.

2010

Josephine Martinez of Riverdale, N.Y., was honored as one of Negocios Now's 40 Under 40 Latinos in New York City.

2011

Richard Alsever of Syracuse, N.Y., is director of human resources for the City of Syracuse.

Daniel Crilly of Rochester, N.Y., has been promoted to senior manager for financial assurance at DeJoy, Knauf, and Blood LLP.

Kaitlyn (Klima) Mariano of Liverpool, N.Y., is a tax manager for Dannible & McKee, LLP.

Radhy Miranda of Bronx, N.Y., is a program manager for the Rockefeller Foundation.

Aerik Radley of Fayetteville, N.Y., is the marketing and communications director at Firley, Moran, Freer, & Eassa CPA, P.C.

2012

Kathleen Calabro of Clifton Park, N.Y., was promoted to partner at Ernst & Young Financial Services.



Alumni Bookshelf

1957 ▶ William Armani authored of two books: *Hunt for Fun (And Never Go Home Empty Handed)* A Humorous Look at the Sport of Hunting and *Who Knew: Things You Never Knew*.

1974 ▶ Linus Ward Walton Sr. published his second book, *Ten Mile Stories: Heart of Anywhere*, a collection of fiction stories loosely based on characters in the Skaneateles Lake area, but with "wider, more universal themes emphasizing one-to-one talking, and setting aside of differences and judgments." In November 2021, Walton published *Mandana Dreams*, also a collection of stories with an initial Skaneateles connection.

1978 ▶ John Morelli of Fort Myers, Fla., published a novel titled *The Angel Theory*.

1981 ▶ Philip Mazza released *Children at the Gate*, the third and final book in *The Harrow Saga* trilogy.

1982 ▶ Carmen Amato of Lebanon, Tenn., wrote *Road to the Galliano Club*, the prequel to the Galliano Club thriller series.

1994 ▶ Keely (Harrington) Hutton of Fairport, N.Y., had her book, *Don't Look Back*, published in October 2022.

Alumni Events

There is nothing we enjoy more than connecting with our alumni. We encourage you to visit lemoyne.edu/alumni to stay in touch with your Dolphin family.

The alumni team continues to plan our traditional events, as well as many new events.

You won't know ... unless we know!

The only way we get the word out about great events like these – and much more – is by mail or email, so please update your contact information right away.



GOLDEN ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

MAY 19-21, 2023

The members of the class of 1973 is invited back to celebrate their **50th reunion** and reunite with joy a welcome Mass, class party and dinner, campus tours, and are invited to process in the 73rd annual commencement exercises to close the weekend. Visit lemoyne.edu/golden for more information and to register!



INSIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

All are welcome to participate in our webinar series featuring topics ranging from professional development and Ignatian spirituality to personal growth and faculty research. The webinars are designed to educate, inspire and enlighten members of our Le Moyne College community – alumni, parents, faculty, administrators, staff and students.

Visit lemoyne.edu/Alumni/WebinarSeries to sign up for new webinars and listen to past episodes.



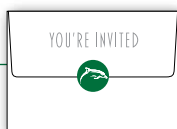
REUNION WEEKEND

JUNE 2-4, 2023

We welcome all graduates to Come Home to the Heights for Reunion, but with special focus on our alumni with class years ending in **3s** and **8s**. Visit our website lemoyne.edu/reunion for details, and make sure we have your email address!

Popular Events:

- Class Parties
- 10th Annual Dolphin Dash – 5K Run/Walk
- President's Address and Alumni Awards Presentation
- Dolphins After Dark – Tent Party on the Quad
- Celebration of Faith and Reunion Weekend Mass



Don't get left out.

Do we have your current mailing address? Does your mail still go to your parents' address? Even though most of the College's communication is via email, we need to know where you live so that we can invite you to events in your area.



You've got mail ... or do you?

Have you received email from Le Moyne? If not, we probably don't have your current address. **This is our primary means of communication**, so don't miss important announcements and invitations.



Share the joy.

Do you have a new job or have you received a promotion? Did you get married? Have a baby? Have a photo of you with fellow Dolphins? Award ... achievement ... honor? Let us know about it. Dolphins love to share in your joy.

Update your information with the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement
315-445-4563 | alumni@lemoyne.edu | **or use this QR link** ↓



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Le Moyne College Alumni Network

Follow us on Instagram and join our LinkedIn group to stay aware of upcoming events and to keep in touch with fellow Dolphins.

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DOLPHIN HISTORY

1945 ▶ I Saw the Sign. A photo in the *Syracuse Herald American* featured a sign on the farmland that would come to be known as the Heights. It read: "Site of the Future College for the Men of Central New York," which is interesting for two reasons. Today, of course, we know that the College was named for Simon Le Moyne, S.J., and that it was the first Jesuit College in the nation to open as a co-educational institution.

1950 ▶ Making the Grade. In January of 1950, out of 840 Le Moyne students, six earned a 4.0 or straight As, and 22 had a B+ average or better. In 2000, out of 2,399 students, 588 had a B+ average or better.

1951 ▶ With Honors. The College bestowed its first honorary degree upon the Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, D.D., bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse, who played a pivotal role in the formation of the College.

1982 ▶ Mealtime. It's hard to think cogently on an empty stomach. But if you were a Le Moyne student in the fall of 1982, you were in luck. The menu at the Dolphin Den included quarter-pound hamburgers (\$1.20 each), grilled cheese sandwiches (\$.90 each) and ice cream cones (\$.55 each).

1994 ▶ Powerful Voices. Le Moyne's Gospel Choir, Voices of Power, held a concert in the new Panasci Family Chapel that brought together members of the community and showcased the ways in which music can touch people's souls.

1997 ▶ A Game of Telephone. An article in *The Dolphin* outlined the frustration some students felt when the College's landline telephone system temporarily went down. It read in part: "At 10 p.m., when you're craving a pizza from Dominos, the last thing you want to hear is a busy signal when you call to order." Today's undergrads don't have that problem. They can just order their pizza via the Dominos app.

Morgan Edmondson of Johnson City, N.Y., is an assistant softball coach for Colgate University.

Nicholas Higgs of Nassau, Bahamas, was appointed the youngest managing director of the Bahamas Development Bank.

Alexis (Lyon) Layo of Syracuse, N.Y., was promoted to tax supervisor for Dannible & McKee, LLP.

2013

Travis Newton of DeWitt, N.Y., received the Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music's 2022 Louis Krasner Award.

Christina (Huffaker) Swendsrud of Syracuse, N.Y., is the history and archives research librarian for Le Moyne College.

Aubree Weaver of Cicero, N.Y., is the legislative services editor for Politico Pro. Weaver was honored by the Fund for American Studies and received the Young Alumna Award, which is given to a graduate of the College who has shown great promise in his or her professional field and/or volunteered extensively in the community.

Victoria Wilson of LaFayette, N.Y., is marketing coordinator for Advion Interchim Scientific.

2014

Dylan Famolaro of Rochester, N.Y., is a senior account executive for iSecure, LLC.

Samuel Lyon of Syracuse, N.Y., is a tax senior manager for Dannible & McKee, LLP.

Jeffrey White of Buffalo, N.Y., was named head varsity lacrosse coach for Canisius High School.

2015

Katherine Bakhuizen of Portland, Ore., is an assistant professor of practice for Portland State University.

Alex Battaglia of Houston, Texas, is a systems engineer for Boeing.

Kerrigan Coyle of Babylon, N.Y., is a finance manager in Consumer Lending for American Express.

Claire (Woodburn) DiYenno of Syracuse, N.Y., is a sales and operations coordinator for Amyris.

Grant Farrokh of Houston, Texas, received his certification as a trajectory operations officer at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Sarah Liberati of Chicago, Ill., is a project manager for Legrand.

Megan (Ripley) Marks of Morrisville, N.Y., is the assistant director of residence life and housing at SUNY Oswego.

Michelle Mitchell of Syracuse, N.Y., is a reference and instruction librarian for Syracuse University.

Casey O'Neill of Long Island City, N.Y., is the lead digital channels specialist for Federal Reserve Bank of New York.



Sam Deb '09 opened a restaurant called **The Deli @ 700** located in Syracuse, N.Y.

2016

Sean Connors of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., is a tax manager for Dannible & McKee, LLP.

Benjamin Lloyd of Fredericksburg, Va., is a registered nurse at Mary Washington Hospital.

Ben Verdi of Syracuse, N.Y., is the assistant swim coach at Le Moyne College.

2017

Jennifer Ashens of North Syracuse, N.Y., received her Doctorate of Optometry from Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University.

Heather Brumbaugh of Fayetteville, N.Y., is an administrative and marketing assistant with Arabella Wealth Advisors.

Tracy (Webb) Couto of Jamesville, N.Y., became the first student ever at Le Moyne to successfully defend her dissertation to receive her doctorate in executive leadership.

Olivia (Langevin) Eibert of Canton, N.Y., is a per diem physician assistant for St. Lawrence Health's Canton-Potsdam Hospital in the Surgical Department.

Nicholas Tabone of Cato, N.Y., is a worldwide channel analytics manager, ISO, for Lenovo.



Centenarian Celebration

(left to right) Mary McNeil, MBA '08, Dan McNeil Jr. '51, Dan McNeil III '77 and his wife, Danielle, and President Linda LeMura, Ph.D., at the Mass in the Panasci Family Chapel.

Loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Businessman. Philanthropist. Veteran. Musician. Dolphin. **Dan McNeil '51** has embraced each of these titles with grace and enthusiasm. He recently added one more appellation to that list: centenarian. A member of the College's inaugural Class of 1951, Dan marked his 100th birthday in January with a Mass in the College's Panasci Family Chapel. More than 70 years after his graduation from

Le Moyne, his impact on campus remains strong. Le Moyne's McNeil Academy, which trains students for careers in risk management and insurance, is named in honor of his family. The College has come to play an important role in his family's story as well as his own. Three generations of McNeils have earned degrees on the Heights, motivated in part by Dan's belief in the power of a Jesuit education to nurture, transform and inspire.

FROM A PLACE OF LOVE

Antonio Reynoso '06 believes in "bold, revolutionary change," change that makes a measurable impact on people's everyday lives. The Le Moyne alumnus now has the opportunity of a lifetime to help implement that kind of change as the president of New York City's largest borough, Brooklyn, home to approximately 2.6 million people. It is, Reynoso says, one of the most "dynamic, diverse places in the country," which makes his work even more meaningful. Since taking office in January of 2022, Reynoso has led a team focused on tackling a range of issues facing his constituents, including housing, infrastructure and maternal health. He'd previously served his community as a member of the New York City Council, representing parts of Bushwick, Williamsburg and Greenpoint in Brooklyn, as well as Ridgewood, Queens.

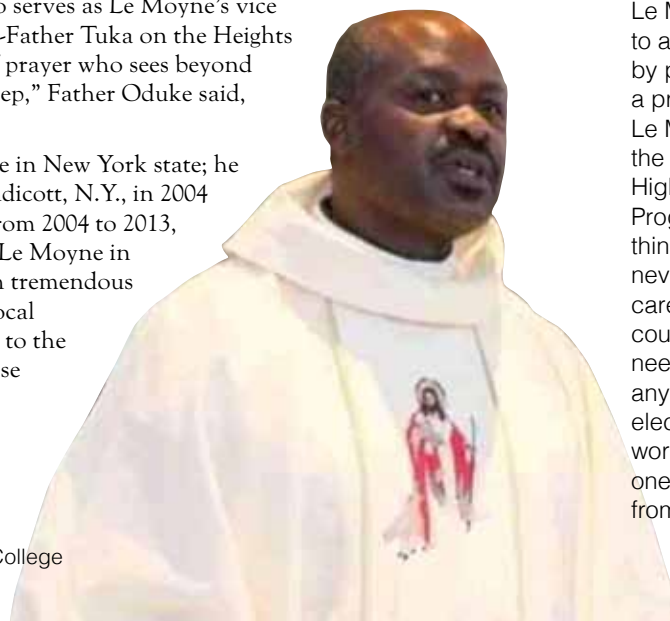


A political science major at Le Moyne, Reynoso was inspired to a life of public service in part by people like John Freie, Ph.D., a professor of political science at Le Moyne, and Carl Thomas '65, the first director of the College's Higher Education Opportunity Program. They pushed him to think freely and independently, to never make excuses and to think carefully about how his talents could help meet the world's needs. Reynoso's advice for anyone considering a career in elected office is simple: "Do the work." To that, Reynoso offered one more qualifier: "Do things from a place of love."

Connecting His Flock in Kenya

When the Rev. Charles Oduke, Ph.D., learned that his dear friend, the Rev. Cleophas Oseso Tuka, MBA '08, had been appointed by Pope Francis to serve as bishop of the Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya, he was not at all surprised. Father Oduke, who serves as Le Moyne's vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion, met then-Father Tuka on the Heights nearly 18 years ago, and found him to be "a person of prayer who sees beyond power and authority." He knows "the smell of the sheep," Father Oduke said, referring to a clergy member's connection to his flock.

Born in Kenya, Bishop-elect Tuka spent extensive time in New York state; he served as deputy parish priest of Saint Ambrose in Endicott, N.Y., in 2004 and of Holy Family and Saint Margaret in Syracuse from 2004 to 2013, and earned a master of business administration from Le Moyne in 2008. He also developed a reputation as someone with tremendous grace and humility, whether playing basketball with local teenagers or welcoming visiting members of the clergy to the area. In his new role, the bishop-elect will lead a diocese with 614,000 Catholic faithful, 53 parishes and 143 priests. The diocese will be the home to the first Jesuit university in Kenya, a fact that Father Oduke says "especially warms his heart."



2018

Colleen Adler of Syracuse, N.Y., is a physician assistant with Crouse Medical Practice.

Sean Beney of Camillus, N.Y., was promoted to marketing sciences analyst for KS&R.

Benjamin Carrock of Camillus, N.Y., is a staff accountant for Securelt Tactical Inc.

Luke Caruso of Liverpool, N.Y., is a systems, applications and processes analyst for National Grid.

Meghan Colabufo of Liverpool, N.Y., was promoted to executive assistant and contracts management specialist at Le Moyne College.

Mary Ilardi of Oak Ridge, N.J., was promoted to a supervisor for SSCG Media Group.

Jake Shiroke of Fayetteville, N.Y., is a tax associate for Fust Charles Chambers LLP.

Jesse Sleight of Fayetteville, N.Y., is a financial adviser assistant for Keim Asset Management.

Abby Sweers of Syracuse, N.Y., was promoted to tax manager for Dannible & McKee, LLP.

2019

Eric Burdge of Albany, N.Y., has graduated from the NYU Long Island School of Medicine. Burdge is now a resident in Family Medicine for Albany Medical College.

Ashley Hirsch of Syracuse, N.Y., was promoted to general manager for U Point and Park Point Syracuse.

Aura Jimenez of Bronx, N.Y., is administrative coordinator for the New York City Mayor's Office of Equity.

Inela Salkic of East Syracuse, N.Y., is an analyst for CMI Media Group.

Camillo Spinoso of Jamesville, N.Y., was promoted to senior vice president of business development for Spinoso Real Estate Group, LLC.

2020

Sandy Chen of Oneida, N.Y., was promoted to senior audit associate for Fust Charles Chambers LLP.

Cameron Drain of Syracuse, N.Y., is a business development analyst for Aspen Dental.

Taylor Greene of Cato, N.Y., is a buyer for JADAK, which provides customized detection and analysis solutions for a wide range of original equipment manufacturers.

Tyler Isgar of Clay, N.Y., is senior records coordinator for the National Safety Council.

Quynh Le of Boston, Mass., received her white coat and is in her second year at New England College of Optometry in Boston.



Ryan Murphy '21 is now a pitcher for the Richmond Flying Squirrels, a Double-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants.

Alejandro Lora-Matos of Syracuse, N.Y., received his master's degree in public health at Tufts University and is a first-year medical student at Upstate Medical University.

Jarrett McDonald of Auburn, N.Y., is a senior assurance associate for PwC.

Yaseen Morshid of Liverpool, N.Y., received his white coat and is in his second year at New England College of Optometry in Boston.

Emma Murphy of Cazenovia, N.Y., is the cataloger and digital content services coordinator in the Noreen Reale Falcone Library.

Katherine Roberts of Liverpool, N.Y., is an academic scheduling and curriculum specialist for Le Moyne College.

Ryan Roland of Syracuse, N.Y., is the assistant coach of the Oswego State Men's Basketball team.

Haley Stuart of Cicero, N.Y., is a marketing specialist for enrollment at Le Moyne College.

Julia Walsh of Tuckahoe, N.Y., is care coordinator for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

2021

Evan Beckwith of Fulton, N.Y., is an audit associate for Fust Charles Chambers LLP.

Rory Burns of Germantown, N.Y., is videographer and content creator for the New York State Senate.

Lindsay Dantuono of Syracuse, N.Y., is an associate analyst for National Grid.

Mia Petronio of Geneva, N.Y., is a legal secretary for Toole & Toole Law Office.

Jon Pfohl of Syracuse, N.Y., is a business development representative for Okta, an identity and access management company.

Austin Richardson of Oswego, N.Y., is a marketing assistant for Quintessential Creative.

Yasmin El Sandabicy of Syracuse, N.Y., is a performance marketing coordinator for Mower Agency.

Ryan Segar of Warners, N.Y., is a staff accountant for DiMarco, Abiusi & Pascarella, CPAs.

Michael Serbun of Jamesville, N.Y., was promoted to an L5 human resources business partner for Amazon. This has been Serbun's second promotion within the year with Amazon.

Aryana Shaheen of Rochester, N.Y., is the assistant vice president project manager for First American Equipment Finance.

Michael Szczesny of Liverpool, N.Y., is tax staff at Bowers & Company CPAs PLLC.

Zackary Thomas of Ballston Lake, N.Y., is the owner of Thomasland Estates.

2022

Layalee Ashkar of Liverpool, N.Y., received her white coat and is a first-year student in the Physician Assistant Program at Upstate Medical University.

Arcela Balungaya of Camillus, N.Y., is an information technology associate for Equitable.

Chelsea Carr of Savannah, N.Y., is a leasing representative for Spinoso Real Estate Group.

Benjamin Cisco of East Amherst, N.Y., is a staff cybersecurity compliance auditor for Dansa D'Arata Soucia LLP.

Christopher Cutri of Nedrow, N.Y., is a legal operations assistant for Nave Law Firm.



LAUDATO SI' | On an early fall day, the staff and volunteers of Trinity Food Pantry in Brooklyn, N.Y., took delivery of hot sauce and maple syrup that had come to them from the Hudson Valley – via the 64-foot schooner *Apollonia*. That in and of itself is remarkable. What made this transaction even more special was the eclectic team behind it. It included several nuns, three sailors, a farmer, a cargo broker, a hot sauce manufacturer, and myself, a Le Moyne alumnus. The objective was to put the mission Pope Francis set out in his environmental encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, into action, and respond simultaneously both to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.



The ship, *Apollonia*, on the Hudson River.

“Our objective, ... is to respond simultaneously to both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.”

My work is centered on the transportation of food, which will pose a significant challenge in an age defined by the need to eliminate carbon emissions. Cities and suburbs simply don't have enough space to grow the food we need, so we must find ways to transport these essentials from rural areas while keeping carbon emissions at, or preferably below, net-zero. I wrote my master's thesis on supplying cities with food by sail freight, an idea that is over 5,000 years old, and a frequent topic of my studies on the Heights as a history major. Small, modern sailing cargo ships are twice as fuel efficient as the average truck. In the New York City and Hudson Valley areas, sail freight is a way to decongest roads and reduce air and noise pollution, benefiting human health. If adopted at scale, this mode of transportation could help slow the rate of climate change and sea level rise, which present an existential threat to New York City.

Currently, there's only one sailing

ship in the United States carrying cargo, the aforementioned *Apollonia*. In just two years her captain and crew have established a robust network of brewers, maltsters, bakeries, mills, farms, coffee roasters and other food producers who are shipping their goods up and down the Hudson River by sail. This model is relatively simple (not to be confused with easy), and very repeatable. If it can be expanded, alongside the use of sail freight generally, it's an immediate action we can take to make the climate a little less unstable.

Sorting out the logistics of a near-zero-carbon delivery accounts for answering the cry of the earth. What, then, about answering the cry of the poor? Efforts to promote sustainability, while absolutely necessary, can be expensive. This worsens disparities, as the poorest among us bear nearly the entire burden of environmental injustice and the most deadly effects of climate change. This effort under-

taken by the *Apollonia* and her crew directly connects the food producers of the Hudson Valley with the poor of the city, creating a novel link of solidarity that would not otherwise exist. It directly benefits the people who rely on the Trinity Food Pantry to sustain themselves.

If we're going to build a just, fossil-carbon-free world with an economy that respects the limits of creation, we need to start by breaking the power of the market society. A good place to begin is simply working for the good of those around us with whatever tools present themselves. Hopefully, a dedicated fund can be started to make this delivery an annual occurrence at a meaningful volume for the Trinity Food Pantry. I hope it can be a means of forging regional relationships of mutual aid, however small, and advance Saint Ignatius' exhortation to “Go forth, and set the world on fire.”

Steven Woods '10

Steven Woods '10, also known as “Tree Kid,” graduated from Le Moyne with a bachelor's degree in history in 2010, and earned his master's degree in resilient and sustainable communities from Prescott College in 2021. He is currently the Solaris coordinator at the Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston, N.Y. Those interested in supporting either sail freight, the schooner *Apollonia*, the museum, or the planned 2023 delivery to Trinity Human Services can contact Woods at Woodssj@lemoyne.edu.

Reese Davis of Oswego, N.Y., is a territory sales lead for the Hershey Company.

Michael DeMauro of Brewerton, N.Y., is an operational technology security engineer for National Grid.

Julia Eichenlaub of Elmira, N.Y., is a program manager for Heritage Christian Stables.

Alexis Ess of Elmira, N.Y., is an information security analyst for Equitable.

Sebastian Fredette of Jamesville, N.Y., is a multimedia producer for Le Moyne College.

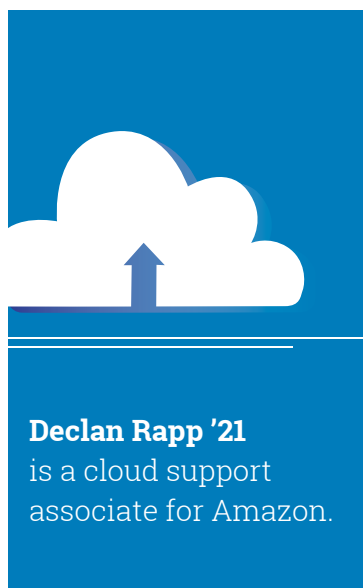
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Guiding Goal

by Joe Della Posta

For Alisha Espinosa '12, a love for acting and the theater can be attributed in part to “efficiency.”

“As a child, I loved stories and singing more than anything,” said Espinosa, who majored in theatre arts and English and was in Le Moyne’s Integral Honors Program. “At first, I wanted to be the next Whitney Houston and the next great American novelist – both at the same time! Instead, thanks to a very ambitious middle school teacher, I was introduced to musical theater and Shakespeare, which made me realize I could combine both my love of stories and performing in the same job.”

A passion that began in childhood has served her well. After graduating from Le Moyne, she completed an MFA in acting and directing at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Moving back to her native New York City after graduation, she followed a path not uncommon among those seeking a career in theater: auditioning; self-producing; teaching; working in restaurants, cafes and other odd jobs; writing; and acting in regional and off-Broadway productions.

Paying her dues has paid off, as Espinosa now serves as producing artistic director of the Latinx Playwrights Circle (LPC). Founded in



Alisha Espinosa performing in the Le Moyne production of *Blood Wedding*.



Alisha Espinosa (right) in the Ensemble Studio Theater production of *Kim*. (Photo by Emilia Aghamirzai)

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2017, the goal of the LPC is to build a network of Latinx/é playwrights nationwide in order to promote, develop and elevate their work while making their plays accessible to theater-makers looking to find the next generation of American storytellers.

Recognized as a 501c3 nonprofit, the LPC recently received the Excellence in Theater Award from the Hispanic Organization of Latin Actors (HOLA), which for the past 45 years has been dedicated to increasing casting equity for Latiné actors.

“The award from HOLA is a great honor, not only because it is recognition directly from our community, but also because it’s from an organization whose mission is aligned with ours,” Espinosa said. “It’s a reminder that community is our greatest strength, and every day is a day to honor that community.”

Her work at the LPC is far from mundane. “I consider myself the jack of all trades for the staff. I handle project management, producing events and readings, social media and member outreach. Our staff is only seven people, so we all wear a lot of hats and stir a lot of pots.”

Espinosa’s success in this role that requires so much flexibility is no surprise to Matt Chiorini, director of Le Moyne’s theater program. “We like to say that everyone in our department is going to pick up a broom,” said Chiorini. “There are a lot of

moving parts involved in a successful theatre collaboration, and no job is too big or small for anyone when there’s work to be done. We’ve found that this creates a real ‘can-do’ versatility in our students who are always happy to pitch in wherever needed, ask questions about things they’re not sure how to do and to stay nimble and adaptable. Alisha is having so much success in all of these other areas of theatre in part because she, like all of our best theatre students, learned not just how to act or design, but also to problem solve and collaborate.”

Espinosa was cast as the female lead in Chiorini’s first production at Le Moyne, 2010’s *Blood Wedding*. “From our first meeting, I knew Alisha was special,” he recalled. “She had talent and focus, but also a real ambition to push herself to do her best work.”

While acting was her first love, she finds that collaboration is the most fulfilling part of her job. “I love how the combined power of so many brains and talents can advance work and make it excellent,” she said. “The Jesuit way of educating the whole person is the reason I am able to have the career I have. Le Moyne’s [Department of Visual and Performing Arts] is designed to train a complete theater artist by encouraging you to try every role, on stage and off.”

While she is busy with off-stage duties, she continues to act. She was recently involved in Ensemble Studio Theater’s Marathon of One Act Plays, and in May of this year, she will play Mariah in *Twelfth Night* at the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival.

Looking back on her time on the Heights, Espinosa credits Chiorini and Karel Blakeley from the Department of Visual and Performing Arts and English faculty members Maura Brady, Kate Costello-Sullivan, Erin Mullaly, Elizabeth Hayes and Anca Munteanu for her success. “Not only did they challenge and nurture me, but they also always treated students with the utmost respect. I was given so much responsibility and trust in my classes and extracurriculars. I’m only now learning how rare that is.”

As for longer-term goals, she wants to work in entertainment in some meaningful capacity – as a producer, writer, actor or administrator, and also find several new financial supporters for the Latinx Playwrights Circle.

“My guiding goal for my career is to make substantive and artistically astonishing contributions to the field. Specifically, I would love for an off-Broadway or regional theater to premiere one of my plays, to make a Broadway debut as an actor, and to appear in some films or TV shows.”

None of that would shock Chiorini. “Talent is important, but patience, perseverance and passion are what we hope students learn at Le Moyne. Alisha thrived in all areas. I’m not at all surprised that she is so successful and couldn’t be prouder of her!”



Alisha Espinosa in *Seize the King*, produced in 2021 by the Classical Theatre of Harlem. (Photo by Richard Termine.)

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