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more than a century of history

TWENTY YEARS OF PREP  
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HARLANDALE'S VISIONARY









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## FROM THE EDITOR

A lot of institutions talk about being “mission-driven.” It’s become a ubiquitous catch phrase, but what does it really mean? To me, it means the mission that St. Mary’s articulates—academic excellence, service and civic engagement within a faith-filled Catholic and Marianist community—permeates students’ lives while they are here. But it also means that the values, intellectual gifts and social conscience developed in our students will be carried out into the world when they graduate.

That belief is exemplified in so many of the features in this issue of *Gold & Blue*. There’s the recent law grad who has partnered with a comprehensive homeless campus and the county to help some of the most marginalized individuals in our society. Other alumni return to St. Mary’s every summer to teach in the Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP) for promising middle and high school students because they, too, attended the program as youngsters and were mentored and educated in how to be successful academically and in life. Part of what they learned from PREP and as students at St. Mary’s is the importance of giving back.

I’m a 1978 graduate of St. Mary’s. I’m also a sports fan, and Rattler basketball is a favorite of mine. Two alums featured herein played on the men’s squad while I was enrolled. Their paths were not the same, with one carving out a successful business career, and the other becoming the leader (and cheerleader) of one of San Antonio’s poorest school districts. I can still see Robert Jaklich (B.A. ’80)—he was Bobby back then—racing down the court, blond hair flying. As point guard he was a leader, with quick hands, tenacity and unmatched enthusiasm. Today, as superintendent of Harlandale Independent School District, Jaklich carries forward St. Mary’s mission to serve while exhibiting that same resolve and zeal as he champions education for every child, in every classroom, every day.



Since the summer *Gold & Blue*, all of the offices in St. Louis Hall have been temporarily relocated across campus while we eagerly await completion of the renovation of our signature building. And, while there have been many updates to Assumption Chapel over the years, I think you’ll agree that its new transformation is striking. Stop in when you’re on campus.

— Candy Kuebker

**Walking on Eggshells** Students from middle and high schools in San Antonio participated in the Egg Shoe Race as part of the Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP) on the St. Mary’s campus over the summer. Read more about their foray into engineering on page 14.

# president's message

VISION 2012 ENTERS FINAL YEAR

For the past five years, St. Mary's has used its *Vision 2012* strategic plan as a guide to move the University forward.

The plan is progressing into its final year, with many goals already accomplished. I am confident many more will be achieved by the end of my presidential term next May.



President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D.

## Working together, goals are met and surpassed

A goal of *Vision 2012* is to build enrollment and the quality of entering

students. This fall, undergraduate enrollment grew by more than 150 students, increasing overall undergraduate enrollment to 2,510 students. It is the united efforts of St. Mary's faculty, its Enrollment Management team of admission and financial aid professionals, as well as involved and caring support of staff that lead to success.

There are 642 new freshmen, which exceeded our *Vision 2012* goal by more than 40 students. For the first time in its history, St. Mary's established a waiting list for incoming students. The quality indicators of our new students surpass those of their peers both statewide and nationwide. The new freshmen are known as the "Class of 2015" to give them a special sense of identity and to acknowledge St. Mary's emphasis on graduating in four years.

*Vision 2012* goals also include building Graduate School enrollment to 800 students by next year (there are currently 771), and increasing international student enrollment, which has grown from 87 in 2008 to 288 students today. With School of Law numbers, the University's overall enrollment stands at 4,150 students.

## Faculty, students, alumni carry on the mission

For the second consecutive year, St. Mary's is high on *Washington Monthly* magazine's list of master's universities that promote community service, foster scientific and humanistic research, and make a quality education accessible and affordable. Ranked second in the nation, the magazine's 2011 list recognizes schools that excel at contributing to the public good. Last year, St. Mary's ranked first.

St. Mary's many national accolades affirm our purpose as a Catholic and Marianist institution. In this issue of *Gold & Blue*, you will read about some of the individuals who fulfill our mission. Our dedication to community outreach and service is illustrated in the University's 20-year backing of the PREP program. The pursuit of academic excellence is seen in our Greehey Scholars and in an alum whose efforts encourage a low income school district's students to excel. The University's commitment to instill in its students an understanding of, and the desire to participate in, civic engagement is evidenced by our students' helping the homeless in an identification recovery program.

Continuing to fulfill our mission and the goals of *Vision 2012* is a community effort. I thank the faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends for your support of St. Mary's. I am especially thankful for the many benefactors in our University family whose belief in our mission and aspirations is truly appreciated, especially by our students who will carry the St. Mary's mission out into the world.

(View the Honor Roll of Donors online at [www.stmarytx.edu/donorlist](http://www.stmarytx.edu/donorlist).)

St. Mary's Alumni and Friends,

Many of you have expressed an interest in the selection of the next president of St. Mary's University. President Charles Cotrell, whose outstanding leadership during his 12 years in office has led to much progress and innumerable achievements, is returning to scholarship and teaching when his term ends next May. Finding a replacement for him will not be an easy task.

Much has been done to advance the search process since I was asked by the Board of Trustees in February to chair the Presidential Search Committee. The committee—comprised of Marianists, trustees, members of St. Mary's leadership, presidents of the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association, and alumni—was formed and began meeting in March.

Witt Kieffer Consulting Firm was selected to assist St. Mary's in conducting a national search with their consultants helping to guide us through the process. A first step for them was to meet with various constituencies to learn about the aspirations of the University and the characteristics and attributes needed in the next president. These groups included Marianists, St. Mary's leadership, faculty and professional staff, students, trustees, alumni and community leaders. From those meetings, as well as meetings of the Search Committee, the St. Mary's Leadership Profile was written that is being used to recruit presidential candidates to the position as well as for advertising the position, which has been occurring in numerous educational publications and online sites throughout the summer. A general timeline for the search process also was finalized.

Recruitment of candidates will end in November. From then through January 2012, the committee will review résumés and conduct candidate interviews designed to narrow the pool of candidates to those that are the best qualified and, more importantly, a good "fit" for St. Mary's.

Finally, next spring the appointment and announcement of a new president will occur, and our goal is for the next leader of St. Mary's University to officially take office in June 2012.

I am honored to serve as the chair of the Search Committee and feel confident that we will be successful in finding a president for St. Mary's who will continue building on the University's successes and advancing its Catholic and Marianist mission.

—Phil Pfeiffer

Chair of the Presidential Search Committee  
Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees





### Short Subjects

#### Community Conversations Launched

An institute for public administration, politics and public policy is being created in response to a goal in St. Mary's strategic plan, *Vision 2012*, "...to develop and pursue research in graduate disciplines that contributes to new knowledge, represents applied scholarship and is responsive to local, regional and global needs."

A facet of the institute is "Community Conversations at St. Mary's," during which public, political and policy issues will be discussed. The first public conversation, held in late September, addressed water issues and was led by alumnus Robert R. Puente (B.A. '79), President and CEO of San Antonio Water System.

#### St. Mary's Again High in National Rankings

For the second year in a row, St. Mary's is high on *Washington Monthly* magazine's list of master's universities that promote community service, foster scientific and humanistic research and make a quality education accessible and affordable.

St. Mary's is listed second in the nation in the magazine's 2011 "College Rankings—What Can Colleges Do for the Country?," a list recognizing schools that excel at contributing to the public good based on three broad categories: social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.'s), and service (encouraging students to give back to their community). *Washington Monthly* has published its list since 2005, but this is only the second year it has included a master's institution category. Last year, St. Mary's ranked first.

In addition, St. Mary's is ranked ninth in the West region for quality and value in the 2012 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges* issue.

The "Great Schools, Great Prices" category evaluates schools by relating academic quality to the net cost of attendance: the higher the quality of the academic program, and the lower the cost



Participants of August's Continuing the Heritage Day of Service gather in the Pecan Grove.

#### Day of Service Keeps Growing

In an average year, the students, faculty, staff and alumni of St. Mary's University record nearly 140,000 community service hours, and more than 70 percent of students participate in service and service-learning during their time at St. Mary's. Carrying on a tradition that started in 1998, Continuing the Heritage Day of Service is, in large part, the foundation of St. Mary's service commitment to the local community. On a hot and humid morning in late August, a new Continuing the Heritage record was set with nearly 750 participants serving multiple nonprofits around San Antonio and providing more than 3,800 volunteer hours in a single day.

of attendance, the better deal the school is for a student receiving an average level of need-based financial aid. Additionally, St. Mary's is listed as a top-tier institution for the 18th consecutive year.

#### PREP Awards \$3.8 Million in Scholarships

St. Mary's University awarded more than 200 exceptional high school students from the San Antonio area \$3.8 million in scholarships to attend St. Mary's.

The students all participated this summer in the San Antonio Prefreshmen Engineering Program (PREP), which provides extra math and science study to promising students starting in the middle school grades. The students at St. Mary's for the seven-week program were completing their third year of PREP. (Read more about PREP at St. Mary's on page 14.)

#### Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series in Ninth Year

The St. Mary's University Catholic Intellectual Tradition (CIT) Lecture Series, which features men and women who have shaped the Catholic intellectual tradition—a tradition at the heart of the educational enterprises at St. Mary's—began its ninth year in September when The Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D., Ph.D., Bishop of the Archdiocese of Tucson, presented his lecture, "Catholic Higher Education: A Gift and Blessing for the Work of the Church."

Earlier this month, the presidents of the three Marianist universities, Brother Bernard Ploeger, S.M., Ph.D. (Chaminade University), Dan Curran, Ph.D. (University of Dayton), and St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., teamed up to present "A Shared Vision," a discussion of what it means to be a Catholic and Marianist university. (See the spring CIT schedule in Web Extras.)

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## ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



### MISSION

St. Mary's University,  
as a Catholic Marianist University,  
fosters the formation of people in faith  
and educates leaders for the common good  
through community, integrated liberal arts and  
professional education, and academic excellence.

## Newsmakers

### Numerous Alumni Honored by La Presna

During La Prensa Foundation's Leadership Awards Gala in November, St. Mary's University President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., will be awarded the foundation's Education Award.

In 1995, Amelia Duran established the foundation. Along with her husband Florentino "Tino" Duran (B.A. '63, M.S. '77), the couple publishes *La Prensa de San Antonio*, the only bilingual and family owned newspaper in the city. Following the newspaper's philosophy of "people helping people," La Prensa Foundation Inc. strives to provide students, who otherwise might not have the financial means, the opportunity to pursue their dreams of attaining a higher education. The nonprofit organization provides scholarships to local college students and higher education institutions.

Also being honored at the event are Attorney Roy R. Barrera Sr. (LL.B. '51) who will receive the Legal Award, and Robert L. Jimenez, M.D. (B.A. '62), psychiatrist and Chairman of the Board of Managers for University Health System, who will accept the foundation's Medical Award.

This past May, La Prensa recognized St. Mary's University Trustee Gisela Girard (B.A. '79) at the foundation's 15th Anniversary Quinceañera – Celebration of Outstanding Women. Girard, president and COO of Creative Civilization, was among three alumnae of St. Mary's honored for their commitment to helping the San Antonio community.

While Girard was honored with the Marketing Mogul Award, other alumnae were lauded as well. Restaurateur Diana Barrios-Treviño (B.B.A. '85) received the foundation's Business Award and Attorney Graciela A. Cigarroa (B.A. '80, J.D. '83) was honored with the Legal Award.

The proceeds from the awards ceremony and auction also benefited La Prensa Foundation's scholarship fund that provides scholarships to San Antonio-area students, including several who attend St. Mary's.

### Sisoian Picked for Volunteer Leadership Award

Katherine Sisoian (M.A. '84), vice president for Student Development at St. Mary's, is among the *San Antonio Business Journal's* 2011 Women's Leadership Award winners. Sisoian received the journal's Volunteer Leadership Award for her longtime association with the San Antonio Chapter of the American Red Cross, including as the former chair



SISOIAN

of its Board of Directors.

Three more alumnae were honored as well. Mary Peters (B.B.A. '86), associate director of Operations at the UTSA Institute for Economic Development, received the Inspirational Leadership Award; Crystal Kohanke (B.B.A. '89), senior vice president of Human Resources for Harland Clarke Holdings Corp., received the Corporate Executive Leadership Award; and Mary Delay (B.A. '79), chief of staff and chief communications officer at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, received the Public Service/Education Leadership Award.

### Law School Announces 2011 Distinguished Law Grads



STONE



JONES

The St. Mary's School of Law and Law Alumni Association have named Chief Justice Catherine M. Stone (J.D. '82), Fourth Court of Appeals, and Laredo attorney James Kenton Jones Jr. (J.D. '81) as the 2011 St. Mary's Distinguished Law Graduates. The awards, presented during the annual October awards banquet, are given to two individuals with outstanding achievements in the legal profession and service to St. Mary's School of Law.



# WEB extras

Stone was appointed to the Fourth Court of Appeals by Gov. Ann Richards in 1994 and sworn in as Chief Justice in 2009. While at St. Mary's, Stone served on the *St. Mary's Law Journal* and after graduation practiced trial and appellate law. Stone served for 14 years on the Texas Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care and currently serves as a member of the Texas Multidistrict Litigation Panel.

Jones, an accomplished oil and gas attorney specializing in mineral owners' rights, is a partner in the Laredo law firm of Jones and Gonzalez. In his 30-year career, he has been admitted to practice by the Texas Supreme Court, the Federal Courts for the State of Texas in the Southern and Western Districts, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States. He has also argued cases in courts in the Republic of Mexico.

## Good Deeds

### Honor Roll of Donors Now Online

Without the generosity of St. Mary's benefactors, the many significant achievements and advancements that alumni and friends read and hear about would not be possible, and new generations of St. Mary's students might not be able to experience a Catholic and Marianist education.

Each year, the University produces an Honor Roll of Donors, acknowledging the gifts made during St. Mary's most recent fiscal year, which runs from June 1 through May 31. The honor roll is now posted exclusively on the St. Mary's University website at [www.stmarytx.edu/donorlist](http://www.stmarytx.edu/donorlist). The St. Mary's community thanks all who have helped the University to carry on its mission.

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## Gift Boosts Forensic Science Degree Program

Over the years, the Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation has generously given St. Mary's numerous grants for critical improvements across the campus. In July, the foundation provided a \$200,000 grant to purchase essential instrumentation and equipment to continue building the forensic science degree program, which enrolled its first majors in fall 2009.

Students pursuing degrees in forensic science (now 73 majors strong) will use the new instruments and equipment to learn such skills as DNA fingerprinting and analyses of minute chemical samples. A new bone collection will enable them to distinguish between human and non-human remains, and to interpret individual skeletal remains for specific characteristics, including signs of trauma or disease. Students in other science programs will also benefit from the addition of these new instruments.





Students in the STEM Scholars Program meet as a class for the first time.

## Sembradores Mark 50 Years of Support

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Sembradores of San Antonio. The group's ideals have always been sincere friendship among members, fraternization with all regardless of social class, and promotion of ties between people in the United States and Latin America.



In an effort to advance civic and cultural ideals, the Sembradores created scholarship endowments at St. Mary's and six other schools in the area. To date, they have raised more than \$1 million in funds for San Antonio students, making scholarships available to deserving candidates since 1978.

Sembradores of San Antonio is proud to count many St. Mary's alumni among its membership.

## Tschoepe Estate Endows Business Scholarships

Nearly 70 years ago, Leslie Tschoepe graduated from St. Mary's with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce, the predecessor to the current program in business. Four years later, he married the love of his life, Helen, and although she never attended St. Mary's, Helen supported the University over many decades.

The spirit of St. Mary's is strong in the extended Tschoepe family, and their love of St. Mary's will live on. A gift from Helen's estate endowed the Leslie and Helen Tschoepe Scholarship for Business Majors.

# NSF Grant Funds Innovation

Twenty-four science, engineering and technology students at St. Mary's University started a unique educational journey this fall, thanks to a \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The grant is providing scholarships and special programming for the students, who are living and studying together during the unique four-year STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholars Program, which is a part of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology. The program targets financially disadvantaged, high-ability students who are the first in their families to attend college or from underrepresented groups.

Twenty-three of the students are from Texas, and most are from San Antonio and South Texas. Each will receive \$22,000 in scholarships directly from the grant, in addition to other scholarship and grant funding for which they qualify.

Throughout their four years, the students will participate in linked, thematic curricular experiences. They will live in the designated STEM residence hall and benefit from a comprehensive package of student support services, academic enrichment, outreach, job placement services, and graduate program advising.

## Sports Corner

### Volleyball, Golf Teams Win Academic Awards

The St. Mary's volleyball and men's golf programs pulled off another academic victory this summer.

Nearly claiming another national academic championship, as it did in 2009, the men's golf team received the Golf Coaches Association of America's All-Academic Team award, becoming just one of 11 NCAA Division II teams to receive the award. The squad was also in strong contention for the national title.

Meanwhile, after a year of impressive on-the-court achievements, Coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman's volleyball team turned in a victory in the classroom by earning the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the sixth time in the program's history.



Matt Vela, member of St. Mary's award-winning men's golf team, received the Heartland Conference Sportsmanship Male Athlete of the Year Award.



The Lady Rattlers, who last won the award in 2007, maintained a cumulative 3.44 grade-point average this past school year to be recognized among 57 NCAA Division II programs to qualify for the honor.

### Woman of the Year among Conference Honors

Former St. Mary's student-athletes Matt Vela and Kelly Baker took home big honors over the summer. Kelly Baker, a four-year starting catcher on the softball team, was named the Heartland Conference Woman of the Year, while Vela—a men's golf standout—received the conference's Sportsmanship Male Athlete of the Year Award.

Baker's prestigious honor is awarded annually to the student-athlete who distinguishes herself throughout her collegiate career in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, community service and leadership.



Kelly Baker was named the Heartland Conference Woman of the Year.

Vela's sportsmanship award is also given out annually to a male athlete from the conference who distinguishes himself through demonstrated acts of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

Baker and Vela both graduated in May with degrees in exercise and sport science.

## Connecting to the Community



Stay up-to-date on University news and reconnect with old classmates: St. Mary's is on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr.

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## New Outdoor Sports Complex on the Horizon

On Sept. 9, ground was broken for the new outdoor sports complex. The groundbreaking ceremony was held at V.J. Keefe Field, marking the beginning of a long-awaited project that will serve Rattler athletics in baseball, softball, soccer and tennis, as well as provide sports fans with much-needed amenities and added space for viewing competitions.

The outdoor sports complex will recognize the decades of winning traditions in athletics at St. Mary's, which include five national championships as well as an academic national title. (See more architectural renderings in *Web Extras*.)



A close-up photograph of a man with a white baseball cap and a dark hoodie over a white polo shirt. He is looking down and to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a blurred indoor space, likely a community center, with other people and bright lights visible.

"They asked me for my birth certificate. They wanted to know who my father was. I told them, 'I know who my real Father is, and He's upstairs right now watching over all of us.'"

*-George, an ID Recovery client*

# Documented Proof

## HELPING THE HOMELESS REGAIN THEIR IDENTITIES

by Beth Barbee, Law Communications Coordinator

The ability to prove a person's true identity—that is, official documentation that you are who you say you are—is not something most people have to think about. But for those living on the streets, a simple document such as a birth certificate, driver's license or Social Security card can be a significant obstacle keeping them from getting a job, cashing a paycheck, signing a lease, and, ultimately, moving out of homelessness.

### A NEED THAT WASN'T BEING FILLED

St. Mary's University School of Law's ID Recovery Program seeks to help those in the ranks of the homeless who want to improve their circumstances but cannot be successful without the simple documentation required for so many everyday activities.

The program is led by Jessi Sprague (J.D. '10), a clinical fellow at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. She partners with San Antonio's Haven for Hope—the largest, most comprehensive Homeless Transformation Campus in the nation—and the Bexar County Re-entry Project, to help the homeless transition back into society by helping them acquire the official documents they must have to live and work in today's society.

For this program to work, proximity is important. Sprague, her law student volunteers and a few undergraduate student volunteers operate out of a small cinderblock office on the Haven for Hope campus. The clients line up outside the office waiting to be called to either begin the intake process or to pick up their documents, such as high school transcripts, military records or even Texas Department of Criminal Justice cards.

Sprague, who took over the program last fall, can only estimate how many homeless they have helped to regain their identities (she puts it at somewhere around 1,000), and there are plenty more who need help. "We have a foot-high stack of paperwork every month; it's a continuing cycle. It is a great service to prove people are who they say they are," Sprague added.

The success of this outreach is due not only to the dedication of the staff and students, but also to St. Mary's reputation in the community.

### TRUST IS VITAL TO PROGRAM'S SUCCESS

"Working with the homeless population requires building relationships. Many clients have trust issues and you have to slowly build that trust," said Mary Herrera, outreach coordinator for the Center for Legal and Social Justice. "We have built a presence at Haven for Hope and within the community as people they can trust. The ID Recovery Program has gained popularity through word of mouth—it was something no one else was doing."



The ways that the homeless end up without proper identification or records varies, but most times it is the result of the realities of a transient lifestyle. For example, if a homeless person is arrested, even for a minor infraction such as camping, he may not have even the small fee required to get his wallet back upon release. Other times, identification documents have been stolen by other homeless people in the same situation.

“If we don’t help them get their own identity, we are opening the door for them to steal one from someone else,” Sprague said. Further slowing the process, legal complications from a stolen identity must be cleared before new identification can be issued. “Some have had their IDs stolen and that person got arrested under their name, opened accounts, et cetera,” she added.

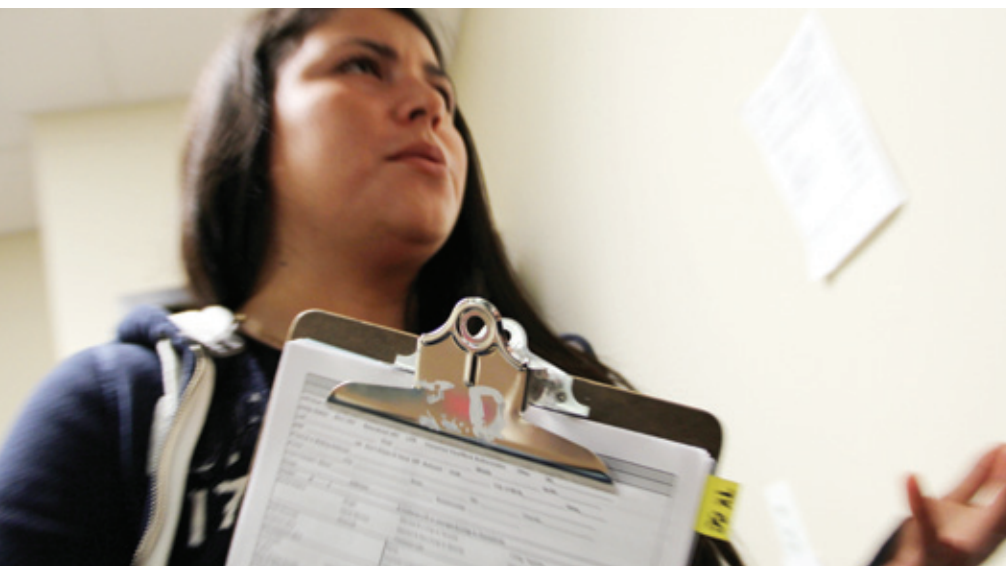
This can lead to a burdensome bureaucratic process. The St. Mary’s team has notebooks breaking down the requirements by organization and state and, for the nearly 18 months the program has operated at Haven for Hope, they have learned many shortcuts to help move the process along. Still, even after the documents arrive, the problem may not be solved; project team members then have to reach their intended recipients, which can be easier said than done. Names are put on a list and it is up to the client to check the list and come back to pick up their documents.

## REALITIES CAN IMPEDE ID RECOVERY

“Many times with such a long wait, the client has moved on by the time we receive their documents,” Sprague said. “People come and go. Many only come back for a shower and a hot meal. Some may reappear months later. Some are trying to pull their lives together and have a relapse—these are the realities.”

Despite the many challenges, Sprague and the students have been able to find some form of identification for every client who has come to them for help. It is challenging work for the student volunteers, and one with great rewards.

*Chloe Martinez speaking with an ID Recovery client.*



**“I was desperate to start Social Security disability proceedings and get myself together.”**

*—Rebecca, an ID Recovery client, pictured with Jessi Sprague*

“This is a great program. We take for granted the kind of impact such a seemingly simple task can have on someone,” said Sprague. “The clients cry, hug us and are so thankful and proud to have their identity back. It is the first step in changing their lives and getting them back on track.”

Sprague has been so moved by these reactions, she hopes to continue with the program as long as St. Mary’s will have her. She first moved to San Antonio from a small town in Iowa, where she had had no interactions with the homeless. “When I got here and saw there was such a homeless population, I fell in love with helping them and somehow feel it is my duty,” she said.

## STUDENTS SEE THE HOMELESS DIFFERENTLY

She passed on that sentiment to St. Mary’s undergraduate student and program volunteer

Chloe Martinez (B.A. ’11). A criminal justice major from McAllen who had considered going on to law school, Martinez spent every Friday morning this past spring semester at Haven for Hope doing intake and processing documents for the program. The experience Martinez gained has helped to solidify her career aspirations; now she definitely plans to attend law school and looks up to Sprague as a role model.

“I look at homeless people differently than before I started working with them. Something so seemingly insignificant, something that we take for granted, can change their lives,” Martinez said. “Even though they are desperate and frustrated about how long the process is, most people are thankful and appreciative of the help. It makes you feel good about what you are doing.”

One thankful client is Rebecca, a resident at Haven for Hope this past spring. The St. Mary’s program helped her regain her identity by providing a copy of her birth certificate and Social Security card and helped her with legal problems that had been keeping her from moving on with her life.

“I was desperate to start Social Security disability proceedings and get myself together,” Rebecca said.

Santos is another homeless person who needed the program’s help. The two law students who worked with him in the spring were able to get him a birth certificate and a state identity card.

“The law students are very professional and very kind,” Santos said. “I feel very blessed that they have helped me; they are good people.”





# Scholars Meet Famed Entrepreneur While Navigating Real-life Challenges

by Stephanie Ward, Ph.D.,  
Director of the Greehey Scholars Program,  
Associate Professor of Human Resources



The Greehey Scholars participated in a number of team-building activities while on their retreat at Mo-Ranch.

Stephanie Ward, Ph.D., a professor in the Bill Greehey School of Business who also directs the Greehey Scholars Program, put a twist on the students' annual retreat this semester. They would have to get their hands dirty and learn firsthand to embody the program's mission of learning, serving and leading.

## Summer reading comes to life

In preparation for the weekend retreat at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, the 23 Greehey Scholars read *Begging for Change*, a book by Robert Egger, founder and president of a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit called D.C. Central Kitchen.

Touted by Oprah, Nightline and the *Wall Street Journal*, Egger's nonprofit provides 4,500 meals to the homeless, made daily from 3,000 pounds of surplus food from the food service industry. In addition to outreach, counseling services and job training, the nonprofit aims to build long-term solutions to the problems of poverty, hunger and homelessness.

But the scholars did more than just read about Egger's initiatives, they discussed them with the author face-to-face when he personally visited the students during their retreat and shared his entrepreneurial experiences as well as tools for how he got involved with the nonprofit sector.

"Egger's inspiring words were exactly what we needed to prepare to come back to St. Mary's," says Lori Mayfield, a senior who plans to share what she learned with her peers and to apply lessons of creativity and service in her business classes.

## Standing the heat in the kitchen

While scholars learned from Egger's example of entrepreneurship and service, they were earning their stripes in a kitchen all their own.

The Greehey Scholars Program instills the values of service, collaboration and effective leadership. At Mo-Ranch, a made-to-order lesson taught them just that—they had to cook all meals for the group.

For some scholars, having to feed a large group was a new experience. But seasoned chef or novice, they all learned how to function as a team, execute a complex task, and withstand a little "heat in the kitchen."

"The retreat reminds us what it means to be a Greehey Scholar and the responsibility we have to this business school and St. Mary's," says another senior, Sara Wilkinson.

The scholars had another teamwork lesson in the adventure races. The strength of their decisions would determine their team's success.

Some students were asked to navigate a canoe while blindfolded, and found out how important is it to speak up and ask questions, and to know the difference between talking and being heard.

Others rose to the occasion in a ropes course in which students were harnessed to one another, challenging each to lead collaboratively and come up with creative solutions.

## Spirit of teamwork prevails

In perhaps the most challenging event, scholars had to construct a raft that would keep a person dry as they crossed a river. Taking smart risks was critical, and knowing when to discuss and when to act meant the difference between soggy jeans and smooth sailing.

"My team had to assist a peer across a river because she was afraid to swim," says junior Hayden Edwards. "By successfully overcoming this obstacle, we established the spirit of teamwork and leadership."

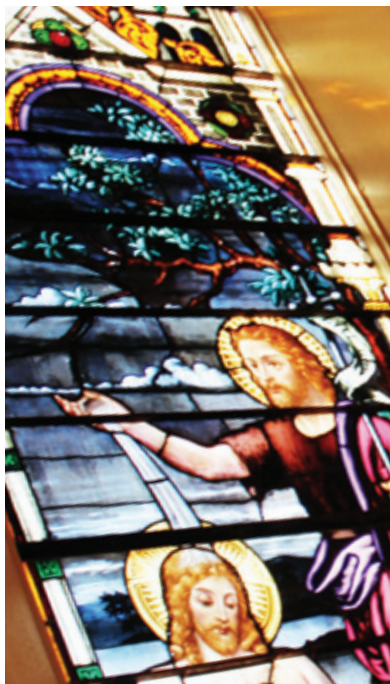
The scholars were quick to make connections between these physical challenges and the academic challenges that await them this year.

"The retreat put my own mission statement into perspective," reflects freshman Karl Wacker. "Its tenets to learn, serve and lead are more than simple, passive guidelines to achieve success. Rather, these are invaluable characteristics that all truly successful people take to heart on a daily basis."





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Clockwise from top left: candlesticks from the Marianist Province; a candelabra from the Marianist Generalate; the Archbishop of San Antonio dedicates the new altar; restored stained glass window; and renovation benefactors Ruben and Veronica Escobedo and their family.



by Nicolette Good, Director of Publications and Associate Editor, Gold & Blue

When Ruben M. Escobedo (B.B.A. '60) was a student at St. Mary's, he often turned to Assumption Chapel in Reinbolt Hall for a place to reflect.

"I spent a good deal of time in prayer prior to my examinations," says Escobedo. "But I also prayed for professional guidance. What would God have unfold for me?"

Now this Trustee (and former Chairman of the Board) and his wife, Veronica, have generously supported the recent renovation of that very space through The Ruben M. Escobedo and Veronica Salazar Escobedo Charitable Fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation.

"Fifty years later, I realize how pivotal St. Mary's and the Marianists were in my life, and eventually in my family's life," observes Escobedo. "This was a way for my wife and me to thank the Marianists for all they have meant to the Escobedo family."

The chapel, which was built in 1908, has been rearranged, reorganized and renovated throughout the past century. But in each of its many incarnations, it has remained a seat of spirituality and community on campus—for St. Mary's students, the campus, and the city at large.

"The chapel is right at the heart of the University, as it should be," says the Rev. Rudy Vela, S.M., D.Min., vice president for Mission and Identity.

"When I see our Muslim students, for example, praying there," says Vela, "it reminds me of the role that Mary plays, and what a blessing it is that St. Mary's can provide that quiet place of reverence for all people. It has been so affirming."



# Assumption Chapel

AN A CENTURY OF HISTORY



The Marianist community was instrumental in helping make the vision of the new chapel a reality. During the latest renovation of Assumption Chapel, a bronze figure of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary (above), was created by Brother Joseph Aspell, S.M., who was commissioned by the U.S. Province of the Society of Mary to sculpt Chaminade in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founder's birth.

Brother Earl Leistikow, S.M., Director of the Marianist Archives at St. Mary's, loaned four brass and alabaster altar candlesticks to Assumption Chapel that came originally from Maryhurst in Kirkwood, Mo., the headquarters from 1921 to 1969 for St. Louis Province superiors and candidates.

The shrine shelf for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, located in the apse of the chapel, was built by Brother Tom Suda, S.M., especially for the renovated chapel.

The General Administration of the Society of Mary headquartered in Rome donated the rare yellow marble tabernacle and candelabras.







# Twenty Years of PREP Work

A San Antonio program held at St. Mary's gives youth an edge in the sciences

by Gina Farrell, Media Relations Director

For the past 14 years, San Antonio teacher Marisa Medellin (B.A. '00) has spent her summers teaching technical writing to promising middle and high school students. But for Medellin, it's not just about giving these kids a leg up in math and science. It's about giving them the same chance she was given 20 years ago.

## PREP graduate comes full circle

Medellin is one of the many educators who spend their summers teaching students enrolled in the San Antonio Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP) held each summer on the St. Mary's campus. Her introduction to the program came 20 years ago when she was a member of the first PREP class at St. Mary's.

"Then, there were just 60 of us enrolled—now there are almost 300," said Medellin, a teacher at Premier High School.

But she does not think of her summers in a PREP classroom as a sacrifice.

"It means I get to give back what was given to me. Someone else was willing to be selfless in trying to teach me how to be successful," Medellin said. "Every summer, it is not a question of whether I will do it. It is just something that I do. Plus, you see the students' sacrifices, too—to come here, study and work hard."

PREP is a three-year mathematics-based summer program that targets minority and female middle school and high school students. Historically, these demographics are underrepresented in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) career fields.

The program builds an academic foundation leading to enrollment in Advanced Placement or honors classes so that the students can excel in high school and prepare for college. PREP is now a national program, but it started 30 years ago at the University of Texas at San Antonio. In 1992, St. Mary's began hosting the third-year San Antonio students.

## Preparing for competitive careers

Rafael Moras, Ph.D., professor of engineering and director of the St. Mary's PREP program, has been leading the program since it started here. Moras noted that hosting the program's third year, which is more competitive and includes the best students, is a benefit to the students and to St. Mary's.

He estimates that as many as 12 percent of the PREP students end up enrolling in St. Mary's. While they are in PREP, the students take classes like geometry, trigonometry, statistics and technical



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writing, and learn from daily speakers who tell them about the career possibilities in the STEM fields. They learn to be both competitive and collaborative as they work in teams and compete against each other.

“What this does is give them additional math and science that they wouldn’t get in school for four years. We give them an edge,” Moras said. “And if they don’t end up going into STEM fields? Well, then, what’s wrong with taking a little extra math?”

One of the most challenging parts of the program isn’t the math or science itself. It’s the writing. Each student must produce a technical writing term paper, collecting the statistics and then reporting them. Moras noted that it is not enough to just know math and science—they also have to communicate effectively.

“It is so important for them to be able to write and present their ideas,” he added.

## Paying it forward

Angelica Lopez’s first experience at St. Mary’s was as a middle school PREP student. She went on to become the salutatorian of Somerset High School’s 2005 class.

“PREP was definitely an introduction to what was possible for me,” Lopez said. She applied to Rice University, Trinity University and St. Mary’s, and had her pick of the three.

“But I knew St. Mary’s was right—a friendly campus and tough courses. I worked with Dr. Moras to map out what my education plan would be.”

Lopez graduated from St. Mary’s in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering, and completed a master’s degree this year in engineering systems management. She has spent this summer interviewing for jobs, and, of course, working with the PREP program as Moras’ office manager. Like so many other PREP graduates, Lopez felt compelled to give back to the program that gave her so much, and her own experiences with PREP help her do that.

“I just spoke to a parent who was asking questions about how her child was doing and how to handle the challenges of PREP. I told her to encourage her child to come speak to me—I have been there,” she said.

## Messy, fun, hands-on learning

For the nearly 300 students in the program this past summer, there were plenty of challenging academics crammed into the seven-week program, but there also was lots of fun, and sometimes it happened at the same time.

In the final week of the program, students were divided into teams for a variety of competitions. The contests sounded a little silly, but they all required critical thinking and a significant understanding of both math and physics. For one event, the students used aluminum foil to build boats, and the team with the boat that held the most pennies without sinking won.

In another called the Egg Shoe Race, students used craft sticks to make actual shoes that housed raw eggs. The team whose shoes could be worn the longest without the egg breaking won—and anything short of winning meant a gooey, raw-egg mess. There was applause when the eggshoe walk went well, and choruses of “ewww!” when it did not.

Abigail Garcia, a sophomore at Memorial High School in San Antonio’s Edgewood Independent School District, has enjoyed how the teachers in the program really become involved with the students and their projects.

“I really like the people and how we all interact. It is really a big family,” Garcia said. “I know that the teachers really care about us.”

If one of the program’s goals is to show students the world of possibilities open to them, it has worked for Garcia. She wants to be a chemical engineer and hopes to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Moras noted that the uniqueness of the St. Mary’s community is a significant factor in the PREP program’s success over the past 20 years.

“The St. Mary’s spirit is here,” he said. “Everyone who comes here, comes here to learn, but they can’t help but feel the Marianist spirit in the community—they know they like it, even if they don’t know why.”



## During the last week of the program,

PREP students were divided into teams to compete in critical thinking challenges, ranging from building bridges to walking on eggs.







Renee and Mark Pawzun on the Hollywood movie set

## Business Alum and Spouse are High on Hollywood

by Becky Jacobs, Communications Coordinator for Social Media and Online News

We all love the movies—watching the action unfold, seeing two strangers fall in love, and laughing so hard that our sides hurt. But, very few of us get to experience what it’s like behind the scenes of a movie in the making.

One St. Mary’s alumnus, Mark (B.B.A.’80), and his wife Renee Pawzun, recently experienced the real thing first-hand.

### HOLLYWOOD STINT BEGINS WITH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The St. Mary’s University Alumni Association hosted its first Oysters and Pearls Gala to raise money for scholarships last February. Legendary Hall of Fame men’s basketball Coach Buddy Meyer (whom Mark played for while at St. Mary’s) encouraged the Pawzuns to attend. It was an easy choice for the couple, because both Mark and his daughter Christina, a junior biochemistry major, received full scholarships from St. Mary’s.

“I was fortunate to receive a four-year basketball scholarship,” Mark says. “I took advantage of it, and I know Christina, who’s an Alumni Scholarship recipient, will do the same.”

Mark and Renee continue to be involved with St. Mary’s, often working the sweepstakes booth during Homecoming Oyster Bake. They also participate in the annual golf tournament benefiting the Herman A. “Buddy” Meyer Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund that supports student-athletes and team managers whose athletic eligibility has expired—a cause that is especially meaningful to Mark.

### GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE...

During the festive gala, attendants bid in silent and live auctions on items including props from the set of *Pirates of the Caribbean* and a walk-on role in a Hollywood movie, made possible by alum Larry Levinson (B.A.’79). Levinson, a college friend of Mark’s, is also a well-known movie producer with nearly 200 titles in his filmography and is the owner of Larry Levinson Productions. Many of the made-for-television movies seen on the Hallmark Channel are his productions.

Mark and Renee perused some of the silent auction items, but when the live auction started, Mark had his paddle ready.



"I decided to bid on the Hollywood walk-on role because Larry was a buddy of mine in college," explains Mark.

Renee adds, "I had no idea he was bidding on anything. I was sitting at a table, watching the auction and enjoying the excitement. Someone up front and someone behind me were bidding back and forth. Then I realized one of them was Mark!"

Mark's turned out to be the highest bid for the walk-on role in a film called *The Christmas Pageant*.

## STAR TREATMENT BEGINS

The Pawzuns didn't know what to expect once their plane landed in Los Angeles, and they were surprised by the red carpet treatment that started right away. Soon after clearing the gate, they found a chauffeur waiting for them. The star treatment continued. Not only was airfare included in their prize, but also a hotel stay, a chauffeured town car and all meals while they were filming.

"The whole experience from beginning to end was amazing," Renee recalls. The couple was even given a trailer and monogrammed directors' chairs on the set.

On the day their scene was scheduled to shoot, Mark and Renee were handled like celebrities. Picked up from their hotel by the chauffeur, they were taken to the set where they visited hair and makeup, were fitted for wardrobe, and enjoyed an amazing spread for lunch. The movie's director, David S. Cass Sr., showed them around the soundstage, and they were allowed to sit behind the camera to watch the action take place.

"I didn't know we were going to be so up close," Renee says. Their

expectations were far surpassed, and they also learned that acting is a lot harder than it looks. A single scene requires multiple takes, and there's a lot of sitting around and waiting.

"Most people on the set had no idea who we were or why we were there," Mark says. But everyone was eager to show the Pawzuns around and explain exactly what was happening. "I guess it's a testament to the kind of business Larry runs."

When time came for Mark and Renee's big scene, they were directed to walk out of a door, and nod and wave when the film's star, Melissa Gilbert, greeted them. On the first take, instead of just nodding and waving to Gilbert like she was supposed to, Renee waived and said, "hi!"

"I told everyone, 'I'm from Texas, and when someone says hello to me, I say hi back!'"

## EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

"The whole experience was great—from the time we got there to the trip home," Mark says. "I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

And he has St. Mary's to thank for the happenstance of his Hollywood debut.

"My time at St. Mary's was one of the best times in my life," Mark says, but quickly adds, "Well, besides my 25 years married to Renee."

St. Mary's had a considerable effect on Mark, one that he acknowledges has only grown with time. The gratitude he feels towards the University is obvious. Now a very successful businessman at Detroit-based AEES Inc., Mark credits his alma mater for his success. "St. Mary's was good *to* me and good *for* me."

## FREE VOLLEYBALL CAMP OPENS KIDS' EYES

Being a Hollywood film producer, Larry Levinson knows a little something about crafting made-for-TV moments. His act of philanthropy at St. Mary's this summer showed as much.

Not being content with providing prizes for the Oysters and Pearls Gala that led to Mark and Renee Pawzun's big adventure, he was still eager to give back more to his alma mater and the San Antonio community.

This summer, Levinson (B.A. '79) teamed with former classmate Robert Jaklich (B.A. '81), superintendent at Harlandale Independent School District (ISD), to fund a fun and educational experience for local underprivileged children.

The event? A free, week-long volleyball camp for nearly 75 middle-school children in the Harlandale ISD. The purpose? Much more than teaching the game of volleyball.

"Larry allowed our students to see what it's like on a college campus," said Jaklich, citing the opportunity as something rarely available to his students. "They started thinking, 'How am I going to prepare myself in high school so I can go to college, maybe even St. Mary's?'"

"The camp was great, but the chance to expose our kids to higher education was an amazing opportunity for them."

Calling Levinson a "true Harlandale hero," Jaklich told a story of his own college days to illustrate the importance of his students being introduced to college.

Himself a first-generation college student, Jaklich traveled 1,300 miles to St. Mary's from his native Wisconsin, with only a duffel bag in hand.

"I thought my dorm room would be like a hotel—with my bed made," Jaklich said. "I didn't know I needed to bring a blanket, pillow and sheets. So I walk in and was like, 'Where's the pillow?'"

Jaklich is certain some of his students may have similar misconceptions about college. That's why tackling college-readiness is one of Harlandale's biggest projects.

Levinson, meanwhile, traces his philanthropy efforts to an experience he had while shooting a movie at a South Central Los Angeles high school. The students' hardships—high dropout, homeless, pregnancy and murder rates—compelled Levinson to give the children a taste of a more normal high school experience.

So he got with his Hollywood friends and funded a prom, complete with complimentary limo rides, top-rate facilities, corsages and dresses. The event was a hit, and it left Levinson with the desire to do even more to help the underprivileged.

And as he showed this summer, he can write a good ending.

*Read more about Jaklich on the next page.*



The Christmas Pageant, starring Melissa Gilbert and featuring Mark and Renee Pawzun, will air on The Hallmark Channel's "Countdown to Christmas" during the 2011 holiday season. Check your local listings for the exact date and time.





# HARLANDALE'S VISIONARY



## HOW ROBERT JAKLICH REBUILT A STRUGGLING SCHOOL DISTRICT

by Chad Peters, Sports Information Coordinator

A virtual shrine to the recent work of Robert Jaklich, a table overflowing with decorations sits in the lobby leading to the Harlandale Independent School District (ISD) Superintendent's Office in San Antonio.

There are countless awards, plaques, newspaper clippings—even an oversized check written to Harlandale in the amount of \$100,000.

### **EVERY CHILD, EVERY CLASSROOM, EVERY DAY**

But you'd have to look elsewhere in the room to see what truly captures Jaklich's eye. Dotting the upper part of three walls are photos of Harlandale students. The theme carries into Jaklich's office, where 11 more photos of jubilant

students hang proudly.

Back in the lobby is a message that brings it all together. "Every child, every classroom, every day," reads the passage, painted prominently on a wall adjacent to all the photography.

This is what drives the St. Mary's alumnus in his daily pursuit to make Harlandale ISD the state's top school district. "You see that picture right there of that young man holding up his index finger?" Jaklich (B.A. '81) says. "He's saying, 'Sir, don't ever forget: I'm your No. 1 responsibility.'"

"Our kids have to be our No. 1 priority."

Suddenly, Harlandale knows all about being "No. 1." Despite ranking as the most property-poor school district in the

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Harlandale Independent School District Superintendent Robert Jaklich is easily the district's most ardent cheerleader and believer in the transformational effects of education.



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city—and 22nd in the state—Harlandale ISD has become one of the top school districts in Texas under Jaklich's careful supervision.

In May, Harlandale ISD won H-E-B's Excellence in Education Award, effectively being named the state's top large school district. With it came a trophy and that oversized \$100,000 check (the real one was quickly deposited), both of which now reside on that table in the lobby leading to Jaklich's office.

### COMMUNITY'S BELIEF IN EDUCATION PROPELS DISTRICT TO EXCELLENCE

In addition, Harlandale was recently named the top school district in San Antonio by Education Resource Group,

and ranked No. 4 in the state with regard to finances, academic accountability, and success and achievement; it was chosen for Generation TX, an initiative aimed to improve college-readiness; the district was voted one of the top workplaces in San Antonio—the city's only school district to make the list; and it is also a recognized district, with 18 of its 19 schools considered recognized or exemplary.

"Out of 1,025 school districts in Texas and we're number one?" Jaklich said. "What a compliment to our community for their belief in education."

Three years ago, little of this seemed possible.

Jaklich, a native of Racine, Wis., who played basketball on scholarship

at St. Mary's, took over as the Interim Superintendent in 2008 before being appointed Superintendent months later, inheriting a school district that was practically on the verge of collapse.

Around the time Jaklich took over, Harlandale had to trim \$3.9 million from its budget, close down an elementary school and cut 100 positions. In an effort to make up for its lost money, the district sought a referendum to increase property taxes, which failed badly when put to vote.

With only \$4 million left in the district's savings account—when it was recommended to have \$20 million available in reserve—the end appeared in sight for Harlandale.

"We were facing two options," Jaklich



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“Every child, every classroom, every day” isn’t simply a Harlandale catchphrase. It’s a maxim for action, carried out daily through a partnership between administration, teachers, students and parents which has led to unprecedented success in this once-struggling district.

said. “The Texas Education Agency could take over the school district or Harlandale could consolidate with another school district.”

Jaklich was unwilling to let either scenario come to fruition.

“These were the challenges we were facing,” he said. “There was no money in the fund balance and look what could happen. We had to discover why we were where we were.”

### THREE YEAR ‘BATTLE PLAN’ PUT INTO ACTION

Knowing this wasn’t a battle he could win alone, Jaklich came up with a three-year plan that centered on re-engaging the Harlandale community. He spread the district’s message to churches, spoke at community meetings and watched as the community took charge of the initiative.

“Military Drive is the road that splits the district’s two major high schools, Harlandale and McCollum,” said Jaklich, whose exuberance for education is matched only by his innovation in the field. “Our students marched down Military Drive, arm in arm in a rally that showed the community how important it was to save our schools.”

With Jaklich’s enthusiasm and convincing collaborative style, the next bond election passed by an overwhelming margin, which effectively freed up \$8.2 million for Harlandale ISD overnight. Through better bookkeeping practices, Jaklich found nearly \$15 million more that was made available to the district, all but erasing its once-bleak outlook.

“We went from \$4 million in the fund balance to having \$23.2 million today,” he said.

Jaklich immediately made sure such resources were put back into the district.

Harlandale ISD’s football field received new turf and the track was resurfaced. The cracked tennis courts were redone, and a new band hall and field house for the schools should be completed by next year.

“As a superintendent, what is my responsibility?” Jaklich said. “Absolutely we’ve got to uphold our community’s trust every single day. That’s why our commitment to every child, every classroom,

every day is strongly followed. That’s why you’re going to see the pictures of our kids on the wall.

“We can’t forget where we come from.”

Whenever Jaklich meets with board members, community members or parents, he likes to bring them to his office where such photos are so plainly visible.

“I want them to see the pictures of the kids on our wall and know that if this decision is best for the kids, absolutely we’re going to support it,” he said. “Our kids have to be No. 1.”

And ensuring Harlandale’s students reached that distinction wasn’t easy.

### BUILDING FOR THE DISTRICT’S FUTURE

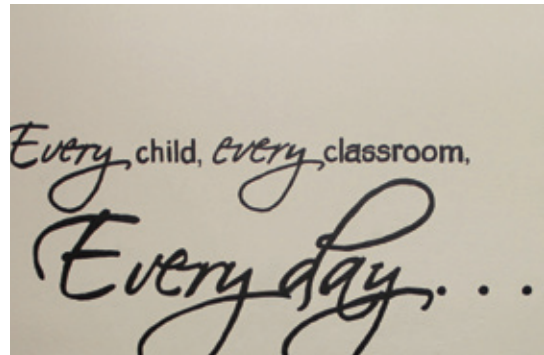
Wanting every child to walk into the classroom on an even playing field, Jaklich has taken numerous steps to revamp the district’s pre-kindergarten program. The district recently completed its first-ever library, built 25 more pre-K classrooms through the help of a bond and restructured how its entire pre-K program was run. It even built a partnership with Aváncé San Antonio, an organization that specializes in teaching parents how to support and educate their children.

“Parents are the experts in newborn-through-age-three child care and we’re the experts in teaching,” Jaklich said. “Put those together and it makes a perfect combination.”

Harlandale also launched Professional Learning Communities—or PLCs—to help teachers collaborate and share ideas among themselves. Through the program, teachers have a planning period where they meet with other teachers in their core area to share classroom successes and build lesson plans. This idea is then carried over into “switcheroos,” where teachers who specialize in a certain lesson plan will sometimes teach that particular session to another teacher’s class.

“How amazing is all this for a school district that just three years ago was struggling for its life?” Jaklich said. “Now look at us today.”

With a single glance around his office, Jaklich does just that daily.





# class notes

## 1950s

**1950 Gene L. Cross, B.B.A.**, Louisville, Ky., has retired after 22 years as a corporate purchasing agent for a wall covering manufacturing company. He and his wife, Jean, plan to garden and travel.

**1959 James "Jim" Marbach, B.S.**, San Antonio, president of International Medical Physics Services LLC, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Board of Licensure for Professional Medical Physicists for a six-year term.

## 1960s

**1963 Nicholas Barron, Ph.D., B.S.**, San Antonio, a senior business consultant with TEAM Integrated Engineering, has been elected parade director of the 2012 Fiesta Flambeau Parade.

**1966 Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez Jr., B.A.**, Washington, D.C., appointed interim inspector general for the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), will oversee the agency's Office of Inspector General, which provides independent and objective means of keeping the Public Printer and Congress informed about problems and deficiencies related to the administration and operations of the GPO.

**1967 Kip Van Johnson Hodge, B.B.A., J.D.** '73, Brownsville, has been appointed Precinct 2, Place 2 Justice of the Peace for Cameron County. **Michael Bruce Saxe Sr., B.A.**, St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed Financial Secretary of Knights of Columbus Council #800.

**1968 Stan J. Bonewitz Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, has been honored for his years of coaching the basketball program at East Central High School, which has named its renovated gymnasium the Stan Bonewitz Center. While at East Central, Bonewitz compiled a 539-234 record, including three trips to the state tournament and winning the 1995 Class 5A title.

**1969 Juan Gilberto Quezada, B.A., M.A.** '72, San Antonio, a retired public school administrator from the South San Antonio Independent School District, has published his first novel, *Terror on the Border*, which tells the story of the notorious and murderous Mexican Mafia and of the lives that are affected by it on both sides of the border.

## 1970s

**1973 Sister M. Carmelita Casso, I.W.B.S., M.A.**, San Antonio, celebrated her 70th year in the religious profession with the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. **The Rev. Frank Chavez, B.A.**, Midland, currently serving as pastor of San Miguel de Archangel Catholic Church in that city, is celebrating his 35th anniversary in ministry.

**George Michael Hannah, D.D.S., B.A.**, Killeen, provides volunteer prison ministry at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Junior Detention Center and Boot Camp units. **Sister Margaret Ann Moser, O.S.U., M.A.**, Dallas, who will retire as president of Ursuline Academy at the end of the 2011-12 school year, is leaving as the longest-serving leader in the school's 136-year history.

**1974 Howard Baldwin Jr., J.D.**, San Antonio, has been asked by Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Tom Suehs to serve as interim commissioner for the Department of Family and Protective Services.

**1975 Terry Oberstone Brackett, J.D.**, Great Falls, Va., has been elected vice president of the United States National Committee for UN Women. **Thomas P. Forks, D.O., B.A.**, Richland, Miss., has joined the MEA Ambulatory Care Richland Clinic.

**1976 R. Michael Casseb, J.D.**, San Antonio, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation for his outstanding professional achievements and demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout the State of Texas. Election is a mark of distinction and recognition of Casseb's contribution to the legal profession.

**Claude E. Ducloux, J.D.**, Austin, has been awarded the State Bar of Texas Gene Cavin Award, the State Bar's highest award for contributions to Continuing Legal Education. **Peter Vogel, J.D.**, Dallas, earned recognition from The Legal 500 directory for his work as part of the Technology Transactions Practice Division of the Dallas firm, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP. Vogel is chair of the Electronic Discovery Group and co-chair of the Internet, eCommerce and Technology Industry team at the firm. The Legal 500 directory is published by LegalEase, a worldwide provider of information on elite law firms.

**1977 Choco Meza, B.A.**, San Antonio, elected chairwoman of the Bexar County Democratic Party, is one of 15 Texans on the Democratic National Committee.

**1978 David E. Chamberlain, J.D.**, Austin, has been elected president of the Austin Bar Association and treasurer of the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He was also selected as a Texas Super Lawyer for the seventh straight year.

**1979 Mary Jo McCurley, J.D.**, Dallas, a name partner in the family law firm of McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing LLP, has earned a place on *D Magazine's* 2011 listing of The Best Lawyers in Dallas.

*Note: Locations in Texas and all major U.S. cities do not have the state identified.*

## 1980s

**1980 Clay A. Stolte, B.B.A.**, Boerne, who teaches various vocational and college prep classes, has been named Boerne High and District Teacher of the Year. He has also been promoted to career and technical education lead teacher for the Boerne Independent School District. **Bruce L. White, B.B.A.**, Warrington, Pa., has been made records manager for the Project Management Institute.

**1981 James E. Berry, J.D.**, Houston, a shareholder with the national law firm of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin, has been re-elected chairman of the Houston Golf Association's Board of Directors. **Linda M. Herzik Kelly, B.A.**, San Antonio, a chemistry teacher at John Marshall High School in the Northside Independent School District, received the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Education.

**1983 Sister Joseph-Marie Flynn, S.S.N.D., M.A.**, Milwaukee, Wis., has had her book published. *Rescuing Regina: The Battle to Save a Friend from Deportation and Death*, which relates Flynn's battle to save a Congolese refugee from deportation that would likely result in her death, is an indictment of U.S. immigration policy and the way it is applied. Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J., wrote the book's foreword.

**1984 Richard R. Gaillardetz, M.A.**, Boston, Mass., elected vice president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, will become president-elect of the society next year, followed by a term as that organization's president. Gaillardetz has also accepted a new position as the McCarthy Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College.

**1985 Les Katona Jr., J.D.**, San Antonio, serves as managing member and president of the newly formed law firm of Cavaretta, Katona & Francis PLLC. **Kevin L. Kelley, J.D.**, Dallas, with the law firm of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, has been named to *D Magazine's* 2011 listing of The Best Lawyers in Dallas. He has also been recognized by The Legal 500 directory as the leader of his firm's Real Estate Group. The Legal 500 directory is published by LegalEase, a worldwide provider of information on elite law firms.

**1986 Mary Amanda "Mandy" Balch, J.D.**, Austin, has joined the Austin office of Cox Smith Matthews Inc., and as senior counsel she will assist clients with their government relations needs while also focusing on financial institutions law. **Patricia (Nava) Constantin, B.A., M.A.** '96, San Antonio, the news and sports information officer at Our Lady of the Lake University, received the Public Relations Society of America-San Antonio Professional Chapter 2011 Public Relations Professional of the Year Award. She and Dan Constantin were married on April 30, 2011.





## IMPORTED: A WORLDLY LEGAL SCHOLAR

### PROFESSOR GARY LIU

While shopping in your local grocery store, have you wondered why the vegetables you may be buying are labeled organic? Does that make them better for us or for our planet? Is there a difference, or is it all hype?

An individual at St. Mary's who can answer those questions is Professor Chenglin "Gary" Liu. His research centers on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) regulation of food imports and exports, its use of outsourcing and the department's organic label. Interestingly, the research is being conducted not by a biology professor, but by a law professor.

Liu, a scholar who has studied all over the world, is an expert in both Chinese and European Union law. His curiosity about other legal systems led him to study European Union law in Sweden before coming to the United States, where he has studied at Washington University and Cornell University.

After studying the general laws of the land, Liu became interested in food and drug laws and regulations, in part, because of his childhood fondness for corn. He grew up in rural northeast China, an area with bitter winters and an economy dependent on agriculture.

"What I miss most is the delicious corn I ate as a child. The texture, taste and smell was authentic, not genetically modified. It came from nature without man manipulating it. You don't find that anymore," said Liu. "Maybe its nostalgia and we just grow to miss our childhoods,

but now we value perfect over a lot of things that are priceless."

This notion of perfection has led him to investigate modification and the rules that apply to food in the United States. He began exploring the USDA organic label and what that meant to imported food.

"In the U.S., the rules are very strict and there are criminal penalties and civil fines and the Deceptive Trade Practices Act that regulate farms that produce organic food. Every farm complies with the same standards. The level and type of pesticides are known. This is not the case in other countries," Liu explains.

The key is how the USDA regulates what comes into the United States, which is what Liu's research is focusing on. Two of his recent research articles on the subject were published in high profile journals: "The Obstacles of Outsourcing Imported Food Safety to China" in the *Cornell International Law Journal* and "Is 'USDA ORGANIC' a Seal of Deceit? The Pitfalls of USDA Certified Organics Produced in the United States, China and Beyond" in the *Stanford Journal of International Law*.

Liu, who is beginning his fifth year as a professor at the St. Mary's School of Law, also teaches Introduction to Chinese Law, one of the most popular courses in St. Mary's Institute on Chinese Law and Business.

by Beth Barbee,  
Law Communications Coordinator

**1987 Jonathan Cluck, J.D.**, Fair Oaks Ranch, a partner at the Nunley Firm, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy for a six-year term. **Winifred H. "Winnie" Dominguez, J.D.**, Austin, has become a shareholder in the firm of Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos & Green PC. **Mike Massa, B.B.A.**, St. Louis, Mo., is a recipient of the Peabody/Logos Leaders in Education Award which recognizes exceptional educators and mentors through the St. Louis region. Massa teaches at Chaminade High School.

**1989 Mark A. Mitford, M.A.**, Carrollton, who has previously worked for Ericsson, Texas Instruments, Nortel, PepsiCo, Safeco Insurance and Telmar, has been named vice president of human resources for Vendor Resource Management. **Raquel Perez, B.A.**, San Antonio, is of counsel for Littler Mendelson PC, the nation's largest employment and labor law firm representing management.

### 1990s

**1991 James Kee, M.A.**, San Antonio, has been named president of South Texas Money Management's San Antonio branch where he previously served as the company's chief economist. **L. Gayle Nelson, J.D.**, Corpus Christi, has been appointed municipal court judge for the City of Corpus Christi. **Patricia "Patty" Sanchez, B.A.**, San Antonio, former principal at Passmore Elementary School, is now principal of Judge Andy Mireles Elementary School in the Northside Independent School District.

**1992 Harold Danford, J.D.**, Kerrville, attorney and principal at Danford and Monroe, Attorneys at Law, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Board of Directors. **Britannia I. Hobbs, J.D.**, North Beach, Md., has been named senior trial attorney in the Air Force Commercial Law and Litigation Division at Joint Base Andrews. **Rolando Pablos, B.A., J.D. '98**, San Antonio, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Public Utility Commission. **Shelly A. Sanford, J.D.**, Houston, is featured in a new book, *All the Justice Money Can Buy: Corporate Greed on Trial*, released this past June by Simon & Schuster and Snigdha Prakash, that details Sanford's work with her law partner, Carlene Lewis, regarding mass tort litigation against Merck & Co.

**1993 Rene Alvarez, Ph.D., B.A.**, San Antonio, has been appointed head of the Applied Laboratory Sciences Division at the Naval Medical Research Unit at Fort Sam Houston.

**1994 Veronica Arteaga, Ph.D., B.A., M.A. '96**, San Antonio, former vice principal of Linton Elementary School, has been named principal of Passmore Elementary School in the Northside Independent School District.

**1996 Ann E. Greenberg, J.D.**, Austin, has become a shareholder in the law firm of Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos & Green PC. **Kristina Silcocks, J.D.**, Austin, has joined Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP's Austin office. She will practice in the areas of condemnation/ eminent domain, Attorneys General and government contracts. Silcocks previously served as chief of the Transportation Division in the Texas Attorney General's Office.



**1997 Neomi Dolores DeAnda, Ph.D., B.A., M.A. '99**, Racine, Wis., earned her doctorate in constructive theology from Loyola University Chicago. **Jenee Margo Gonzales, B.A., J.D. '03**, San Antonio, assistant director of development for St. Mary's University, has been selected to participate in the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Alex Briseño Leadership Development Program.

**1998 Andrew J. Hulse, M.S.**, Minneapolis, Minn., named vice president of business development and sales at SAGE, is responsible for operations and inside sales for the company, which is a leader in dynamic window glass. **Kevin Shea, J.D.**, The Woodlands, has become board certified in Consumer and Commercial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Shea is a shareholder in the firm Stirman and Shea PC. **Tammy Shea, J.D.**, The Woodlands, has joined Cozen O'Conner as an associate in the litigation practice where she will represent clients in state and federal courts on matters related to energy law, commercial law, premises liability, medical malpractice, products liability and environmental law. **Evan (Carreon) Villarreal, B.A.**, San Antonio, and spouse **Hector Villarreal, M.A. '07**, welcome son Issac Armando, born March 3, 2011.

## 2000s

**2001 Jason Smola, B.A.**, Highland, Ind., and spouse Jennifer welcome Reyna Grace, born June 28, 2010. **Luis Romeo Urbina Jr., B.B.A.**, Belize City, Belize, and his spouse welcome daughter Iselle Cossette, born Nov. 23, 2010. **Marcus Andrew Villegas, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, has been named production manager for Conn's Credit Corp.

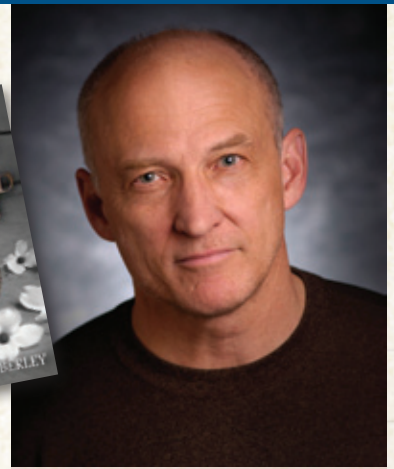
**2002 Jeanette (Robles) Arringdale, B.A.**, San Antonio, and spouse **John J. Arringdale, B.B.A. '03**, welcome daughter Aura Dianne, born Jan. 19, 2011. **Carly Michele Tovar, D.D.S., B.S.**, Portland, graduated from the Baylor College of Dentistry in May 2011.

**2003 Shabnam M. Nikkhah, B.A.**, San Antonio, has been named manager of global accounts for HelmsBriscoe.

**2004 Enjonli Mary (Carrillo) Hutchison, B.S.**, Houston, and spouse Alexander Hutchison welcome daughter Kaya Ashima, born May 2, 2011.

**2005 Daniel Aguillo, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, has started a new business and social media consulting firm, Infinity Advisory Group, and established an in-home private counseling service, High Profile Group. In addition, he has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Youth Engaged in Leadership and Learning (YELL) and was appointed to the Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council Sales, Marketing and Communications Committee.

**2006 Laura Andrea Abraham, J.D.** Medford, Ore., and Mark Cromwell were married on June 4, 2011. **Michelle (Lopez) Case, B.A.**, Auburn Hills, Mich., and **John M. Case III, B.B.A. '09**, welcome son John M. Case IV, born April 26, 2011. **Jose Mauricio Rocha, B.A.**, College Station, and Jennifer Pence were married on July 2, 2011. **Adrian A. Spears II, J.D.**, San Antonio, has opened his own law practice. **Rand Zumwalt, J.D.**, Austin, opened his own law practice, The



## Nothing *Autobiographical* About It

DARRYL WIMBERLEY  
M.A. '76

To Darryl Wimberley (M.A. '76), autobiography is dirty word.

"I don't kiss and tell," says the author behind eight books, three film credits and more than a dozen scripts.

"There's a difference between writing about your experience and from your experience," he explains. "Melville wasn't a whale and Tolkien wasn't a hobbit. If you just write about yourself, it's going to get dry pretty quickly."

If Wimberley did write about himself, he'd fill shelves. The Florida native was a 17-year-old when he enrolled in the United States Air Force Academy to study international relations. Then, he earned a master's in English literature and language from St. Mary's while on active duty in San Antonio.

"Two people at St. Mary's who encouraged me to write were professors Jim McGill, Ph.D., and Sister Ann Semel, S.S.N.D., Ph.D.," says Wimberley. He showed Sister Ann one of his early poems and she told him, "This is well written, this is good."

From San Antonio he moved to Austin, and from poetry he moved to screenplays. The very first script he optioned sold within two weeks, but he assured his wife that this was beginner's luck and advised her not to get used to it. For the most part, he was right. Though he optioned more than a dozen screenplays, comic book remakes were a lot more likely to sell than original stories.

"That's what made me decide to write novels," he says.

Wimberley entered a manuscript into a contest held by St. Martin's Press—one

that strictly prohibited foul language, sex and violence.

"Well, of course, mine had all of those things," he says irreverently.

A volunteer reader for the contest called him, saying his was the best submission she had read in years. It didn't qualify for the contest, but in a matter of weeks, Wimberley had a two-book deal with St. Martin's.

From his earliest books to more current works, much of the territory he explores comes from his observations of life growing up in the South.

"One of my first realizations as a writer was how we use language to cover up what we really mean," says Wimberley.

He unpacks that very idea in several books, including *The King of Colored Town*—set in Florida during the civil rights movement—which won the Willie Morris Prize for Southern Fiction in 2007.

To this day, he corrects readers and journalists alike who assume he writes about his life experiences, rather than from them. But their suspicions are a testament to the truthfulness of his stories and characters.

When asked how he manages to write with such authenticity, Wimberley makes his craft sound easy.

"There are only four things in the world: period, place, people and props. There is nothing you can write that doesn't fall into one of those categories."

— by Nicolette Good,  
Director of Publications and  
Associate Editor, Gold & Blue



# IN MEMORIAM



## 1940s

**1944 Don F. Tobin, L.L.B.**, Bandera, died June 28, 2011.

**1947 Ferdinand C. Buckholdt Jr., B.S.C.**, San Antonio, died July 13, 2011.

**1948 Duane D. Hitchcock, B.B.A.**, San Diego, Calif., died May 25, 2011.

## 1950s

**1950 Frank W. Baur, B.A.**, Vancouver, Wash., died Jan. 6, 2010. **Evelyn P. Smathers, B.A.**, Sequim, Ore., died Nov. 12, 2010.

**1951 Gerald P. "Pete" Irwin, B.A.**, San Antonio, died July 29, 2011. **Reagan A. Perkins, B.A., M.A. '66**, San Antonio, died July 24, 2011. **Albert A. Van Veen, B.A.**, Brawley, Calif., died June 15, 2010.

**1952 Dolfo D. Dizon, B.S.**, San Antonio, died June 11, 2011.

**1953 Horacio Barrera Jr., B.A.**, McAllen, died May 12, 2011. **Hector H. Garcia Sr., B.S.**, Laredo, died April 26, 2011. **James J. Gordon, B.S.**, Houston, died July 25, 2010.

**1954 James P. Hartzheim, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died Feb. 28, 2011. **Thomas J. Sudikatus, B.A.**, Warminster, Pa., died March 28, 2011. **Philip P. Villanueva, B.A.**, San Antonio, died July 30, 2011.

**1955 Peter J. Clarkson, B.A.**, San Antonio, died May 4, 2011. **Sister Mary Garrehy, S.H.Sp., B.A.**, San Antonio, died June 15, 2011. **Donald A. Girouard, B.A.**, Milwaukee, Wis., died May 4, 2011.

**1957 Frank Blanco Jr., B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died Sept. 16, 2010. **George Garner Dunkerley III, M.D., B.S.**, Austin, died July 28, 2011. **Joe A. Guerra, B.A.**, Laredo, died Sept. 15, 2010.

**1958 Perry D. Jefferies, B.A.**, Galveston, died March 5, 2011. **Dennis R. Ondrusek, B.A.**, Portland, died Sept. 26, 2010. **Donald R. Starkweather, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died April 13, 2011.

**1959 John P. O'Neil, B.A., B.B.A. '66**, Plano, died Dec. 2, 2010.

## 1960s

**1960 A.J. Cook, L.L.B.**, Memphis, Tenn., died April 20, 2011.

**1962 Roberto J. Lieck Jr., B.B.A., M.A. '70**, Missouri City, died May 14, 2011.

**1963 George R. Adams Sr., L.L.B.**, San Antonio, died July 3, 2011. **Mario M. Cordi, B.A.**, Lake Havasu City, Ariz., died Aug. 16, 2010. **Thomas McIlhenny Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, died July 26, 2011. **Paul H. Webb, CL**, San Antonio, died July 15, 2011.

**1964 John F. Fanning, B.B.A.**, Fort Meyers, Fla., died July 2, 2011. **Wilbert L. Ormond, B.A.**, Austin, died April 15, 2011. **Lt. Col. Joseph G. Sumner, B.B.A.**, Titusville, Fla., died Feb. 13, 2010.

**1965 Michael J. Cristofolletti, B.A.**, San Antonio, died June 28, 2011.

**1966 Lt. Col. Donald G. Bosley, M.B.A.**, Jeannette, Pa., died May 26, 2011.

**1967 James B. Kemp, B.A.**, Lookout Mountain, Tenn., died May 16, 2011. **Monsignor Jose A. Lopez, B.A., M.A. '71**, San Antonio, died May 28, 2011.

**1968 John A. Fiano, M.A.**, Columbus, Ohio, died Oct. 23, 2010. **Murdock F. McRae Jr., B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died June 26, 2011. **Velma D. Taylor, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died April 4, 2011.

**1969 Robert Flores, B.A.**, Del Rio, died May 26, 2011. **Ivie J. "James" Klaveman, M.A.**, Seguin, died May 24, 2011.

## 1970s

**1970 Shirley L. Koontz, B.A.**, Colorado Springs, Colo., died May 31, 2011. **Ida J. Mendez, B.A.**, San Antonio, died July 4, 2011.

**1971 John Miles III, B.A.**, San Antonio, died July 22, 2011.

**1973 Wallace A.V. Hedges, Ph.D., M.A.**, San Antonio, died May 3, 2011. **William M. Palocz, B.A., M.A. '89**, San Antonio, died July 7, 2011.

**1974 Steven F. Gehrlein, B.A.**, San Antonio, died May 9, 2011.

**1975 Darel D. Jaramillo, B.A., M.A. '77**, San Antonio, died May 20, 2011.

**1976 Melvin E. Modderman, M.B.A.**, Elizabethtown, Ky., died May 4, 2011. **Maria I. Villanueva, B.A.**, San Antonio, died April 10, 2011.

**1977 Brig. Gen. Gerald G. Fall Jr., USAF (Retired), J.D.**, Frisco, died Aug. 8, 2011. **Col. Leon W. McCrary, USAF (Retired), M.B.A.**, Austin, died April 23, 2011.

## 1980s

**1980 James W. Doak Jr., B.A.**, Austin, died July 9, 2011.

**1981 JoAnn (Johnson) Bemrich, CL**, Grand Prairie, died July 22, 2011.

**1982 Rees R. Oliver Jr., J.D.**, San Antonio, died May 11, 2011. **Andrea (Tachman) Woo, J.D.**, San Antonio, died July 24, 2011.

**1985 Wayne Hollomon Price, M.A.**, San Antonio, died May 19, 2011.

**1988 Tracy E. Garofano, B.A.**, Utopia, died April 20, 2011.

## 1990s

**1990 Bruce A. Craig, J.D.**, Marshall, died June 12, 2011.

**1992 Raymond C. Puchot, M.A.**, Laredo, died April 19, 2011.

**1993 Jacqueline L. Nakakihara, B.A.**, Culver City, Calif., died July 4, 2011.

**1995 Maria Christina Hague, B.A.**, Houston, died July 11, 2011.

**1996 Theodore D. Canfield, J.D.**, Tyler, died April 8, 2011.

**Army 1st Lt. Andres "Andy" Zermeño (B.A. '08)**, San Antonio, was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011. The 26-year-old U.S. Army serviceman, originally from Brownsville, is survived by his wife, two children, mother, father, sister and three brothers. Zermeño is the most recent military officer from St. Mary's to sacrifice his life in defense of our country.

Zumwalt Law Group PLLC, last October and the firm will provide full-service general counsel to businesses in the Austin area.

**2007 Kedrick Green, B.A.**, San Antonio, and **Jacob Valenzuela, B.B.A. '09**, San Antonio, became business partners in Deco Pizzeria, located in the heart of San Antonio's Deco District. **Hector Mario Villarreal, M.A.**, San Antonio, has been promoted to director of education at the International Academy of Design & Technology.

**2008 Forrest Dale Commander Jr., M.A.**, Waco, and Carolyn Wieruscheske were married on April 3, 2009. **Jennifer D. Valent, B.S.**, a third-year dental student at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and Jeremy Loftin were married on January 8, 2011. **Tonya R. Hunt, J.D.**, Dallas, is an associate attorney at the firm of Sedgwick LLP. **Dawn Norman, J.D.**, Houston, has joined the law firm of Winston PC as an associate attorney.

**2009 Stratos Apostolou, J.D.**, Austin, has been named Assistant Attorney General of the Year by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott for his work for the Child Support Division's North Austin office.

**2010 Jessica Gentzel, B.A.**, Del Rio, and Robert Glenn were married on March 19, 2011. **John Dorsett Ledbetter, J.D.**, Austin, is an associate attorney with the Peissel Law Firm LLP. **Alyssa Marie Turrieta, B.B.A.**, Austin, is a marketing assistant for Nexus Medical Consulting.

**2011 Joseph Chavez, B.A.**, El Paso, has been named one of six educational leadership consultants for Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Inc. **Josefina Davila, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, has been hired as an associate auditor at Valero Energy Co. **Joe Michael Guerra, B.S.**, San Antonio, has been hired as a software developer at USAA. **Therese Lee Perez Kenner, B.A.**, San Antonio, has been hired as a legislative aide in the office of State Rep. Joaquin Castro. **Kevin M. Landeros, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, and Michele Nanez were married on July 2, 2011. **Pamela Nicole Lopez, B.A.**, San Antonio, has been hired by SA Youth as center coordinator at Laurel Heights. **Averie Eleanor Maldonado, B.A.**, San Antonio, is now attending George Washington Law School as part of the Class of 2014. **Alex Z. Salinas, B.A.**, Converse, has been hired as a reporter for the San Antonio Express-News. **Tina A. Suida, M.A.**, Converse, has been hired as a clinical practitioner at the Center for Health Care Services.



From left: Rebecca Cedillo, Sam Dawson, Robert Puente, State Sen. Carlos Uresti

# COMMUNITY conversations

AT  
ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's University kicked off its new public issues forum series to a full house on Sept. 28 with a discussion of the area's water issues.

The series, called Community Conversations at St. Mary's, is a part of the University's newly created Institute for Public Administration, Politics and Public Policy, which is housed within the Graduate School. One of the primary goals of the Institute is to develop outreach programs that foster dialogue between the University, the public, government agencies and nonprofits to address important public issues.

The first event featured Robert Puente (B.A. '79), President and CEO of San Antonio Water System; State Sen. Carlos Uresti (B.A. '85, J.D. '92), and Sam Dawson, Chairman of the Board for the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. The conversation was moderated by Rebecca Quintanilla Cedillo (B.A. '75), a member of the Board of Trustees and President of Strategic Initiatives.



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**ON THE FRONT COVER:**

The Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, officiated at a special Mass on Sept. 15, 2011, during which the new altar in the beautifully renovated Assumption Chapel was dedicated.

**ON THE BACK COVER:**

On Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, members of the St. Mary's, Bexar County and San Antonio community gathered at V.J. Keefe Field to break ground for a new outdoor sports complex that will benefit Rattler teams in baseball, softball, soccer and tennis.

From left: San Antonio District 7 Councilman Cris Medina, Bexar County Precinct 2 Commissioner Paul Elizondo, Campaign Co-Chair Bruce Vaio, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, St. Mary's President Charles Cotrell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Robert Elizondo, Campaign Co-chair David Dickson, Athletics Director and Baseball Coach Charlie Migl, Senior Woman's Administrator and Softball Coach Donna Fields

