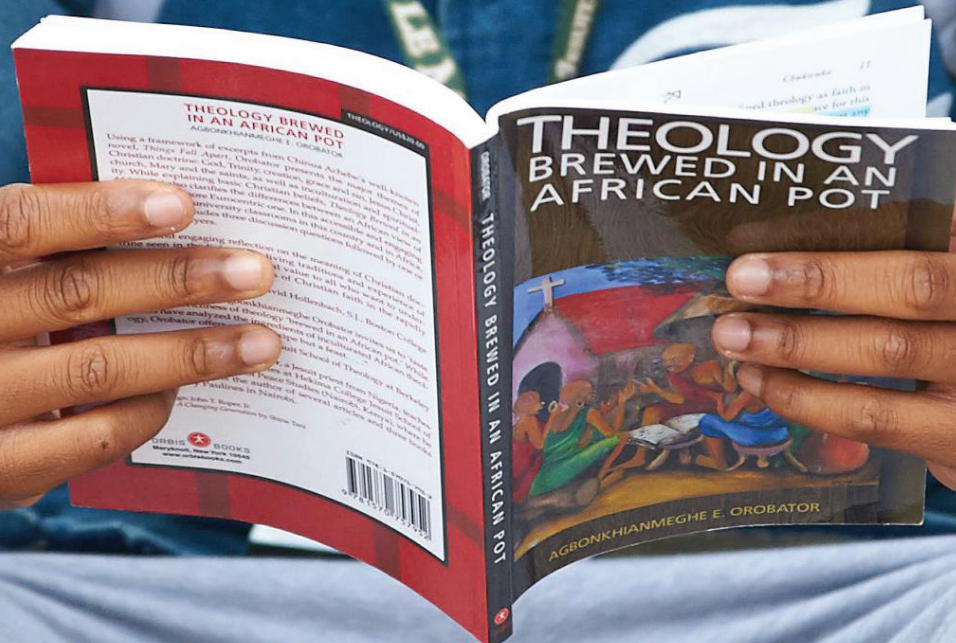


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The imagination
is an innate gift.





Infusion of Business Grit



At 6'7, Armon Nasser, MBA '22 is hard to miss. Armon left a powerful impression on teammates and competitors alike as a forward on the men's basketball team. He poured his energy and talent into practices, workouts and games, and into his coursework as a student in the College's Master of Business Administration program. By almost any measure, Armon is a skillful multitasker. Still, he may have surprised even himself when he found time to start a business, a beverage company called Tea Infusions, while he was a student-athlete. The concept for the company was so strong that, earlier this year, Armon won top prize in the Dolphin Tank, the Le Moyne business incubator based on the popular NBC show *Shark Tank*. The young alumnus runs Tea Infusions with his brother and best friend, Irvin, and their brew is based on a Nasser family recipe. Since launching the start-up, Armon has discovered that in the worlds of sports and business, certain truths prevail. Practice makes perfect. Teamwork is essential. And when you accomplish one goal, it's time to set another loftier one. Tea Infusions is already in 52 different stores, but Armon is always thinking about what his next move, or play, will be.

"I want to see our tea in every grocery store (in the country)," he says. "Further down the line, I want to launch multiple Tea Infusions cafés that emphasize the customer experience so that people leave happier than when they entered. I want to be a big part of the community, to give back and, ultimately, to provide a sense of belonging."



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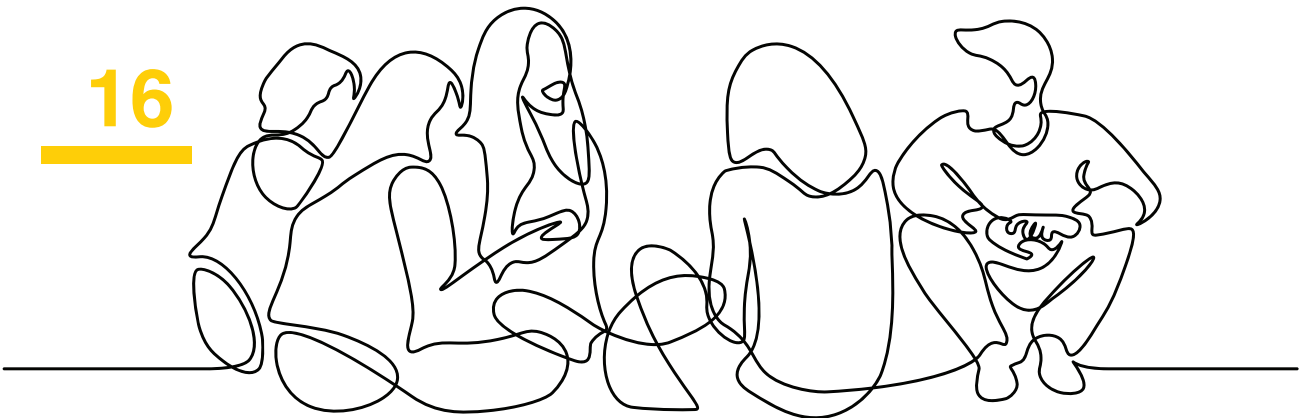
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Sharing your story can make a big difference in other people's lives. Le Moyne graduates have compelling, thought-provoking and entertaining stories to share. To share your story, contact our editor at mccartmk@lemoyne.edu. To submit a class note, go to lemoyne.edu/alumni. Click the + sign next to **Connect** on the right column, then click **Submit Class Notes**.
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Thank you for sharing your story!

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CHANGE IS REVELATORY | One of my favorite responsibilities is welcoming a new class of students to the Heights. The mixture of pride, nerves and excitement that accompanies this tradition is palpable – and energizing. I am mindful that the young people I have the pleasure of meeting during their earliest days at Le Moyne are not the same people I will be congratulating at their commencement in just four short years. These Dolphins will have been changed by their time at Le Moyne and by the people they've met, the opportunities they've embraced, and the lessons they've learned here. Sometimes we're frightened by change, but we know it's inevitable. Indeed, it's more than inevitable – *it's revelatory*. Change molds us, leads us to new experiences, and serves as a measure of our progress.



Since being named president of Le Moyne eight years ago, I have grown increasingly humbled by the responsibility that accompanies preparing our students to be, each in their own way, agents of change. “Nimble” is a word I find myself using a lot because I know that the success of our graduates will depend upon their capacity to grow, to mature, and to do hard things.

As president, it's my job to help Le Moyne embrace change and keep our focus on a vibrant and thriving future. Recently, Le Moyne entered into an innovative Shared Services Organization with Hobart and William Smith Colleges that will help us transform the ways in which we deliver a number of services across campus. We are making improvements to our campus facilities, including upgrades and renovations to Reilly Hall, the creation of a new pedestrian square and walkway in front of Grewen Hall, and the opening of the Keenan Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity in the Le Moyne Plaza. We are making key changes in our academic programs, including a Race in American Society minor and a Doctor

of Nursing Practice: Family Nurse Practitioner program. This fall we will welcome two newly endowed professors in the humanities and the study of the Americas, and, thanks to a generous gift from Helen Dillon in honor of her late husband, John T. (Jack) Boorman '63, Ph.D., we are able to provide more funding to faculty and students engaging in transformative international study, travel and volunteer service. Le Moyne embraces change, new opportunities, and the chance to create new and exciting futures for members of our community.

I noted at the outset of this letter that change is inevitable, at times frightening, and revelatory. It's also Jesuit. Author Vinita Hampton Wright reminds us in a recent article in *IgnatianSpirituality.com* that “St. Ignatius and the (earliest) Jesuits were so accustomed to unexpected changes that one of their trademarks became adaptability.” They knew, she continued, that “life is not static ... It is an adventure to which God invites us.” That is something for which we can all be grateful.

President Linda M. LeMura, Ph.D.

A World-changing Mission

Robert Reklaitis '75 concluded his service as chair of the College's board of trustees on June 2. He recently spoke to New Heights about his time leading the board, the ways in which the governance body has changed, and the legacy he and his board colleagues hope to leave to future generations of Dolphins.



President Linda LeMura, Ph.D., and Bob Reklaitis '75 at the 2022 honorary degree ceremony, held during Commencement weekend.

What are you most proud of with respect to your time on the board of trustees?

I am very proud of how the trustees, working with Linda LeMura and her leadership team, have navigated the many challenges and changes in higher education. The College is more resilient than ever, in terms of finances, management and its appetite for experimentation. We are also even more strongly committed to the Jesuit mission. We have been, and continue to be, blessed with great Jesuit leaders, and have built upon the strong academic and spiritual foundation they built. These are the pillars of the College. But there are fewer Jesuits and it is now the job of those who have been inspired by the charism of the Society of Jesus to step up and double down on the mission. The Jesuit mission is our ultimate strength and it distinguishes the College from the many other institutions that are not gifted with this foundation.

How has the board grown and evolved since you joined it in 2013 and since you became chair in 2019?

In recent years, we have built a board that is significantly more diverse – racially, geographically and in terms of professional skill sets. This diversity makes us stronger. Also, we have been able to attract strong non-alumni trustees who give us a different perspective. Our trustees are very generous with their time, talent and financial commitment.

My fellow trustees are successful and busy professionals. They serve because they believe in the (College's) mission. As chair, I have taken advantage of their competence and commitment. Our board meetings are structured so that every trustee is engaged and has the opportunity to ask the hard questions. I think of this as a "peer review" model. Proposals are questioned and

debated. There is no passive "show and tell" at our board meetings. This process leads to better decisions and stronger cohesion among the board, leadership team, faculty, staff, and other College constituencies. Linda LeMura is a great leader of this process and welcomes engagement, debate and spirited decision making.

How have your experiences on the board shaped how you think about what it means to be a leader and how you approach positions of leadership?

I received great management advice from Harold (Hap) Ridley, S.J., who was the academic dean at Le Moyne and, later, the president of Loyola College in Maryland. When I became a leader in my law firm, Hap advised me to surround myself with smart people, listen to them, and never assume or act as if I was the smartest person in the room. Leadership is based on listening. I have tried to follow Hap's advice. I have delegated to, empowered and relied upon my committee chairs who are all smarter than I am. Please quote me on that!

What legacy do you hope to leave as a result of your work on the board?

The board supported and pushed initiatives for the Writing Center and Quantitative Reasoning Center. It accelerated funding for our very successful Manresa program. It formed a unique Shared Services Organization with Hobart and William Smith Colleges, which will provide us with even more financial resilience to further our mission. These are all tangible things that you can touch and feel. However, for me, I hope that our legacy is that we kept faith with the spirit of Le Moyne and provided the College with more flexibility to meet its mission. As I define it, we enroll students of all races and classes and follow what the Jesuits describe as a "preferential option for the poor." We take our students, transform them, and prepare them for lives of professional competence and an orientation of service to others. It is a world-changing mission.



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Robert Reklaitis '75

We asked three faculty members, “How do you imagine your field of expertise will change and evolve over the next decade?” Here is what they had to say.

Faculty Angle

PORCHÉ WHITBY OKAFOR, PH.D.

Assistant Professor, Criminology

Decades of sentencing research have demonstrated that there are discrepancies in punishment outcomes based on numerous status characteristics (e.g., race, ethnicity, sex, age, etc.), net of legally relevant factors (e.g., prior criminal record, nature of the crime, etc.). These findings have led to increased concerns around fairness, equality and justice of the law. Some scholars note that the observed disparities reflect differential rates of offending. Others note that the discrepancies are due to differential and biased processing of individuals. I believe that over the next decade the criminal justice system can evolve by becoming more equitable if policymakers, criminal justice actors and social science researchers come together to embrace change. Some solutions would include repealing “three-strikes” laws, using alternatives to incarceration, revising sentencing guidelines, advancing successful re-entry outcomes, reducing the number of individuals incarcerated, training judges on implicit bias, and appointing judges from diverse backgrounds. If these initiatives are included when reforming sentencing laws, the criminal justice system will evolve into one that is transparent, accountable and fair.



FRANK MARULLO

Professor of Practice and
Director of the McNeil Academy of
Risk Management and Insurance

Over the past decade organizations have endured a dramatic increase in cyber attacks, a global pandemic, the continued emergence of a climate crisis, a global financial disaster, political discord and social unrest. Each of these challenges has had a dramatic impact on organizations around the world – and they are not going away any time soon. In fact, they are likely to grow more severe over the next 10 years, which means organizations will need to make significant investments in risk management to optimize their chances of survival. As a result, insurance companies will be faced with the likelihood of additional claims and an increase in expensive payouts to their clients. It is expected that insurers will prepare for this change by investing in technology, advanced analytics and artificial intelligence to help them navigate even more turbulent times. Insurance companies, as well as most organizations, are also going to need to invest in young leaders who understand how to use these concepts to their advantage to optimize business performance.

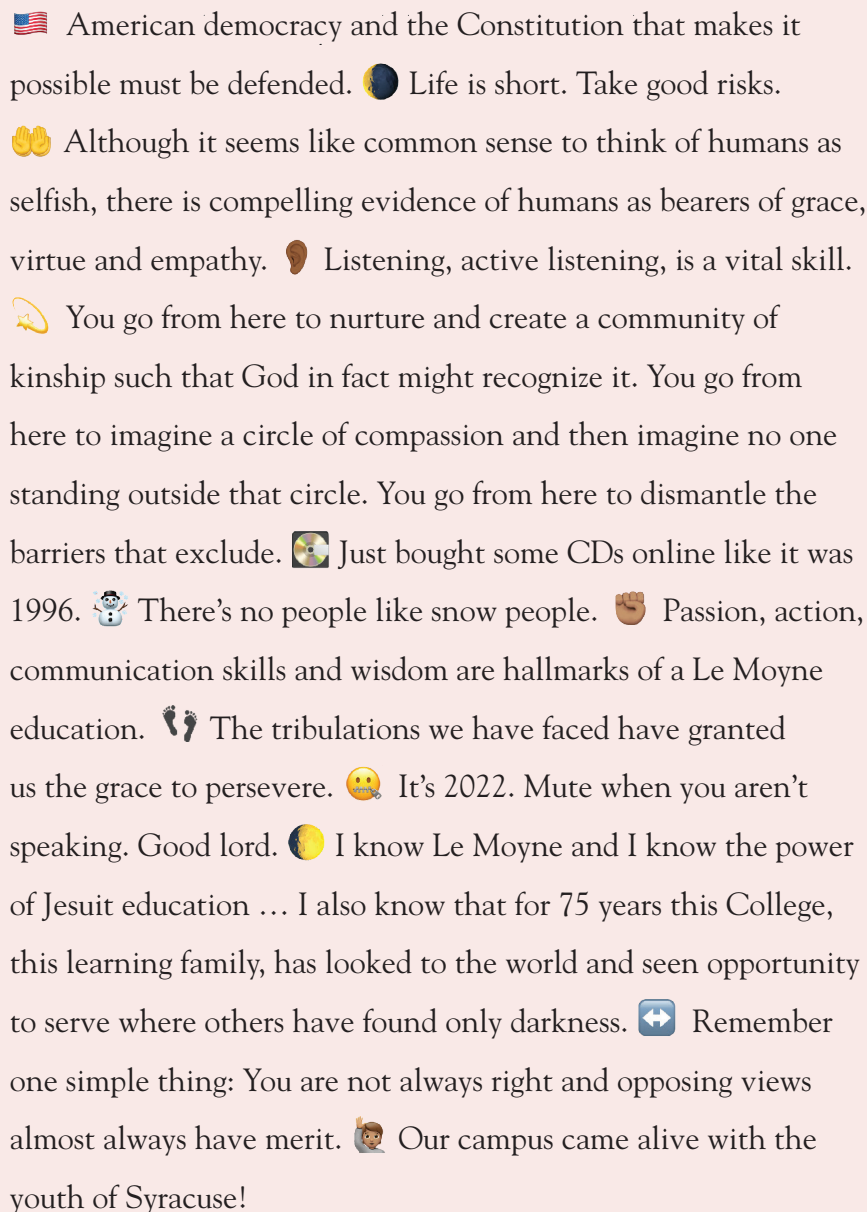


JAMES ENRIGHT

Professor of Practice
Computer Science

I tell my students that to be in the field of cybersecurity they need to be prepared to continue their studies well past when they leave Le Moyne. This field, and the field of information technology for that matter, will require them to constantly learn and adapt new skills to be ready for the ever-changing demands that come with IT. The field of cybersecurity is constantly changing as new threats are adapting to the defenses we put in place. As a result, we need to adjust our methods in order to stay ahead of the “bad guys.” We are seeing changes to cyberattacks that have physical consequences such as water supplies being at risk and hospitals being shut down. Additionally, I expect new laws and stricter regulations to be placed on organizations. In recent years multiple states have drafted and passed new cybersecurity legislation and this past year the federal government also drafted new laws around cybersecurity. This means more work and more jobs for those in the field, however, the cybersecurity industry is already taxed due to a massive personnel shortage. There are currently almost 600,000 open jobs in the United States alone. These short-staffed organizations need new talent. This is where our students can help as we prepare them to take on the challenges that lie ahead.

Overheard on campus ...



🇺🇸 American democracy and the Constitution that makes it possible must be defended. 🌍 Life is short. Take good risks. 🙌 Although it seems like common sense to think of humans as selfish, there is compelling evidence of humans as bearers of grace, virtue and empathy. 🧠 Listening, active listening, is a vital skill. 🌀 You go from here to nurture and create a community of kinship such that God in fact might recognize it. You go from here to imagine a circle of compassion and then imagine no one standing outside that circle. You go from here to dismantle the barriers that exclude. 📀 Just bought some CDs online like it was 1996. ❄️ There's no people like snow people. 💪 Passion, action, communication skills and wisdom are hallmarks of a Le Moyne education. 🦶 The tribulations we have faced have granted us the grace to persevere. 😬 It's 2022. Mute when you aren't speaking. Good lord. 🌙 I know Le Moyne and I know the power of Jesuit education ... I also know that for 75 years this College, this learning family, has looked to the world and seen opportunity to serve where others have found only darkness. 🔄 Remember one simple thing: You are not always right and opposing views almost always have merit. 🙋 Our campus came alive with the youth of Syracuse!

Your Perspective



Building Your Moral Toolbox I

The Ethics, Values and Professional Life minor helps students navigate the complex moral issues that will inevitably arise in their personal and professional lives. Courses in the minor address a wide array of topics, ranging from the future of medical technology and public policy to the nature of happiness and meaning. In these courses, students develop a toolbox of ethical concepts that will help them make sound decisions in morally challenging situations.

One might ask, what is the use of such a minor? By and large, students know right from wrong. They care about others and their communities. They are mostly decent, honest and kind. The reason is, even decent people often fail to understand the 'why' behind their intuitions, habits and judgments. The point of studying ethics is not to turn a bad person good, but to cultivate ethical understanding.

Ethical understanding is necessary to meet a complex moral reality. New developments, contexts and situations present novel moral challenges. Without understanding why certain values are important and relevant, it is impossible to respond to these challenges in flexible, creative ways. Moreover, moral disagreement is unavoidable in serious contexts, where stakes are high and emotions strong, and the price of unresolved disagreement is enmity and gridlock. Unless people are able to articulate and communicate the basis of their views, there can be no progress toward resolution.

By facilitating critical reflection, the ethics minor helps students become progressively more thoughtful, articulate and stable in their moral judgments and reactions. It thus prepares students for the extraordinarily difficult task of realizing goodness in a messy, complicated world.

Irene Liu, Ph.D., is an associate professor of philosophy whose areas of research include meta-ethics.



FINDING YOUR PATH | Making the decision to attend college is a big step for anyone. For those who choose to take this leap, it could mean a world of difference in their personal growth and development. When I was an undergraduate, I spent much of my time studying for class and working through my major courses. My first year of college was tough! I was homesick, I didn't understand how to manage my courses, and there didn't seem to be enough time to make friends on campus. For the first time in a long time, I felt alone.

Earlier this year, Shaun Crisler spent four months on the MV World Odyssey, a floating campus that offers college students a truly global study experience. They traveled to Italy, Germany, Spain, Malta, Sweden and other parts of Europe. Crisler took time each day to go to the deck for reflection and prayer.

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Shaun Crisler

Eventually, I realized that I was not the only student feeling like a fish out of water. I began to share my feelings and thoughts with other students and this process helped me to form connections and build relationships. As an undergraduate, I thought that I had to find my own path with no assistance. But, as God would have it, there were people placed in my path to help me. Every day got a little easier, and each new faculty connection helped me to see myself within my major. I began to use the academic support on campus to boost my grades and get the extra help and attention that I needed to succeed. As I grew and had more confidence in myself and the person I wanted to become, I found myself making more friends on campus.

For the first time in my life, I began to challenge myself, to push myself to do harder things that seemed out of reach. For example, stepping out of my comfort zone and going abroad to study. Up until college, I had never thought about leaving my country. I continued to push, and I joined a student club that empowered me to conquer my fear of public speaking. Then I thought to myself, "let's go further," so I joined a writing club to overcome my struggle with finding the right words to share my thoughts.

People will often frame college around the need to have fun and get good grades. College for me was an active rebirth. I used my time in college to challenge the inner-thoughts that had convinced me to limit myself

and lower my expectations. I saw my undergraduate career as a chance to reset myself, my expectations, and the limitations that I had placed on myself. I left the person I was in order to become the person I need to be.

As I think about what entering college will mean for new undergraduates at Le Moyne, I can't help but think that God will place people in their paths to guide their journeys. I hope that our students see their time here as one of self-awareness, self-exploration, and an opportunity to serve. I believe that these three pieces enabled me to grow into my personal and professional path while in college. I hope that our students allow us to help them find their paths. ☺

Shaun Crisler is the new associate provost for student development at Le Moyne College. Crisler arrived on the Heights after serving as the assistant vice president for residence life and housing at SUNY Oswego. He writes and speaks on topics such as professional development, career planning, intercultural competence, assessment and professional recruitment/selection, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration from Illinois State University in Normal, Ill.

An iGener and a Baby Boomer on how studying the humanities at Le Moyne shaped their lives.

Face to Face



MIA PETRONIO '21

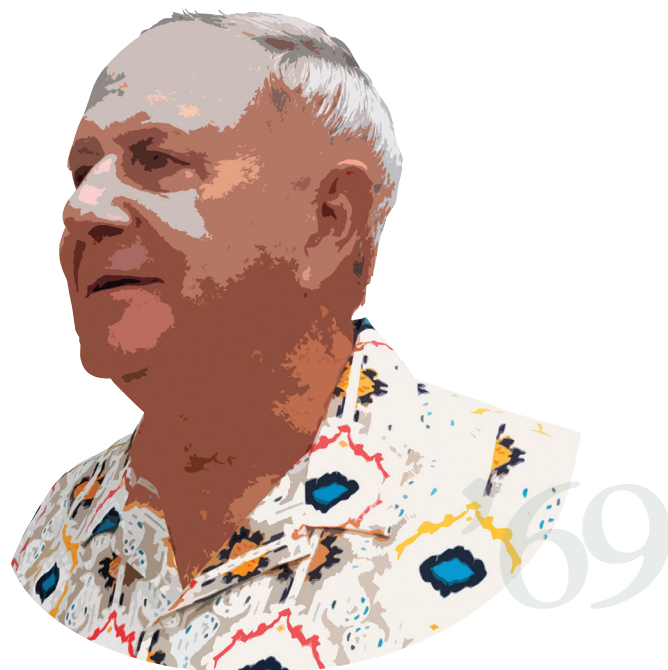
Beyond Counting Meters and Rhymes

Before entering college, I struggled to choose a major. I knew that I wanted to pursue a career in law. However, I didn't want to go the common route and major in business or political science. I considered other options: philosophy, history, English. I always excelled in English, but should I dedicate my studies to it? This seemed impractical. That was until Accepted Students Day, when I met Professor of English Ann Ryan '85, Ph.D. Dr. Ryan encouraged me to take some literature classes before deciding on my major. The courses I took were unlike my high school English classes; they went beyond counting meters and rhymes. Instead, they taught me to read effectively and express my thoughts orally and through writing. Finally, I declared a major in English.

When I share my major with people, they ask, "What does English have to do with law?" I explain that lawyers should write and communicate clearly, skills an English major hones and develops. Combined with my minor in political science, I learned technical writing, editing and legal-research skills, which helped me secure a job as a legal assistant and feel confident when proofreading legal documents.

Choosing to study English has become more beneficial than I could have imagined.

Mia Petronio '21 is an English major and political science minor from Geneva, N.Y.



JIM BENCIVENGA '69

Led into a Paradise of First Things

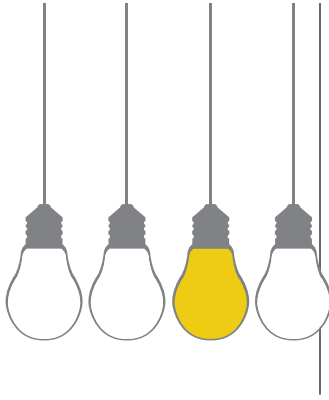
Like most 19-year-olds I had little idea what a liberal arts education meant. Now, more than five decades later the cup of learning Le Moyne offered indeed runneth over. Theology, literature, poetry, philosophy, each grafted onto the history of ideas became my lodestar.

The International House on Foxboro Road brought me to Mexico where I found how "he is a barbarian who thinks the ways and customs of his pueblo" are the ways and customs of the world.

My studies led to a Master of Arts from the University of Denver (full scholarship). Teaching stints at a mission school in British Columbia, a reform school for boys in Albany, N.Y., and a public high school in Bozeman, Mont; then 25 years as writer/editor at the *Christian Science Monitor* in Boston; a two-year stint as publisher with the U.S. Department of Education in the Reagan administration; a brief stint teaching journalism at Ithaca College. Jewel in the crown: 52 years of consecrated marriage that started with a blind date at Le Moyne.

As Virgil led Dante from the inferno into paradise, the liberal arts led me beyond the limited vision of college as a career-track to the wonder of "first things," and a lifelong conversation about "final things." The Heights was a gravitational field of intellect and spirit. It shaped my thinking ... altered my mental DNA. I treasure my years at Le Moyne.

Jim Bencivenga '69 now resides in Venice, Fla.



OUTWARD-LOOKING TEACHING | Awareness of mental and emotional health issues has grown on campus over the past year. Le Moyne’s administrators, faculty and staff have worked hard to provide supportive care and accommodations for their students, College-wide and individually. One professor stands out for his efforts to create a student-driven curriculum: Fred Glennon, Ph.D. These initiatives are not new to him. In fact, he’s been practicing them for years.



“Their approaches to a specific assignment will vary, but the outcomes remain the same: students each learn something they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.”

Glennon’s 30 years of teaching experience give him great insight into the needs of his students. This has pushed him away from traditional “inward-looking, professor-oriented” teaching styles and toward “outward-looking, student-oriented” ones, centered on the concepts of cooperative and active learning. His courses offer a flexible grading policy, self-directed assignments and due dates, and built-in mental health days. Glennon believes this approach reaches the greatest number of students by appealing to their diverse needs and habits.

“Students do learn in different ways; some are visual learners, some more auditory, some combine them,” he

says. “That’s why I (structure things) the way I do. I do think it caters to more learning styles.”

Under active learning practices, students choose how to engage with the material to arrive at meaningful conclusions in their own distinct ways. When it comes to assignments, for instance, some may decide to write a theoretical essay, some may elect to take an exam, and some may wish to tackle the material through an artistic interpretation. Their approaches to a specific assignment will vary, but the outcomes remain the same: They each learn something they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Glennon acknowledges that his style of teaching may require a period of

adjustment for some students, but he stands by the results. Students from a variety of backgrounds with different skill sets and abilities thrive in his courses. His experience is a testament to that truth that classrooms can be rigorous without being stifling.

“Work-life balance, right?” Glennon says. “I do think it’s important to recognize the struggles that people bring to the table and to give them a chance to pause, relax, and [then we go from] there.” 📍

Molly Honce '21 is an English major who plans to pursue a graduate degree in rhetoric and writing from San Diego State University beginning this fall.



Agents of Change

One of the great things about being a student at Le Moyne is that you can leave your mark on the campus – and the world – before you even graduate. That's part of what drew us to the College and inspired the founding of Peace Action Le Moyne (PALM) in early 2021. For those who might not have heard of it, PALM is a nonpartisan group that empowers students to advocate for peace and social justice. We host educational events on topics ranging from the danger posed by nuclear weapons to the impact of global pandemics on state health care regulations; engage in grassroots initiatives alongside our partner organization, the Syracuse Peace Council; and take part in various action campaigns, including Back from the Brink, a national effort to change U.S. nuclear weapons policy and prevent war. In short, we nurture and cultivate young leaders in the peace movement. Our work is largely shaped by our members' interests and by national and international events. This spring we hosted a discussion on the humanitarian crisis that stemmed from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It's not surprising to either of us that an organization like PALM should find a home at a place like Le Moyne. Throughout our time here, we've been taught to be agents of change – that every day is an opportunity to reset. That behavior is modeled at events like Dolphins in Volunteer Efforts (DIVE) Day, during which students donate their time to give back to the greater Syracuse community, whether by picking up trash in a local park or serving a meal at a soup kitchen. That is what we seek to emulate at PALM. It's not always easy to create change. It takes patience, cooperation and understanding. But we believe that change is possible, and that it can start with a single person. When new people join PALM, we assure them that they don't have to be an expert in creating change. They just have to be willing to learn. The rest will follow.

Morgan Piersma '23 and Marie Wagar '23 are the president and vice president respectively of Peace Action Le Moyne. Piersma is a dual major in political science and peace and global studies from Utica, N.Y. Wagar is an English major from Buffalo, N.Y.

What Makes a Memory?

Imagine being able to recall in minute detail any day in your life from mid-childhood on: what you did, where you went, who you met along the way, even what you ate and what the weather was like. That is the reality for people living with Highly Superior Autobiographical Memory (HSAM). This extremely rare neurological condition captured the attention of Maeghan Rodd '22. In fact, it became the centerpiece of Rodd's thesis for the College's Integral Honors Program. Specifically, she investigated whether there is a link between HSAM and PTSD and traumatic experiences. One of her immediate goals is to publish her thesis. (Because the study of HSAM is relatively new, there are very few peer-reviewed academic articles on the subject.) She recently accepted a research position in the field of neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston in association with Harvard Medical School.



Standing In Big Shoes



It's amazing how much time you can spend debating the merit and meaning of a single word like "negatively." As members of Le Moyne's Model European Union (EU), we've learned firsthand that it can be a lot. We've put ourselves in the shoes of the leaders of the 27 nations that comprise the EU, carefully debating and crafting mock policy on real issues, including trade, human rights and the environment. Along the way we've learned valuable lessons about the ways in which global priorities and relationships have shifted since the United Nations was founded 77 years ago, and even since the EU was established 29 years ago. Everything from how we maintain peace to how we think about citizenship to how we share information has evolved — just over the course of our lifetimes. Participating in Model EU has shown us that we can face these changes not with fear but with optimism, using communication and compromise to forge consensus. It's also played an important role in our growth and evolution as individuals, as it has trained us to think on our feet, to appreciate the variety of perspectives different people may bring to a single issue, and to identify the overarching themes that often connect complex global events.

Juliana Tom '24 and Cassandra Vickers '24 are political science majors with concentrations in public service and pre-law respectively. They are among the seven members of Le Moyne's Model European Union who recently traveled to Indiana University – Bloomington, to participate in Midwest Model EU.



A 'Phin of Valor

At one point or another, everyone has what they believe is a million-dollar idea. Students at Le Moyne are given the opportunity to bring their most creative ideas to life through Dolphin Tank. Housed in the Keenan Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity, Dolphin Tank is a business incubator fashioned after the hit NBC show *Shark Tank*. Some people invent things, some people want to be the next big success story – like Chobani – and some people want to create change. This is where I brought my own idea to life.

I should start from the beginning. Growing up in Syracuse, I saw a lot of “mom and pop” businesses rise, only to watch them eventually wither in the shadows of corporate giants. I was inspired to help. This is when my own Dolphin Tank story began. As a marketing major and a creative at heart, I began offering my skills as a freelancer. Branding concepts, logo design and web design became daily tasks for me as I slowly built my client base. Once I joined the student-run Heights Global Marketing team and obtained a work-study position in the Office of Marketing and Communications, I was able to gain real-life experience and learn the ebbs and flows of creative marketing. I combined the knowledge I'd gained at Le Moyne with my love for Syracuse and founded Valor, a creative marketing agency focused on aiding local Syracuse businesses and highlighting the communities around them.

In two years of competing in Dolphin Tank, I gained funding for my business, expanded my professional network and, most importantly, joined a family of people who truly wanted to help me grow into the best version of myself.

by Paul Stannard '22



Postcards From The Netherlands

Early this year, Hasina Foye '23, an aspiring journalist from the Bronx, N.Y., who is studying English literature and communications at Le Moyne, set off on the adventure of a lifetime. Hasina spent the spring semester of 2022 at Hague University in the Netherlands. She found herself in an unfamiliar place, surrounded by people she'd never met, immersed in new experiences. In short, she faced change of every conceivable kind head on – and learned from it. Here are just some of her reflections from her time abroad.

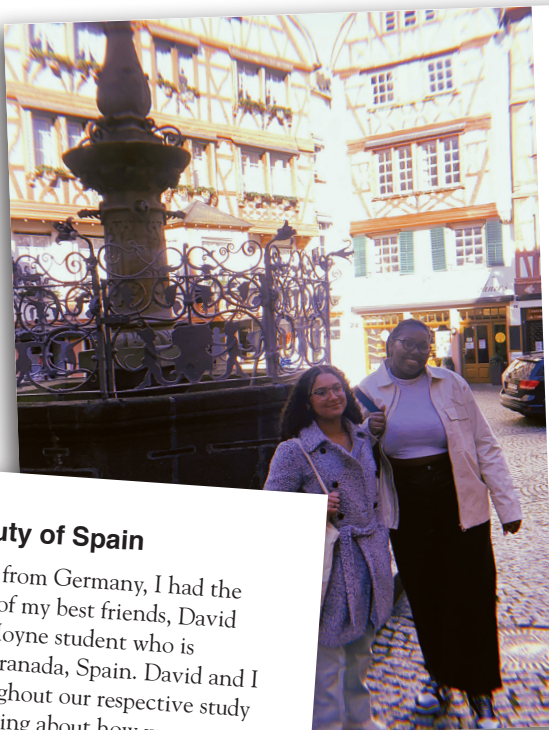
In Life, There Are No Do-Overs

I was told early on that everyone should travel. I imagined hopping on a plane, flying through the sky for hours, and landing in whatever destination I'd chosen. I craved a new environment, a new life. "Home will always be home," I thought to myself. "I can always go back to it. But new experiences? Those aren't guaranteed ... There are no do-overs, no time machines like the one Doc Brown invented in *Back to the Future*. I have to live my life now." That, in a nutshell, is what I'm doing here at Hague University in the Netherlands. Since arriving just a few days ago, I've grown accustomed to a different style of teaching, to the sound of Dutch interspersed with English, to the scent of cigarette smoke wafting through the air, to avoiding cyclists as I walk down a busy street. I've met people from the United Kingdom, Brazil, Finland, France and Georgia (the nation, not the Southern state). I've started to grow, to adapt. As cliché as it may sound, being here is already beginning to change my life.



The Netherlands is the Place to Be

Alexander Hamilton may have famously declared New York to be "the place to be," but as far as I'm concerned, the place to be is the Netherlands. The more I explore this country, the more at home I feel. I've fallen in love with its canals, tulip fields and windmills, with destinations like the Anne Frank Museum and the Van Gogh Museum, and with the people. I've learned what a dynamic place the world is and how interconnected we are. Here are the three most important discoveries I've made (so far) as a study abroad student. **One. Experience new people.** I've met a lot of wonderful Dutch people, as I expected, but I've also met other study abroad students from all over the world. We've bonded, learned and lived this experience together. **Two. Beware of food comas.** The Netherlands is full of all kinds of delicacies. I've grown fond of a dumpling and noodle shop in the Hague City Center, where I quickly established a signature order: pork dumplings with chicken-fried noodles. **Three. Don't be too tough on yourself.** In my time in the Netherlands, I've had a chance to live life in new ways and that is wonderful. However, it doesn't mean that there haven't been hardships. I've learned how difficult "adulting" can be. The study abroad experience is not meant to be perfect, but real.



Exploring the Beauty of Spain

Not long after returning from Germany, I had the opportunity to visit one of my best friends, David Tejada '23, a fellow Le Moyne student who is spending a semester in Granada, Spain. David and I have kept in touch throughout our respective study abroad experiences, chatting about how we are living our best lives. Naturally, I could not wait to visit him – and to be in Spain! I recruited Tatiana and our friend Senja to join me and mentally prepared myself to enjoy some beautiful weather and tapas. I was beyond excited, and Spain did not disappoint. My friends and I visited the 13th century fortress known as the Alhambra in Grenada before heading south to Nejar, a region famous for its beaches and for a cave known as Fundación Cueva de Nerja. It was all a bit of a blur, but I will always remember Spain as the place where I laughed, sang and explored with my friends. The entire experience reminded me of why I'd chosen to study abroad. I did not want our trip to end.

Guten Tag, Germany!

When I decided to study abroad in the Netherlands, I knew that I'd want to make it a point to travel to other European countries to explore their cultures. That leads me to spring break in Germany! It might not be an obvious choice. Most college students choose to spend their days off in warmer climates, lounging on the beach, soaking up the sun and enjoying a cold, refreshing beverage. But my friend Tatiana and I wanted to explore this land of forests, rivers and mountain ranges where, as luck would have it, Tatiana has family. (I envisioned immersing myself in the whole German experience, buying lederhosen, sampling the country's famous bratwurst and listening to a Bavarian "Oom-pah" band.) After a short visit to Brussels, we arrived. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery of towns like Bern Kaustel Kues, Trier, Kaiserslautern and Heidelberg. In fact, it was while we were in Heidelberg Castle, with its sweeping views and vistas, that I had a real "I'm the king of the world" moment, *a la* the famous scene in *Titanic*. We spent hours looking around, taking pictures and learning the histories of places that were gradually becoming more familiar to us. I was sorry when the time came to say *auf wiedersehen*. I hope to go back one day.



Spending the Day in Haarlem

A lot of people associate the Netherlands with Amsterdam, and with good reason. The nation's capital is the perfect place to visit if you'd like to view its beautiful canals or enjoy its artistic heritage. It offers tourists a wonderful glimpse of what life is like around the country. That said, there are places in the Netherlands to visit besides Amsterdam. Cities like the Hague, Rotterdam, Leiden, Delft and Haarlem have a lot to offer. Eager to continue to immerse ourselves in our new home and to become honorary Dutch citizens, Tatiana and I decided to spend the day in the beautiful city of Haarlem. It was just a train ride away – and it was well worth it. We found ourselves in awe of Haarlem's colorful tulips, Medieval feel and charming cafes. We literally stumbled upon a parade while we were there. By the time we passed a shop with a Syracuse T-shirt in the window, Tatiana and I were sure of one thing: We'd found our new favorite place.



Studying in the Netherlands is a chapter of my life that I will never forget. Early this year I traveled halfway around the world in order to embrace my curiosity and fulfill a lifelong dream. There is no doubt that this experience has impacted the person I am today. I am proud to say that, as my time abroad unfolded, I made the most of it. I learned about myself. I found myself exploring a new major at a new school with all of its unique teachable moments. I forged connections with Dutch people and with other international students. Along the way, I also had the opportunity to spend time visiting other countries, including Belgium, France, Germany and Spain. Being abroad taught me how to live independently and revealed what I want from my future. At long last, I see that my heart's desire is to explore and make another home. This chapter of my life is not a conclusion, but the birth of a new era.

World Class

It was an opportunity that Paige Crandall '23 and Adrianna Nojaim '22 will not soon forget: to celebrate a sport they love, to compete at the highest level, and to meet other athletes from 30 different nations around the world. This summer Crandall and Nojaim took part in the 2022 Women's World Lacrosse Championship (WWLC) in Towson, Md. Crandall, a goalie who was named the 2021 Northeast-10 (NE10) Goalie of the Year, earned a place on the Haudenosaunee squad, where she played under the direction of Le Moyne Coach Liz Beville. Nojaim, a 2021 NE10 Second Team All-Conference selection, as well as a 2021 IWLCA Division II Academic Honor Roll student-athlete, competed for Puerto Rico.

Team Haudenosaunee wrapped up the tournament with an 8th-place finish and a record of 4-4, while Team Puerto Rico finished with an 11th-place finish and a record of 5-3. All three Dolphins said they were honored to have had the chance to bring attention to a sport that means so much to them. They have been

around lacrosse for most of their lives, but they knew that wasn't the case for everyone participating in the WWLC. Over the course of the competition, they were able to listen to other people share their stories and to learn about how they came to play lacrosse and the impact the game has had on their lives. That is something they will not soon forget.

"I think I speak for all of us in any saying that this was unlike anything any of us have experienced in our lacrosse careers so far," Beville said. "It was amazing to see players from different countries enjoying the game and playing at such a high level. Personally, one of my favorite parts of the tournament was seeing how honored teams were to play Team Haudenosaunee. [The Haudenosaunee people are credited with inventing what is known as the Creator's game.] Every team made sure to express their gratitude to our team and talked about how excited and honored they were to compete against us. It was a really awesome thing to see in person."





(photos clockwise from top left)

Adrianna Nojaim '22, Coach Liz Beville and Paige Crandall '23 pose at the WWLC tournament field.

Adrianna Nojaim '22 on offence for the Puerto Rico team.

Paige Crandall '23 tending goal for the Haudenosaunee team.

The Haudenosaunee team stands arm to shoulder, with Paige Crandall in the foreground.



Finding God in All Things

As a senior here on the Heights, I have spent a lot of time reflecting on those four years: the good, the bad and the ugly.

How we choose to handle these situations in the end has a significant impact on how they play out for ourselves and the people around us.

For myself, finding God in all situations has allowed me to learn from my mistakes and make the most of any experience.

With this mentality, we are able to take seemingly bad situations, like an injury or a tough loss, and turn them into opportunities. Our Jesuit education and philosophy really stresses the importance of mindset and its effect on our daily lives.

In "Meditations," by Marcus Aurelius, the author makes the point, ***"Doctors keep their scalpels and other instruments handy, for emergencies. Keep your philosophy ready too — ready to understand heaven and Earth," for "nothing on Earth succeeds by ignoring heaven."***

As we prepare for life after the Heights, the tools that will help us succeed in our day-to-day lives lie in the chest of a strong and healthy mentality.

Although there is no numeric grade attached to these lessons, they set the foundation for who we are as people and are just as important as the doctor's scalpel. These are the instruments we must keep handy for the emergencies we face on a daily basis.

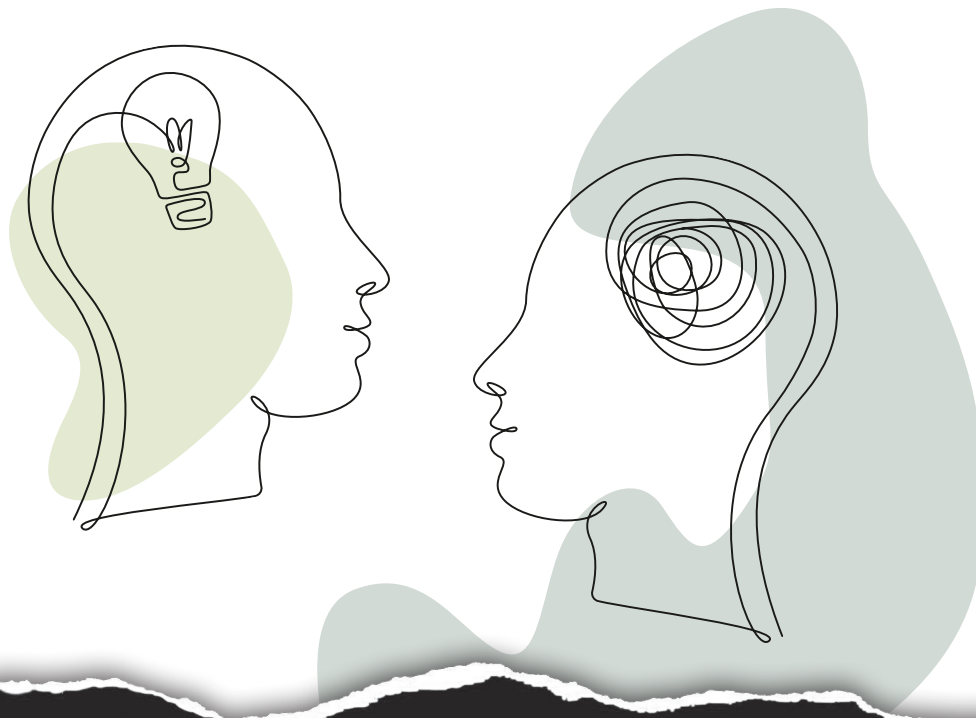
This idea is stressed again in Aurelius' quote when he mentions that "nothing on Earth succeeds by ignoring the heavens."

Carrying negative energy and a negative narrative about life affects us the same way lactic acid affects our muscles during competition. As hard as we try we will never be able to rid our body of this, but we can train ourselves to produce less and tolerate more.

I think finding God in all situations is what could make a good athlete great and a good team unstoppable.

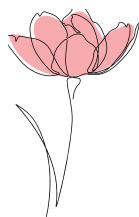
Will Bilow '22
Men's Track & Field





COUNTER CULTURE

by Molly K. McCarthy



The humanities teach us to communicate clearly and effectively, to make arguments that are cogent and rooted in fact, to respect a multitude of histories and traditions.

In an opinion piece in *The New York Times*, American philosopher Martha Nussbaum wrote: “The imagination is an innate gift, but it needs refinement and cultivation; this is what the humanities provide.”

Despite the contributions of the humanities to an informed citizenry, the preservation and expansion of culture and our understanding of the meaning of humanity, they are under strain across the higher education landscape. A 2018 headline in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* posed the question “Can Closing a Humanities College Save a University?” Since then, the leaders of some institutions regrettably seem to have decided that the answer is yes. While the humanities have been an integral part of a well-rounded liberal arts education since the Renaissance, they have come to be viewed in some circles as less relevant to the modern world. Funding for the humanities, from the federal government to state and private colleges and universities, has been in decline for a number of years, with no change in sight.

Here on the Heights, the humanities are thriving. The College recognizes that study of the humanities remains an integral part of liberal arts education in general and Jesuit education in particular. At a time when other schools have elected to reduce funding, the College is devoting more resources to the academic disciplines that make up the humanities. Le Moyne President Linda LeMura, Ph.D., acknowledges that this focus on disciplines including art, history, language, literature, philosophy and religion may seem a bit counter-intuitive – even counter-cultural. But LeMura, a scientist by training who has proudly served on the boards of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, Everson Museum of Art and Syracuse International Film Festival, sees the renewed

are precisely the intellectual skills that are needed to solve some of the world's most pressing challenges, including war and geopolitical conflict, climate change, the Covid-19 pandemic, and domestic and international threats to democratic governance. Taken together, humanistic disciplines teach students to gather knowledge, ask critical questions, and recognize that many of our most important issues require us to embrace ambiguity rather than settle for a single, unitary answer. What's more, in an era that is becoming increasingly polarized, characterized by vitriol, anger and *ad hominem* attacks, the humanities enable us to see each other as companions rather than enemies or rivals.

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focus on the humanities as absolutely critical. The humanities, she said, lead people to have a greater understanding and more nuanced approach to enduring questions and values that lead to a meaningful and fulfilling life. “Can you imagine life without some of the great works of art and literature with all of their beauty and collective wisdom?” she asked. “How profoundly sad a world without literature and the arts, without philosophical, religious and historical inquiry, would be.”

Le Moyne’s undergraduate curriculum, both through departmental majors and the Core, underscore the importance of the humanities for the current cultural, social and political moment. The humanities teach us to communicate clearly and effectively, to make arguments that are cogent and rooted in fact, and to analyze, understand and respect a multitude of histories and traditions. These

The fruits of Le Moyne’s investment in the humanities are already tangible. With the generous support of the Stanley W. Metcalf and D.E. French foundations, faculty in the Department of Philosophy and the Madden School of Business recently carried out a number of initiatives to enhance research and teaching of ethics. Beginning this fall, students in the Madden School will be required to take an applied ethics course, taught by philosophy faculty, to ensure that Le Moyne’s business majors are prepared to make decisions that improve the common good. Thanks to the generosity of James Zogby ’67 and his family, the Eileen McMahon Zogby Annual Lecture has brought renowned scholars of Irish history, culture and society to the College and neighboring communities. With the resources provided her via the O’Connell Professor of the Humanities, Holly Rine, Ph.D., of the Department of History,

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is pursuing a certificate in Digital Public Humanities that will create new opportunities for colleagues and students interested in this field. A recently launched interdisciplinary minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies offers students a curriculum concentrating on language, religion, history, philosophy and political science. And this fall, Le Moyne will welcome to campus Norrell Edwards, Ph.D., (English) as the newly created 75th Anniversary Endowed Professor of Humanities and Justo Planas, Ph.D., (World Languages) as the newly created Endowed Professor for the Study of the Americas.

In addition to her excitement for these developments on campus, LeMura expects more to come.

"I also think there's going to be a lot of hidden gems and surprises that we just don't know about yet," she said. "That's the other beauty that comes from providing our students and faculty with the space to be creative."

For his part, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jim Hannan, Ph.D., said that in a world that often values certitude, the humanities teach Le Moyne's students to wrestle with ambiguity confidently. The study of the humanities is key to how students assess new ideas, put information into relevant contexts, understand the essential role played by language – through reading, speaking, writing and the study of another language – in the formation of knowledge, and engage in meaningful discussion that, following the teaching of St. Ignatius, asks us to listen attentively and disagree respectfully and thoughtfully.

"The humanities don't land on a single solution and instead encourage us to be flexible and creative in our thinking," Hannan said.

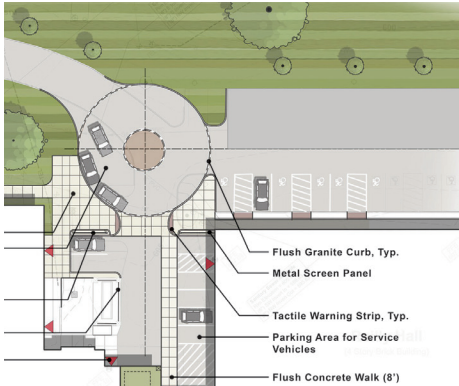
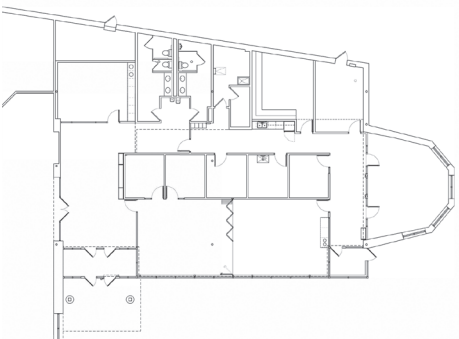
"Whatever work and careers our students pursue after graduation, they will benefit from a course of humanistic instruction that prepares them for lifelong learning, engagement with the performing arts, and intentional leadership grounded in cultural knowledge, reflective values and critical thinking. Study in the humanities amplifies diverse voices and narratives, provides insight into contemporary issues, and exposes students to the breadth and complexity of the human experience across the centuries and in the present. We engage more purposefully and productively in community and civic life when we are educated in the humanities."

LeMura said that she "cannot imagine a day in the future of the College where the humanities do not play a central role in the education of our students." Not only is a commitment to the humanities central to our Jesuit mission, she continued, "it's a fundamental compact that we have with future generations." It's a good thing, for example, for the engineer to be well versed in history, for the accountant to possess an appreciation for philosophy, and for the physician to be able to speak a second language. Le Moyne's nearly 30,000 alumni know this to be true because they have been the beneficiaries of a well-rounded liberal arts education. It has enriched their lives and their work. They want the same for future generations of Dolphins.

"Nurturing students is a sacred act," LeMura said. "I think that if Saint Ignatius were here to see our investments in the humanities today, he would say, 'Good for you Le Moyne. Don't feel that you have to follow the path that everyone else is taking. Create your own.' That is certainly what we are striving to do." ☉



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EVER GROWING

Le Moyne is always adapting to meet the needs of its students. Walking around campus, we see many changes. This includes the Keenan Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity, which sits alongside the College's bookstore, and the newly named McNeil Science Complex. Reilly Hall is in the midst of phase one of a major facelift, beginning with collaborative spaces, offices and classrooms. Along with waterline upgrades, the second phase of the improvements to the quad and North entrance to campus will soon come to fruition.




Finding One's Way

In looking at the world of work, we often let ourselves imagine that entering it was easier in the past, the way well-worn and clearly laid out. However, that has never really been the case. What has remained a solid truth is that relationships and understanding what we bring to them have been the key to connecting with opportunities over time. The way we work and what we do during the work day has changed over the years, but the essential building blocks to entering the professional arena is our community and our ability to tap its potential.

Knowing the ever-increasing importance of relationships and the positive impact that comes from developing a network of people who can provide advice and insight, the staff in the Office of Career Advising and Development (CAD) strives to help students and alumni unlock their individual support systems. Added to that mission, we know that the COVID-19 pandemic brought on a sea change; the world of work looks different than it did even 10 years ago, let alone 50, and connectivity is at the center of finding one's way.

The CAD office, with this understanding in mind, has evolved in the ways we deliver support, opportunities and knowledge to current students and recent graduates. Offering numerous online resources, teaching career-related practicums, supporting the Manresa program, facilitating mentor programs, using Canvas (Le Moyne's online classroom system) to

share career-foundation content, and developing strategies to help students and alumni tap into their goals and ambitions, Career Advising and Development is meeting Dolphins where they are and helping them move forward. We do not do this work alone. Students often rely on faculty for their sage perspective and career advice. This is why Career Advising and Development sponsors the Faculty Career Mentor Awards to recognize outstanding career mentors and their efforts to integrate career development into the academic experience.

This multi-dimensional approach is working, as 97 percent of recent graduates reported they were working, attending a graduate program, or volunteering full time. This number seems straightforward, but it shows a deeper commitment on the part of recent graduates to find their way in this changing economy. Recent graduates are working remotely, finding consulting assignments, starting their own enterprises, and connecting with alumni to better understand the choices they will make moving into the future. 

Leslie Bailey Streissguth is the associate director of the Office of Career Advising and Development and an instructor in the Department of Communication and Film Studies.

Embracing a New Career? That's No Pie-in-the-Sky Idea.

When the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic in March of 2020, Deborah Acio '07 didn't know what it would mean for her – or billions of other people around the globe. It seemed to flip the world on its axis. Acio lived in Atlanta, Ga., at the time, working in sales execution for Cricket Wireless. She soon found herself doing the best she could to keep herself and the people around her safe – working from home, socializing via Zoom and closely following the news about the public health emergency. It didn't take long for her to realize that things would not be going back to “normal,” whatever that now meant, anytime soon. Acio knew she'd have to find a way to fill her non-work hours with something creative, imaginative and life-affirming during an enormously challenging period.

And so, the Le Moyne alumna, who joked that she'd gone from “hopping from country to country” to “hopping from (her) couch to her desk,” began baking pies. First apple. Then strawberry-rhubarb. Then she began experimenting with making a lattice pie crusts. She challenged herself to bake a pie a month. A business administration major who spent much of her career thinking in strategic, concrete terms, she relished the opportunity to unleash her energy in new and unexpected ways. Soon she found herself hitting on another idea: What if she used her experiences in the kitchen as the basis of a children's book, one that would encourage children to be creative and adventurous, while also introducing them to a critical life skill – cooking? Just like that, *Benji's Berry Berry Pie* was born. The story, which was published by IngramSpark in the fall of 2021, chronicles the adventures of the title character, a child with a passion for inventing things (including pie). The protagonist is based loosely on Acio's two brothers, an engineer and an engineering student.

Acio now lives in St. Paul, Minn., where she continues to work at Cricket Wireless – and to create new stories for Benji. She credits the business classes that she took at Le Moyne with instilling in her the grit and determination it took to step out her comfort zone and become an author and entrepreneur. Her training in business prepared her to set deadlines, manage her relationship with her editor and illustrator, and navigate the extensive copywriting process. Yes, she acknowledged, taking on something new was at times frightening. Often people who want to make a change are paralyzed by “imposter syndrome,” doubting their own

abilities. It is often easier for us to stay where we are. But ultimately, Acio believes that embracing change can make you – and the world – better.

“There are a lot of brilliant ideas that are sheltered in people's minds and are never released into the world,” she said. “I think that people need to get over the fear that if they try something new they are going to be mocked, and instead listen to what their hearts and minds are telling them. I'm a big believer that if you want to do something, you should go out and do it. You only have one life to live. You might as well live it to the fullest doing what is most meaningful to you.” ■



Dolphin Stories

KEEP ON ADAPTING |

As a high school student, Caden Ackerman '21 started his own woodworking company, building and selling custom shelves while devouring every business-related book or podcast he could find. By the time he arrived at Le Moyne in the fall of 2018, it was clear that he was going to forge his own path in the professional world. A marketing major, Ackerman applied the lessons he learned in the classroom to grow his business. He stretched his creative muscles, ran ideas by his professors and friends, and challenged himself to think in new and innovative ways. It was a period marked by tremendous growth for the Cazenovia, N.Y., native. As time passed and new opportunities presented themselves, he realized that his true passion lay not in woodworking, but in storytelling and helping others to realize their professional ambitions.



Caden Ackerman '21

That's when Keep on Adapting was born.

A full-service marketing firm, Keep on Adapting uses tools like social media, videography and photography to help small businesses connect with customers so that those organizations can continue to grow, evolve and, as the name makes clear, adapt. The work is a natural fit for Ackerman. He has always loved storytelling. When he was a child, he wouldn't just watch movies like *Star Wars*. He'd dissect them, asking himself why the filmmakers made the decisions they did, like capturing an actor's face up close. It didn't take him long to realize that those devices were used to invite the audience to feel something authentic. Ackerman takes the same approach in his work on behalf of his clients at Keep on Adapting, knowing that authenticity is key to establishing the trust upon which relationships are built.

That is especially true in an era in which people are regularly bombarded with

messages competing for their attention. Since Keep on Adapting was founded in 2020, it has helped businesses reach tens of millions of people organically and managed hundreds of thousands of followers on a number of social media platforms. Ackerman ensures that his marketing reflects the values and histories of the companies he serves, many of which are family owned and operated. He is particularly proud of Keep on Adapting's ability to pivot and to work with a variety of platforms, from Facebook and Instagram to YouTube and TikTok.

"I am proud of the work we are doing, and it's exciting to think of what's ahead," he says. "A lot of times in business you hear: 'I can't do this. This is too hard. I don't have the resources or capability.' But the most important thing is to keep moving forward, to keep growing, and to keep telling your story. I am honored that people trust us to help them do just that." 📍

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Ackerman came in second place in the 2021 Dolphin Tank, Le Moyne College's take on the television series *Shark Tank*, in which fledgling businesses compete for funding. He used the proceeds to help grow Keep on Adapting.

RUNNING HIGH



Lynda Kelly '86 (left) of Needham, Mass., and her team at Suominen, one of the world's biggest nonwovens manufacturers, were honored with the prestigious RRITE supplier award presented by Rockline Industries at its 21st annual SoRa event. Kelly is the senior vice president of Americas and business development. She was also inducted into Bishop Fenwick High School's Athletic Hall of Fame as a leading member of the 1980 girls cross country team.

PUBLISHED



Tricia Pethic '06 of Canton, N.Y., had an essay published in *Mantle of Mercy: Islamic Chaplaincy in North America*.

FROM THE COURT TO THE WALL



Colleen Corcoran '20 of Beverly, Mass., was inducted into Bishop Fenwick High School's Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball.

1967

Jim Zogby of Washington, D.C., was the moderator and panelist for the Images and Perceptions Diversity Conference. He also delivered a recent lecture at Le Moyne titled "What it Means to Honor Our Promise to New Americans."

1970

Jan Turcotte of Watertown, N.Y., received the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award at the eighth-annual Physicians Recognition Event, sponsored by the Samaritan Medical Center.

John Zogby of New Hartford, N.Y., is the founder and senior partner of John Zogby Strategies and has a weekly podcast called "The Zogby Report."

1971

Linda LaRose of Lake Mary, Fla., has retired from LaRose Associates, LLC.

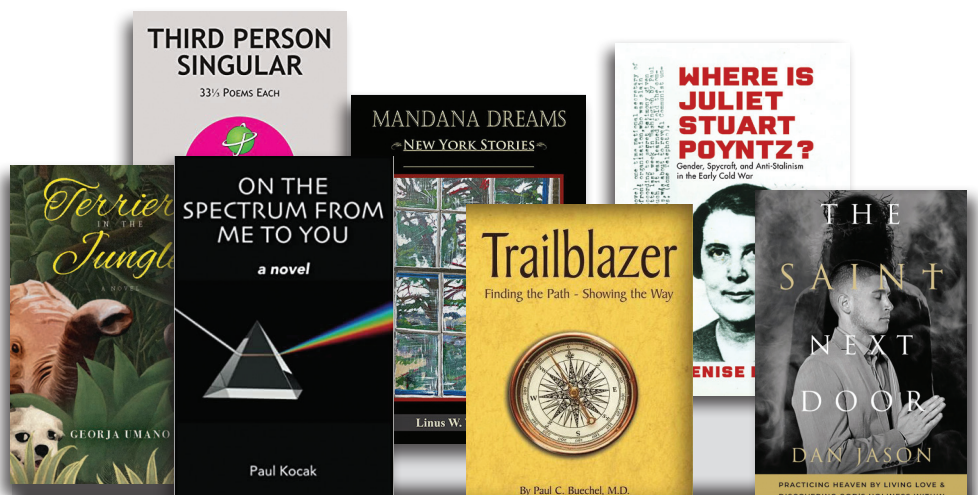
Dan McDermott of Pearl River, N.Y., received the American Institute of Maritime Underwriters' Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his service to the maritime insurance industry.

1975

Michael O'Malley of Orlando, Fla., has retired from his role as the national account executive for Victory Packaging.

1976

Lenore Sealy of Syracuse, N.Y., retired from CNY Works Inc.



Alumni Bookshelf

1967 ▶ **Georja Umamo** of Santa Monica, Calif., wrote *Terriers in the Jungle: A Novel*.

1970 ▶ **Paul Kocak** of Syracuse, N.Y., authored *On the Spectrum from Me to You* and co-authored *Third Person Singular: 33 1/3 Poems Each*.

1974 ▶ **Linus Walton Sr.** of Skaneateles, N.Y., recently released a book titled *Mandana Dreams*. It tells the story of an engineering student who returns to his family's home in New York's lakes region and puts his plans on hold to care for his gravely ill mother.

1987 ▶ **Paul Buechel, M.D.**, of Nolensville, Tenn., published his second book, *Trailblazer*. It lays out how we must step up, step in and act to achieve the life we're meant to live, the one that provides maximal benefit for ourselves as well as others in this crazy world of ours.

2001 ▶ **Denise Lynn** of Evansville, Ind., wrote *Where Is Juliet Stuart Poyntz?: Gender, Spycraft, and Anti-Stalinism in the Early Cold War*.

2010 ▶ **Daniel Jason** of Schenectady, N.Y., is the author of a new book titled *The Saint Next Door*.



Dream Team

Madison Haahes '15, **MBA** '17 and **Brett Ervin**, **MBA** '17 were brought together by their mutual love of family, travel and basketball. Madison, who is 5'9, was a point guard for the Dolphins. Brett, who is 6'7, was a forward at Elon University and West Virginia Wesleyan University. In the fall of 2015, they began their respective coaching careers at Le Moyne (Madison for the women's team, Brett for the men's), while also pursuing their master's degrees in business administration. The duo met one day outside of the College's Recreation Center, where Brett was struggling to unlock a door. Madison saw him and offered to help. It was the first of what will undoubtedly be hundreds of assists they'll provide to one another over the course of their lives.

They began to spend more and more time together

and to forge a connection that went beyond basketball. It didn't take them long to realize that their little squad of two was pretty powerful. Last summer, six years after their first "Hello" by that door that stubbornly refused to open, Madison and Brett were married at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden in Pennsylvania. Their family and friends huddled around them. Gina Castelli, who coached Madison at Le Moyne and has been a mentor to her, served as their officiant. Following the ceremony, Madison and Brett walked hand-in-hand into their reception wearing matching Ervin jerseys, "Dream" written across the back of Brett's and "Team" written across the back of Madison's. At the end of the night, the members of their wedding party presented them with a basketball they'd all signed – the game ball of all game balls.

It's Real Love

Jessica Allen '14 and **Thomas Barrett** '14 joke that when they met as freshmen in the LaCasse Dining Center, it was "friendship at first sight." That's just fine with them. After all, friendship has been called "the purest form of love." Jess and Tom discovered that, years after they first met, their friendship blossomed into an incredible partnership, one that will sustain them for the rest of their lives. This spring the duo affirmed their commitment to one another in front of the people who matter most to them – their family and friends – at the very place where they first met – Le Moyne. They were married by Jason Downer, S.J., in a ceremony held at the Panasci Family Chapel. The alumni, who share their home with two dogs and two cats, were thrilled to find that the excitement leading up to their nuptials brought them even closer together. And the day itself could not have been more beautiful. While it did rain, Jess recalled, it stopped

during the ceremony. There was even a rainbow over Syracuse as they said their vows. Later in the day, the newlyweds shared their first dance to The Beatles' *Real Love*. The lyrics, they say, reflect their journey to one another:

*"All my little plans
and schemes
Lost like some
forgotten dreams
Seems that all I really
was doing
Was waiting for you"*



FEEDING THE SOUL



Coleen Pepe '94 has been a chef for her entire adult life meaning that, over the years, she has catered hundreds of weddings. The Le Moyne alumna, who is currently the chef at the Loyola Jesuit Residence at Le Moyne, joked that she had her own nuptials all planned – except for what she called "that pesky groom detail." That final piece of the puzzle seemed ready to fall into place when her friends Michelle (Blahut) Curtin '94 and Dan Curtin '93 suggested that she meet Andrew Call, M.D. There was just one catch. Coleen had a fear of doctors that she calls "serious white coat syndrome." Fortunately love turned out to be the perfect antidote to that. It did not take either of them long to realize that they'd found their prescription (or recipe) for happiness in one another. After dating for more than four years, Andy proposed to Coleen at the Brewster Inn in Cazenovia, N.Y.

After a delay due to the pandemic and the death of their dear friend George Coyne, S.J., who was to have served as their officiant, they made their union official on June 7, 2021, in the College's Panasci Family Chapel, where they were surrounded by 27 guests and 14 priests. The couple exchanged rings engraved with the words "Love heals the soul," on one and "Love feeds the soul" on the other. The whole thing, Coleen says, was exactly as she'd dreamed.

1977

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

RoAnn Destito of Rome, N.Y., retired from her position as commissioner of the Office of General Services for New York state.

1978

Ronald Avery of Niskayuna, N.Y., retired as an optical manager for Luxottica Retail.

1979

Michael Massiah of Brooklyn, N.Y., retired from Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

1980

Thomas Chwalek of Oswego, N.Y., retired from Exelon, one of the nation's leading energy providers.

Wendy (McLaughlin) Foster of Liverpool, N.Y., is the director of nursing at Toomey Residential and Community Services.

Barbara (Grillo) Guiffrida of Syracuse, N.Y., retired as vice president of human resources at Laboratory Alliance of CNY.

Kathleen (Howard) Miller of Menands, N.Y., is a finance manager for St. Peter's Health Partners.

1981

Douglas FitzMorris of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., is a religion teacher at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx.

William Kernan of Oceanside, Calif., was appointed pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church.

John Richey of Canton, N.Y., retired from his position with the NYS Unified Court System.

1982

Nancy (Hammele) Lotzar of Penfield, N.Y., retired as a courier for Federal Express.

Robert Kopp of Fayetteville, N.Y., retired from his job as the principal purchasing agent for National Grid.

Ronald Passafaro of Dunkirk, N.Y., retired from the manufacturing company ECR International.

Vincent Spina of Syracuse, N.Y., was named the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of 2021 by the Central New York Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

1983

Lorrie Clemo of Buffalo, N.Y., was named one of the top 250 most influential people in Western New York by Buffalo Business First.



Tina (Zmijewski) Dolph '91 of Gainesville, Va., joined the board of directors of Hope For The Warriors, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to combat-wounded service members, their families, and the families of those killed in action.

1984

William Veit of Syracuse, N.Y., is the vice president for administration and chief financial officer for Cazenovia College.

1985

William Krupke of Liverpool, N.Y., is a financial controller for Bousquet Holstein PLLC.

Tish Lynn of Nunda, N.Y., is a partner in the labor and employment practice area of Hancock Estabrook LLP.

Lisa (Mannella) Melara of Liverpool, N.Y., retired from IBM Corp. and established Lisa Melara Career Connections, which provides consulting services.

1986

Frank Cosentino of Ridgewood, N.J., was honored with the Bruno Jay Humanitarian Award, which is presented to current and former residents of New City and Rockland County who have contributed to the area's growth and vitality. Cosentino is a risk management specialist in the banking industry in New York City.

Paul Tonnesen of Lake Oswego, Ore., is the chief executive officer of Oregon Tool.

Dennis McElheron of Holbrook, N.Y., is the executive director for special education for Sachem Central School District.

Mary Ann (Hallak) Serwatka of Utica, N.Y., is a senior commercial portfolio manager for NBT Bank.

1988

Vincent Cook of Smyrna, Ga., is the national sales manager for CentroMotion.

Suzanne Ward of Washington, Pa., is a managing member for SKWITS, LLC.

1989

Emily (Valenza) Behan of Syracuse, N.Y., is the assistant director of career and technical education and innovative education at Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES.

Carl Forbes of Fairburn, Ga., is the associate director of multicultural admissions at Evergreen State College.

Lisa Rapp-McCall of Lutz, Fla., is the first woman editor-in-chief of the reference book *Social Workers' Desk Reference: Fourth Edition*.

1990

Fred Rahmer III of Placitas, N.M., was promoted to senior director of the Sensors and Instrumentation Group at Verus Research.

1991

Joseph Maslak of Lecanto, Fla., is the chief medical officer at Citrus Memorial Hospital.

Cathrine (Ward) Wiegert of Jacksonville, Fla., is the gifted programs specialist for Duval County Public Schools.

1992

Scott Landers of Andover, Mass., is chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors for the recruitment company Harver.

Timothy Mansfield of Melrose, Mass., is the director of alumni volunteer experience for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kevin Zdimal of Scottsdale, Ariz., is the vice president and chief financial officer for the Carlisle Corporation.

1994

Phil Esposito of Oak Park, Ill., is the business and brand development manager at Mondo America, an industry leader in sport surfacing.

Joseph Girard Jr. of Queensbury, N.Y., is the director of sales and operations for North Country Janitorial Inc.

Timothy Hale of Pottstown, Pa., is the vice president of marketing for Magnus Medicine.

Dana (Storinge) Lazenby of Fairport, N.Y., is the senior vice president and mortgage operations manager for Canandaigua National Bank.

James Suriano of New Hartford, N.Y., is the director of auxiliary services for Mohawk Valley Community College.

1995

Peter Chronis of Atlanta, Ga., is the senior vice president and chief information security officer for ViacomCBS.

1996

Brett Jones of Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., was named a partner at Lazar Schwartz and Jones.

1997

Joy Rinaldi of Liverpool, N.Y., was promoted to chief operating officer at Contemporary Personnel Staffing Inc. She joined CPS Recruitment in 2011 as a general manager. She also serves on the Golisano Children's Hospital Advisory Board.

1999

Kristin Gray of Skaneateles, N.Y., is the director of project

management at Eric Mower and Associates Inc.

Mary King of Syracuse, N.Y., was included in "Upstate New York Super Lawyers" for 2021.

Maureen (O'Connell) Larkin of Arlington, Mass., is now the director of internal communications for Mass General Brigham.

2000

Thomas Windhausen of Oyster Bay, N.Y., was appointed chief financial officer and treasurer of Bridgeline Digital Inc.

2001

Sean Kirby of Port Chester, N.Y., was promoted to partner at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton LLP.



Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Kyla Clark '02 of Lare, Md., is the head of marketing and communications for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

2002

Russell Brewer of Oneida, N.Y., is now a senior vice president and commercial banking group manager for Community Bank N.A.

Frank Ewing of Buffalo, N.Y., was named one of the top 250 most influential people in Western New York by Buffalo Business First.

John Martinson is the chief operating officer for StatLab Medical Products.

2003

Desiree Bennett of Liverpool, N.Y., is a senior manager for Fust Charles Chambers LLP.

2004

Adam Bellomo of East Amherst, N.Y., is customer vice president of health plans for New Directions Behavior Health.

Anthony Pains of Fountain Hills, Ariz., is general manager for Rio Verde Country Club.

2005

Jenelle Ondrako Dwyer of Fairport, N.Y., is vice president of human resources for MassPay, a leading provider of human resource services.

Elizabeth (Marinelli) Gardner of Camillus, N.Y., was promoted to partner at Grossman St. Amour Certified Public Accountants, PLLC.

Keeley Ann (Miles) Hines of Liverpool, N.Y., was promoted to partner at the Bonadio Group.

County Water Authority.

Christina Lynn of New York, N.Y., is the vice president of deposits and liquidity for J.P. Morgan.

2008

Andrea (Shova) Emery of Fulton, N.Y., is senior manager of program finance for SRC Inc.

Daniela (Savinelli) Molta of Syracuse, N.Y., joined the board of trustees of the Everson Museum of Art.

Nicole (Dawley) Sarsfield of North Syracuse, N.Y., is master planner and program analyst for Qsack and Associates at Lockheed Martin.

Renee Starowicz of Berkeley, Calif., is a postdoctoral researcher at Stanford University.

2009

Christina Nordquist Jacobs of Penfield, N.Y., is the creative director at MarketDesign Consulting.

Naomi (Birch) Mehmedovic of Liverpool, N.Y., is a certified family nurse practitioner for Family Practice Associates.

Caragh Fisher O'Connor of Wood Ridge, N.J., is the senior director of communications for NBCUniversal's new streaming service, Peacock.

2010

Angela Cole of Alexandria, Va., is the deputy assistant chief information security officer/chief privacy officer at the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

Meghan Corcoran of Cheektowaga, N.Y., is the general manager of corporate responsibility for National Fuel Gas Company.

Josephine Martinez of Riverdale, N.Y., is the senior director of diversity, equity and inclusion – people and culture for the NFL. Martinez was honored with the College's 2020

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MAGIS LIVES ON

I have always been driven to do more. My family owned a small production and post-production company called dPost in Buffalo, N.Y. At a young age, I began working for the business, becoming increasingly involved over time and learning a great deal. As dPost grew more successful, I realized that I had a passion for creating videos and telling stories. Still, I didn't want to be seen as a legacy child who stumbled into the family business. I wanted to prove that I was my own person, and that I could build a name and brand outside of the one my family had established.

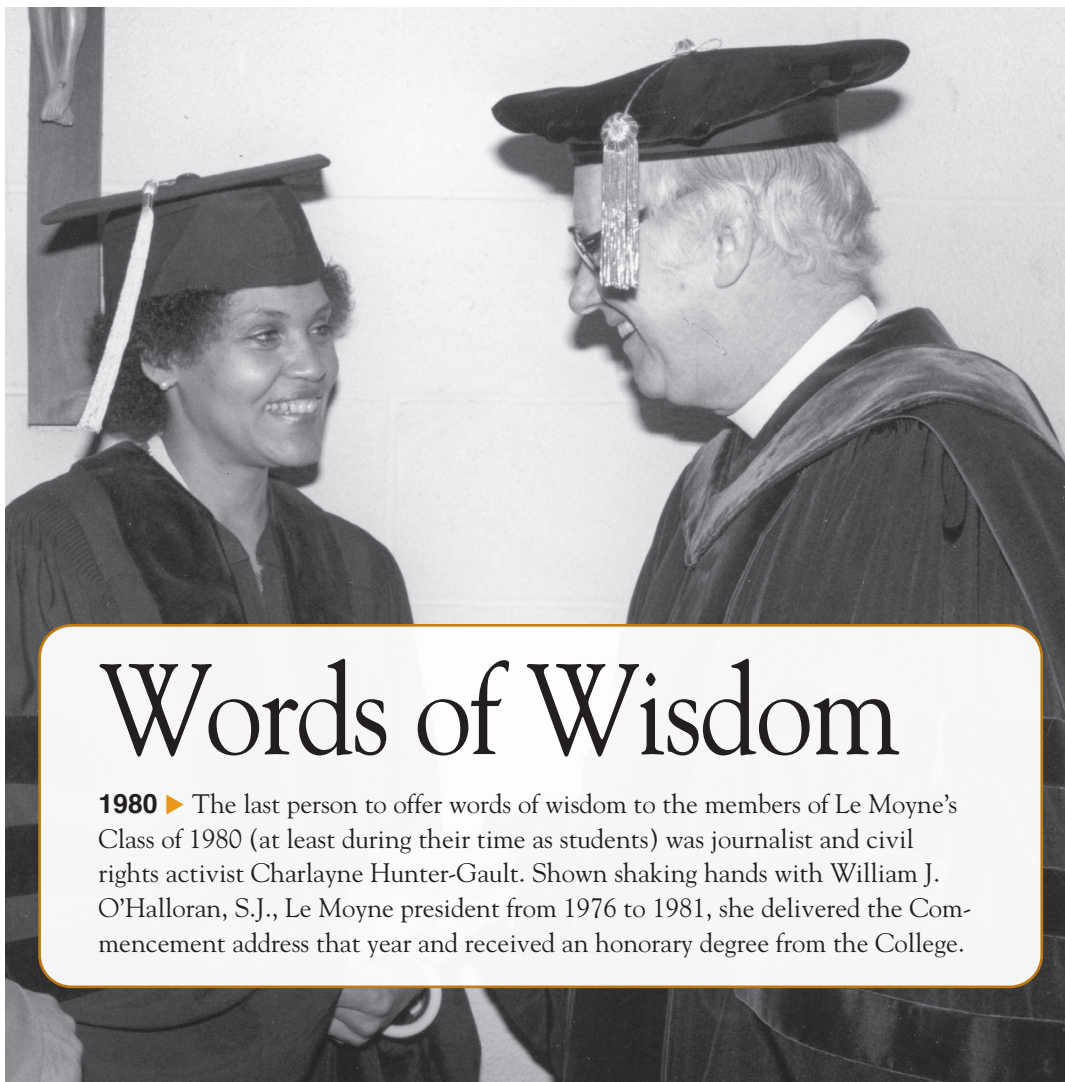
I went on to earn a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in business administration at Le Moyne. Throughout my time on campus, I worked to develop my skills as a storyteller and to apply what I was learning in the classroom to the real world. I worked for the Office of Information Technology, the Office Marketing and Communications, the student advertising agency known as Heights Global Marketing, and as a camera operator for the Syracuse Crunch. I honed my skills in graphic design and even bought myself a camera so that I could become a stronger videographer. Each of these experiences enhanced my creative abilities and gave me practice in working in a professional setting and meeting client needs. If it weren't for those opportunities, I wouldn't be where I am today, working as a video producer for the Abbey Mecca, an advertising agency in Buffalo.

I have always had great mentors, from staff members at dPost to my friends and professors at Le Moyne, to answer questions I had in the video and creative fields. That has been a blessing. However, now that I am out in the professional world, I appreciate the opportunity to be independent. Learning to solve problems on my own has accelerated my creative and professional growth much faster than I could have expected. The spirit of *magis* lives on in me.

By Sean Donovan '22



Flash From the Past



Words of Wisdom

1980 ► The last person to offer words of wisdom to the members of Le Moyne's Class of 1980 (at least during their time as students) was journalist and civil rights activist Charlayne Hunter-Gault. Shown shaking hands with William J. O'Halloran, S.J., Le Moyne president from 1976 to 1981, she delivered the Commencement address that year and received an honorary degree from the College.

Read All About It

1946 ► A front-page headline in the Jan. 27, 1946, issue of *The Post-Standard* trumpeted the news of the successful effort to raise funds for a new Jesuit College in Syracuse, declaring: *Le Moyne Campaign Exceeds Its Goal; Totals \$1,500,000*.



Alumni Achievements

PLANTING SEEDS OF EQUITY



1991 ► **Todd Corley** of Delaware, Ohio, was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to serve on a 15-member Equity Commission in response to the Biden-Harris administration's pursuit of a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all, especially those who have been historically underserved across the agricultural ecosystem. These appointments mark the first time in the 160 years of the Department of Agriculture that this type of convening has been undertaken to address generations of systemic discrimination; create equitable solutions for farmers and ranchers; and look into issues related to the climate. Corley will be fulfilling the role of organizational-development, design-thinking and change-management expert. During his two-year appointment, he will collaborate with experts in public policy, economic development, civil rights and other areas. He will also be joined by rural and urban farmers, ranchers, environmentalists, climate experts, scientists and historians. Corley, who is the senior vice president for inclusion, sustainability and community at Carhartt, Inc., was also recently named one of the most influential black executives by *Savoy Magazine*.

Love & Marriage

Ayanna Dutton '06 to Sully Diaz

Michelle Lissner '09 to T.J. McInerney



Ashley Grimes '14 to Calvin Odom (photo above)

Jocelyn N. Bender '15 to Ryan Tantone



Samantha Peltz '15 to Joe Stapleton (photo above)

Shelby Bull '16, M.S. '19 to **Michael Malone '16**

Alex J. Altland '17 to **Marisa Valent '17**



Tim Buff '17 to **Erika Smith '17, FNP '19** (photo above)

Austin Higgins '17 to **Devon Haugh '18**

Maggie Conklin '18 to Andrew Schreyack

Alice Zicari, MS '20 to Kyle Grant

Emerging Leader Award in a ceremony that was delayed until this spring due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ashley O'Mara of Baldwinsville, N.Y., graduated from Syracuse University with a doctorate in English in August 2021. O'Mara's dissertation, the first in the field, is titled "Man delights not me; no, nor Woman neither": Asexuality in Early Modern Literature."

Alex Ondrako of Rochester, N.Y., is an account executive for Logistic Dynamics Inc.

2011

Fiona (Barbour) Day of Syracuse, N.Y., started Pie's the Limit, a small bakery that is part of Salt City Market.

Andrew Flamik of Camillus, N.Y., is the chief financial officer for Usherwood Office Technology.

Michael Lane of Manlius, N.Y., was named a 2022 Risk and Insurance Power Broker by Reagan Companies in Syracuse.

Kaitlyn (Klima) Mariano of Liverpool, N.Y., is a licensed certified public accountant.

Radhy Miranda of Bronx, N.Y., is the vice president of government and community relations at NYC Economic Development Corp. Miranda was honored with the 2022 Emerging Leader Award, along with his wife, Kirstie (Reynoso) Miranda '10.

2012

Ryan Piche of Lowville, N.Y., was named a credentialed manager by the International Local Government Management Organization in recognition of his significant experience in senior management of local government.

Elizabeth Vanasdale of Albany, N.Y., was promoted to executive director of the New York State Dispute Resolution Association.

2013

Armin Ibrahimovic of Syracuse, N.Y., is an account executive officer, national accounts at Travelers.

Molly Messinger of Canastota, N.Y., was promoted to administrator at Sedgwick Heights, an assisted living facility in Syracuse, N.Y.

2014

Taylor Bigelow of New Haven, Conn., is an assistant professor of counseling at the University of New Haven.

Max Greer of Syracuse, N.Y., is an attorney for Barclay Damon's torts and products

liability defense and professional liability practice areas.

Michael Marrero of Syracuse, N.Y., was selected as an "Upstate New York Super Lawyer - Rising Star" for 2021.

Greg Richards of Homer, N.Y., is an executive director for the Cortland County Community Action Program.

2015

Benjamin DiYenno of Cicero N.Y., is a career adviser at Le Moyne College.

Claire (Woodburn) DiYenno of Cicero, N.Y., is a licensed beauty adviser at Sephora.

Christine Grayton of Medford, Mass., is an account manager for NAIL Communications.

Brianna Piscitell of DeWitt, N.Y., is an account manager at Pinckney Hugo Group.

Samantha (Peltz) Stapleton of Charlottesville, Va., is a producer at Still Life Projects.

2016

Nicole Davis of Camillus, N.Y., is a talent acquisition specialist for Le Moyne College.

Joseph Fallon of Skaneateles, N.Y., joined his family's practice, Fallon and Fallon Family Dentistry, in Camillus, N.Y.

Alexander Moses of East Haven, Conn., is part of the Cloud Platform and Operations Group for McDonald's.

2017

Julia Bailey of Syracuse, N.Y., was promoted to supervisor at DiMarco, Abiusi and Pascarella CPAs PC.

William Brown of Astoria, N.Y., is attending Columbia Law School and will be joining Simpson Thacher and Bartlett LLP, an international law firm.

Kayla Burt of Boston, Mass., is a data analyst for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management.

Tyler Dix of Rochester, N.Y., is a certified physician assistant at Highland Hospital, an affiliate of the University of Rochester.

Katrina Garrigan of Seneca Falls, N.Y., is the director of behavioral health for East Hill Medical Center.

James Mickelinc of Richmond, Va., was promoted to senior analyst at Matrix Capital Markets Group.

John Mickelinc of Richmond, Va., was promoted to associate at Matrix Capital Markets Group.

Zachary Terry of Denver, Colo., is a sales engineer for Alteryx in Denver, Colo.

Running Boston

A sign greeting runners to the iconic Boston Marathon explains what is about to unfold as succinctly as possible. It reads: “No stopping. 26.2 miles.”

Katie (Denny) Rey '07, MBA '20, knows both this distance (having completed it eight times) and this course (having finished it twice) well. Rey was inspired to take up running a little more than a decade ago, and the alumna completed her first marathon in Philadelphia, Pa., in 2011. It was challenging. (“Everything that could go wrong did,” she recalled.) Rey subsequently took a three-and-a-half-year hiatus from marathoning, thinking she may not be cut out for the distance. But absence has a way of making the heart grow fonder, and following the careers of American

professional distance runners Shalane Flanagan and Desiree Linden eventually inspired her to ask, “What if ...?” In 2019, following the birth of her second child, Rey qualified – twice – to run the Boston Marathon the following year.

Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the race, traditionally held in April on Patriots’ Day, was postponed until the fall of 2021 with fewer participants allowed. Rey approached it with enthusiasm, but without ever losing respect for the course or the distance. (“Boston has a way of chewing you up and spitting you out,” she said.) She finished in a time of 3:12 and said that, despite being somewhat scaled-back, the race was still an incredible experience. But she still wanted the traditional experience of running the Boston Marathon. This spring, the 126th marathon was held with 30,000 people ready to tackle it. The conditions – sunny and in the mid-40s at race time – were ideal. Rey entered the race without a particular pace in mind but with a mantra, “I’m going to enjoy this. This is my day.” Indeed, it was. She finished with her best marathon time ever – 3:05.



Katie Rey '07, MBA '20 smiles through the miles of the Boston Marathon.

SPOTTING THE STATION

Grant Farrokh '15 of Houston, Texas, received his certification as a Trajectory Operations Officer (TOPO) at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. In his role as a TOPO, Farrokh is responsible for planning and tracking the current location and destination of the International Space Station (ISS) and its supporting vehicles. By planning all station maneuvers, the TOPO flight controller ensures the ISS is not impacted by space debris orbiting the earth. Farrokh also works with the Russian Space Agency and coordinates visiting vehicle spacecrafts and communication satellites. He was recently awarded NASA'S silver achievement medal for his innovative work on the NASA website Spot the Station, which allows users to register for notifications when the ISS will be passing by their location. Farrokh hopes to one day be on the team that helps guide fellow Dolphin Jeanette Epps '92, Ph.D., on her first rendezvous to the ISS.



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DOLPHIN HISTORY

William Bosch, S.J.
Le Moyne College Archivist

1947 ▶ Tombs and Tunes. Few people played a more crucial role in the academic success of Le Moyne's earliest students than Theodore Cunnion, S.J., who was appointed as the College's librarian in 1947. Father Cunnion was known as easy-going, helpful and musically inclined.

1963 ▶ Called to Serve. President John F. Kennedy's clarion call to service was heard loud and clear on the Heights. It has been widely credited with helping to inspire the establishment of International House, a beloved service and social justice organization on campus.

1970s ▶ Day Hops. Affectionately called "day hops," commuter students have always been an important part of the Le Moyne community. By the late 1970s, these Dolphins began to organize on campus in a way that was more formal. Their unofficial motto? Live and let drive.

1985 ▶ Music Minded. In late 1985, President Frank Haig, S.J., was in the midst of planning Le Moyne's upcoming 40th anniversary when he noted that while the College had a beautiful alma mater, it did not have a pep song for athletic events. He decided that the College would hold a contest to create such a melody, and that it would be judged by a panel of local music experts. Three finalists would be selected and their entries would be performed by the Le Moyne Chorus at the Founders' Day Gala. The grand prize winner would receive \$1,000.

1993 ▶ Unity Through Diversity. President Robert Mitchell, S.J., emphasized unity through diversity at the 1993 Mass of the Holy Spirit, which was held at the Henninger Athletic Center. He stated, "The spirituality of finding God in all things – a world-affirming spirituality – is, I submit, at the heart of a Jesuit education and its commitment to quality learning and research, to academic freedom and to scientific integrity."

2018

Jon Bingham of Rochester, N.Y., is an accounting specialist for LeChase Construction Services LLC.

Meghan Colabufo of Camillus, N.Y., is the executive assistant to the vice president of finance and administration and the vice president of enrollment management for Le Moyne College.

Brian Cox of North Kingstown, R.I., is a client executive of business insurance for the Marsh and McLennan Agency.

Evan Davis of Buffalo, N.Y., is a research assistant for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Brendan Entenmann of Boston, Mass., is an adviser for the Steele Group.

Sarah (Pinsky) Krinsky of Bennington, Vt., is the communications and field term coordinator for Bennington College.

Ashley Loeven of Pawling, N.Y., is pursuing a doctorate in biology at Florida State University.

Samantha McDermott of Baldwinsville, N.Y., is an associate for Goldberg Segalla.

Danielle McMahon of Liverpool, N.Y., was promoted to supervisor for Grossman St. Amour Certified Public Accountants, PLLC.

Michael Musolino is a fifth-grade teacher at Holy Cross School in DeWitt.

Bhumi Parekh of Monticello, N.Y., is an agile business analyst in the governance and public sector division for Deloitte.

Evan Pfeiffer of Syracuse, N.Y., is the assistant vice president of human resources at M&T Bank.

Lydia Rugaber of Fairport, N.Y., is an account executive at Eric Mower and Associates Inc.

Francine (Yanchik) Slade of Rochester, N.Y., is pursuing a doctorate in chemistry at the University of Rochester.

Emma Thieme of Syracuse, N.Y., is a registered nurse at Upstate University Hospital.

Maggie Williams of Lee Center, N.Y., is the digital marketing coordinator for Boston Ballet.

2019

Chiara Armstrong of Manlius, N.Y., is a tax associate for Fust Charles Chambers LLP.

McKenna Burgwin of Cicero, N.Y., is a family nurse practitioner at Upstate University Hospital.

Matthew Carinci of Oneida, N.Y., is a reading specialist for the Chittenango School District.

Marguerite Dillon of Oswego, N.Y., is a videographer for Usherwood Office Technology.

Alisabeth Furnace of Utica, N.Y., is a rheumatology physician assistant at Arthritis Health Associates.

Caroline Heaviside of Liverpool, N.Y., was promoted to supervisor for Grossman St. Amour Certified Public Accountants PLLC.

Ashley Hirsch of Syracuse, N.Y., is the assistant general manager for U Point Syracuse.

Mahamadou Jagana of Bronx, N.Y., is a teacher for South Bronx Prep.

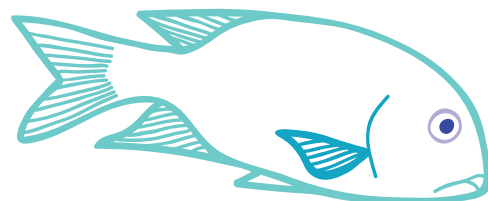
Aura Jimenez of Bronx, N.Y., is an office manager at the John A. Hartford Foundation.

Nicole Krumbach of New Hartford, N.Y., is a teacher in the Chittenango School District.

Martino Laterza of Syracuse, N.Y., is the senior director of guest services at the Museum of Science and Technology.

Nicholas Lindquist of Dallas, Texas, is a strategist for the design-driven consultancy Beck and Stone.

Courtney Manley of Raleigh, N.C., is a sales cloud project manager at Cisco.



Kylee Wilson '19 of Conesus, N.Y., is pursuing a master's degree in ecology and environmental science at SUNY Brockport and was recently accepted into a doctoral program at The Ohio State University to study fisheries science.

STICKING TO THE ARTIST'S PATH

Actor John Douglas Thompson '85 has found himself portraying a lot of fathers lately. Shylock, the vengeful antagonist at the heart of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, is a widower with a daughter. Thompson recently brought him to life in an acclaimed run at the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C. Arthur Scott, Thompson's character in HBO's *The Gilded Age*, is likewise a patriarch, one who sometimes finds himself at odds with his adult child, Peggy. Chief Carter, the role Thompson inhabits in another HBO series, *Mare of Easttown*, is not presented to the audience as a parent. However, the Le Moyne alumnus imagines him as a father figure and moral authority in the small Pennsylvania community in which the show is set.

This is an auspicious time for Thompson to tackle these parts. After all, parents devote tremendous energy to thinking about the future, reflecting upon what is most important, and sharing hard-learned lessons about life. That is not unlike what Thompson does as an actor. Parents collaborate, negotiate, sacrifice. So do artists. And artists, like parents, set aside ego and pretense in service of something greater than themselves. That resonates with Thompson. He studied business on the Heights and worked in that arena for several years before recognizing his calling to become an actor. Since then, he's garnered numerous theatrical honors, including the Boston Theatre Critics Association's Elliot Norton Prize for Sustained Excellence, two Obie awards, two Drama Desk awards and the Lucille Lortel Award. He considers himself to be, above all else, "a storyteller ... no more or less important than anyone else." It is in surrendering to that fact that he is able to invite people to look at the world in all of its complexities and, in a way that is decidedly Jesuit, to ask thoughtful questions about their place in it.

"The older I am, the more aware I am of the impact art has on all of us," he says. "If done open-heartedly, honestly and truthfully, it can be a tremendous source of inspiration and consolation to the people to whom it is being presented."

Thompson himself draws solace from art, perhaps now more than ever. In the earliest days of the COVID-19 pandemic, he found himself listening to music, taking virtual tours of museums and watching movies – all from the safety of his home. One of the first professional projects he undertook during that period was a performance of *Richard III* for WNYC, New York City's public radio station. The show featured a cast of American actors, each in their own homes, rehearsing and recording via Zoom, making them not just performers, but also technicians. The production was, as Thompson remarked in an interview with The National Arts Club, almost certainly a first. He was glad to be doing what he loves again. And Shakespeare himself would likely have appreciated the ingenuity behind the project, having been born shortly after an outbreak of bubonic plague swept across England.

Today Thompson is collaborating with his friend Jesse Berger,

John Douglas Thompson, seen here posing for the Shakespeare Theatre Company, portrayed Shylock in Theatre for a New Audience's *The Merchant of Venice*, directed by Arin Arbus. Photo by Henry Grossman.

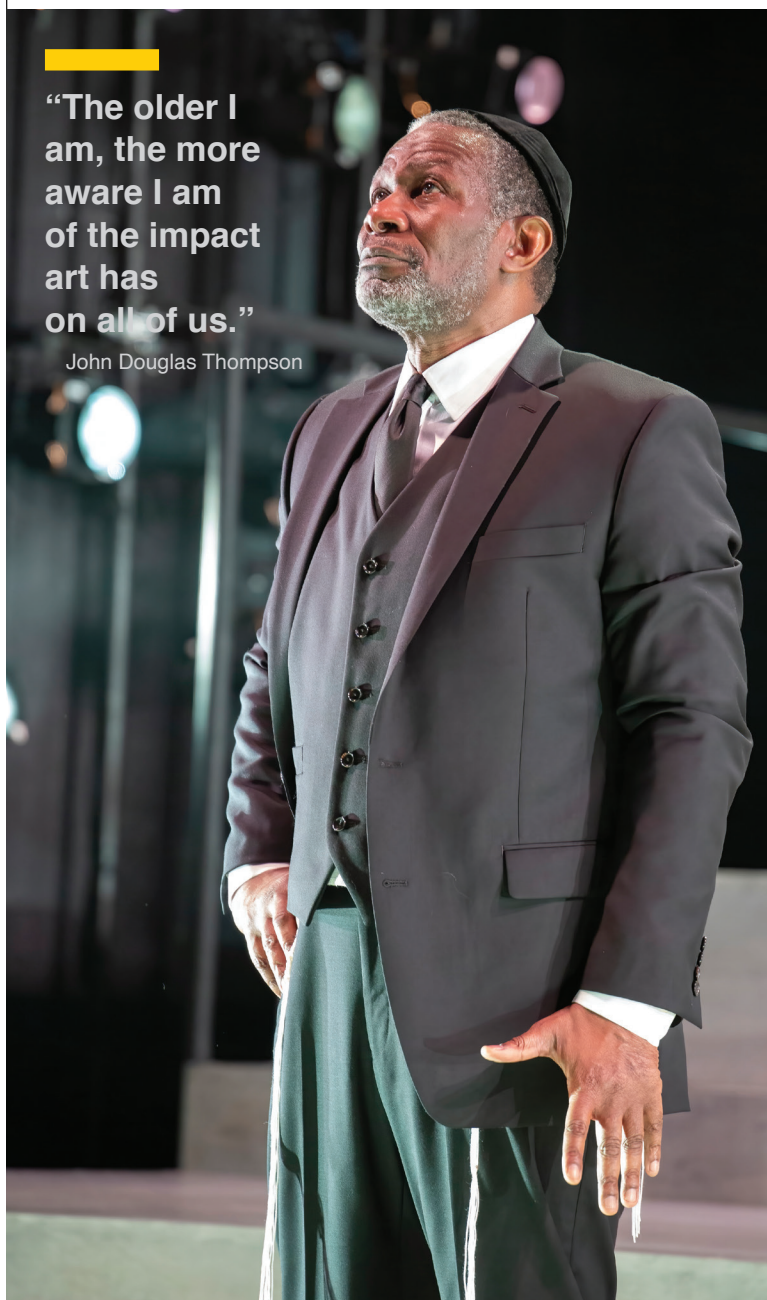
founder of the Red Bull Theatre, to stage two other works by the Bard, *The Tempest* and *Titus Andronicus*. Next he plans to reprise his role as Arthur Scott in season two of *The Gilded Age* and then to spend some well-deserved time with loved ones. What will come after that is still to be determined. Perhaps, Thompson says, he will direct a production of *King Lear*, which he considers to be "one of the great multigenerational plays" or take on one of the comedic characters from the Shakespeare's cannon, like Falstaff. Whatever is next, the alumnus knows that his time at Le Moyne will continue to serve as the engine of his professional journey.

"My education has fortified me as a person, as an artist, and as a citizen," he says. "Without it, I don't know what I would be doing. I don't know if I would have found the artist's path and stayed on it."

By Molly K. McCarthy

"The older I am, the more aware I am of the impact art has on all of us."

John Douglas Thompson



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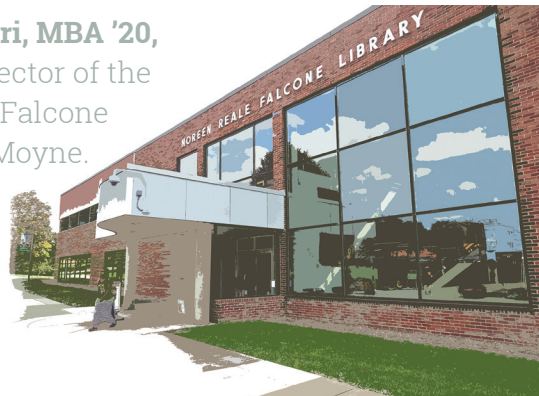
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The class note on Andrew Brenner '07 that ran in the winter 2022 issue was included in the publication without his consent or permission.

Share your story

Sharing your story can make a big difference in other people's lives. Just a paragraph or two is all that's needed! Submit class notes to lemoyne.edu/alumni. Stories can be submitted to Molly McCarthy at maccartmk@lemoyne.edu. The magazine submission deadline for the next issue is **Nov. 15**.

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LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT | Dan McNeil III '77 is the founder and chairman of the board of McNeil and Company Inc., a leading insurance company that provides product design, risk management, underwriting and claims services for specialty niche markets nationwide with offices in New York, Illinois and Colorado. Dan is part of a proud three-generation Le Moyne family. Along with his loved ones, he established the McNeil Academy for Risk Management and Insurance at the College in order to help train the next generation of leaders in this critical field. Dan has also served his alma mater as a member of the College's board of trustees.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Being with family.

Do you have a personal motto?

Leave it better than you found it.

Which characteristics do you most admire in other people?

Kindness and sincerity.

Who do you most admire?

This one is really easy ... Pope Francis. I can't think of anyone I admire more than him. He has been the most transparent pope in my lifetime, and he's made some really tough decisions with love and grace.

What is something you wish more people understood about what it means to be generous or philanthropic?

For me, being generous and philanthropic is not just about writing a check. It is a way of life. I respect people who are extraordinarily giving with their time, their attention, and their energy. To me, that is every bit as valuable and important as contributing monetarily to a cause that is important to you.

Are there any quotes that you find especially inspiring?

Yes. This quote by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., has always resonated with me: "Some day after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love and then, for the second time in the



Dan McNeil III (fourth from the left) and his family.

history of the world, man will have discovered fire."

What is your most treasured possession?

I don't really have any possessions that I treasure ... I treasure people.

What is your most marked characteristic?

You'd have to ask others this question, but I try to be loyal to the people in my life – to my family, my friends and my colleagues. I certainly hope that is my most marked characteristic.

What do you do for fun?

I love playing golf ... I'm not very good, but I love it.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

There are two pieces of advice that have served me well throughout the course of my life. First, don't assume anything – ever. Second, always try to look at the other person's point of view, especially when it's different from your own because you just may be wrong.

"Some day after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love and then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire."

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.

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.

We're reimagining some popular events, so make sure you update your contact information with the College.

For more information on ... *Insights from the Heights* webinar series, Alumni Book Club, regional gatherings and service events



**FAMILY WEEKEND
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SEPT. 23-25, 2022

The perfect opportunity for families and alumni to get a glimpse of life on the Heights and our construction projects. Keep up at lemoyne.edu/familyweekend for details about the weekend!

Reunion 2022 was the largest reunion event to date! It was a gorgeous weekend full of connections, laughs, hugs and so much fun.

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.



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.

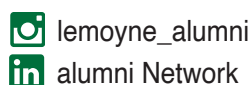
You've got mail ... or do you?

Have you received email from your alma mater? 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.

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REFLECTIONS OF A REUNION REGULAR



Jim Minogue '76 acknowledged that when he and his wife, Judy, made the trip from their home in Reston, Va., to the Heights to attend Reunion, it felt as though they were in a time machine. Some things had changed. The campus, student body and academic offerings had certainly grown. But some things remained the same, including the friendships and the feeling of camaraderie that came from being back at Le Moyne. Jim is what you might call a Reunion regular. He and Judy (herself a proud Mizzou alumna, but at heart an honorary Dolphin) attend the Class of 1976 reunions as often as they can, especially now that their children are grown. The couple recently made the most of Reunion 2022. They ran in the Dolphin Dash, helped to make sandwiches for a local homeless shelter, attended Mass and enjoyed the party for graduates of the 1970s. But for Jim the best part of the Reunion was the opportunity he had simply to connect with friends and classmates in person. And even when the time came to head back to their home outside of Washington, D.C., Jim knew that Le Moyne would never be far behind. In recent years he's found himself running into people wearing a Le Moyne baseball hat or T-shirt more and more often. Each of those interactions feels like a mini-Reunion.



◀ Jim Minogue '76 received the Ignatian Award for Service to Le Moyne at Reunion. He is joined by former Alumni Association Board President Mike Milito '77, President Linda LeMura, Ph.D., and Alumni Association Board President Giovanni Lucas '95.



Friendship Always Brings People Together

Friendship brought **Lorenda Mable '15** back to Le Moyne to celebrate the College's most recent Reunion. An educator and social worker by training, Mable was thrilled to learn that her friend **Kayla Burt '17** was receiving the College's Ignatian Young Alumna Award and wanted to be there to offer her congratulations and support. Mable also found herself reminiscing about her own time at Le Moyne, where the psychology major was a member of the Higher Education Opportunity Program and took part in a range of campus organizations, including POWER, BOND,

El Progreso and Religion Academy, and participated in service trips to New Orleans and Jamaica. That is precisely what Reunion is designed to help alumni to do – to reunite, rediscover and reconnect. It was just the second time that Mable had attended the event – the first was in 2019. It likely won't be the last, though. Even as time goes by and she grows busier, she still plans to make it a point to return home to the Heights whenever she can.

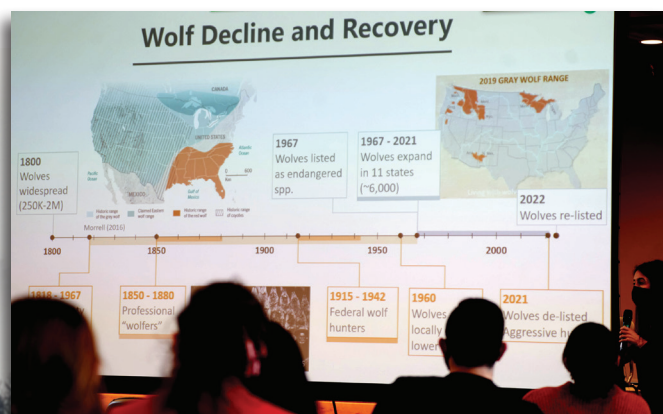


Lorenda Mable '15 enjoying Reunion (top, front, second from right), meeting up with Upward Bound Director Kenyon Black and Kayla Burt '17 (left), and catching some time with Carl Thomas '65, retired director of the Higher Education Opportunity Program.



ECONOMICS OF NATURE | Jen Raynor '05, Ph.D., can't remember a time when she didn't love being in nature.

"I was born a naturalist and have always spent most of my free time outdoors," says Raynor. "As a child, I loved finding and observing insects, frogs, snakes – really any animal that let me get close."



(top, left) Jen Raynor and Wayne Grove

(left) A timber wolf

(above) Slide from a recent talk Raynor had on campus about the repopulation of wolves in North America.

Little did she know that her lifelong passion would translate into a career as a natural resource economist. "I didn't realize that I could make a career in thinking about animals until around 2010 when I read a white paper about the rapid decline in bluefin tuna caused by overfishing. It was a eureka moment, where I realized that economics isn't just the source of many environmental problems – it is also the solution!"

Raynor, an assistant professor in the Department of Economics in the College of the Environment at Wesleyan University, recently returned to the Heights to speak on the topic "Reversing Local Extinctions: The Economic Impacts of Reintroducing Wolves in North America."

After graduating *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in economics at Le Moyne, Raynor earned a master's degree in applied economics at Johns Hopkins University, and a master's degree in environment and resources and a doctorate in agricultural and applied economics at the University of

Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison). Before moving to academia, she worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where she conducted research on U.S. fisheries management.

"Many people forget that humans are animals too," she says. "Like other animals, we rely on a healthy, functioning ecosystem for our survival. Fish and wildlife are not only important sources of food for us, they also play important roles in maintaining the natural systems we depend on. With the current trajectory of habitat loss and global climate change, we could lose one-third of all species on Earth by the end of this century. This biodiversity crisis will have a profound effect on humans."

Raynor chose to major in economics on the Heights after taking a micro-economics course with Professor Dixie Blackley, Ph.D. She recalls that "economic theory provided an intuitive and powerful framework for me to understand the world and why people

make the choices they do." Blackley and fellow Professor of Economics Wayne Grove, Ph.D., have been Raynor's mentors and champions for more than 20 years.

"When she returned from a service-learning Honors trip to Guatemala," Grove recalls, "she'd felt so welcomed by people whose lives seemed so unnecessarily challenging, poor and without clear public policy and individual pathways for improvement. Jen wanted answers, solutions, actions."

This fall Raynor will return to UW-Madison as an assistant professor of natural resource economics in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology. She has this advice for those who want to follow in her footsteps: "I would strongly encourage any student who is interested in an analytical/data-focused career to major in economics. The skills students build in critical thinking, writing, and data analysis are valuable across a huge number of sectors and occupations."

by Joe Della Posta

"Many people forget that humans are animals too. Like other animals, we rely on a healthy, functioning ecosystem for our survival."

Jen Raynor, Ph.D.

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TOO HUMBLE TO TELL



The ambitions that F. Paul Hetterich held for his alma mater weren't just grand. They were global. A member of the College's Class of 1984, Paul imagined creating a unique space on campus, similar to an international foundation, that would nurture 21st century world-ready leaders through initiatives like an innovative Formation Abroad program. When that vision became a reality, there was no doubt for whom the College's Center for Global Engagement and Societal Impact would be named. Today the Hetterich Center serves as an enduring testament to Paul's intellect, imagination and commitment to the future. Since its establishment in 2016, the Center has made it possible for students to spend a life-changing year at Beijing University, for faculty

members to present their research at international conferences in Australia and South Korea, and much more. Paul's impact on the field of Jesuit higher education is significant enough that both the secretary for higher education of the Society of Jesus and the president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities know his name.

Paul passed away this spring at the age of 59. A consummate professional, he enjoyed a long and successful career with Constellation Brands, where he served most recently as executive vice president and chair, Beer Division, and was looking forward to retirement later this year. In 2018, Le Moyne honored him with the Frank Fernandez Business Leader of the Year Award in recognition of his ability to model leadership, integrity and service. As his loved ones noted in an obituary honoring Paul's life, he'd developed a strong and determined work ethic that dated back to his days as a teenager on the staff of Powers Farm Market in Pittsford, N.Y. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family on his boat, being together and enjoying God's creation. Paul is survived by his wife, Susan; his children, Sarah '17 and Stephen; and his stepsons, Ethan Gardner and Matthew Gardner. 📷

by Molly K. McCarthy

Read a tribute to Paul Hetterich '84 written by Dean of the Madden School of Business James Joseph '83 at lemoyne.edu/PaulHetterich.

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► It's been said that while clothes make a statement, costumes tell a story. A costume establishes time and place, helps actors dive into character, and provides audience members with hints of what's to come before a word of dialogue is spoken. That's the magic that first brought Megan Pieczonka '22 to costume design when she was a freshman. Since then, Megan has served as assistant costume designer for one show and designer for two others, most recently *Godspell*. The beloved musical typically evokes the style of the 1960s, characterized by tie-dye, bright colors, flared pants and short skirts. Megan wanted to take a different approach, one that would speak to this production's more modern feel. She began by diving into the script and later spent hours in the costume shop of the W. Carroll Coyne Center for the Performing Arts, surrounded by fabrics, thinking about each of the characters and the colors and silhouettes that would best define them. The designs she ultimately created had nods to the '70s, '80s and '90s, with Bible verses painted on them. The looks were unique, stylized and bold – just like the show.



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