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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.

FROM THE EDITOR

This is an exciting time at St. Mary's. Last semester, the campus community, alumni and friends expressed their gratitude for the past 13 years of leadership and service from our first lay president, Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D. We now turn to welcoming new President Thomas M. Mengler, J.D., to our Catholic and Marianist family. You can read about the celebrations held for Dr. Cotrell, as well as learn about Tom and his family inside.

On a more personal note, this is my first issue as *Gold & Blue* executive editor. I have been with St. Mary's for four years, and while my undergraduate degree is from Texas A&M University, I am proud to be a Rattler alumna after graduating from the Public Administration master's program last year. That experience has made me feel even more connected to the institution that has seemed like home since the first day I came to campus.

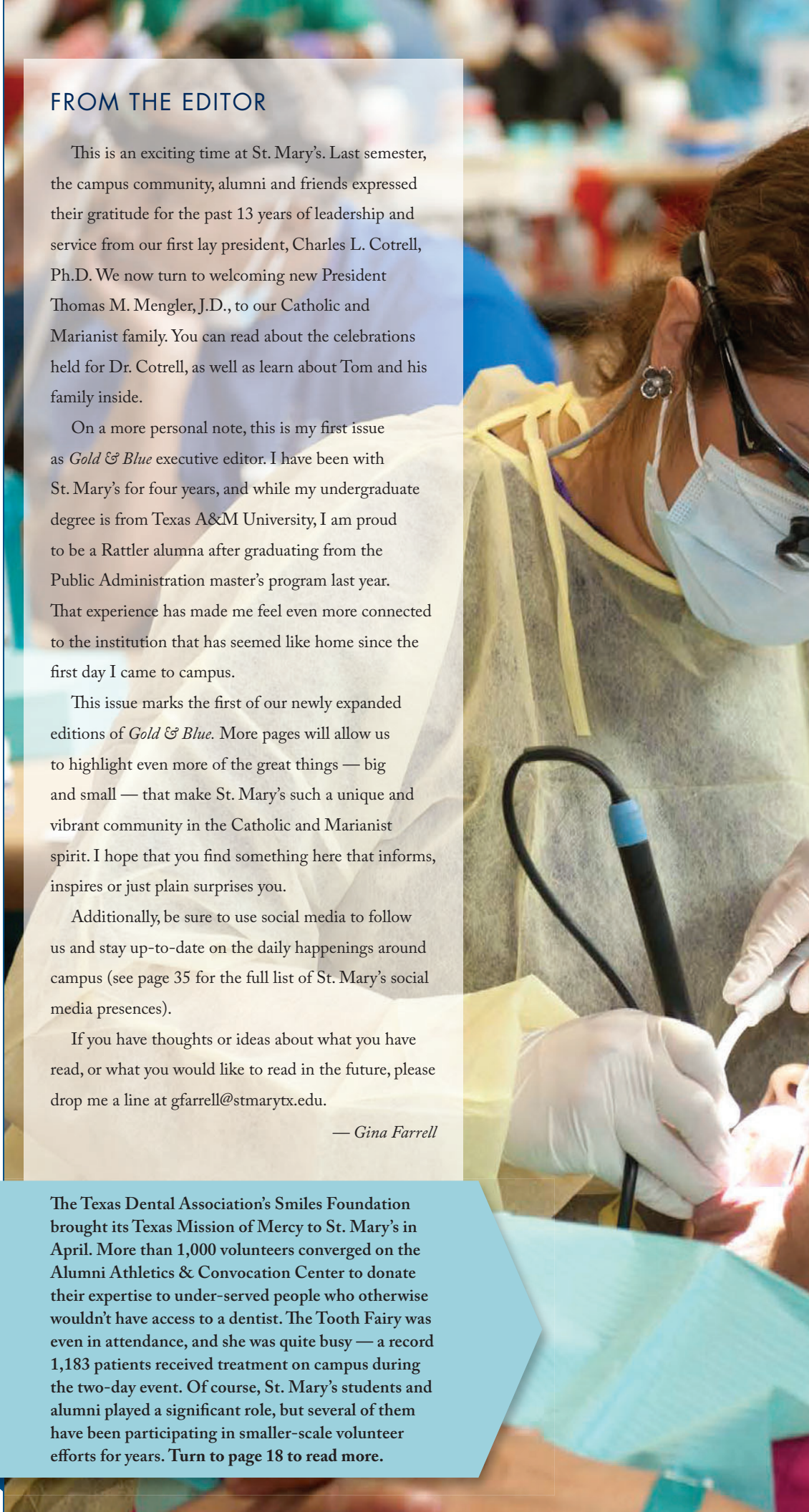
This issue marks the first of our newly expanded editions of *Gold & Blue*. More pages will allow us to highlight even more of the great things — big and small — that make St. Mary's such a unique and vibrant community in the Catholic and Marianist spirit. I hope that you find something here that informs, inspires or just plain surprises you.

Additionally, be sure to use social media to follow us and stay up-to-date on the daily happenings around campus (see page 35 for the full list of St. Mary's social media presences).

If you have thoughts or ideas about what you have read, or what you would like to read in the future, please drop me a line at gfarrell@stmarytx.edu.

— Gina Farrell

The Texas Dental Association's Smiles Foundation brought its Texas Mission of Mercy to St. Mary's in April. More than 1,000 volunteers converged on the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center to donate their expertise to under-served people who otherwise wouldn't have access to a dentist. The Tooth Fairy was even in attendance, and she was quite busy — a record 1,183 patients received treatment on campus during the two-day event. Of course, St. Mary's students and alumni played a significant role, but several of them have been participating in smaller-scale volunteer efforts for years. Turn to page 18 to read more.





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“Call Me Tom”

Meet President Thomas M. Mengler, J.D.

by Candace Kuebker, Contributing Editor



Thomas M. Mengler began the first day at St. Mary’s University by opening the doors to his office and inviting faculty and staff to stop by for a cup of coffee and a chat — not surprising for a man whose first words upon meeting him are, “Call me Tom.”

But how is it that this top law school graduate chose a career in academia? How did he get here?

A DESIRE TO TEACH SETS THE STAGE

Although Mengler began thinking about a career in teaching as early as high school, his route to higher education administration and St. Mary’s hasn’t been a straight line; rather, his circuitous journey allowed him to amass experiences that have prepared him to lead the University.

“Once I gave up the idea of becoming a Major League Baseball pitcher because of my meager athletic ability, I started to think about teaching,” he said with self-deprecating humor.

Born and raised in a large Catholic family in suburban Chicago, Mengler’s parents worked hard their entire lives and sacrificed to give their children opportunities that his parents never had. “In other words,” he said, “I grew up living the best chapter of the American story.”

After attending Carleton College in Minnesota where he graduated with honors, Mengler enrolled at The University of Texas, earning a master’s degree followed by a juris doctorate. Afterward, he clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, practiced law at a large firm in Washington, and then returned to Texas, where he worked as an Assistant Attorney General.

Throughout, his desire to teach remained. “Even as I was practicing law, I kept in the back of my mind my goal of becoming an educator.”

FATE INTERVENES IN LIFE AND LOVE

Moving back to the Lone Star State proved to be fortuitous. He was building his résumé practicing law in the government sector, and he met someone.

Tom Mengler and Mona Cuenod were living in Austin within two blocks of each other. They met on a Thursday in late January 1985, one day after he had been offered an assistant professorship at the University of Illinois College of Law.

“A mutual friend was introducing Mona to another guy, and I was along for the ride. We met at Scholz’s Garten, a favorite watering hole in Austin,” said Mengler. It turned out the other guy wasn’t Mona’s type. Tom was.

“What an incredible 24 hours. One day, I landed my dream job that launched my academic career, and the next day I met my future wife!”

Mengler was content teaching law and the couple started their family. (They have four children whose ages range from 18 to 24.) After several years on the faculty, the dean asked if he would consider serving as associate dean for Academic Affairs, and Mengler decided to give it a try. Soon he became dean, successfully leading the well-established law school for nine years.

Then, Mengler decided to take what many might consider a sizeable risk: He left for an upstart Catholic law school farther north.

TAKING RISKS AND WELCOMING CHALLENGES

“Yes, it was a little crazy to move from Illinois to a brand new, unaccredited law school in Minnesota,” he said. “Some of my colleagues thought I had lost my mind.”

Mona, a native Texan, shivered at the thought of moving to Minnesota. But Mengler liked the challenge of building an excellent law school from the ground up. Plus, he and Mona were drawn to the Catholic mission of St. Thomas’ new law school. They packed up their things, and Mona bought a warmer coat.

Thus began Mengler’s 10-year tenure as dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Law. “The most satisfying feature of my time at St. Thomas is the depth and pervasiveness of the law school’s Catholic identity,” he said, “and the school’s mission is about helping students integrate their faith and values into their professional identities. They are encouraged to view their professional lives as a vocation and to understand that God calls us all to serve our communities. That’s a remarkable and distinctive mission.”

After spending most of two decades as a law school dean, Mengler was prepared for a new challenge. “For 19 years, I have been involved in the rich array of activities in which a university president must be engaged,” he said. “I believe I have grown as a leader and come to better understand the huge potential of an academically excellent Catholic university.

“At St. Thomas, I developed a passion for Catholic higher education and its integrated focus on faith, community and service,” he continued. “My search for a president position was limited to Catholic institutions. I would never consider working anywhere else.” It was St. Mary’s own distinguishing mission that triggered his pursuit of the presidency.

BUILDING THE FUTURE ON FAITH

From the moment he began learning about St. Mary’s, “I came quickly to feel that St. Mary’s was the right place for Mona and me,” Mengler said. “Most exciting to me are its long-standing dedication to quality and excellence, and its huge potential to build an even stronger academic culture for students and faculty; and the University’s Catholic and Marianist mission is spot-on.

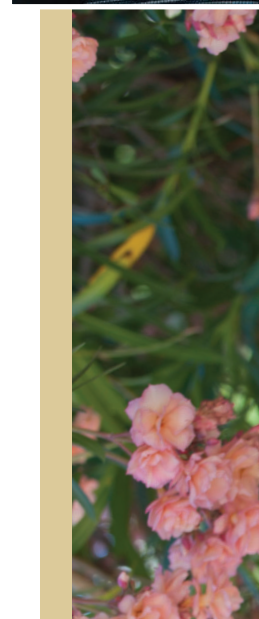
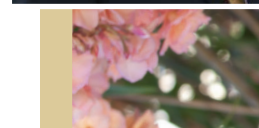
“St. Mary’s is rightly proud of its strong community, and most important, of its understanding that it is living in community that we come first to accept and then to live God’s special call to each of us,” he said.

Mona will be an active partner as Mengler moves forward in his role as leader of St. Mary’s. “Mona is my best friend, the best woman I’ve ever known,” he says. “We are a team in every sense of the word, and the St. Mary’s community will get to know her as well as they get to know me.”

And he doesn’t expect living in San Antonio will be much of an adjustment. “I believe people in the central part of our country — whether in the Midwest or Southwest — have a lot in common. We tend to be friendly, trusting and modest. Community, family and friends are important. I believe those features describe San Antonio and especially St. Mary’s, whose commitment to community draws its inspiration from the simple fact that we are all God’s children.”

Mengler’s relaxed demeanor and friendliness both fit well with the Marianists’ emphasis on community and family spirit, and should serve him well as he takes the helm at St. Mary’s.

“I feel very much at home here. Trustees, faculty, staff, students and graduates of St. Mary’s have been very welcoming to Mona and me. For this warm embrace, we are sincerely grateful.” ■





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FROM AROUND THE GROVE

St. Louis Hall Preservation Project Completed

The results of the \$6.1 million preservation effort on historic St. Louis Hall were unveiled during a rededication ceremony held in May.

The project included improvements in safety, energy efficiency, functionality and appearance. While the 118-year-old building has been renovated numerous times, this project sought to both update important systems, such as safety systems and heat and air conditioning, as well as appearance. The window-unit air conditioners were removed and the decorative iron railing on the building's roof, which had been removed decades ago, was replaced, bringing St. Louis Hall's façade closer to its original appearance. The project was led by general contractor SpawGlass and designed by RVK Architects.

The project was completed thanks to numerous contributors, including lead benefactor Bill Greehey (B.B.A. '60); significant donations from numerous members of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees; and the strong support of the Marianists.

St. Mary's Named to Service Honor Roll

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll has again recognized St. Mary's for its strong commitment to service and civic engagement. St. Mary's is one of only two Texas colleges and universities included in the 2012 Honor Roll with Distinction list.

The Corporation for National and Community Service oversees the annual President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. St. Mary's has made the Honor Roll every year since it was launched six years ago. In May 2011, the Corporation named St. Mary's University one of just six colleges and universities to receive the Presidential Award, recognizing St. Mary's as a top institution in the nation for volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

The University was recognized for its many community service and service learning programs, including the University's Neighborhood Revitalization Project and numerous outreach and mentoring programs, including Upward

Bound, which pairs young people with mentors to encourage high school graduation and college success; Stand and Deliver, which provides SAT preparation and mentorship; and Fiesta of Physics, which introduces minority and at-risk student populations to the possibilities and fun of science.



McNair Scholars

McNair Program Gets Perfect Score

The St. Mary's University McNair Scholars Program has a goal of increasing the number of first-generation college students choosing careers in research and the professoriate, and this May the program celebrated a 100 percent success rate.

All eight of the graduating McNair students were accepted to graduate programs around the country. The program, which is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, provides first-generation college students opportunities for scholarly and research activities to prepare them for graduate programs. The students and their graduate programs are (from left) Melissa Martinez, doctoral program in Political Science at the University of North Texas; Claudia Carrete, master's in Peace and International Conflict Resolution at American University; Tracy Gonzalez, doctoral program in Statistics at Rice University; Ruben Medina, master's in Social Work at Abilene Christian University; Stephanie Garcia, master's in Forensic Science at the University of North Texas Health Science Center; Stephanie Canales, master's in Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin at Madison; Noel Shaheen, doctoral program in Neuroscience at the University of Notre Dame; and Gilbert Bustamante, doctoral program in Bioengineering at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Surprises Abound at Appreciation Party



It was no holds barred when St. Mary's showed its appreciation to Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., for his 13 years of service as president. Hundreds of students, faculty and staff members and special guests gathered in the University Center in May to celebrate Cotrell, who is enjoying a yearlong sabbatical before returning to teaching next year.

The biggest moment came when Board Chairman Robert Elizondo announced that Cotrell had been granted the honorary title of President Emeritus. Many tokens of gratitude were presented, including an elaborate framed and calligraphed resolution from the Board of Trustees and a large Fiesta medal wreath from the University. On behalf of the Bexar County Commissioners Court, Commissioner Paul Elizondo (B.M.E. '57) conferred the title of Hidalgo on Cotrell, deeming him worthy of the historic and exalted title

originally decreed by the King of Spain in the 1700s.

There were presentations from the Marianist Province of the United States and Chaminade University, and resolutions from the Texas Legislature. The President's Ambassadors presented President and Mrs. Cotrell with a photo album, and the *pièce de resistance* — a life-size Cotrell cut-out — was presented by School of Law Dean Charles Cantú, who joined the St. Mary's teaching community in 1966, the same year as Cotrell.



WEB extras

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- More photos: St. Mary's return to the College World Series
- A sneak peek at the transformation of St. Louis Hall
- The 10th Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series presents "Celebrating God's Mysteries and Greatness: Ingredients of Human Dignity"
- Students and faculty travel the globe for invaluable business lessons
- Superwoman discovers her inner artist



Barrett Becomes Board Chairman

Charles T. Barrett Jr. became Chairman of the Board of Trustees in June taking over from the past chair, Robert Elizondo. Barrett (B.B.A. '62), president and CEO of Barrett Holdings Inc., served as a Trustee from 2002 to 2010 and rejoined the Board in 2011. He received the 2001 Paul C. Goelz Business Leadership Award, which honors business school alumni for their achievements as entrepreneurs. In 2007, St. Mary's dedicated the Barrett Memorial Bell Tower, which was made possible through a lead gift from Barrett and his wife, Melissa.

His civic and charitable involvement has included serving on the boards of Halfway House of San Antonio, Catholic Family and Children Services Inc., the Baptist Health Foundation, the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the Witte Museum and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Development Board.

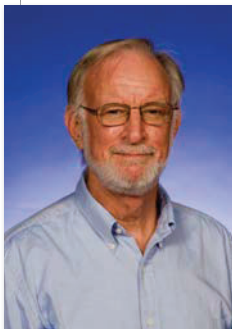
Cotrell Learning Commons to Open in Fall

The St. Mary's University Board of Trustees has named the new learning environment currently being developed the Charles L. Cotrell Learning Commons.

The Learning Commons is under construction on the first floor of the Louis J. Blume Library. It is expected to open in the fall and will include a new entrance opposite the University Center, providing students with extended library hours, access to technology, on-site technology-related assistance and a Starbucks Express.

University Celebrates Spring Commencement

The 160th Spring Commencement Exercises were held May 12 in the Bill Greehey Arena of the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center. A total of 476 students graduated, including 345 with bachelor's degrees, 130 with master's degrees and one with a doctor of philosophy. The commencement speaker was St. Mary's alumna Mary Ellen Londrie (B.B.A. '92), president and CEO of P'S Corporation.



Eden

of San Francisco and a Master of Divinity from the University of St. Michael's College at the Toronto School of Theology. He served on the St. Mary's Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2008 and was a visiting lecturer in Theology at the University in 2011.

For the past 10 years, he has been an Assistant Professor of Education and Theology at Chaminade University of Honolulu and director of the Catholic School Leadership Program there since 2005. Eden replaces the Rev. Charles "Kip" Stander, S.M., who recently left for missionary work in India.

New University Chaplain Named

The Rev. Tim Eden, S.M., Ed.D., will join the St. Mary's University Ministry Pastoral Team as the University Chaplain in August.

Eden received a Doctor of Education from the University



Wosman

Province of the United States to lead the school as its president as of July 1.

For the past eight years, Wosman has been director of the St. Mary's University Catholic Educational Leadership Program, Assistant Professor in the Department of Teacher Education, and co-director of the Marianist Forum at the University. Before coming to St. Mary's, he was principal and then president of the Marianists' John Vianney High School in his hometown of St. Louis.

Wosman Chosen to Lead Central Catholic High School

The Rev. Richard Wosman, S.M., a 1981 St. Mary's graduate, has been selected by the Board of Directors of Central Catholic High School in San Antonio and the Marianist



Teresa Van Hoy's Scholarly Pilgrimage

History Professor Teresa Van Hoy, Ph.D., began what she thinks of as her "scholarly pilgrimage" in June 2011 when she became O'Connor Chair for the History of Hispanic Texas and the Southwest.

As the O'Connor Chair, Van Hoy has two years of release time for writing a book and lecturing both on and off campus while focusing extensively on her research as a Borderlands scholar. She is studying the history of Latinos in the Borderlands, researching their contributions to Mexico's fight with the French in the 1860s. Additionally, Van Hoy is examining the history of Cinco de Mayo.

The "textbook story," she said, claims that what has become a well-known celebration began when Mexico defeated Maximilian and the French, but Van Hoy thinks Cinco de Mayo is more complex than that.

Hispanic-American newspapers bear witness to a mobilization among Latinos in the United States to help President Benito Juarez and the Mexican people fight and protect their land. In these accounts, small mining communities gathered together to raise money to send to Juarez. Even after the French left, Mexicans' celebration of Cinco de Mayo continued as a way to preserve Latino culture and celebrate their identity, even in their adopted homeland.

One of the goals of Van Hoy's exploration is to highlight the Borderland people's contributions and to find the true meaning of Cinco de Mayo.

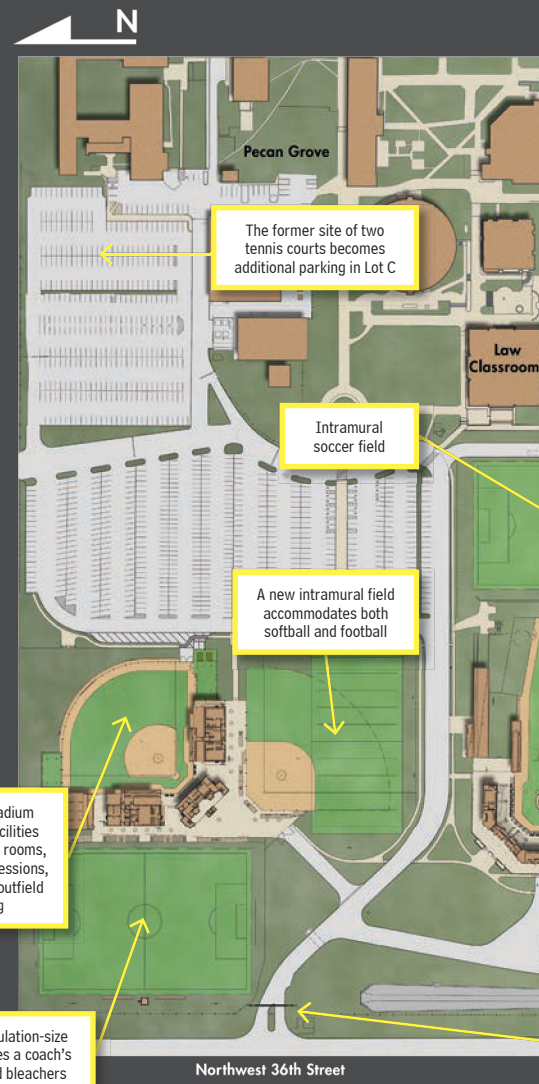
"As a historian, I am grateful for the O'Connor family's vision in supporting history and for St. Mary's commitment to historical study and outreach," Van Hoy said.

— Rachel Grahmann, St. Mary's Honors Program and Communications Arts student



Outdoor Sports Complex Construction Hits Stride

Construction on the \$16 million Outdoor Sports Complex is under way with substantial site work already completed. The new facilities will include numerous exciting improvements and additions for the campus and the community. To keep an eye on construction progress, visit www.stmarytx.edu/webcam. The project is happening thanks to many generous supporters, including a \$6 million grant from the Bexar County Venue Tax Revenue Program.



President Obama Nominates Alumnus

President Barack Obama in May announced his intent to nominate Thomas Hart Armbruster (M.A. '03) as the U.S. Department of State's Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Armbruster, who earned a master's in International Relations at St. Mary's, is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. He is currently a Diplomat-in-Residence at City College of New York and has served in posts around the world for the past 20 years, including as Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Vladivostok, Russia, and Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Santizo Recognized for Study Abroad Work

The Institute of International Education (IIE) recognized Minita Santizo, director of International Education Programs at St. Mary's, for her contributions to the field of international education for nearly 40 years and her decade of work with the Gilman International Scholarship Program.

The Gilman Program provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to participate in study abroad programs. The awards were presented at a reception held in Houston in May. In presenting the award, IIE's Houston Office Director Michelle Pickard said that Santizo has helped open up the world to generations of under-represented students, including many Hispanic women.

Good Deeds

Marianist Trust Gives \$380,000

The Board of the Marianist Trust has allocated \$380,876 to the University for student financial aid and the Marianist Leadership Program for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The gift includes 60 scholarships for students participating in the Marianist

Leadership Program; grants to St. Mary's graduate students and graduates of Marianist high schools; and money for the newly established Charlie and Abbie Cotrell Endowed Scholarship Fund.

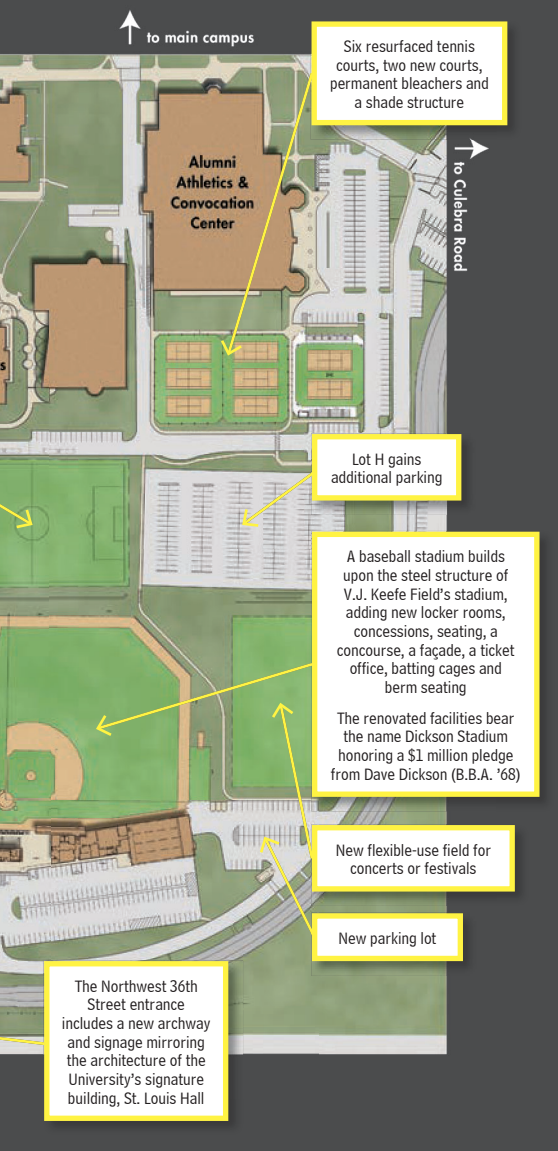
The Marianist Trust was established in 1973 by the Marianists working at the University. For 12 years, they set aside money from their salaries for a trust that would help St. Mary's in its educational mission. The fund now generates significant interest each year for student scholarships and grants.

Celebrating Milestones

The Society of Mary held a celebratory Eucharist, reception and dinner in May on the St. Mary's campus to honor the Marianist jubilarians in the San Antonio area. Each year, the Marianist Province of the United States honors the many years of service contributed by the brothers in advancing the mission of the Marianists and the Church.



Marianist jubilarians



Library Archives Dedicated for Schmitz

The St. Mary's University archives and special collections in the Louis J. Blume Library have been named posthumously after Brother Joseph Schmitz, S.M., Ph.D., in honor of his accomplishments as a renowned history scholar and professor.

The Brother Joseph W. Schmitz, S.M., Ph.D., Special Collections were dedicated during a ceremony in April. On hand for the dedication was St. Mary's alumnus and former student of Schmitz, Felix Almaraz Jr., Ph.D., Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Texas at San Antonio. In honor of Schmitz, Almaraz made a donation of \$25,000 to the newly dedicated special collections.

Born and raised in Iowa, Schmitz was prolific in his scholarly writing, primarily about his adopted state of Texas. He also served as vice president and dean of faculties at St. Mary's.

Cotrell Endowed Fund Tops \$100,000

Pledges and contributions to the Charlie and Abbie Cotrell Endowed Scholarship fund totaled more than \$104,000 as of July.

The endowed scholarship was announced last year and has been made possible through the generous support of many benefactors and the St. Mary's Board of Trustees. For more information on this and other giving opportunities, go online to www.stmarytx.edu/giving.

Sembradores Continue Support

Over the past 50 years, the Sembradores of San Antonio has donated more than \$1 million for higher education scholarships at seven local colleges. This year, the group continued that tradition by giving another \$10,000 to its endowed scholarship fund at St. Mary's.

The endowed fund is valued at more than \$200,000 and has provided more than 30 scholarships to deserving St. Mary's students.

Humanities

Student Awarded Pickering Fellowship

St. Mary's student Jessica Carrillo, an International Relations and English Literature major, has been awarded the prestigious Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship.

The fellowship, which will provide up to \$40,000 toward Carrillo's senior year and one year of graduate school, is presented by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship



Professor McCue is serious about studying the form and function of animals. But he still finds time to study his own form — on the skateboard, that is. McCue can be spotted riding his board across campus, proving that humans, too, can adapt to their habitats.

Factors Behind Animals' Form and Function

Biological Sciences Professor Marshall McCue, Ph.D., wants to learn not just how living things work, but why they work the way they do. Why can a snake survive without food for up to one year whereas some birds can tolerate only one day of fasting?

"I am interested in using cutting-edge research techniques to explore how different organisms have adapted to meet the complex environmental challenges posed by their unique habitats," McCue explained.

McCue doesn't specialize in the intricate workings of only one species; instead, he has studied everything from snakes to insects to quails. This interest in a broad spectrum of research animals stems from his fascination with the whole organism, not just a single physiological function.

"Over the past decade," McCue said, "I have observed a continual paradigm shift away from studying organisms as whole systems and toward a technologically driven, reductionist approach that fails to appreciate the unique emergent properties of each organism. I strive to balance these two factors in my teaching and research."

His interest in animal physiology began as he first learned about the "extraordinary diversity of form and function of organisms with which we share this planet."

It is that appreciation of the complexity and flexibility of animal life that he wants to pass on to his students.

"Ultimately, I want my students to have a deeper appreciation of the different biological mechanisms that permit organisms to survive, and often thrive, in nearly every habitat on Earth," McCue said.



Foundation to exceptional students as they prepare academically and professionally to enter the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. It is intended to recruit talented students from all ethnic, racial and social backgrounds.

St. Mary's has a long history of graduating students who go on to serve in the Foreign Service in a variety of capacities.

Jazz Festival Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Great national, regional and local jazz artists came together this spring to celebrate the 50th annual Fiesta Jazz Festival on the St. Mary's campus.

The two-day event, which is one of the oldest jazz festivals in the nation, kicked off on April 27 with the Fiesta World Class Jazz Concert and headliner, The Jim Cullum Jazz Band. The St. Mary's Department of Music and the San Antonio Fiesta Commission sponsor the event, which attracted more than 25 junior and senior high school jazz ensembles on the second day.

Science

Pohlmann, Cummiskey Retire

Two mainstays of the University's School of Science, Engineering and Technology retired at the end of the spring semester. The school celebrated the careers of Professors of Chemistry Kenneth Pohlmann, Ph.D., and Brother Charles Cummiskey, S.M., Ph.D., at a retirement party in May.

Pohlmann served at St. Mary's since 1983 and was the chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry from 1988 to 2008. Cummiskey took his first vows with the Marianists in 1941 and served at St. Mary's since 1955. In his 57 years of service, he taught all chemistry courses and was honored as a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor in 1979. He has been named Professor Emeritus of Chemistry.

Former GM, AT&T Exec Shares Leadership Tips With Students

The School of Science, Engineering and Technology made an impressive addition to its list of lecturers when Ed E. Whitacre Jr., former chairman and CEO of General Motors Co. and chairman emeritus of AT&T Inc., spoke to St. Mary's students

A VITA volunteer with clients



in April. The informal question-and-answer session was part of the 2011-2012 Engineering Seminar Series.

The laid-back style of the native Texan, who was born in Ennis and graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's in Industrial Engineering, appealed to students who heard about Whitacre's leadership experience at both General Motors and AT&T.



MARC Program graduates

MARC Program Scores Again

For the fourth consecutive year, a St. Mary's University program designed to guide talented minority students in the School of Science, Engineering and Technology into graduate research programs has made a perfect score.

The Minority Access to Research Careers Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research program (MARC U*STAR, for short) has been on the St. Mary's campus for nearly three decades. This year's MARC graduates and their doctoral programs are (pictured above from left) Tanya Lerma, Biomedical Sciences at the University of North Texas Health Science Center; Jaclyn Bermudez, Chemistry at the University of North Texas Health Science Center; Arthur Furlong, Pathology and Immunology at the Baylor College of Medicine; Chrystal Loya, Molecular and Cellular Biology at the Baylor College of Medicine; and Tracy Gonzalez, Statistics at Rice University.

Business

Volunteers Help Hundreds With Tax Prep

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at St. Mary's had another successful year in 2012, bringing together 134 volunteers to assist with nearly 950 income tax filings for low-income residents and small businesses.

The volunteers, among them students, professors, staff members, alumni and community members, put in more than 2,000 hours at the St. Mary's VITA site, located on campus. The total amount of refunds from the returns completed at the site is estimated at \$1.7 million.

The St. Mary's VITA site, which is headed by Professor Thomas Madison, Ph.D., and School of Law Clinical Fellow Rachael Rubenstein (J.D.'10), is one of only 16 nationwide selected to participate in the preparation of small business or micro-entrepreneurial tax returns.

In order to train the volunteers on how to assist clients (many of whom live and work near the University campus) the Greehey Scholars developed new instructional materials. In total, volunteers spent 1,600 hours in training before the site opening.

Students Excel in Business Plan Competition

St. Mary's University students were on two winning teams in the Free Trade Alliance Future Global Leaders: International Business Plan competition held recently in San Antonio.

The competition included graduate and undergraduate students from 22 colleges and universities around the world. The first place team in the Undergraduate Division included five St. Mary's students, who won \$1,000 each. The second place undergraduate team included two St. Mary's students, who each won \$500.



The women on the trip to the UAE donned traditional Muslim garb to visit Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi. The mosque allows non-Muslim visitors to borrow the clothing so that they can enter the building.

Faculty, Students Embark on International Travels

Faculty and students in the Bill Greehey School of Business took several exciting international trips during the spring semester.

Sam Sedki, Ph.D., and Dean Tanuja Singh, D.B.A., traveled with nine students to the United Arab Emirates where the students conducted research on the economic environment of Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Mathew Joseph, Ph.D., led a group of 15 students to the islands of Malta and Gozo for a look at the historical, economic, political and technical environments influencing European markets.

The Entrepreneur Scholars visited Hong Kong and Macau through a Global Entrepreneurship course taught by Jeff Johnson, Ph.D.

Singh and Earnie Broughton (M.A. '93), executive-in-residence and director of the MBA and Executive Education Program, joined Gwen Diaz, Ph.D., and Graduate School Dean Henry Flores, Ph.D., for a trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where they explored academic collaboration and business partnership opportunities.

The St. Mary's students on the first place team were Andrej Klipa, Eric Escamilla, Luis Montealegre, Celina Garcia and Alexia Dabdoub. The St. Mary's students on the second place team were Paola Retes and Mariangela Zavala.

The Free Trade Alliance is a not-for-profit public-private organization dedicated to educating and preparing students to compete and thrive in the global marketplace, primarily through its Future Global Leaders Coalition.

Law

Law School Graduates Largest Class

The St. Mary's University School of Law held its 78th Commencement Exercises on May 19, graduating 284 new lawyers. Rep. Charles A. Gonzalez (J.D. '72) was honored with the School of Law's Lifetime Achievement Award for his distinguished career and achievements in the legal profession and public service. Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D. (B.A. '62, M.A. '64), was awarded the St. Thomas More Award for contributions to legal education, the legal profession and government. The Hon. Pamela A. Mathy, United States District Court of the Western District of Texas, was presented the Rosewood Gavel, given to an outstanding judge or justice for contributions to the system of constitutional democracy.

Law commencement speaker Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff (B.B.A., J.D. '66) was recognized for his longtime support of St. Mary's and his public service with an honorary Doctor of Laws.

St. Mary's Graduate Awarded Equal Justice Fellowship

Meghan Kempf (J.D. '12) is the first St. Mary's School of Law graduate to be selected for a prestigious Equal Justice Works fellowship. She is one of just six Texas law school graduates who received the fellowship, which, when coupled with support from sponsoring firms and organizations, finances the first two years of working in public interest law.

Kempf will begin working in September at Family Violence Prevention Services Inc. in San Antonio. The Texas Access to Justice Foundation is sponsoring her fellowship.

Moot Court Team Wins National Championship

The St. Mary's University School of Law Moot Court team of students Phillip Ripper and Rachel Felderhoff won the 2012 Federal Bar Association Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition this spring in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, the St. Mary's team of students Erin Oglesby and Meagan Scott finished in third place. This is the second national title in the past two years for the St. Mary's moot court teams and the third in program history.

Sports

Kotzur Leads Men's Basketball Back to Regionals

All-Region honoree Kevin Kotzur led the St. Mary's men's basketball team back to the regional tournament this spring, where the Rattlers nearly upset the top team in the region.

Winning its fifth Heartland Conference

championship, St. Mary's made its first national tournament appearance since 2007-2008, falling to Midwestern State, 62-54, in the regional round. Kotzur, the Rattlers' leading scorer with 17.9 points per game as a junior, moved up to No. 8 on the school's all-time scoring chart with 1,453 points.

Softball's Star Duo Honored

Emily Brittain threw a perfect game and a no-hitter and Taylor Vidrine once enjoyed a four-home-run weekend last season. So it came as no surprise that the St. Mary's softball duo earned All-Region consideration, with Brittain named to the Daktronics All-South Central Region Team and Vidrine making the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region Second Team.

Brittain, a sophomore from Corpus Christi, went 16-5 with a 1.85 ERA and 88 strikeouts. Vidrine, a freshman from San Antonio, batted .363 with 12 home runs and 41 RBIs for the Rattlers, who won the Heartland Conference regular-season championship.

Marczewski Puts Men's Tennis on Map

Marcin Marczewski spent four years trying to put St. Mary's tennis on the map. He leaves the University having done just that.

Marczewski, a native of Warsaw, Poland, was named the Heartland Conference Men's Tennis Co-Outstanding Senior after helping the Rattlers climb to No. 50 in the nation for their first national ranking on record.

Marczewski was 14-8 on the season and 3-1 against conference opponents.



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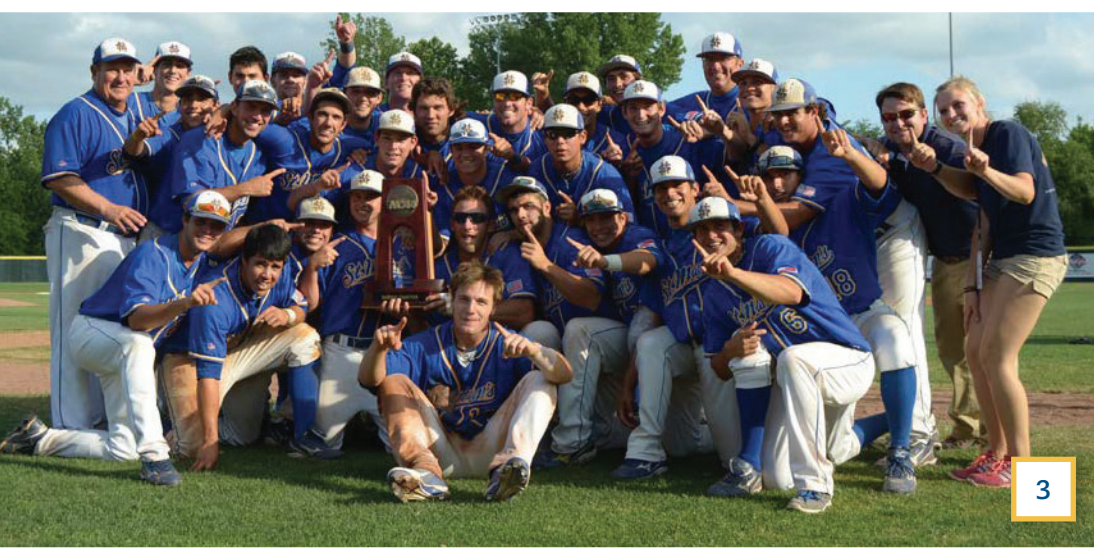
BACK IN NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

by Chad Peters, Sports Information Coordinator

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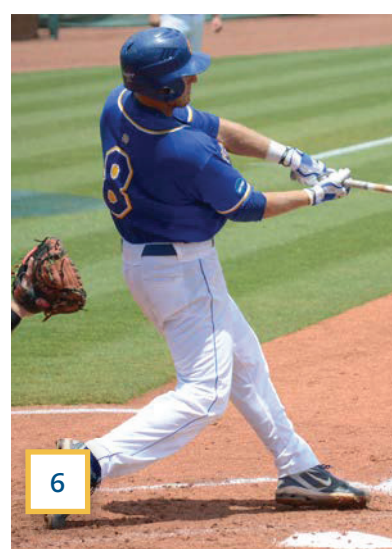
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1. Ivan Sigala celebrates scoring the winning run in a 2-1 victory over St. Edward's in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional in Warrensburg, Mo.

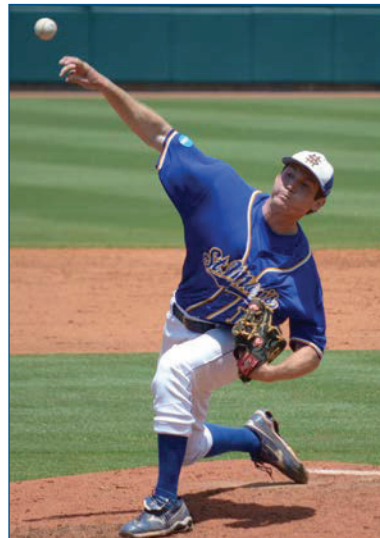
2. Billy Richard (center) is mobbed by teammates following his walk-off hit in the come-from-behind win over St. Edward's. 3. The Rattlers pose with the regional-championship trophy. 4. Skye Severns holds on tight to the trophy. 5. The Rattlers spend an afternoon with the Boys & Girls Club of Raleigh, N.C., before the National Championship Series in Cary, N.C. 6. Tyler Migl makes contact on a two-run home run that spurred a 13-2 victory over Indianapolis at the national tournament. 7. Weston Heiligman dons the rally cap — a symbolic image of the Rattlers' wild championship run.

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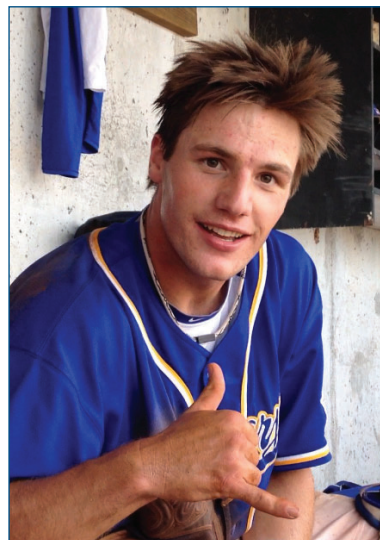
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O'NEAL NAMED NATIONAL PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Carl O'Neal has never been a fan of the spotlight, gladly deferring postgame interviews to his teammates whenever he can. But the junior's stellar performance on the mound didn't exactly warrant such humility. O'Neal, the

Rattlers' top starting pitcher, was named the Daktronics National Pitcher of the Year after going 14-0 with a 2.18 ERA and 101 strikeouts this season. A consensus First-Team All-America honoree, O'Neal became the first Rattler baseball player ever to be recognized as the nation's top player.



COKINOS DRAFTED BY HOUSTON ASTROS

Catcher M.P. Cokinos grew up dreaming of playing for his hometown Houston Astros. And now it could come true. Cokinos, a junior, was chosen by the Astros in the 31st round of the Major League Baseball First-Year

Player Draft in June. "This has been my dream," he said. "I couldn't have done it without everybody in the whole Rattler family." Cokinos was a Daktronics Third-Team All-America selection after batting .333 with 55 RBIs and eight home runs this season. "I'll remember this year for the rest of my life," he said. "I'm a Rattler until the day I die."

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: Fate on the Field

by Chad Peters, Sports Information Coordinator

It's a photo Tyler Migl barely goes a day without seeing: that lasting image from 11 years ago of the faces of Tyler and his younger brother Jason, up close and completely covered in gold and blue.

It is a shot so precious, so timeless, that it — not a picture of the actual winning team — graced the front page of the Montgomery, Ala., newspaper after the Rattlers' national-championship-winning chase there in 2001.

"It takes you back a little bit," Tyler said. "My grandparents keep it at their house, and my dad has it above his desk in his office. You see that and it's kind of like, 'I want to be there.'"

He returned there this year.

Playing for his dad, Charlie (the Rattlers' longtime baseball coach and St. Mary's athletics director), Tyler helped lead St. Mary's back to the NCAA Division II College World Series for the first time since they won it all in 2001.

The road back

Just a wide-eyed young fan back then, this time Tyler was the starting first baseman as the Rattlers advanced to the national championship in Cary, N.C. And as Tyler and Charlie each learned, there was nothing quite like a father-son tandem leading their team to a regional championship and a trip to the College World Series.

Soon after winning the regional tournament in May and earning their second berth to the World Series, Charlie Migl remembered the feeling from 11 years

ago: "Back in '01, when we won the national championship, it was real special," he said, fighting back tears. "Tyler was small and I thought, 'You know, if he could ever play for me and go back to the World Series as a player, it'd be special ...'" Pumping his fist, he added: "We're going."

Inching toward the goal

And while repeating the national championship was not to be, the Rattlers had a magical run to the World Series, earning a No. 1 national ranking, winning the second-most games in program history (49) and earning their third-straight South Central Regional berth — this time taking the crown.

For Mary Migl, Tyler's mother and Charlie's wife, the event was particularly sweet.

"Every time I see the picture of them celebrating the regional championship it makes me cry," Mary said. "I see a beautiful picture of a father and a son realizing their dream of getting to play together the game they love so much."

A year after being named the Heartland Conference Player of the Year, Tyler saw his batting average dip but his value to the team soar, ranking among the team leaders in runs scored (50), RBIs (32), home runs (4), doubles (14) and walks (42). Meanwhile, Charlie eked closer to his 1,000th career win, settling in at 975 by season's end.

"It was a goal we set when I came to St. Mary's four years ago," Tyler said of getting back to the World Series. "I'm very happy, especially for my last year, to go out this way. It's just a great accomplishment for both of us."

A vision comes to life

As a team, the Rattlers had envisioned their May 20 Regional Championship celebration long before it ever took place. Last year, the team had to watch the victorious Central Missouri Mules' celebratory dog pile at V.J. Keefe Field. This year, they wanted to do the same on Central Missouri's diamond. And dog pile they did after winning the regional title.

But once that rowdy celebration died down, a quieter scene played out a few feet away. There, a father and son embraced, living out a moment they had long dreamed would come true.

"Eleven years later, right?" Charlie asked his son during the big bear hug. "We're going back."

Back to where they were 11 years ago.

"People talk about making dreams come true," Tyler said. "This was a dream, a goal. For it to come true, especially in my last year, it feels like there was a little fate playing a part of it." ■



Left photo: Tyler Migl (right) and his younger brother Jason in 2001. Right photo: Repeating what St. Mary's first earned 11 years ago, father-and-son tandem Charlie and Tyler Migl earned a return trip to the College World Series this year.

"WE'RE GOING BACK."

The New Greehey MBA Program

Looking to **RIGHT** What's Been **WRONG** in Business

by Gina Farrell, Executive Editor

There is a list of corporations whose names have become synonymous with all that is wrong in business today: Enron, Arthur Andersen, WorldCom, or just about any one of the financial giants responsible for Wall Street's financial meltdown.

But the St. Mary's University Bill Greehey School of Business has newly retooled its Master of Business Administration degree, and its leaders fully expect the program will become synonymous with all that can be right in business.

The program, now known as The Greehey MBA, is an 18-month, cohort-based program that incorporates advanced, graduate-level academic preparation with a special emphasis on ethical leadership, corporate social responsibility, sustainability and social entrepreneurship — topics that have become hallmarks of St. Mary's University and the Bill Greehey School of Business.

Tanuja Singh, D.B.A., dean of the Greehey School of Business, said that high-profile financial scandals tend to tarnish the image of all business professionals, not just those involved. Singh saw the St. Mary's MBA as an opportunity to ensure the business school was doing its part to educate and prevent future problems.

"With all of these problems in the business world, people start to wonder if our business schools are responsible. What are they doing to prevent this?" Singh said. "And we asked ourselves, what should we be doing? We took a good look at what we call the 'St. Mary's DNA' and what our core competencies are. We wanted to do something different, something that really responded to the needs of the market."

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BILL GREEHEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



The Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation has awarded a \$150,000 grant to fund scholarships for the first cohort of students in the retooled Greehey MBA program. The scholarships will go to students with exceptional promise and financial need.

Earnie Broughton with Dean Tanuja Singh

ENLISTING AN INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE

To help her create The Greehey MBA, Singh needed a partner who could not only understand what was needed in business education, but who also knew what was needed in the business world. So in August 2011, she brought in Earnie Broughton as director of the MBA and Executive Education Program as well as executive-in-residence. Before joining St. Mary's, he spent 30 years in business with 11 years as the ethics program coordinator for USAA, on the front lines of one of the hottest business issues in generations.

"I can't think of a more interesting decade

to have been involved in organizational ethics," Broughton said. "Starting with Enron and continuing through the near economic collapse precipitated by the financial markets, we have been reminded time and again of the importance of ethics and values in guiding our choices and conduct at both individual and collective levels. In my view, the opportunities for game-changing breakthroughs in organizational behavior and individual conduct have never been greater."

Singh and Broughton worked closely together to develop the new program, which is accepting applications through August 1 for its first cohort this fall. The program offers numerous changes from the program previously offered, which was Broughton's

goal. "It's not just about providing an excellent academic preparation; it's also about educating in the Marianist tradition," he said. "That means educating the whole person — mind, body and soul. It is about empowering students to change themselves, and thereby change the company they work for."

A NEW KIND OF PROGRAM

Each cohort in the program will have 25 to 30 students, keeping the classes small and close-knit. There are no elective courses, so they will take all classes together and finish the program in unison, with two weeknight courses each week and selected Saturday

Broughton: Not Your Typical Professor

With more than 30 years of management and executive experience, Earnie Broughton (M.A. '93) is not your typical college professor. He followed a business career path, rather than an academic one, and focused on ethics not in a laboratory setting but in the business world.

"I was at a point where I wanted to know what I was going to do with the next 10 years of my life, and to be able to reinvent the St. Mary's MBA program seemed like a once-in-a-career opportunity," said Broughton, who had spent the previous 11 years leading organizational ethics at USAA.

He took on the USAA Ethics Program because ethics seemed to be the area most directly related to personal values and how they could transform a workplace. He noted that this is a paradigm shift in business thinking: At one time, ethics was more about following the rules than it was about doing the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do.

Features of THE GREEHEY MBA Program

- Small class sizes that allow personalized attention, one-on-one faculty interaction and the opportunity for peer-to-peer mentoring
- Evening classes in a Values-driven Leadership Lab held on selected Saturdays
- Focus on developing advanced behavioral skills, such as conflict resolution, teamwork, personal branding, and innovation and creativity — skills that distinguish top performers in business
- Modular overviews of essential business operational topics such as employee engagement, enterprise risk management and internal audit
- A built-in, concentrated international field study experience that prepares students to engage in business with diverse cultures
- A curriculum based on practical and applied experiential learning
- A required internship or consultative practicum to provide real-world experience with for-profit, not-for-profit and nongovernmental organizations on-site, virtually, or both

classes for the first two semesters. In the third semester, there is a weeklong international field study component as well as a required internship or professional practicum. The students wrap up the program in the fourth semester. The Greehey MBA will start in the fall with only one cohort, adding more in the coming semesters.

“Our cohorts will stay small, but our idea is that it doesn’t take a lot of people to change the world,” Broughton said.

In the previous program, because students were not part of a cohort, there was not a lot of connectivity between students, who could take up to three years to finish the program. But developing camaraderie between students will be intentionally built into the new format,

with events and programs held for both entering students and graduates. Broughton likes to think of the program as a journey that starts right after being accepted to the program and continues long after graduation.

A mainstay of the program is that it teaches the core competencies of an MBA program — accounting, finance, management, marketing — while integrating the hallmarks of the Greehey School of Business, such as ethical leadership, social entrepreneurship, corporate social responsibility and sustainability. A key part of that is the development of Advanced Behavioral Skills, or A.B.S.: the so-called soft skills that differentiate good business leaders from great ones. Students will hear from industry leaders

while also focusing on networking, persuasion, conflict management, innovation and the like. Broughton said that health and wellness — both physically and spiritually — will be part of the program as well.

“We are really going to be taking a holistic approach that is more than just theory,” Broughton said. “In the business executive ranks, there is not really much difference in IQs. What sets them apart is how well they play with others, network, mediate, negotiate. Also important is their ability to balance their work lives and their personal lives. We want to create balanced individuals who can lead balanced lives.” ■

“Over the years, ethics has moved from an almost singular focus on compliance with laws and regulations during the 1990s to a more recent awareness of the importance of culture in establishing and reinforcing standards of conduct,” he said.

Broughton is intrigued by the emergence of social psychology and behavioral economics in the explanation of ethical — and unethical — conduct.

“Looking into the future, I see the beginnings of an integration of neurology and biology into a more comprehensive picture of individual ethics, moral reasoning and action,” he said. “The final piece of the puzzle will, I believe, be an acknowledgement that a deep and unifying view of spirituality is necessary to free us from the limited and self-interested world view and mindset that created these cycles of ethics crises in the first place.”

Once students complete the MBA program, Broughton wants them to leave with exactly what would be expected from a graduate-level program: academic preparation, practical skills, self-awareness, and a deep connection with both their classmates and the world around them. But he also wants them to leave St. Mary’s with something more: a life-changing experience, both professional and personal.

“I want them to look back on their MBA as an experience that separates the life they lived before entering our program from the ever-expanding circle of self-understanding, purpose and opportunity that comes after they graduate. That is a tall order, but anything less falls short of our tradition and mission at St. Mary’s.”



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Education, Volunteerism
and Leadership Development:
The Many Hats of One Trustee
by Beth Barbee, Communications Coordinator

Doris

Doris Slay-Barber (B.A. '74) is a familiar presence at many St. Mary's University events, and almost every time, she can be spotted wearing a fashionable — and unique — hat on her head. It's become an iconic accessory for her, but there is much more to this soft-spoken University Trustee than her trendy toppers.

"We all wear many hats, don't we?" she asked with a grin.

Slay-Barber balances what she calls two full-time careers: her professional position as the campus support services coordinator for Northside Independent School District (NISD) in San Antonio, and her volunteer positions on many boards and organizations across the city.

Her passion and energy for both are evident.

"She is phenomenal," said Sharon Spencer, an NISD colleague. "She balances everything across our district and acts like it's nothing. Then she effortlessly switches gears into her volunteer mode."

In Slay-Barber's position at NISD, she provides technology and data services for schools including attendance technologies, which are vital to public school funding, grade reporting, and the all-important master schedule that includes everything from class requirements to graduation plans.

"No matter what your challenge or problem, when you call Doris, she is so positive and validates you and your importance to the district," Spencer said. "You walk away feeling uplifted and confident. She treats everyone from janitors to principals this way."

HOW TO LEARN, HOW TO TEACH

The issue of access and equality in education is close to Slay-Barber's heart. The oldest of six children, she was the first in her family to go to college. With a dream of higher education and a \$300 Future Teachers of America scholarship, she set out on her own to attend St. Mary's.

"Education is always worth it," she explained. "If it took until I retired to pay back

my loans, I was going to do it. It was that important to me."

After Slay-Barber earned her bachelor's in Elementary Education, her first job was teaching in the East Central Independent School District in San Antonio, thanks to a pact she'd made with the superintendent while she was a high school senior: He promised there would be a job for her after graduation if she would return to teach. She kept the pact and stayed on the faculty for 10 years before she was recruited by the Texas Region 20 Education Service Center to secure grants for science, reading and writing programs.

During this time, technology was gaining importance in public schools, but districts were having a hard time getting teachers to buy in to the new processes.

"Many knew how to teach, but were afraid of the technology," said Slay-Barber.

Recognizing the steep learning curve for some teachers, she moved to Region 20's Technology Department and spent the next 17 years instructing teachers in technology use before accepting her current position with NISD.

Fearless of wearing too many hats, she also balanced earning her master's in Educational Leadership from Trinity University and raising three boys with her husband, Gene Barber.

HER SECOND JOB

In her "spare time," Slay-Barber sits on the boards of the San Antonio Women's Pavilion, Constance Allen Heritage Guild and Texas Business Women. She is an active volunteer, putting her heart and energy into each project she's involved with, whether it is preparing birthday boxes for children at the Battered Women's Shelter or facilitating jobs initiatives for women. Amid all that, she always finds the time for her alma mater.

At St. Mary's, Slay-Barber is a member of the Board of Trustees, a post she first filled as a representative of the St. Mary's Alumni Association in 2006; she was appointed as a regular member in 2010.

"Serving on the Board of Trustees at St. Mary's University is something I could have never imagined," she said. "It is very humbling, and it allows me to give all that I have — my time, talents and experience."

Now she's adding one more board: Slay-Barber has recently been asked to be on the board of the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis.

"Once you are a teacher, you just continue to learn," she said. "I want to encourage nontraditional fields for women. This is an exciting opportunity to encourage children and girls to explore those fields in technology, science and engineering."

SHE'S GOT HAT-ITUDE

With a primary focus of developing leadership skills in women, one of Slay-Barber's most beloved organizations is Texas Business Women. She currently is that organization's president, a post she first held in the late '90s. It was then that she accidentally became identified as "the hat lady."

She was about to be installed as the organization's president in front of a large audience on the HemisFair stage, but she was suffering from a broken foot and the accompanying unattractive cast. Not wanting the attention to be on her foot, she drew the spotlight upward by wearing a purple and gold hat. Her plan worked brilliantly, and she began wearing hats to all Texas Business Women functions. Eventually, it became her social calling card.

"I always say, when you put on your hat, you've got to put on your hat-itude," said Slay-Barber.

Hat-itude, of course, is a crowd-pleasing attitude in which the wearer is prepared to draw attention and be outgoing. It's a familiar attitude to Slay-Barber, for sure. She now owns more than 300 hats and 32 fascinators — small headpieces attached with a comb or a headband — which have taken over two closets in her



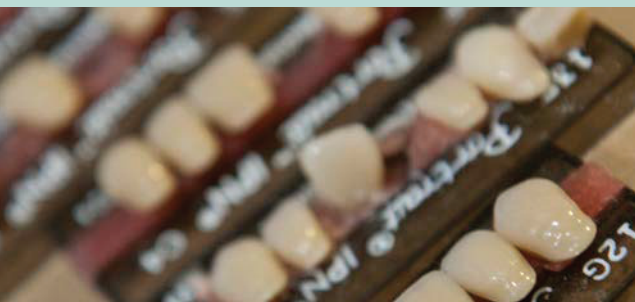
home and are organized by season and color.

She has won the San Antonio Women's Organization Fiesta Hat contest, and this year, she hand-made fascinators and hats with the Women's Pavilion out of recycled banners. The project brought awareness to their 3C Project (Community, Creativity, Collaboration) benefiting Fuerza Unida, an organization that supports gender equality and the seamstresses left unemployed after Levi Strauss closed its San Antonio plant in the 1990s.

Respected by her colleagues and peers, their compliments are as colorful as her hat collection.

"Doris is one of those rare people that no one could say a negative thing about," said Spencer. "She is hard-working, resourceful, gracious and very kind. She is an unsung hero in our field." 🍷

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DAYS.
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by Andrew Festa, Communications Coordinator

The Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center has seen its share of shots, but this kind didn't exactly thrill the crowd. Not at first, anyway.

Instead of teams of basketball players competing to win a game, for two days this spring it was one team of 129 dentists working together to improve people's lives.

The Texas Dental Association's Smiles Foundation brought its Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM) to St. Mary's University in April, using Greehey Arena and the Auxiliary Gym as the center of operations. A total of 1,141 volunteers donated their expertise to people who lack health insurance or funds to visit a dentist, providing much more than routine dental procedures.

San Antonio resident Marian Kaye Harvey, who received treatment along with her two sisters, said she had been worried about having to explain her missing teeth to her inquisitive fourth-grade religious education class.

"Even though Bill Greehey might have thought this was going to be just a simple auditorium or gymnasium, it became a place for hope," said Harvey, waiting to receive her new partial dentures.

At any given moment, dozens of patients were reclined — mouths open — in the large dental chairs of the 49 miniature exam areas packed into the Auxiliary Gym. Hygienists and other volunteers buzzed around distributing supplies, assisting dentists and taking tools to be sterilized. One doctor brought a \$125,000 root canal machine.

Greehey Arena was a combination waiting room, consultation area, X-ray center and snack bar. Student "runners" from St. Mary's and other area colleges dotted the floor in purple shirts, escorting patients from one station to the next. Even the Tooth Fairy made an appearance — and was quickly put to work.

Three hundred potential patients were screened before the event to ensure their dental conditions could be treated on-site, with offered procedures including extractions, cleanings, fillings, dentures and front-tooth root canals. Patients began checking in at the arena as early as 5 a.m. and waited in the stands for their names to be called.

"It's unbelievable," said Victoria Perez, a San Antonio resident who added that she felt in good hands while having a tooth extracted and receiving a partial. "The volunteers all were wonderful."

When all was drilled and filled, 1,183 patients had received \$732,311 in treatments, a record for the program that has held 43 events. As big a spectacle as this event was, TMOM also visits isolated rural towns that might not have a dentist for miles. Since the program began 11 years ago, 21,329 people have received more than \$9.7 million in care.

"Texas Mission of Mercy is a collaboration by a lot of agencies and partners to not only see the patients today, but offer hope for their comprehensive care in the future," said Vidal Balderas, D.D.S. (B.A. '80), taking a short break from distributing supplies at the April event.

Tables from the Smiles Foundation, CentroMed and CommuniCare were set up to offer advice on continuing care, and children could visit the Cavity-free Corral to learn about dental health.

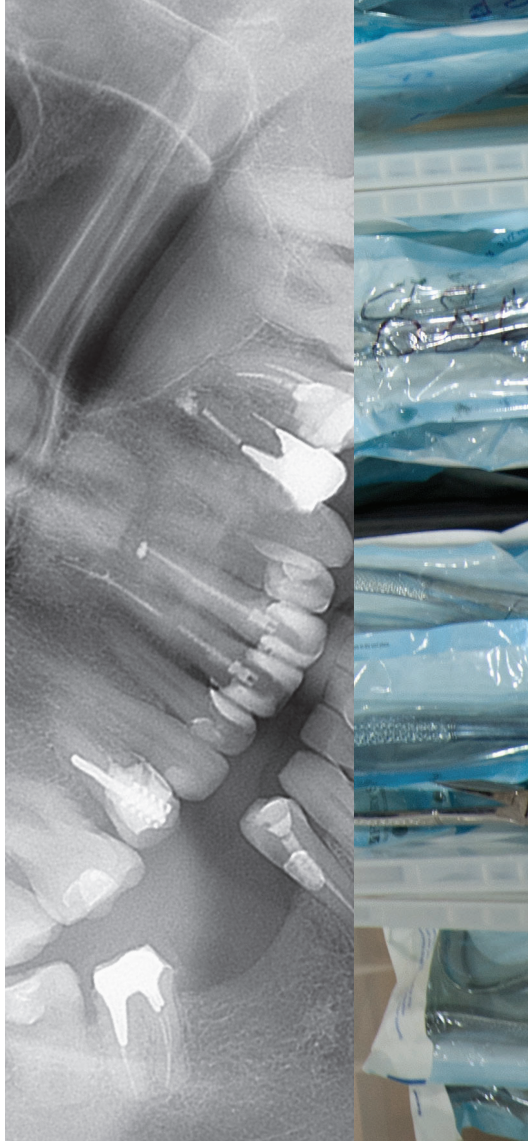
St. Mary's graduate Jennifer Meyer Bankler, D.D.S. (B.B.A. '95, B.A. '99), dental health program coordinator for the city of San Antonio, helped bring TMOM to the city and to her alma mater.

"It's a unique situation where the gem of the West Side is in the middle of an area we'd like to serve," Bankler said. "And St. Mary's has a group of talented students that would benefit from the service as well."

Winston Erevelles, Ph.D., dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, said that he was pleased to see the event on campus and added that he received positive feedback from the student volunteers.

"The clinic is an excellent fit with our mission as a Catholic and Marianist institution, and a great opportunity for our students to blend service with academics," Erevelles said. Additionally, it gave St. Mary's Pre-Dental Society students an inside look at the community service obligations of professionals.

"I imagine that they gained a deeper appreciation of the needs of so many in our region," he added. "I look forward to supporting this outstanding service opportunity again in the future." ■



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— Marian Kaye Harvey
dental patient



Not Your Average Dentists

St. Mary's Alums Make Service Part of the Job

by Andrew Festa, Communications Coordinator

St. Mary's graduates realize dentistry is more than just an occupation, it's a vocation.

Alumnus John Schmitz, D.D.S., Ph.D. (B.A. '74), has been doing pro bono dental work since the early 1990s. He's traveled to Mexico and Guatemala to perform cleft lip and palate surgeries, and he recently participated in Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM) events in Hondo and Rock Springs.

"You develop a heart for it, and once you've done it a couple of times it makes you want to continue to do it," said Schmitz, the president of the local chapter of the Texas Dental Association and relative of the late Brother Joseph Schmitz, S.M., Ph.D.

Another St. Mary's graduate, Vidal Balderas, D.D.S. (B.A. '80), began volunteering in 1987, frequently taking a van unit to schools and small towns to care for children of migrant farm workers — a childhood that mirrored his own. His commitment to service earned him the Hispanic Dental Association President's Award in 2003.

Balderas retired in 2003 from a private practice in Boerne, and today he's director of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio's (UTHSCSA) student rotation at San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic. He works alongside another graduate, Juanita Lozano-Piñeda, D.D.S. (B.A. '83), teaching students as they serve citizens at Haven for Hope, a comprehensive service center for the homeless in San Antonio, where 40 percent of clients are families and 25 percent are children.

"We provide service at the same time we provide training to students," said Lozano-Piñeda, director of outreach and Assistant Professor at UTHSCSA. She noted they offer other public treatment and prevention efforts at Edgewood Independent School District, the Ricardo Salinas Clinic and Head Start Centers.



Sean McIntyre (B.B.A. '00) is making a promise to St. Mary's

Sean McIntyre is about to celebrate his 34th birthday, making him one of the youngest members of the St. Mary's 1852 Society, the group of individuals who have made or pledged a planned gift to St. Mary's. So you might ask, why would someone so young be thinking about something so far in the future?



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Opposite page: St. Mary's grad Sarah Martinez (B.A. '10) helps a dentist fit a patient with new dentures as Lisa Masters, D.D.S., aka the Tooth Fairy, lends her support. Left: John Schmitz, D.D.S., P.h.D. (B.A. '74), said he enjoyed returning to campus to volunteer his services.

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—Vidal Balderas, D.D.S. (B.A. '80)

Balderas says he’s confident in his students’ technical training, so he focuses on instilling in them key interpersonal skills needed to become trusted dentists. He holds reflection periods to discuss how students handle patients who show signs of hardships such as homelessness, mental illness, addiction and abuse.

“When I’m on the rotations, I’m not there to concentrate on the specifics — they get that at the dental school,” he said. “What I try to teach them are life situations and that there’s an individual underneath that tooth.”

Balderas and Lozano-Piñeda aren’t your average dentists, and they don’t plan on producing average dentists either. St. Mary’s has a pre-dentistry partnership program with UTHSCSA, in addition to other medical fields. Students complete program-specific prerequisites and then apply to UTHSCSA.

“When I hear a St. Mary’s professor talk about one of their students that’s applying for a health profession, I get a firsthand personalized

recommendation,” Balderas said. “Dr. (Timothy) Raabe and the other professors I’ve met here get to know their students, and that’s what I experienced. ... St. Mary’s is on our radar as a great institution to prepare its students.”

One of those students is Sarah Martinez (B.A. '10), a registered dental assistant instructor who made it her goal to become a dentist after enduring braces as an eighth grader.

“To actually see somebody go from having no teeth, no self-confidence, and then being the happiest person in the room is a big deal,” said Martinez, who attended TMOM patients waiting for new dentures. “Sometimes I get very emotional, especially at work, because you see those life-changing things happen to people. It takes your breath away, it really does.”

She gained clinical work-study experience via the St. Mary’s program called WINGS (Workers Invested in Knowledge and Growth through Service) as an undergrad, and now she teaches students to become dental assistants at

S.A. Christian Dental Clinic.

Recently, Balderas was meeting with students at a local restaurant and a waitress, perhaps 20 years old, recognized him. She said that years earlier he had visited her elementary school in his van unit and cared for her and her classmates.

He would like to continue touching lives in this way but needs funding for upkeep on a new \$650,000 dental van unit — currently sitting idle in Laredo — so his students can visit elementary schools on San Antonio’s underserved East Side and in the Rio Grande Valley.

“This is where the Lord placed me. ... These students are blessed to have an opportunity to serve — not just learn — serve,” he said. “Dentistry is complex. The poverty and complex situations that leave human beings in homeless shelters or in situations where they’re desperately waiting half a day for dental treatment, they’re just as worthy as patients who pay with a credit card.” ■

Make a gift today to make a difference

“I’m planning for my own future as well as the future of St. Mary’s. I want to ensure that generations of students to come will benefit from the same close-knit, caring community that I experienced at St. Mary’s. My planned gift serves as a promise of support for my alma mater.

For younger professionals who don’t have a lot of resources starting out, designating a planned gift for the University is a great way to pledge your support. I feel like I need to

help St. Mary’s because St. Mary’s took care of me and gave me so much. I want to return the favor.

My family is my first priority — I have a wife and three little girls, ages 6, 4, and 1 — and I need to make sure they are taken care of. But it is also important to me to promote the good of Catholic education. I don’t want to forget where I came from, and my experience at St. Mary’s played a big part in shaping me into the person I am today.”

— Sean McIntyre

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SUNDUFU FINDS REFUGE AT ST. MARY'S

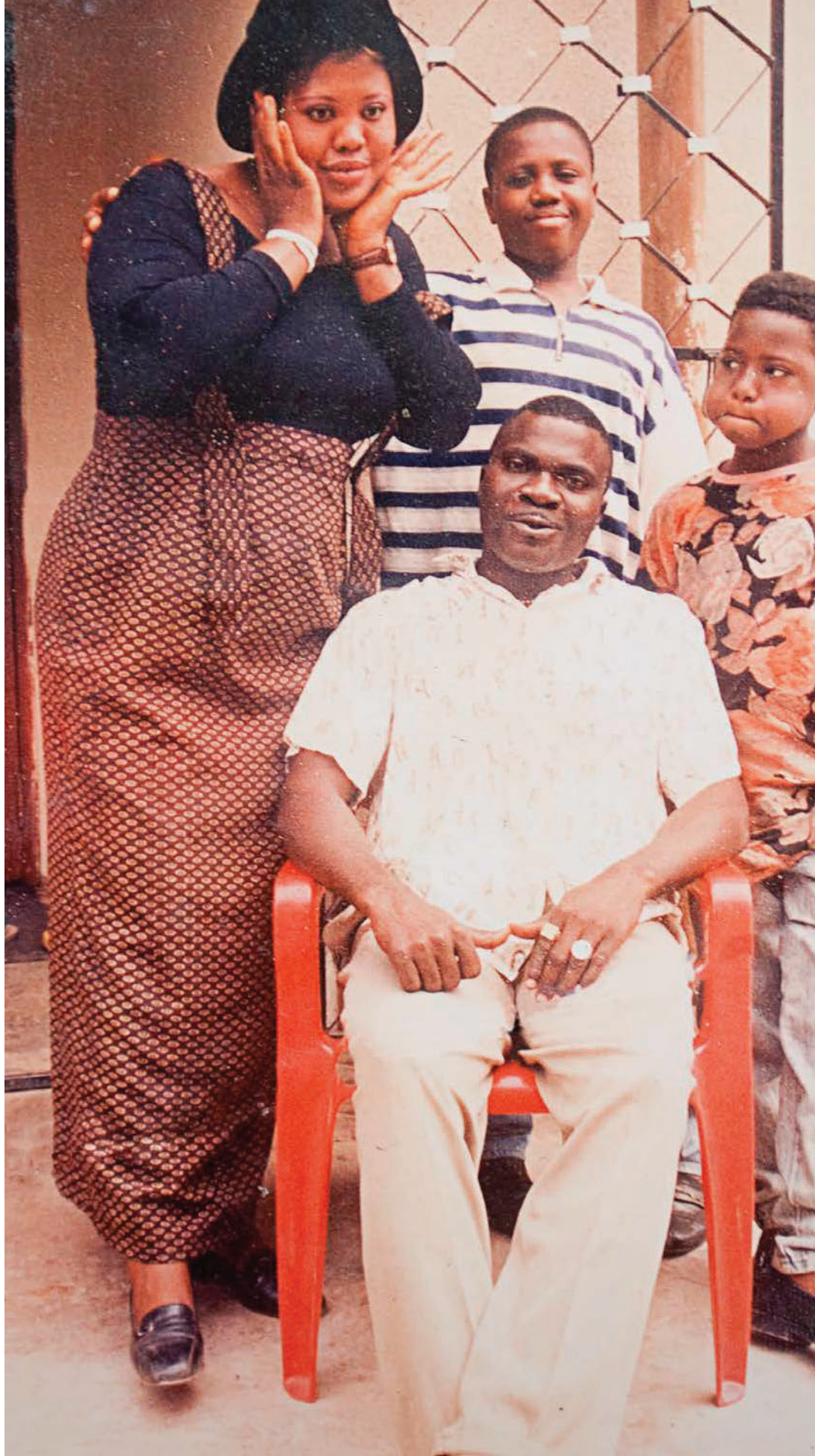
by Chad Peters, Sports Information Coordinator

When he closes his eyes at night, Moses Sundufu can still see the Sierra Leone streets he left behind so many years ago.

Burning buildings, dead bodies, blood being spilled — utter hopelessness, really. Even now, his memories of a war-torn nation are visions Sundufu hasn't been able to shake since fleeing his homeland at the age of 6.

"We were very fortunate to get away," said Sundufu, who is preparing to start his senior season on the St. Mary's men's basketball team. "Even staying there two or three more days than we did, we'd have been stuck. It would have been really, really bad."

Sundufu was born in Sierra Leone in 1991, just as the nation's civil war began. The 11-year conflict tore apart the country, leaving 50,000 people dead and others — like Sundufu and his family — looking for a way out.



Sundufu (far right) as a young child in Sierra Leone with his mother, uncle (seated) and older brother.



His family fought for years to leave, with his mother, Linda, fleeing first to the United States in the late 1990s. She made the difficult decision to leave Moses and his big brother, Michael, in the care of their aunt in Africa so that Linda could pave the way for her family to have a chance elsewhere.

When he was 6, Sundufu, his brother and his aunt fled to Guinea, a neighboring West African country, and shortly thereafter moved on to Gambia. By the time Sundufu was 9, he and his brother had safely made it to the U.S. as refugees, joining their mom in Hopkins, Minn. The memories, challenges and uncertainties of his early life are still with him.

"It all lets me know where I come from," said Sundufu, an Exercise and Sport Science major. "It reminds me to take advantage of the opportunities I have."

A DIFFERENT WORLD

The land of opportunity proved a welcome sight for Sundufu after leaving his homeland, but it might as well have been a different world. Though he had never before spoken English, Sundufu's native language of Krio was an English-based creole, easing his transition.

"I picked up English really quickly," he recalled, "and was able to make friends."

Almost by chance, Sundufu found the game of basketball. He grew up playing soccer, but his first memory of playing basketball isn't until after he arrived in Minnesota when he went to the park to play a pickup game with a friend. By the sixth grade, he was playing competitively for his school.

"Ever since then," Sundufu said, "I've been playing, playing, playing."

And he rarely stops.

Before a game late this past season, St. Mary's Head Coach Jim Zeleznak went into Bill Greehey Arena early one Saturday morning to go over some game film. He expected to be alone, but instead Zeleznak saw that someone had beaten him into the building.

"I walk into the gym at 6:45 a.m., and obviously all the lights were out except for a few security lights," Zeleznak remembered. "But I heard a ball bouncing. I poked my nose in, and it happened to be Moses."

Dripping with sweat, Sundufu had been shooting since 5:30 a.m.

"Sometimes I just like to do stuff on my own," he explained. "I'll shoot around and work on improving."

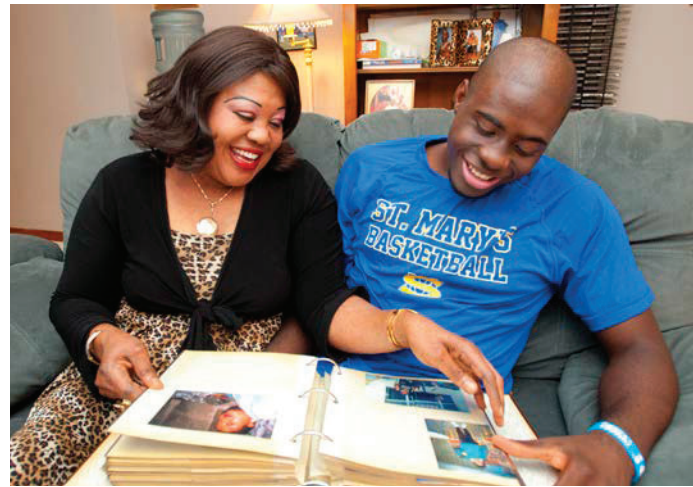
KEEPING HIS MIND ON THE GAME

Basketball has proven an effective distraction for Sundufu. The only thing he thinks about when he's on the court is what it'll take to improve his game — a far cry from the worries he used to hold.

"When we first got to the U.S., we used to watch the news all the time," he said. "We'd follow what was going on because we still had family in Sierra Leone."

Most of Sundufu's family made it out safely, but there were friends and neighbors who didn't.

"Only a few people I knew lost their lives," he said. His aunt, who helped him and his brother, stayed in Gambia until it was safe to return to Sierra Leone. She plans to join the rest of the family in Minnesota this December. But he still feels connected to his homeland.



Sundufu (right) with his mother, Linda, in Hopkins, Minn.

"I'd like to go back to Sierra Leone someday," Sundufu added. "There are still family members there."

Until then, he has basketball to occupy his time.

STANDOUT ON THE COURT

Sundufu averaged 9.3 points and shot a team-high 38.9 percent from 3-point range for the Rattlers last season, teaming up with Daryell Taylor to provide St. Mary's with the kind of 3-point-shooting tandem it hasn't had in years. He was also a lock-down, one-on-one defender, keying a defensive effort that had the Rattlers holding teams to 65.8 points per game en route to making their first NCAA Division II South Central Regional appearance since 2008.

"I'm happy I came here," says Sundufu, who as a senior in high school led Hopkins High to a state championship. "The people here are so nice; I just fit in. You just want to feel at home, especially on a basketball team."

And in life.

"It's pretty crazy how things turn out," he said. "A lot of people didn't make it out of Sierra Leone. They didn't have the opportunity I had."

For all they've been through, Sundufu's mom had never actually seen her son play the sport he loves. That changed this past season, when she watched him by viewing an online broadcast of a St. Mary's game.

"She was happy," Sundufu said. "This is what she was fighting for. I thank God and try to make the best out of what I have."

Because all it takes is closing his eyes to see what could have been. ■



Sundufu

THE WRITING ON THE WALL




Burke Marold

Attorney Says No to Graffiti, Yes to Giving Back

By Beth Barbee, Communications Coordinator

Burke Marold (J.D., MBA '11) is a young, entrepreneurial attorney full of ideas and plans for the future. He is taking it upon himself to stimulate corporate philanthropy in the legal community, and he intends to do it leading by example.



St. Mary's student Klint Alberthal helps Marold's effort to paint over graffiti during Continuing the Heritage, the University's semi-annual day of service.

IN SEARCH OF THE 10 PERCENT

After passing the bar, Marold set off to open his own law practice. He rented an office in San Antonio's Tower Life Building, a prime downtown locale. He drew up plans for how he would make his living and treat his clients, including donating 10 percent of his net revenue every year to charity and building a culture of community service.

"We think community-based philanthropy is what works," Marold said. "Work is done on a local level. We are a philanthropic-minded law firm and want to be an inspiration to other firms, even large corporations. Making it part of our brand is our focus. It has an effect on people's mindsets."

Not everyone was on board with his plan, though. Marold's father felt the economy was too tough and worried his son's student loan debt might stop him from being able to give back 10 percent, especially as a first-year practitioner.

But he had a plan for that, too. "In lean times, you adjust," Marold countered to his father. "Offer more reasonable rates. Take risks. Over-leverage yourself. You can make it in tough times."

TAKING TO THE STREETS

What he didn't want was for his philanthropic plan to be seen as hollow words. Since opening his firm in November, Marold has gathered a team of volunteers to fight graffiti once a month. He decided that the biggest impact he could have was in his own neighborhood: the Gateway District bordering St. Mary's University.

He appreciated the Neighborhood Revitalization Project that St. Mary's champions, but noticed that graffiti was tarnishing everyone's hard work. Partnering with the city of San Antonio's Graffiti Abatement Program, which provides supplies of paints, chemical peels and tools, he outfitted his volunteers (groups of five to 60) who then took off on foot along Bandera Road, working the neighborhood from Hillcrest to Cincinnati Avenue.

"The act of doing is most important. Get over the fear of 'what-if no one comes' and just do it," said Marold. "At the end of the day, even if it is just you, that's great. You have still accomplished something rewarding and constructive and productive. I enjoy it every time; I love the camaraderie between volunteers."

Marold worked at a nonprofit during law school that supported kids in Third World countries by raising money for education.

"That was a launching point in my mind, but I realized the need here at home," he said. "We can actually see the impact in our daily lives."

In San Antonio, he has been a member of Big Brothers, Big Sisters since 2007 and supports various other causes. But graffiti abatement has become his main focus as he sees the effect it can have on neighborhoods attracting new homeowners and businesses, as well as growing tourism and the economy.

"We are demonstrating that we don't respect graffiti," said Marold. "When people drive by and see a group working in their neighborhood, it means something to them. I hope it is inspirational to the community — that it shows we are united against graffiti."

In an effort to have an even wider reach, Marold has collaborated with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department leading groups of young people on graffiti cleanups around the city.

"I think the Graffiti Abatement Program provides the youth a rich opportunity to give back to the community in a positive way," said Donna Garrett, community relations coordinator with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

THE ROAD MAP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Marold lived in Illinois, Hawaii and California before moving to Texas with his family. But he says that of all the places he's lived, he has an affinity for San Antonio. He credits the St. Mary's MBA core curriculum and law school for giving him the foundation to build a successful career and providing validation for his public service goals.

"St. Mary's was monumental in giving me the essentials to navigate the world, make a living and make a difference," he said. "The Marianist tradition has been important in making this the focal point of my life."

In December, he will decide where to put the first 10 percent donation of his earnings. Charitable organizations can even apply for his funds through his website, www.sanantoniotaxlawyers.com. What might be a formidable task to other entrepreneurs in their first year of business is an exciting prospect to Marold.

"Those who have been given chances in life should give chances to others," he said. ■

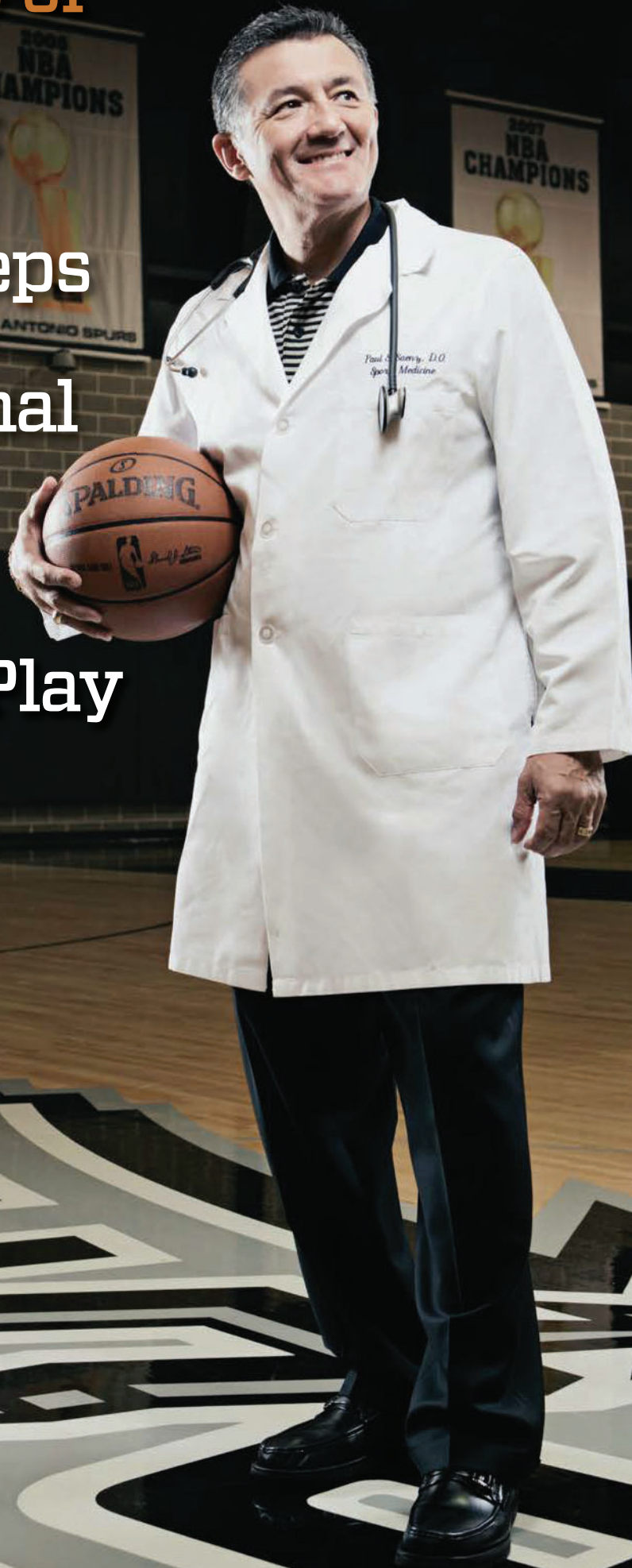
At the Top of
His Game:

Saenz Keeps

Professional
Athletes

Ready to Play

by Chad Peters, Sports Information Coordinator



Tim Duncan, Gregg Popovich and R.C. Buford:

Three names that are synonymous with the San Antonio Spurs' championship successes. But there's another name you might not know, that of a St. Mary's grad who has been there for every one of those title runs. Meet Paul Saenz, D.O., the Spurs' team physician — the man the Spurs have never won a championship without.

"I think the next-best thing to being the professional athletes themselves is to be part of the medical staff that has the ability to be involved in the maintenance of those athletes," says Saenz (B.A. '79) who has been a part of four National Basketball Association (NBA) championship-winning Spurs teams. "That is almost as good as it gets."

And there are few as good as Saenz.

CHANGE OF GAME PLAN

A San Antonio native who graduated from Central Catholic High School, Saenz received his bachelor's in Biology from St. Mary's. He went on to pursue dental school for two years before realizing his true passion was medicine, so he switched paths and received his medical degree at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth.

He founded Sports Medicine Associates of San Antonio in 1992 before joining the Spurs organization during the lockout-abbreviated 1998-1999 season. Since then, the team has gone on to win four NBA titles and post an NBA-record 13 straight seasons of 50-or-more wins.

"You can usually say to yourself, 'I think I played a role,'" said Saenz. "It may have been a small role, but I was involved in this team."

THE GOLDEN TOUCH

Saenz happens to be involved with other successful sports programs, too.

He will travel with the U.S. Olympic basketball team this summer as the team physician for a pre-Olympic tournament that includes games in Manchester, England and Barcelona, Spain. He also now serves as a national team physician for the U.S. track and field squad — this after having held the same position with the U.S. Olympic boxing team in 1996 and with the U.S. pentathlon team in 2004.

In addition, Saenz is in his 19th year as the San Antonio Missions' team physician, dating all the way back to when the team played its games at St. Mary's V.J. Keefe Field, and is on the medical staff with San Antonio's professional hockey and women's basketball teams.

As if his four NBA titles with the Spurs weren't enough, Saenz has also been part of four Texas League-champion Missions squads. It's enough to draw some good-natured ribbing from his peers in the medical profession.

"My mentor has been the team physician with the Seattle Mariners for 25 years," said Saenz of a Mariners team that is one of just two Major League Baseball franchises never to have advanced to the World Series. "He's always knocking me a little bit when I keep getting these rings."

DOING WHAT HE LOVES

But, Saenz admits, "I'm a basketball fan at heart." And there's nothing quite like the adrenaline rush created by walking into an opposing team's arena on game nights.

"Our traveling party typically includes 35 people between players, coaches, doctors and training staff, strength staff and necessary public relations people," Saenz said. "When you go into an arena and there are 19,000 people that aren't rooting for you, you feel like a very, very close-knit group. You get a feel for what the players are up against.

"It can really give you not only a sense of pride, but also a sense of belonging, a sense of being. That's what's really unique about it."



Saenz attends to Spurs guard Manu Ginobili

His passion for the sport dates all the way back to his days at St. Mary's. Saenz's time on campus intersected with that of Robert Reid, the St. Mary's Athletics Hall of Fame basketball player who went on to enjoy a lengthy NBA career. They crossed paths again years later, when Saenz happened to be attending a banquet at which Reid was being honored.

"I did relay to him that I was a big fan of his and was very proud to see how accomplished he was," Saenz said.

The same could be said for Saenz.

"It's been a great career," he said. "I've been fortunate to be around teams with winning traditions." ■

A CASE FOR POWER

Sonia Rodriguez (J.D. '99), a partner with Branton, Hall, Rodriguez & Cruz, typically tailors her messages for the juries she addresses. But she has another message she'd like to pass along — one specifically meant for any woman or girl who doubts her own ability to overcome obstacles and realize her dreams. And if there's something Rodriguez knows from personal experience, it's how to do just that.

A San Antonio native, Rodriguez devotes a great deal of her time to taking a message of hope and empowerment to women and girls throughout the city. When she's not in the courtroom or at home enjoying being a wife and mother, she can be found speaking in front of groups of young women; serving as the chair for the San Antonio Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women; and being a board member of SA2020 and the Young Women's Leadership Academy.

But before you assume that these opportunities simply happened upon her, take note of what she had to conquer.

PLANTING HER OWN GARDEN

The oldest of four children, Rodriguez knows her family faced obstacles. She was raised on the West and South sides of San Antonio and is a product of the Edgewood and San Antonio Independent School districts. Not one to dwell on what she didn't have, she quickly adds, "My parents were very supportive and encouraged me to be independent and to speak up. We were poor, but I had it good," she says, especially when compared to many of the families she works with today.

Her mother, a paralegal, cultivated Rodriguez's sense of independence



Sonia Rodriguez

as well as her desire to attend college. And her father, a labor union organizer, fostered her innate ability to advocate for others. Embedded within her extended family, however, were other competing and compelling influences.

Although well meaning, her grandfather pulled her aside one day and suggested it would be better for her family if she got a job instead of going to college. "It was advice that was centered around support for the family unit," Rodriguez appreciates today. "But it ignored the value that education plays in empowering families."

THE COST OF INACTION

Her story resonates with many young girls who face similar tensions in their families.

"Now," Rodriguez says, "I see that it didn't mean my grandfather didn't love me or want good things for me. I just had to dream bigger for myself than he could dream for me." Or as her mother once told her, "I had to 'plant my own garden rather than wait on someone else to bring me flowers.'"

Sadly, though, Rodriguez sees an all-too-different story playing out in the lives of young women today. She believes that without positive role models, young girls don't always develop a healthy sense of self-worth or believe in their ability to accomplish great things. Without that support, they often decide to forgo higher education, and their chances of an unplanned pregnancy increase. For those who do go on to earn a degree, they often enter the workforce feeling powerless when it comes to demanding fair compensation or seizing opportunities for advancement.

So, for women who don't get the encouragement they need from the



Law Alumna Inspires Women With Her Message of Hope and Strength

by Rosemary Segura, Communications Coordinator

people at home, Rodriguez suggests that other women in the community step up and offer it.

Citing a 2011 U.S. Bureau of Labor statistic, Rodriguez points out that, “Women in America are earning only 77 cents to every one dollar a man earns. And when other studies show that a child’s success is directly linked to his or her mother’s education level, I know that we as women (who have experienced successes) need to do a better job of not only encouraging, but empowering, younger women and even one another.”

And that’s what she has set out to do.

“Girls don’t only need to know the ways in which we’ve succeeded, they need to know about the hard work and struggles one goes through to get there. They need to believe that it’s possible to achieve greatness even when no one else sees it in them.”

SPECKS OF HOPE

Rodriguez feels well prepared to meet these needs head-on, in part because of her time at St. Mary’s.

After completing her undergraduate studies at the University of North Texas, coming to St. Mary’s was an easy choice, she says, “Because I grew up close by and was aware of the Marianist commitment to community service. It just jibed with my desire to be involved in social work.”

She hopes other women will collaborate with her in empowering the next generation, but the question many ask is, “How?” According to Rodriguez, the answer often lies in one’s own experiences.

“Think back to the time when you were younger,” she says. “What were you thinking about? What would you have told yourself at that age? Most girls have goals they want to accomplish. Maybe they just want out of a particular situation. Take that tiny speck of hope and encourage them to focus on it.”

By focusing on those “deep-seated nuggets” already within them, Rodriguez hopes to empower them with a message that it’s OK to love themselves and make themselves a priority. That sense of self-worth can go far when they hit obstacles, she says.

“Arm them with what to do or say in a given situation when someone tries discouraging them. You’re not going to reach them all, but if you can help one or two, you’ll help move the needle of success. And that’s the biggest return that I can ask for: If a girl comes to me a few years from now and tells me that something I said made a difference in the trajectory of her life, then I’ve done my job.” ■



Mayor Julián Castro and Rodriguez, an SA2020 board member

A Partner in Progress

In September 2010, Mayor Julián Castro invited the citizens of San Antonio to dream about what they wanted the city to look like by the year 2020 and the path that would lead them there.

What began with the challenge to “Dream it. Map it. Do it.” led to thousands of residents contributing to the visionary process. When Castro presented his final report last year, he shared the 11 vision areas that surfaced as core concerns among citizens, including arts and culture, community safety, economic competitiveness and education. He challenged citizens to take ownership of the plan and begin strategically implementing the steps to make San Antonio a big city with a small town feel by 2020.

Because of the University’s shared vision for education and civic engagement, partnering with SA2020 was a natural fit for St. Mary’s, which served as a host site for one of the community brainstorming sessions, with faculty, staff, students and alumni in attendance.

In response to the mayor’s call for passionate citizens to serve by mentoring students to stay in school and graduate, as well as to pursue a higher education, St. Mary’s continues the effort to provide curricular and co-curricular service and civic engagement opportunities by encouraging the campus community to work with the greater San Antonio community to achieve the SA2020 vision of kindergarten through college readiness.

—Jenee M. Gonzales, Director of Government Relations and Community Collaborations



class notes

1940s

1942 Martin L. Duggan, B.A., St. Louis, Mo., and his wife Mae celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in May, and he was inducted into the Missouri Broadcasters Hall of Fame in June.

1960s

1960 Rubén M. Escobedo, B.B.A., San Antonio, and his wife Verónica Salazar Escobedo received the Lifetime of Faith and Service Award from Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio Inc. **Frank R. Southers, B.A., LL.B.**, Austin, has published his first novel, *The Grievance Committee – Book One*. **1962 Brother Harry Cornell, S.M., B.A., M.S. '66**, San Antonio, a longtime member of the Central Catholic High School faculty, received the Outstanding Leaders in Catholic Education Award from the Archdiocese of San Antonio Department of Catholic Schools. **Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., B.A., M.A. '64**, San Antonio, received the Dreamers in Action Award from the San Antonio graduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at its annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. **Robert M. DeWalt, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, has been elected vice president of the Central Catholic High School Alumni Board.

1964 Solomon Banda Jr., B.M.E., San Antonio, recently retired after a 40-year career as a band director, most recently in the Southwest Independent School District. **The Rev. W. Gregg Elliott, CL**, The Villages, Fla., a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa, has retired to Central Florida where he assists at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Summerfield and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wildwood.

1969 The Hon. David A. Ezra, B.B.A., J.D. '72, Honolulu, a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, retired at the end of June. The longest-serving active federal judge in Hawaii's history, he was appointed to the court in 1988 and served as chief judge from 1999 to 2005.

1970s

1970 Lawrence H. Flores, B.A., Forest, Va., a supervisory engineer with AREVA, leads a team of engineers supporting the construction of the Bellefonte Nuclear Station in northern Alabama.

1972 The Hon. Charles A. Gonzalez, J.D., San Antonio, who represents the 20th Congressional District of Texas, received the Ohtli Award from the Government of Mexico. The Ohtli Award is the highest recognition given to U.S. and Canadian community leaders for contributions to the development of Mexicans living abroad.

1973 Joe Edd Boaz, J.D., Anson, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry as district attorney of the 259th Judicial District in Jones and Shackelford counties. **Michael S. Bresnok, B.B.A.**, Seguin, retired as a senior market research analyst from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in December 2011 after 24 years.

1975 Rene G. Garza, B.A., Mission, head girls basketball coach at Mission High School, was recognized at the 2012 UIL Girls Basketball State Championship Tournament for his years of service and commitment to athletics in the state of Texas. **Robert B. Grau, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Citizens' Academy, received a Director's Community Leadership Award from the FBI. **Anthony Magaro, B.S.**, San Antonio, has been promoted to executive director of human resources at Southwest Research Institute. **D. Andrew Nivens, M.A.**, Kannapolis, N.C., retired from the North Carolina Department of Correction and received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Gov. Bev Perdue for his 36 years of service to the state. **Michael J. Novak, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Facilities Commission.

1977 Joseph Casseb, J.D., San Antonio, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the State Bar Foundation for his professional achievements and commitment to improving the justice system in the state of Texas. **Jon R. Ray, J.D.**, San Antonio, a shareholder with Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated, was a 2011 San Antonio Business Journal Outstanding Lawyer Awards honoree in the field of energy law. **Lt. Col. George W. Skladal, J.D.**, Anchorage, an attorney and former United States Army Ranger who has served on numerous boards and councils in Alaska, received the Meritorious Service Award from the University of Alaska-Anchorage for his service to his country and community.

1978 David E. Chamberlain, J.D., Austin, a partner at Chamberlain McHaney, is president of the Austin Bar Association and treasurer of the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. **Richard M. Robertson, J.D.**, Dallas, a partner with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was named to *D Magazine's* "Best Lawyers in Dallas" list.

1979 Deborah A. Ackerman, J.D., Dallas, formerly vice president and general counsel for Southwest Airlines, has joined Strasburger & Price LLP. **Patricia J. Gamez-Bryant, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, recently retired from the Institute of Texan Cultures after 31 years of service. **Peter E. Hosey, J.D.**, San Antonio, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, was a 2011 San Antonio Business Journal Outstanding Lawyer Awards honoree in the field of energy law. **Fred R. Jones, J.D.**, San Antonio, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the

State Bar Foundation for his professional achievements and commitment to improving the justice system in the state of Texas. **Mary Jo McCurley, J.D.**, Dallas, a name partner at McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing LLP, was named to *D Magazine's* "Best Lawyers in Dallas" list.

1980s

1980 Denise Voigt Crawford, J.D., Austin, has been named the M.D. Anderson Public Service Visiting Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law. **J. Thomas Rhodes III, J.D.**, San Antonio, received the Pat Maloney Sr. Courage Award from the San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association and was named the Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year by the 2012 *Best Lawyers San Antonio* legal directory.

1981 Sylvia Borunda Firth, B.B.A., El Paso, is city attorney for the city of El Paso. **Janet Shaw Pollock, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is vice president of human resources for CPS Energy.

1982 The Hon. James F. Shrewsbury, J.D., St. Louis, Mo., a former city of St. Louis alderman, has been appointed by Gov. Jeremiah Nixon to serve on the St. Louis Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority, which oversees the publicly financed Edward Jones Dome and America's Center in St. Louis.

1983 The Hon. Barbara Hanson Nellermeoe, J.D., San Antonio, judge of the Texas 45th District Court, has been named to the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame. **Kenneth R. Slavin, B.A.**, San Antonio, is communications manager for ACCIÓN Texas Inc. **The Hon. Phylis J. Speedlin, J.D.**, San Antonio, a justice on the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, received the 2012 Judge Merrill Hartman Pro Bono Award given by the State Bar of Texas for exemplary pro bono service. Speedlin is a co-founder of the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program, which received the American Bar Association's 2012 Harrison Tweed Award as the outstanding pro bono program in the country.

1984 Hector J. Amaya Jr., B.A., Pearland, has been named to the Special Olympics Texas Board of Directors. **Richard R. Gaillardetz, Ph.D., M.A.**, West Roxbury, Mass., a theology professor at Boston College, has coauthored his ninth book, *Keys to the Council: Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II*. **James J. Ormiston, B.A.**, Houston, a partner with Looper Reed & McGraw PC, has been elected to the International Society of Barristers.

1985 Cary V. Clack, B.A., San Antonio, received the Dreamers in Action Award from the San Antonio graduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at its annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. **Kevin L. Kelley, J.D.**, Dallas, a partner with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was named to *D Magazine's* "Best Lawyers in Dallas" list.



Claudia Mora, B.A., San Antonio, is economic development director for the city of Leon Valley.

Diana Barrios Trevino, B.B.A., San Antonio, received an Entrepreneurial Spirit Award from the San Antonio Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

1986 Adriana Torres Blancas, B.A., San Antonio, is operations division chief in the San Antonio office of the Defense Information Systems Agency, a U.S. Department of Defense agency. **Michael L. Dinnin, J.D.**, Flower Mound, has joined Andrews Kurth LLP as a partner in the firm's Dallas office. **Andrew H. Hill, B.A.**, San Antonio, teaches philosophy at Northwest Vista College.

1988 Laurie L. Charles, Ph.D., B.A., Boston, received a Master of Arts in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Her article "Producing Evidence of a Miracle: Exemplars of Therapy Conversation with a Survivor of Torture" was published by *Family Process Journal* in March 2012. **Debra A. Guerrero, B.A.**, San Antonio, has been named to the San Antonio Independent School District Board of Trustees. **Elizabeth Caples Rogers, J.D.**, Austin, is the chief privacy officer for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

1989 Michael B. Clark, J.D., Bergheim, senior vice president and general counsel for The Scooter Store, was a 2011 San Antonio Business Journal Outstanding Lawyer Awards honoree in the field of general counsel.

Stephen T. Fitzmyer, B.S., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is an industrial engineering manager for Nordstrom. **Lynette R. Padalecki, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, who is vice president of corporate planning and analysis at H-E-B Grocery Co., was named treasurer of the Valero Alamo Bowl Board of Directors.

1990s

1990 John D. Bray, J.D., San Antonio, is a name shareholder in Elder Bray and Bankler PC. **The Hon. Dibrell W. Waldrip, J.D.**, New Braunfels, judge of the Texas 433rd District Court, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Governor's Criminal Justice Advisory Council.

1991 Julie A. Crockett, J.D., San Antonio, is vice president for oil and gas at Frost Bank. **Kimberly Kuhler Dabbs, D.O., J.D.**, Oklahoma City, graduated from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and is an emergency medicine resident at the INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center. **Elizabeth A. Gentry, M.A.**, Schertz, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Rehabilitation Council of Texas. **Frank W. Marshall Jr., M.B.A.**, Coppell, is president and chief operating officer of MedSynergies Inc.



Children of Laredo Alumni Turn Lemons Into Food for the Needy

What started out as a mom looking for a way to teach her young sons about community service quickly turned into a community-wide fundraiser to benefit the needy in the Laredo area. And now it's turning into a tradition.

Last summer, Xochitl Mora Garcia (B.A. '95), who is the president of the Laredo Chapter of the St. Mary's Alumni Association, along with the oldest of her four sons, developed the idea for Project Kids Aid with Lemonade. It brought together more than a dozen kids, mostly children of St. Mary's alumni, to benefit the South Texas Food Bank.

The kids used the time-honored childhood business venture — the lemonade stand — to help out Laredo's less fortunate. In its first year, Project Kids Aid with Lemonade sold enough cookies and lemonade to raise more than \$2,000 for the Food Bank.

This year, the project had an even bigger boost from another alum: Javier Benavides Santos (B.A. '61). Santos, who is a trustee for the Fernando A. Salinas Trust in Laredo, saw an article about the kids' project in the Laredo Morning Times and offered to match whatever amount the kids raised.

Garcia said about 15 children participated in this summer's project. The group made a presentation to the Laredo City Council, inviting the mayor, the council and the whole city to join them



for the fundraiser; held a press conference; and worked with and toured Laredo area businesses that donated cookies and water to make the lemonade. The final step will be presenting a check to the Food Bank.

Garcia said it was a great learning experience for the kids, not just about service but also about cooperation and business. After a second successful year, she hopes it becomes an annual tradition of service, in the spirit of St. Mary's University.

— Gina Farrell, Executive Editor

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Alumna Carefully Crafts Path of Service

Adriana Villafranca
(BA '93, M.P.A. '95)

As a St. Mary's University student, Adriana Gonzalez de Villafranca was observant. She watched others follow their dreams and pursue opportunities, carefully planning how she would do the same.

An English-Communication Arts major, she was first attracted to television media and worked for a time at Telemundo. Villafranca quickly realized she would rather be in "the trenches," bringing positive change in her community, which led to earning her master's degree in Public Administration.

During her graduate studies, she interned with the National Hispanic Employees Association. It was an opportunity that connected her with people from organizations across the country and led to her next position with the National Council of La Raza in Washington, D.C.

With La Raza, she traveled the country assisting emerging community-based organizations, helping them better organize so they could identify and achieve their goals. Still observant, Villafranca believes these experiences gave her a broader perspective and a greater appreciation for San Antonio, where she had lived most of her life.

Upon her return to San Antonio, Villafranca continued her nonprofit career. She first worked in higher education at both the University of Texas at San Antonio and then her alma mater before moving on to City Year, which focuses on the education and mentorship of middle school students.

Today, Villafranca is vice president of external relations for AVANCE, a national organization headquartered in San Antonio that seeks to strengthen families through parent-child education for newborns to age 3. Her work is focused on connecting "people who would like to invest their money together with something they feel strongly about."

Villafranca's own journey into parenthood (she has two young children) coupled with the Catholic and Marianist tradition of faith and service has reinforced her passion for AVANCE's mission and its growth and success. While she has carefully observed and planned from the time she was an undergraduate, she is now content — as long as she can learn as much as possible from those around her while having a positive impact on those she serves.

— Rachel Grabmann, St. Mary's Honors Program and Communications Arts major

1992 Jose M. Gonzalez Jr., B.B.A., Katy, is an independent channel key account manager for Anheuser-Busch LLC. **Timothy D. Uhl, Ph.D., B.A.**, Normandy, Wash., principal of Holy Rosary School in Tacoma, is launching the only Two-Way Language Immersion program at a Catholic school in the state.

1993 Annette E. Camacho, B.A., San Antonio, is a kindergarten teacher at El Dorado Elementary in the North East Independent School District. **William G. Elliott, B.A.**, San Antonio, has been appointed financial secretary for Knights of Columbus Council 4140.

1994 Adriana Benavides Maddox, B.B.A., M.B.A. '99, J.D. '99, Laredo, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Task Force to Reduce Child Abuse and Neglect and Improve Child Welfare. **Patricia Portales, Ph.D., B.A., M.A. '97**, San Antonio, an associate professor of English at San Antonio College, received a doctorate in English from the University of Texas at San Antonio. **Charlotte P. Youchem, J.D.**, Corpus Christi, is a senior city attorney with the city of Corpus Christi.

1995 Yvonne M. Acosta, J.D., El Paso, a registered nurse and licensed attorney, is executive nursing officer for operations and innovation at the University of Texas at El Paso College of Nursing. **The Hon. Robb D. Catalano, J.D.**, Fort Worth, judge of Tarrant County Criminal District Court No. 3, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Governor's Criminal Justice Advisory Council. **Bret E. Helmer, J.D.**, Fort Worth, is an attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Anne E. Hurley, B.B.A.**, Chicago, and Jon P. Uhlenhop married on March 31, 2012. **Thomas L. McCracken, M.S., J.D.**, Meridian, Miss., is an associate vice president at Citizens National Bank.

1996 Burton D. Brillhart, J.D., Dallas, has been elected a member of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC. **Julie Barylski Hurley, B.A.**, Mountain View, Calif., is a senior principal project consultant with Oracle Corp. **J. Marty Truss, J.D.**, San Antonio, a shareholder with Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated, was a 2011 San Antonio Business Journal Outstanding Lawyer Awards honoree in the field of litigation. **Celeste Borchers Valenzuela, M.D., B.A.**, Floresville, and husband David welcome daughter Pheona Candace, born Aug. 11, 2011.

1997 Jenee Margo Gonzales, B.A., J.D. '03, San Antonio, is director of government relations and community collaborations at St. Mary's University. **Gina Lee Riojas, B.A.**, Katy, and husband Francisco welcome daughter Brigitte Ava, born Dec. 28, 2011. **Jonathan S. Starr, M.P.A.**, San Antonio, has been named an equity partner at Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather LLP.



1998 Scott D. Bankler, J.D., San Antonio, is a name shareholder in Elder Bray and Bankler PC. **Elliott S. Cappuccio, J.D.**, San Antonio, a name partner with Pulman Cappuccio Pullen and Benson LLP, was a 2011 San Antonio Business Journal Outstanding Lawyer Awards honoree in the field of litigation. **Patty Hurtado, B.A., J.D. '02**, Sunnyside, N.Y., is a principal court attorney with the Kings County Family Court in Brooklyn, N.Y. **Rebecca Espinosa Parks, B.A.**, Van Alstyne, and Jason Parks married on Nov. 6, 2011.

1999 Laura C. Carrasco-Navarette, Ed.D., B.A., San Antonio, received a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Texas at San Antonio in December 2011. **Lt. Col. Michael A. Kwasnoski, M.B.A.**, Orcutt, Calif., commander of the 30th Comptroller Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in November 2011. **Patricia Reyes, B.A.**, Pearland, and husband Mauricio Amaya welcome son Lucas Antonio, born Oct. 18, 2011.

2000s

2000 Dana R. Irwin, B.A., and **Omar Carmona, B.A. '02, J.D. '07**, El Paso, married on Jan. 7, 2012. **Sandra K. Johnstone, J.D.**, Selma, and husband Travis welcome daughter Kaylynn Parker, born Jan. 20, 2011. **Nathan A. Ketterling, B.A., J.D. '03**, San Antonio, has been named a partner at Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather LLP. **Jennifer M. LaFoy, B.S.**, Plano, has been named the 2012 Young Engineer of the Year by the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. **Dennis E. Stephen, B.A., M.B.A.**, San Antonio, is president of Limestone Wealth LLC. **Jason C. Zehner, J.D.**, San Antonio, is corporate counsel for CCC Group Industrial Construction.

2001 Christopher M. Creed, B.B.A., Marietta, Ga., a manager of external supply chain integration for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, and wife Katharine welcome son Shane Dunn, born April 27, 2011. **Kenneth S. Garza, B.S.**, San Antonio, is a certified industrial hygienist/environmental scientist with Gobbell Hays Partners Inc. **R. Tate Gorman, J.D.**, Dallas, has been named a partner at Thompson Coe Cousins & Irons LLP. **Alejandro R. Hernandez Jr., J.D.**, Victoria, and Roxanna Longoria married on March 3, 2012. **John P. Jennings, J.D.**, San Antonio, has been named a partner at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. **Querande "Que" Willis, B.A.**, Converse, and wife Deborah welcome daughter Kayleigh Renee, born April 5, 2012.

2002 Allison H. Boerger, B.A., M.A. '07, San Antonio, and husband Matthew welcome daughter Hazel Marie, born Dec. 2, 2011. **Melissa Sanchez Boone, B.S.**, San Antonio, is a physician assistant in the Department of Anesthesia at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Rebecca A. Copeland, J.D., Honolulu, has been named chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Appellate Section and has started a five-year term on Honolulu's Zoning Board of Appeals. **Erik L. Lucio, B.A.**, Rancho Viejo, a partner at Royston Rayzor Vickery & Williams LLP, has been named a Texas Rising Star, identifying him as one of the top young lawyers in the state, in the annual *Super Lawyers* survey. **Alejandra Puerto, B.B.A.**, Dallas, is an account supervisor with Zimmerman Advertising.

2003 Julia Zuniga Alderete, B.S., Rio Grande City, and husband Ricardo welcome son Ricardo Gabriel Jr., born Oct. 17, 2011. **Cheri L. Burnside, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a computer user specialist at the University of Texas at San Antonio. **Nancy H.F. Chang, LL.M.**, Beijing, People's Republic of China, is an associate with Mayer Brown JSM. **Bradley B. Clark, J.D.**, Manor, an attorney with Gray & Becker PC, has been named a Texas Rising Star, identifying him as one of the top young lawyers in the state, in the annual *Super Lawyers* survey. **Carlo L. Condello, Ph.D., B.A.**, San Francisco, Calif., is a postdoctoral scholar in the Institute for Neurodegenerative Disease at the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine. **Aaron J. Cotrell, M.D., B.S.**, Royal Oak, Mich., is a hematopathology fellow at Oakland University's William Beaumont School of Medicine. **Michael B. Gonzalez, B.B.A.**, Washington, D.C., a finance and operations consultant with the U.S. Department of State, has earned a Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate from Georgetown University. **Shelby D. Ruff, B.B.A., M.B.A. '11**, San Antonio, is vice president of residential sales for SolarCommunity LLC.

2004 Anthony M. Bryden, B.A., San Antonio, is a project manager with Rackspace Hosting. **Cynthia M. Hinojosa, B.B.A.**, Mission, and Daniel R. De La Vina married on Feb. 11, 2012. **Thomas M. "Mike" Murray, J.D.**, Abilene, has been named a shareholder with McMahon Surovik Suttle PC. **M. Alexander Nava, J.D.**, San Antonio, a partner in Allan Nava & Glander PLLC, has been named vice chairman of the Port of San Antonio Board of Directors. **Lucille C. Poludniak, M.A.**, San Antonio, is assistant director of prospect management and research at the University of Texas at San Antonio. **Vanessa C. Valdez, B.A.**, Edinburg, who is associate director of undergraduate admissions at the University of Texas-Pan American, received her Master of Public Administration from UTPA in May. **Daniel P. Villanueva, B.A.**, and **Cynthia M. Castillo, B.A.**, San Antonio, married on June 26, 2010. Daniel is a sports producer for KSAT-TV where he won a 2011 Texas Associated Press Broadcasters Award for Best Sports Story and a 2011 Lone Star Emmy Award for Best Sports Program Feature for producing and editing the story "Luchadores and Hidden History."

2005 Daniel A. Aguallo, B.B.A., San Antonio, is executive vice president of public relations for Youth Engaging in Leadership and Learning, a youth-oriented nonprofit that organizes the annual San Antonio Youth Summit. **Joseph E. Gonzalez, B.A.**, San Antonio, and wife Angelita welcome daughter Avery Johanna, born April 5, 2012. **Julio E. Gonzalez, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is owner of Mistek Sprinklers and Landscaping. **Jennifer Gonzalez McGehee, Ph.D., B.S.**, Houston, is a postdoctoral fellow at Baylor College of Medicine.

2006 Margaret E. Cantú-Sánchez, Ph.D., B.A., M.A. '07, San Antonio, a lecturer in English at the University of Texas at San Antonio, received a doctorate in English from UTSA. **Andrea E. Carranco, B.A.**, San Antonio, is director of alumni events and communications for St. Mary's University. **Preston J. Dugas III, J.D.**, Fort Worth, an associate at Parker MacDonald PC, has been named a Texas Rising Star, identifying him as one of the top young lawyers in the state, in the annual *Super Lawyers* survey. **Analinda Garza, M.P.A.**, San Antonio, and Keith Charles Rice married on Feb. 25, 2012. **Jaclyn A. Lacovino, B.A.**, Monroeville, Pa., and Thomas C. Macioce married on Oct. 15, 2011. **Justin M. Jackson, J.D.**, Cedar Park, an attorney at the Jackson Law Firm, has been named a Texas Rising Star, identifying him as one of the top young lawyers in the state, in the annual *Super Lawyers* survey. **Christine Ritch Starnes, B.A.**, and **Wayne Starnes, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, welcome son Brayson Connor, born Feb. 2, 2012. **Collanne Bramblett West, B.A., J.D. '10**, San Antonio, is director of law alumni relations and development at St. Mary's University. **Marc K. Whyte, J.D.**, San Antonio, an associate at Jackson Walker LLP, has been named a Texas Rising Star, identifying him as one of the top young lawyers in the state, in the annual *Super Lawyers* survey.

2007 Matt Altschul, M.B.A., Austin, is president and CEO of CM4 Inc. **R. Porter Corrigan II, J.D.**, San Antonio, an associate with McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing LLP, has been named a Texas Rising Star, identifying him as one of the top young lawyers in the state, in the annual *Super Lawyers* survey. **John D. Elton Jr., B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is a materials and logistics manager with Royal Oak Industries. **Adam J. Soorholtz, J.D.**, Belton, and Jessica Marie Ryan married on March 5, 2011. **J. Barrett Shipp, J.D.**, and **Maurine Heinrich Shipp, J.D. '08**, San Antonio, welcome son James Andrew, born Jan. 3, 2012. **Bruce E. Toppin, J.D.**, San Antonio, has joined Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather LLP as an associate. **Henry P. Van de Putte III, B.A.**, San Antonio, has been elected secretary of the Central Catholic High School Alumni Board.

Perspectives

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

by Candy Kuebker, Contributing Editor

When I came to University Communications in 1997, I'd already worked for 20 years at St. Mary's. The staff of Public Relations (as it was known then) was composed of talented writers and designers. I was director of special events ... and there was the editor of the *Gold & Blue* magazine, Sylvia McLaren.

Sylvia, a 23-year St. Mary's veteran, worked exclusively on the magazine. She was 80 years old and closing in on well-deserved retirement. Her journalism career had taken her from her native New Zealand to stops around the world. Some of the stories she shared with us were, well, amazing.

While I'd been asked by Sylvia over the years to write for the magazine, when I moved to PR she quickly recruited me to assist her with *Gold & Blue*. She was demanding, but I learned a lot from her. We'd argue about the magazine sometimes — she always won — but one day, she said, "When you become editor, you can do what you want, but I'm editor now." That she believed I could, and would, be her successor was inspiring. She had said that she wouldn't retire until there was someone she trusted to take over *Gold & Blue*. I'm honored to have had the wonderful opportunity to serve for 14 years as executive editor of the magazine.

I look forward to continuing my involvement with *Gold & Blue* as a contributing editor. I'll soon celebrate my 35th year at St. Mary's, which certainly gives me historical perspective! And, I also look forward to lending my experience and leadership in my role as senior communications director in the University Communications office, as well as working with the Office of the President on special events.

New *Gold & Blue* Executive Editor Gina Farrell is terrific. As you see in this issue, there will be changes and improvements, and the staff is working to better integrate the printed magazine with our website.

Thanks to all of you — the many writers, editors and, most importantly, the readers of *Gold & Blue* — for your support of St. Mary's. Keep reading, and stay in touch!

Editor's Note: Candy's column will be a recurring feature of Gold & Blue, so look for it in future issues. If you want to drop her a line or have ideas for future topics, email Candy at ckuebker@stmarytx.edu.



2008 Michael D. DeNuccio, J.D., San Antonio, is an associate with Winstead PC. **Laura G. Jacobs, J.D.**, Austin, is an attorney with the Texas Legal Services Center. **Jeffrey W. Martin, J.D.**, Plano, is an associate with Brice, Vander Linden & Wernick PC. **James M. Massey, B.A., M.P.A. '10**, San Antonio, is city administrator for the city of Von Ormy. **Jenai S. Mehra, B.A.**, Indianapolis, Ind., is an attorney with Barnes & Thornburg LLP. **Kyle S. Trip, B.S.**, and **Jennifer DeMars, B.S. '09**, San Antonio, married on March 24, 2012.

2009 Stephanie A. Cano, B.B.A., San Antonio, is promotions manager for Grande Communications. **Rebecca J. Carrillo, J.D.**, San Antonio, along with **Agatha L. Rode, M.B.A., J.D.**, and **Robert J. Hayes Jr., J.D. '06**, has formed the law firm Hayes, Rode & Carrillo PLLC. **Robby D. Chapman, J.D.**, Austin, is an assistant city attorney with the city of Cedar Park. **Kayla C. Galvan, B.A.**, San Antonio is national assistant director of external relations for AVANCE Inc. **Laura Herrera, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is a marketing manager for AVANCE Inc. **Amanda Meier McMullan, B.B.A.**, Golden, Colo., is assistant women's soccer coach at Otero Junior College

in La Junta, Colo. **Philippe T. Nassif, M.A.**, Arlington, Va., is a regional outreach director for the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. **Jennifer M. Prunty, J.D.**, Chicago, and Tony Alvarado were married on March 10, 2012.

2010s

2010 Samantha A. Bezdek, B.A., Corpus Christi, is an agriculture and forestry extension volunteer with the Peace Corps in Madagascar. **Quinn J. Caruthers, B.A.**, New York City, is a litigation paralegal with Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP. **Christine J. Duchouquette, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a student success specialist at Northwest Vista College. **James B. Eades III, B.B.A.**, Converse, is a business-to-business representative with Interstate Batteries. **Fernando D. Gireud, J.D.**, El Paso, is an associate with Mounce, Green, Myers, Safi, Paxson, Galatzan PC. **Cathryn Anne Ibarra, J.D.**, Austin, is a program attorney for the Legal Services Support Division of the State Bar of Texas. **John D. Ledbetter, J.D.**, Austin, is an associate at the Peissel Law Firm and is licensed in both Texas and North Dakota. **Marbella Navarro, B.A.**, San Antonio, and Charles J. Shaw Jr. married on Feb. 17, 2012.

Sarah Ortiz, B.A., San Antonio, and Jose Charo married on June 4, 2011. **Christina Rodriguez, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a report processor at the Southwest Research Institute. **Zack P. Valdez, B.S.**, Carrollton, a doctoral candidate in The Institute of Ecological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at Baylor University, has been awarded a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship in the geosciences.

2011 Vincent Astudillo Jr., B.A., San Antonio, is a legal assistant with De Mott, McChesney, Curtright and Armendariz LLP. **Alexandra E. McCoy, B.A.**, San Antonio, teaches fifth grade at Bowden Elementary in the San Antonio Independent School District. **Pamela N. Lopez, B.A.**, Fort Collins, Colo., is a membership manager with the Girl Scouts of Colorado. **Lesley C. Paniszczyn, J.D.**, Corpus Christi, is an attorney with the Law Offices of Thomas J. Henry. **Justin C. Roberts, J.D.**, Austin, and Paige Moree Shaver were married on Dec. 22, 2011. **Adriana Correa Saenz, B.S.**, San Antonio, and husband Angel welcome daughter Anahi, born Feb. 22, 2012.

2012 Alicia N. Ellis, M.A., Washington, D.C., is a program analyst with the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



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IN MEMORIAM

1930s

1930 Lanette Heilbron Glasscock, S.A.S.L., San Antonio, died May 26, 2012.

1937 Frank W. Brady, B.A., San Antonio, died March 31, 2012. **Hyman M. Marcus, B.S.C.**, San Antonio, died March 18, 2012.

1939 Roland A. Eisenhower, B.S.C., LL.B. '48, San Antonio, died Jan. 4, 2012.

1940s

1942 Charles E. Biery, LL.B., San Antonio, died Jan. 4, 2012. **Lawrence J. Flume Jr., B.S.C.**, San Antonio, died March 30, 2012. **Will Chambers Tips, CL**, San Antonio, died March 6, 2012.

1945 Victor J. Schwegmann, CL, San Antonio, died Feb. 17, 2012.

1949 Robert D. Haynes, B.S., Kerrville, died Feb. 2, 2012. **Frederick F. Nolan Sr., B.B.A.**, Johnson City, died March 10, 2012.

1950s

1950 Roy H. Hoelscher, B.B.A., Dallas, died May 12, 2012. **Lambert S. Kotara, B.S.**, San Antonio, died Jan. 17, 2012. **Chester F. Wallendorf, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died March 6, 2012.

1951 Robert O. Bellinger Jr., CL, La Vernia, died April 11, 2012. **John M. Kerger, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died April 10, 2012. **Robert W. Purdom Jr., B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died March 23, 2012.

1952 Ralph Iltis Jr., B.B.A., Seguin, died March 22, 2012. **Ervin R. Neatherlin Jr., B.B.A.**, La Vernia, died May 18, 2012. **Col. T. Jerome Ruhnke Sr., B.S.**, San Antonio, died Jan. 12, 2012.

1953 John Staleski Jr., B.B.A., Raleigh, N.C., died Feb. 8, 2012. **William F. Traeger Jr., B.M.E.**, Corpus Christi, died Feb. 8, 2012.

1954 John H. Heger, B.B.A., Katy, died April 8, 2012.

George C. Karnavas, CL, San Antonio, died Feb. 26, 2012. **Maria Markey, CL**, Joplin, Mo., died Jan. 6, 2012. **Major Harold R. Raymond, CL**, Bellingham, Wash., died Feb. 27, 2012.

1955 Jack W. Richardson Jr., B.S., East Peoria, Ill., died March 21, 2012. **Claude H. Tarrillion, CL**, New Braunfels, died Jan. 8, 2012.

1956 Anthony A. Athens Jr., B.S., San Antonio, died April 18, 2012. **Frank P. Christian, LL.B.**, San Antonio, died Jan. 5, 2012. **Frank C. Jackson, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died May 9, 2012. **Joseph F. Keeffe, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died March 17, 2012. **Clarence F. Theis, B.S.**, Adkins, died March 15, 2012.

1957 Erasmo W. Andrade, B.A., El Paso, died March 30, 2012. **Robert G. Hoffmann, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died Feb. 11, 2012. **Humberto F. Saldivar Sr., B.A.**, Harlingen, died Feb. 19, 2012. **Joseph J. Vale, B.B.A.**, Fort Worth, died May 7, 2012.

1958 Ricardo Garza Jr., B.A., Laredo, died Feb. 16, 2012.

1959 Noe A. Garcia, B.S., San Antonio, died March 5, 2012.

1960s

1960 Jesse Madla Jr., B.S., Helotes, died May 1, 2012.

1961 Eugene B. Kwasinski, B.A., M.A. '76, Ballwin, Mo., died July 13, 2011. **Sylvester C. Trial, B.S.**, Hobson, died March 21, 2012.

1962 Servando Aleman, B.M.E., Rio Grande City, died March 11, 2012. **Sister Lucy Collins, S.H.Sp., B.A.**, Dallas, died March 20, 2012. **Bernabe Gonzales, B.B.A.**, Houston, died Jan. 20, 2012. **The Hon. Alonzo T. Rodriguez, CL**, Taft, died March 23, 2012. **Joe Villarreal Jr., B.B.A., LL.B.**, San Antonio, died May 26, 2012.

1963 David A. Farias, B.B.A., San Antonio, died May 23, 2012. **Donald D. Rupp, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died Dec. 28, 2011.

1964 Jesse M. Gamez III, B.A., J.D., San Antonio, died

March 20, 2012. **Ray J. Park, M.S.**, San Antonio, died March 4, 2012. **Billy Joe Wilkinson, LL.B.**, Plano, died April 30, 2012.

1965 John Wayne Smith, B.A., Hallandale Beach, Fla., died Dec. 28, 2011. **John R. Taylor, LL.B.**, Albuquerque, N.M., died March 2, 2012.

1966 Elfega Rosario Arias, B.A., San Antonio, died Jan. 13, 2012. **Henry R. Hollyday Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, died Feb. 18, 2012.

1967 Gerard J. Bennett, M.B.A., San Antonio, died Jan. 25, 2012. **Robert H. Spicer, J.D.**, Boerne, died March 5, 2012. **Edwin H. Taylor, J.D.**, Sunnyvale, Calif., died March 10, 2012.

1968 The Rev. William W. Benish, B.A., M.A. '72, Cedar Park, died Feb. 6, 2012.

1969 Glenn J. Jennewein, B.B.A., Kansas City, Mo., died April 10, 2012. **Wayne Lee Pledger, B.S.**, Wilmington, Del., died March 30, 2012. **Robert Saenz, B.A.**, San Antonio, died March 6, 2012.

1970s

1970 John V. Gibson Sr., B.A., San Antonio, died May 28, 2012. **Donald R. Havel, B.A.**, Cedar Park, died Feb. 13, 2012. **Elma G. Martinez, B.A.**, San Antonio, died Feb. 26, 2012. **Robert T. Roof Sr., B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died March 3, 2012.

1971 DeAlva A. Moshin, B.A., Karachi, Pakistan, died Feb. 22, 2012.

1972 Lt. Col. Edward O. Fallis Jr., J.D., San Antonio, died May 26, 2012.

1973 Hal D. Caskey, M.A., Bulverde, died Feb. 9, 2012. **Linda Ryan, B.A.**, Edgewood, Colo., died Sept. 5, 2011.

1974 Carlos V. Gonzalez, B.B.A., San Antonio, died March 28, 2012. **Jesse F. Hernandez, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, died March 31, 2012.

1975 Marco A. Elizondo Jr., B.A., San Antonio, died Jan. 25, 2012. **The Rev. Virginia K. Georgulas, B.B.A.**, Coppell, died June 26, 2011.

This year, I wrote an e-book with my college roommate about launching a technology startup after I spent a year abroad with the Peace Corps.

I was recognized in a list of '40 under 40,' and I still found time to get married, train for a triathlon, finish my master's and update my alumni information online.

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Charles Kurt Guenther, B.A., Marion, died Jan. 31, 2012. **Ray J. Welty, M.S.**, San Antonio, died March 22, 2012.

1976 Arnold N. Miller, J.D., Amarillo, died May 30, 2011.

1977 Richard S. Johnson, J.D., Austin, died April 21, 2012. **Thomas E. Mills, B.B.A.**, Milwaukee, Wis., died April 24, 2012. **Maj. John C. Quebe, M.S.**, San Antonio, died April 3, 2012.

1978 William H. Johnson III, J.D., San Antonio, died Jan. 30, 2012. **James B. Parks Jr., J.D.**, San Antonio, died Feb. 19, 2012.

1979 Harvey F. Potter, B.B.A., San Antonio, died Jan. 12, 2012.

1980s

1981 Jack J. Ridgeway, B.A., Pipe Creek, died March 8, 2011.

1982 Peter E. Brown, B.A., St. Louis, Mo., died May 4, 2011. **Alvina G. Muniz, B.A.**, San Antonio, died April 14, 2012.

1988 W. David Moore, J.D., Boerne, died April 17, 2012.

1989 Thomas B. Flaherty, B.B.A., San Antonio, died May 25, 2012.

1990s

1992 Pat C. Villalon-Sherry, B.A., San Antonio, died April 22, 2012.

2000s

2001 Cindy S. Hudson, J.D., San Antonio, died May 2, 2012.

2003 Shelly M. Siegfried, J.D., San Antonio, died Jan. 30, 2012.

2010 Andrew D. White, J.D., San Antonio, died Nov. 18, 2011.

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BROTHER HERBERT H. JANSON, S.M.

Brother Herbert H. Janson, S.M., passed to eternal life March 31, 2012, at the age of 88. A native of Columbia, Ill., he entered the Society of Mary in St. Louis in 1937 at the encouragement of a cousin. Janson professed final vows in 1946, the same year in which he earned a master's in Mathematics at St. Mary's University.

Janson is best known for his 36 years of dedicated service to Central Catholic High School in San Antonio, where he taught math, religion, social studies and typing. He was also an avid sports fan: He coached baseball and basketball, and served as Central Catholic's athletic director.

He returned to St. Mary's in 1986 to teach and retired in 2008. He authored numerous books, including *A Marianist Mathematician* based on the life of Brother Charles Biehler, S.M., a 19th-century Marianist; *Marianists in God's Acre* about the cemetery on the grounds of St. Mary's University; and an autobiography.



AMBASSADOR EUGENE SCASSA

Ambassador Eugene "Gene" Scassa, International Scholar-in-Residence at St. Mary's University, passed away March 22, 2012, at 73 years of age. He joined the University in 1994 as Diplomat-in-Residence and served on the faculty until spring 2000. He returned to St. Mary's in 2006.

A graduate of Geneva College, Scassa served with the U.S. Army before entering the United States Foreign Service. As a career Foreign Service Officer, Scassa served around the world, including in Panama, Ecuador, Gabon, Mozambique, Mexico, Zambia, Iceland, Jamaica, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia and Belize. He was the U.S. Ambassador to Belize for four years.

Scassa founded the Model Organization of American States in 1995, and he remained active in the planning and execution of the model, which was named for him in 2011. He was a master mentor and had a strong impact on students. During his years at St. Mary's, Scassa mentored and directed 30 alumni active duty Foreign Service Officers, 30 alumni in various federal intelligence agencies and 12 alumni involved in international development work.

He is a graduate of the National War College and holds an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree from St. Mary's University.



JOAN KUEBKER

Joan E. Kuebker, a St. Mary's University Athletics Hall of Fame Associate, passed away April 16, 2012, at the age of 80 after a nearly 10-year battle with A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She is survived by her husband, Bill, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame alongside her in 2002; son Craig (B.A. '77) and his wife Jeanne (CL '79); daughter Candace (B.A. '78), senior communications director and director of special events at St. Mary's University; and son David (B.B.A. '87) and his wife Michelle (B.B.A. '88).

Raised in Almont, N.D., Joan was a schoolteacher before marrying Bill in 1954, after which she worked as a housewife and raised their three children. She was an enthusiastic participant in University events, and especially loved watching Rattler athletics games. She was an avid member of the Booster Club, and, from 1975 until just a few years ago, she and Bill traveled the country to attend basketball games.

A true Rattler at heart, Joan will be remembered by the St. Mary's community as a generous supporter, a passionate fan, and a courageous and kind woman.

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