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Our History. Our Moment.

Our Vision *to be the finest.*

The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign gifts bring glory to a St. Mary's University education.



The Softball team pitches in for move-in day

Rattler Softball players donated their time to welcome and help incoming freshmen move into residence halls during their first weekend on campus in August.

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3. Students mix, mingle and make career connections at the Greehey School of Business' annual Risk Management and Insurance Career Fair.
4. Spirit Thursday showcases campus pride by encouraging everyone to wear gold and blue gear.
5. St. Mary's Men's Soccer prepare for competition in the Lone Star Conference.
6. *The Rattler* newspaper staff discusses story ideas as the paper celebrates 100 years of coverage.

On the cover: Cast in Cincinnati in 1866, the bell from the St. Mary's Institute — the precursor to St. Mary's University — rung out to our earliest faculty and students. Now housed on campus at the National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States, the bell symbolizes the glory brought to the University by donors over the years, including those to The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign. Read more about the effect of the campaign's gifts on Page 14 and about the University's Marianist history on Page 24. Photo by Robin Jerstad.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From *big reveal* to *big new goal*

Donors to The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign invest in the University's future

by Thomas M. Mengler, J.D., St. Mary's University President

Two years ago, on Nov. 17, 2017, I shared the Big Reveal with 500 major benefactors and friends of St. Mary's. Rumors aside, we didn't announce the rebirth of football after a 76-year respite. Nor did I promise students free breakfast tacos every day. No, on this special evening we revealed the largest campaign in St. Mary's University's history — The Defining Moment — with a fundraising goal of \$130 million, a larger goal than all previous campaigns combined.

Two years later and with still two years remaining, we have received \$138 million in gifts, pledges and grants. We have announced a new goal of \$150 million, and I am confident that we will reach this goal too by Dec. 31, 2021, the campaign's official close.

At this midpoint of The Defining Moment's public phase, it's appropriate to wonder what this fundraising has already achieved for St. Mary's and what the campaign will accomplish in the future. In this *Gold & Blue*, we answer this question through the words and images of students, faculty and staff who are benefiting today.

In broad strokes, The Defining Moment's sights are set on realizing what our Trustees, faculty, staff and I envision for St. Mary's — of becoming, as a Catholic Marianist University, among the finest private universities in Texas and the Southwest. That's a tall order — to be regarded as highly as TCU, Rice, Trinity and SMU. But with the success of The Defining Moment, and the margin of excellence this fundraising will support,

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we believe this vision will be within our grasp, if we continue to focus on the campaign's three overarching goals.

The first goal is about promoting a culture of excellence. The many endowed chairs and professorships established in this campaign are an important way St. Mary's can foster faculty excellence in teaching, research and service. Chairs and professorships allow us to not only recruit and retain our best faculty, but also to present these bright stars as role models for their colleagues.

The second goal seeks to deepen and embed the University's most distinctive characteristic — its Catholic Marianist identity. Launching the new Center for Catholic Studies, endowing a student peer ministry program in our residence halls, and increasing the number of Marianist Leadership Program students are among the efforts that will ensure faith formation remains an institutional commitment, as fewer Marianists play active roles on campus.

Finally, The Defining Moment's third goal is to prepare students not only to enjoy successful careers, but to view their professional lives as vocational journeys, as ways to serve God by bettering our community.

Critical to this effort is maintaining the affordability of a St. Mary's education, so that students who are drawn to the inspiring St. Mary's mission are able to enroll. To this vital end, St. Mary's has received more than \$50 million in student scholarship gifts and grants.

I am most grateful for the thousands of gifts we have received as part of The Defining Moment. Some large, some small, and all given from the heart in gratitude for the Marianist education you received. Your gifts also signify your belief that St. Mary's is an institution worthy of your investment. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I pledge to fulfill your high expectations. ■

\$138M
TOTAL RAISED

\$150M
NEW GOAL

35
DONORS \$1M+

10,811
TOTAL DONORS

14
NEW ENDOWED
ACADEMIC POSITIONS

78
NEW ENDOWED
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$51.5M
NEW SCHOLARSHIP
FUNDING

\$11.9M
FUNDING FOR LABS,
CLASSROOMS

3,548
DONORS UNDER \$100

St. Mary's University honored with Governor's Volunteer Award for community impact

Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott, honorary chair of the 2019 Governor's Volunteer Awards, and the OneStar Foundation honored St. Mary's University with the Higher Education Community Impact Award at the university level.

These awards honor the exemplary service of individuals, groups and organizations that have made significant and measurable contributions to their communities through service and volunteering.

"Texans are generous by nature," Abbott said. "By selflessly giving of their hearts and hands, their time and treasure, they have helped to make the future of Texas even brighter."

St. Mary's students engage in intentional relationships that reach far beyond the physical boundaries of their campus.

Whether it's hosting a summer camp for neighborhood children from low-income households, providing pro bono legal services to veterans, facilitating ID recovery and warrant-relief services for individuals experiencing homelessness, navigating resources and services for individuals with intellectual disabilities, providing free tax preparation, or assisting Texans recovering from disasters, St. Mary's students are truly making a difference in San Antonio and beyond.

In August, 675 volunteers at 39 area sites served 2,025 hours during the Continuing the Heritage Day of Service.



St. Mary's hosts *A Church in Crisis Moves to the Future* symposium

St. Mary's University hosted a joint lecture and symposium on the theme *A Church in Crisis Moves to the Future* over two days in September. Both days featured discussion by Peter Steinfels, Ph.D., scholar and former New York Times journalist.

St. Mary's University's MacTaggart Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series and the newly established Center for Catholic Studies jointly presented the public discussion.

"This program demonstrated that St. Mary's has heeded the call given by St. John Paul II, who, as pope, stressed that 'a Catholic university must have the courage to speak uncomfortable truths which do not please public opinion, but which are necessary to safeguard the authentic good of society,'" said Alicia Cordoba Tait, D.M.A., Beirne Director of the Center for Catholic Studies. "St. Mary's offered this program to help the church and all people of faith, or none, to consider multiple viewpoints to issues and ideas that we are grappling with each day."

Steinfels discussed *Sex Abuse and the Future Church*, as the first lecture of the year in the MacTaggart Lecture Series. This free, annual lecture series features men and women who have helped shape the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, which is at the heart of the educational experience at St. Mary's.

The dialogue continued with The Crossroads Symposium of the St. Mary's University Center for Catholic Studies featuring panel discussions and commentary on the topics of clergy sexual abuse and the challenges and opportunities in the church.

New trustees join St. Mary's board

St. Mary's University welcomed four new members of the St. Mary's University Board of Trustees, effective June 1.

The new additions to the board include:

- Ray E. Berend (B.B.A. '67), CPA and consultant
- Richard Loza (J.D. '87), attorney, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Inc., San Antonio
- Brother Jesse O'Neill, S.M., assistant for education, Marianist Province of the United States
- Yava D. Scott (B.B.A. '77, J.D. '80), CPA and co-managing partner, YaCari Consultants, LLC

The University also recently inducted five members into the Class of 2019 Trustees Emeriti:

- David W. Biegler (B.S. '68)
- Ray Carvajal, R.Ph. (CL '68)
- Vincent Lin, Ph.D. (B.S. '66, M.A. '68)
- Thomas M. O'Connor (B.S.C. '43) (posthumously inducted)
- The Rev. Martin Solma, S.M.

Office of University Communications wins awards in regional competitions

The Office of University Communications received four recognitions during the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District IV 2019 Awards, which honor communications and advancement professionals in higher education.

- Gold Award in the Institutional Identity category for *Art and History Together: St. Mary's University's Ties to the History of the Southwest*. The entry focused on the promotion of the Fall 2018 Gentilz exhibit.
- Silver Award in the Project category for the development and promotion of the fifth annual StMU 5K for the Neighborhood.
- Bronze Award in the Digital/Social Media category for the 5K for the Neighborhood social media campaign.
- Bronze Award (individual) in the Feature Writing category for the *Gold & Blue Law Edition* magazine feature, *The Mighty Pen*, by Frank Garza.

For the second year in a row, the American Marketing Association's San Antonio Chapter acclaimed University Communications as the second-place winner in the 2019 Marketing Excellence Awards higher education category for the *My Defining Moment* advertising campaign associated with The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign.

U.S. News ranks St. Mary's second in West for value, top in SA for social mobility

For the second year in a row, St. Mary's University placed second in the West region in the Best Value Schools rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*, which released the 2020 edition of its annual Best Colleges guide.

This category uses a calculation that considers the school's academic quality (based on its *U.S. News* Best Colleges ranking) and several cost factors, which include the 2018-2019 net cost of attendance for a student receiving an average level of need-based financial aid. "The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal," according to the publication.

The University's ranking among the 2020 Best Colleges rose to tie for the 10th spot out of 128 universities in the West for academic quality, especially student outcomes. St. Mary's has been included in the list of top-tier regional universities for 26 consecutive years.

More rankings

U.S. News introduced a new ranking for Top Performers on Social Mobility to evaluate which schools best serve underrepresented students. It measures how successful colleges are at "advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded with Pell Grants." Most students receiving these grants have adjusted gross family incomes under \$50,000. St. Mary's tied for No. 22 in the West and ranked first in San Antonio in this analysis.

This year, St. Mary's also rose to tie sixth among the Best Colleges for Veterans in the West, which includes schools that take part in federal initiatives to aid veterans and active-duty service members in funding their education. St. Mary's University is a Yellow Ribbon School.

U.S. News also ranked the University's Engineering program.

Money magazine recently ranked St. Mary's the top Catholic university in the Southwest, No. 7 in Texas and No. 26 of Catholic institutions in the U.S. based on the quality of education, affordability and graduates' job success.

For more information, visit stmarytx.edu/rankings.

ST. MARY'S RANKS AMONG THE FINEST

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

#1 in San Antonio for Social Mobility 

#2 in West for Best Value 

MONEY MAGAZINE

#1 Catholic university in the Southwest 

#7 in Texas 

#26 Catholic Institution in U.S. 

COLLEGE FACTUAL

#2 in Southwest Best Colleges for the Money 

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#2 in San Antonio for Quality 

#14 in Texas 



MY DEFINING moment

"St. Mary's has allowed me opportunities to grow. I will continue the tradition by supporting my fellow Rattlers as they experience their own defining moments."

— Christine Flores (B.A. '19), USAA Database Administrator

San Antonio Film Festival features St. Mary's Public History project on Santa Anna's leg

A 25-student group. A 2,000-mile journey. A quest for one contentious wooden leg. One film captured it all.

The film, *25 Texans in the Land of Lincoln*, by filmmaker Ellen Brodsky, illuminated for Texas audiences at the San Antonio Film Festival an expedition by St. Mary's University Public History students calling on the Illinois State History Museum to repatriate to Mexico the leg that once belonged to Mexican general Antonio López de Santa Anna.

During the Mexican War of 1847, Santa Anna left behind the prosthetic leg when surprised by a unit from Illinois. The troops captured the leg and brought it to Illinois.

The film captured the 2016 journey of St. Mary's University Public History students and Professor of History Teresa Van Hoy, Ph.D., seeking to challenge ideas about the Mexican War, repatriate the leg to Mexico and honor U.S. President Abraham Lincoln with a Day of the Dead altar.

"These young Texans gathered at the Alamo in the pre-dawn dark to embark on a journey that took them not only to Illinois and back, but to the front page of the Wall Street Journal, to TV and radio audiences, and now to film festivals across the United States and in Mexico," Van Hoy said.

Following the Texas premiere in August, the film screened at additional fall festivals in Mexico and the U.S., including the opening-night screening at the Immigration Film Festival in Washington, D.C.



Courtesy still

▲ St. Mary's History student Andre Grajeda appears in the film *25 Texans in the Land of Lincoln*.

St. Mary's Athletics continues academic success

St. Mary's University Athletics continued its rich history of academic success during the 2018-2019 school year, posting a cumulative 3.35 GPA — its highest on record.

The Rattlers led all Heartland Conference schools in the sports of volleyball and women's tennis, recording GPAs of 3.75 and 3.58, respectively. St. Mary's finished second in the conference in overall GPA.

Men's Soccer takes down two ranked opponents

This fall, the St. Mary's Men's Soccer Team began its 2019 campaign at Sigma Beta Chi Field by defeating No. 16 ranked Colorado School of Mines, 3-1. The win is the second time in as many years the Rattlers knocked off a ranked Orediggers team as St. Mary's defeated Mines 4-2 in Golden, Colorado, last season.

Just two weeks later, the Rattlers hosted No. 8 Midwestern State University and defeated the Mustangs, 2-0. The win over MSU Texas is the first time the Rattlers have defeated the Mustangs. St. Mary's entered the match 0-30 all-time. ■



◀ Rattler Volleyball setter Bree Perry, right, celebrates a point in a match against West Texas A&M.

Liam Morrison sends a cross into the box against No. 16 Colorado School of Mines. ▶

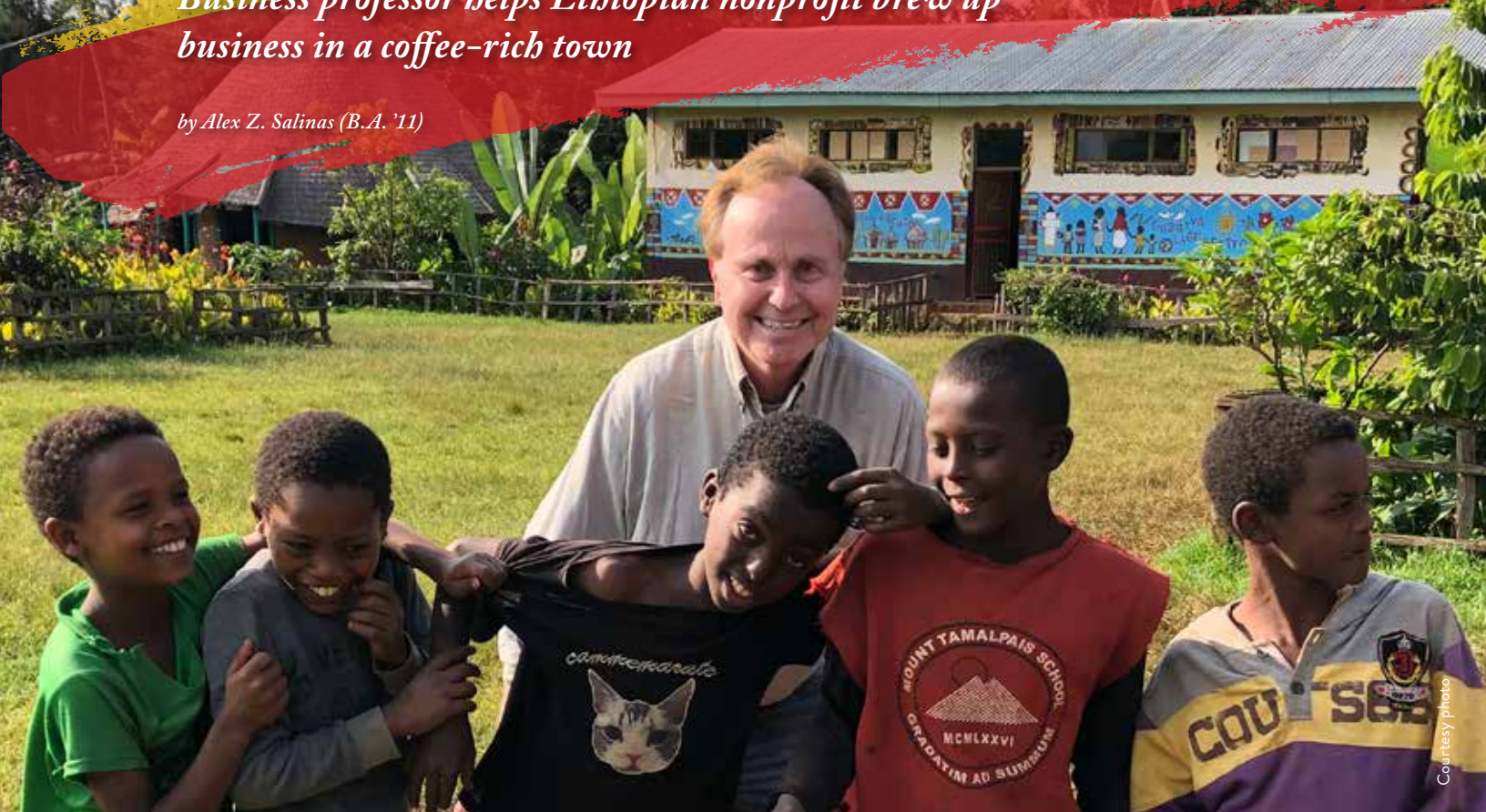


Photos by Antonio Moreno

Stirring goodwill

Business professor helps Ethiopian nonprofit brew up business in a coffee-rich town

by Alex Z. Salinas (B.A. '11)



Courtesy photo

What struck Professor of International Business Jeffrey Johnson, Ph.D., most was the orphans' joy.

"They were amazing, happy, always smiling, always wanting to play volleyball or soccer," Johnson said of the 160 African children in kindergarten through fourth grade sheltered by Common River, a U.S.-based nongovernmental organization in the town of Aleta Wondo in Ethiopia.

For more than a week in June, the Greehey School of Business professor and his wife, a UT Health San Antonio faculty member, stayed in the campground at Common River to carry out pro bono work — he to assist the NGO's co-founders and staff in re-engineering their coffee-growing business model, she to perform dental checkups on patients.

"The first five days, I observed and noted all aspects of their operation," said Johnson, who then offered recommendations on how to generate sufficient cash flow via ecotourism.

Johnson described the coffee of Aleta Wondo — what the town and its surrounding region are known for — as a dark roast enjoyed during

daily coffee ceremonies. For the ceremonies, the townspeople "smash the beans by hand using a mortar and pestle."

Johnson said there are heartbreaking challenges, primarily caused by poverty, for the people living on the land.

In addition to the children, Common River also shelters about 100 women, many of whom are illiterate to the point of not being able to sign their names in their native Amharic language, he said.

Common River's mission is to provide a safe haven and education for the women and children of Aleta Wondo so they can build a vibrant, self-sustaining village.

Johnson's stay at Common River developed a relationship that he believes will continue.

"I've done 25 study-abroad trips while I've taught at St. Mary's University," he said. "While I funded this trip on my own, this is what we're all about at St. Mary's — helping people wherever they need." ■

▲ Jeffrey Johnson, Ph.D., Professor of International Business, center, shares smiles with orphaned boys living at Common River.

St. Mary's Law receives \$500K gift for scholarships

A \$500,000 gift from the C.B. and Anita Branch Trust will grow the C.B. and Anita Branch Endowed Law Scholarship at St. Mary's University School of Law.

The new gift brings the total given over the years by the Trust to about \$650,000. Jim Drought (J.D. '69), partner with Drought Drought & Bobbitt LLP in San Antonio, helped bring the gift to fruition as a trustee of the C.B. and Anita Branch Trust.

"St. Mary's University and the School of Law are honored to carry forward Anita Branch's strong Catholic values with this scholarship endowment," said President Thomas M. Mengler, J.D. "Through this generosity and the commitment of Jim Drought, St. Mary's Law will be better able to encourage the pursuit of justice through future generations of St. Mary's lawyers."

Anita Branch, wife of the late Charles B. Branch, the former president and chief executive of the Dow Chemical Company,

made a scholarship donation to St. Mary's — Drought's alma mater — after Drought represented her interests in a legal matter and she later designated him as a trustee.

School of Law tackles reform of upper-level curriculum

Beginning in February 2021, law graduates will have to pass a new bar exam, the Uniform Bar Examination, in order to gain admission to the Texas State Bar.

Interim School of Law Dean Vincent R. Johnson, J.D., LL.D., plans to focus his efforts on reform of the second- and third-year curricula to help St. Mary's Law students pass the bar exam on their first attempt.

The exam will focus on national law topics, such as conflict of laws, constitutional law, criminal law and procedure, and family law. Professor of Law Mark Cochran, J.D., will chair a special committee to explore this proposal.

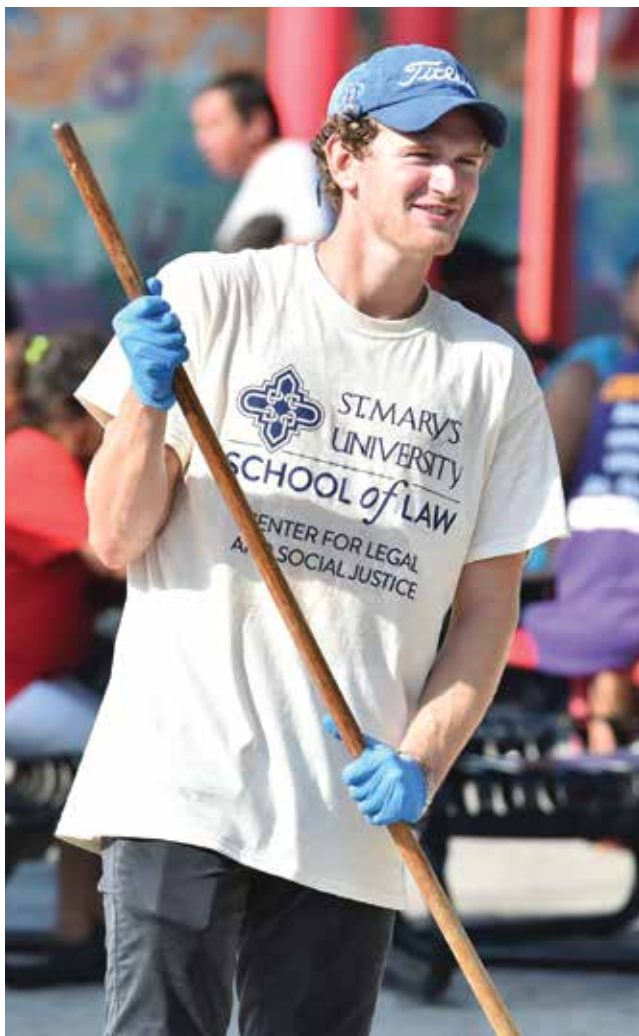
China program celebrates 10th anniversary

For a decade, students of the St. Mary's University School of Law have furthered their global education by learning from and working with Chinese attorneys and scholars.

This past summer, participants in the Institute on Chinese Law and Business Summer Program, along with Director Robert Hu, LL.M., Ph.D., were invited to celebrate the 10th anniversary at Beihang University in Beijing.

"Over the last 10 years, we've built so many relationships with Chinese universities, law firms and Chinese institutions like the Chinese patent office and the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission," Hu said.

In addition to visiting the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City, students tour and intern with Chinese law firms and companies. ■



▲ In August, the St. Mary's University School of Law held its first Orientation Day of Service, during which more than 230 first-year law students volunteered at Haven for Hope to wash mattresses, clean the kitchen, tend the garden, sort donations and apply new paint. The students earned community service hours too, said Greg Zlotnick, J.D., Pro Bono Program Supervisor. Photos by Robin Jerstad.

Hispanic business champ

*U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce leader
builds robust national network*

by Jasmine DeLeon (B.A. '11, M.A. '15)

With more than 4.3 million Hispanic-owned businesses in the U.S., advocating for them is a big job. It's one that launched Ramiro Cavazos (M.P.A. '03) out of the Lone Star State and into the nation's capital.

As president and CEO of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Cavazos nurtures a strong network of Hispanic chambers around the country, supporting the issues that matter to the Chamber while managing a team at the headquarters in Washington, D.C. For instance, the Chamber has come out in support of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement. The Chamber also encourages Fortune 1,000 companies to do more business with Hispanic-owned businesses.

"We are interested in making sure we have a healthy environment for our businesses in America that are Hispanic-owned," said Cavazos, adding that there is a need for more Hispanic-, minority- and women-owned businesses working with Fortune 1,000 businesses.

Since rising from his position as CEO of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to the national role in October 2018, Cavazos has worked to build trust and confidence with the Chamber's staff and board of directors.

"Trust is an important factor in successful decision-making. Building that confidence is going to make us stronger as an organization moving forward," he said. "That network is powerful, and it's something I don't take for granted."

President Emeritus and Professor of Political Science Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D. (B.A. '62, M.A. '64), who taught Cavazos, called him "the best example of an organizational man."

"His networking capabilities, his humor and storytelling ability were always evident and opened doors for him in both the civic and business communities," Cotrell said.

A graduate of the Master of Public Administration program, Cavazos credits his time at St. Mary's with providing a family-oriented environment that allowed him to build strong relationships throughout his career.

"That Marianist lifestyle — focused on ethics, morals, doing what's right, treating others with respect, giving yourself to the community — that has helped me in the work I've done," Cavazos said.

"No matter what I've done, I've always embodied that Marianist mindset that makes St. Mary's special. Everyone who goes to school there, graduates from there, works there, has that DNA. It's a DNA that, I believe, is very humanistic. St. Mary's taught me to be a better person." ■





Web watchdog



Cybersecurity graduate Mark Maldonado arrived at St. Mary's University with extensive computer experience — and left with mission and purpose

by Alex Z. Salinas (B.A. '11)

Wearing blue jeans and a graphic T-shirt depicting the 1985 film, *The Goonies*, Mark Maldonado (M.S. '19) admitted to dressing like that for work.

"I'm kind of a geek, a big gamer," the United States Department of Defense employee said with a smile. "Every week, my kids, some friends and I play Dungeons & Dragons."

Though Maldonado's personality is laid back, he recently completed some serious work while a graduate student at St. Mary's University. With the help of a Master of Science in Cybersecurity from St. Mary's, Maldonado morphed into an entrepreneur and cybersecurity expert, who has built a system to protect children from browsing adult content online.

Maldonado spent 15 years in the Air Force, including a tour in Afghanistan, working with computers. After leaving active duty, he wanted to add to his technical knowledge base.

In Fall 2016, he enrolled at St. Mary's.

"My prior military training, which was really grueling, made the transition into the Cybersecurity graduate program easier," Maldonado said. "Also, I've practically been a developer since I was 12."

The San Antonio-native's father was a software engineer who performed disk operating system (DOS) programming at home.

"I was curious, so he gave me a textbook," said Maldonado, who now has three children of his own. "I read the whole thing and ended up writing a calculator program."

While in the Cybersecurity program, a fellow parent's concern about her children accessing inappropriate content online inspired the idea behind his final research project.

Having already built hardware components for a proxy server (a server which people use to access other computers), Maldonado decided to develop a neural network — in other words, artificial intelligence.

Maldonado's project, titled Web Proxy Analytics Engine, the research behind which was also published in the *International Journal of Cyber Research and Education* in December 2018, is a proxy server intended for home users that is "trained" to block web content based on user preference.

This can include content from adult websites, political websites and even sports websites, if, for example, "you never want to hear news about a particular team," said Maldonado, a proud Dallas Cowboys fan.

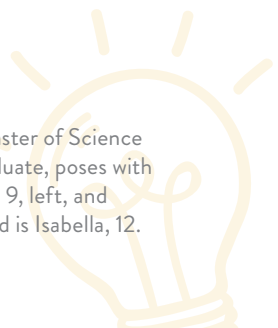
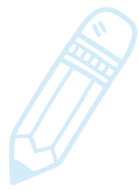
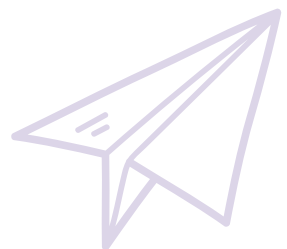
The proxy server's neural network proactively blocks content using Maldonado's complex algorithms.

Ayad Barsoum, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Computer Science, said Maldonado's research "combined machine learning techniques, natural language techniques and cybersecurity tools to provide safe web browsing for kids and allow parents to monitor, control and protect them."

The proxy server, which is half the size of a shoebox, is something Maldonado and two of his business partners are preparing for market release.

Their company name is NVByte, and the company has plans to launch its first product called Vital.

"From the welcoming and homey environment of the campus to the diverse culture of the program, I enjoyed my St. Mary's education," he said. "This program, which was heavy on the programming side, really allowed me to get my hands dirty. I liked that." ■



◀ Mark Maldonado, Master of Science in Cybersecurity graduate, poses with daughters Emmerly, 9, left, and Evvie, 11. Not pictured is Isabella, 12.

DRIVING EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION

Engineering alumna helps create a new college in West Africa

by Alex Z. Salinas (B.A. '11)

During high school in India and with her family, Sunitha Jenarius (B.S. '06) remembers teaching math, science and English to young girls in slums.

"The high school I went to was run by nuns," Jenarius said. "Every Friday, we brought onions and potatoes to the people living in the slums."

Bringing education to those in need is integrated into Jenarius' identity. Today, she is director of strategy for Academic City College in the Republic of Ghana — a university launched in Fall 2018 in the West African country's capital, Accra.

Jenarius is responsible for helping establish the university, from hiring administrative leaders and creating academic strategies to admissions and marketing. She incorporates innovation-driven learning into the college's academics and partners with local and global organizations to promote institutional development.

So how did the native Indian end up in higher education in West Africa? Drive, and her willingness to take chances.

MARIANIST INFLUENCE

After reading about St. Mary's University online, Jenarius enrolled without ever having traveled to the United States.

"I had a long layover in Frankfurt, Germany, and when I couldn't find anyone in the terminal who spoke English, I panicked," Jenarius said. "In that moment, I wasn't sure if I'd made the right decision."

Then she arrived at St. Mary's and something clicked.

"It was a leap of faith — and it worked," said the Computer Engineering major of the warm community of students she discovered.

"I was definitely homesick at first. But soon I diversified my friend circle, and that helped me in the long run."

Jenarius forged close bonds with her classmates and professors, especially those in the Department of Engineering. Tapping into her proficiency in mathematics, she tutored undergraduates and researched at the Southwest Research Institute.

Upon graduating, Jenarius enrolled at Purdue University and earned a master's in Electrical and Computer Engineering in 2008.

ALL BUSINESS

After Purdue, Jenarius was hired by Deloitte and worked in management consulting in New York. Her Deloitte clients included Fortune 500 companies in finance, and she remembered "a steep learning curve due to the competitive nature of work."

After several years there and then a year with a business venture in India, she took an opportunity to establish a commodity trading business in Africa, which she called "a place where an individual can make a lot of genuine impact."

In 2016, through her roommate there, she met people involved with the Eureka Africa Group — an organization that would soon open a new college campus. The college aims to deliver much-needed, affordable, modern education to develop a competitive labor pool in Ghana.

EDUCATING AFRICA

The Academic City College, located on a 12-acre plot with new facilities to house up to 3,000 students, recently completed its first academic year.

The initial 45 students divided into the college's three schools — Engineering and Technology, Business, and Communication Arts — "went through a rigorous interview process because we want graduates who aren't afraid of change and who want to drive change," she said.

"High schools in Africa are very traditional in that students aren't encouraged to speak up in class," Jenarius said. "So what you often see are bright students who are stifled because of their learning environment."

At Academic City College, learning is, instead, holistic and hands-on. Professors require students to apply concepts from the classroom to solve problems in the area, such as trash collection.

"All the first-year Engineering students are working on a smart trashcan — a trashcan that's artificially intelligent," Jenarius said.

The college's curriculum is "deliberately planned to get our students thinking on an industry-level so that when they apply for jobs, they're competitive."

This is why Jenarius spends much of her time networking with local businesses, "meeting CEOs of Microsoft and Google in the area to find out what they look for and where our gaps are."

Jenarius said her range of business experiences, plus her engineering background fostered at St. Mary's, plays heavily in who she's become.

"Little did I know I'd be in Africa driving entrepreneurship and education," she said. "I love exploring, and I love building things. Whatever the future holds, it will be with me building to solve a challenge." ■

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The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign gifts bring glory to a St. Mary's University education.

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Each takes St. Mary's a step closer to realizing its vision to become one of the finest private universities in the region. Each propels the most ambitious fundraising effort ever undertaken at St. Mary's — The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign launched in Fall 2017. In November, the University announced already exceeding the stated goal of \$130 million and extending the campaign to a new \$150 million goal.

In the words of Alicia Cordoba Tait, D.M.A., whose position as the inaugural Beirne Director of the Center for Catholic Studies was funded by one of these donations, "the 'Defining Moment' is believing what is possible."

She shares that belief in what's possible with the students and faculty across campus who — thanks to the campaign's donors — have already witnessed the evolution of their experiences in faith formation, and academic and research excellence.

Formation of Faith

Pursuing faith

Anthony “AJ” Klutho Jr.

Hometown: St. Louis

Studying: Exercise and Sports Science sophomore, Theology minor

Q: Why did you choose to study at St. Mary’s?

A: What really set St. Mary’s apart was the Catholic heritage. The moment that I was on campus, I knew this is where I want to be.

St. Mary’s created an environment where I could become the best version of myself.

Q: How does your Theology minor fit into your educational goals?

A: My faith is really integrated into who I am. The purpose of the Theology minor is to understand what I believe. Through understanding other religions of the world, you strengthen your knowledge of your own.

Q: How has receiving a scholarship affected your life?

A: It’s such a blessing. I’m able to live on campus. It makes living out of state so much more manageable. I could be paying the same for some public school in Missouri, but I wouldn’t be getting the same education.

Q: How has being a member of the Marianist Leadership Program and benefiting from the funding it has received impacted you?

A: The program gave me the space to grow within my faith. This program is also very big on making an impact on the community and helps integrate service into who I am.

Q: What has been your favorite thing about St. Mary’s?

A: Opportunity is really my favorite thing, especially within the faith life. We have daily Mass on campus. We have Casa Maria where the Marianist brothers open their house for prayer and a meal. I play worship music. Those opportunities are the biggest reason why I’m still Catholic — the University had the desire for me to pursue my faith and the resources for me to sustain it.



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In Catholic higher education, I found an environment where you can be all of who you are, especially when you allow your faith to be prominent in that. I’m a better musician. I’m a better teacher. I’m a better human being because I’m allowed to be true to myself and I’m surrounded by people who are allowed to be true to themselves.”

— Alicia Cordoba Tait, D.M.A.,
Beirne Director of the Center for
Catholic Studies and Professor of Music



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The Marianist Leadership Program has empowered me to be a leader for my community. It has helped me discover where my strengths and weaknesses are, where I need to grow even more. The idea of being able to lead with the Marianist charisms is very significant to my future, especially because I want to be in education.”

— Laura Dicún, junior Management major and Entrepreneurship and Innovation minor from Argentina

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St. Mary’s has a unique sense of community that I believe stems from its Marianist values. My time here has taught me that disciplined, purposeful hard work pays off. I am so excited to take those principles ingrained in me through athletic success to fight for the common good.”

— Jake Stevenson, Political Science senior and Men’s Golf player from Boerne



Academic and Research Distinction



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I had never been exposed to research prior to coming to St. Mary's. After I started, I fell in love with it. The professors helped me understand that my work extends to thousands of lives. The donors who funded much of our research and our renovated spaces have helped introduce us to our future callings.”

— Alexis Salazar, Biology senior from San Antonio



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Research as an undergraduate can be a transformative experience. As a mentor, I can see that transformation at work in my students. When students are in the research lab working on answering real questions that could impact health and disease, they learn biology in a whole new way.”

— Verónica Contreras-Shannon, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences

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The Mechanical Engineering program has given me the skills required to work in an engineering-related industry right out of undergraduate school, but with an emphasis on the importance of establishing interpersonal relationships and reflecting the characteristics of a Marianist education.”

— Nicolas Romero, Mechanical Engineering senior from California and member of the Marianist Leadership Program

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Mechanical engineering does not make sense without facilities for the students to experience the engineering in a hands-on environment. Without the support that we have received to build labs, our program would be meaningless. It is great to be able to attract students who want to learn mechanical engineering in our Marianist community.”

— Amber McClung, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering



Research opportunities help launch young scientist

Jose Figueroa, left, a junior from San Antonio studying Physics and Mathematics, gives thanks for the opportunities provided by those who have donated to improve research opportunities.

“Young people, especially people of color in the sciences, just need a chance,” said Figueroa, who has interned with the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. “Breaking the mold is something I don’t take for granted. Doing that internship proved that I can research. I can go anywhere in the world and be a good scientist.”

The recently renovated Brother William Hamm Physics Lab is greatly enhancing courses “crucial in the preparation for future engineers and scientists,” said Richard Lombardini, Ph.D., right, Associate Professor of Physics.



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Travel funding for students, such as through the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, incentivizes good work. Our students say these opportunities have allowed them to be better prepared than everyone else when they reach graduate school.”

— Bradley W. Root, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of History

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Thanks to the support I’ve received through the Promoting Post-Baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program, I am able to attend St. Mary’s and give back to the community by sharing stories about San Antonio’s history. Through the program, I’ve had the opportunity to partner with the nonprofit Esperanza Center to produce a digital project on the history of the Missions and Tejano culture.”

— Samantha Shine Trabucco, Master of Arts in Public History student from Floresville



Student Success

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Any financial assistance is a blessing. I believe we have a purpose here on Earth to love and serve others. The people who have provided funds for me are a step ahead on that, and I will be doing the same when I'm in the position to do so.”

— Mya Culiver, Computer Engineering junior from New Mexico and Women's Basketball guard

Scholarship provides student with a life-changing moment

Magdalena Olivas, left, an Accounting, and Finance and Risk Management senior from Mexico, said a scholarship made the difference in her attending St. Mary's.

The day of her high school graduation, Olivas had decided to go to another school because it cost less. But a call from her counselor let her know about help she would receive from the St. Mary's Carlos and Malú Alvarez International Student Endowed Scholarship Fund. Her brother now attends St. Mary's too.

“Thank you' only includes eight letters, but to me, it involves a life-changing moment: a new hope, a dream come true and a bag full of dreams that will impact the lives of many,” she said.





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The Greehey Scholars make me proud with their thought-provoking questions and polished comments. This professionalism, along with solid character, often results in internships or full-time positions. A financial contribution to St. Mary's University provides the sustenance to produce the leaders that this world needs.”

— Suzanne Oliva (J.D. '96, B.B.A. '87),
Director of the Greehey Scholars Program and
Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting



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Through music and music education, everyone can find purpose and meaning in their lives. Thanks to your help, we are able to update our instrument inventory, technology and student aid, which advances our performance and education quality.”

— Matthew Mireles, D.M.A. (B.A. '07),
Chair of the Department of Music



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St. Mary's has a program for Theology that supports students involved in ministry. The funding tells students this work they're doing matters. I was super surprised to find out I was being given the opportunity to do this really new and exciting research in digital humanities, marrying technology, archaeology and theology together.”

— Vanessa Cypert, online Master of Arts
in Theology student from New Braunfels



Faculty Excellence



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My life was transformed because a St. Mary's professor saw in me more than I saw in myself and cared enough to spend the time necessary to get me to see my potential. The most rewarding aspect of my job is being able to play a part in the transformational process our students undergo here. To assist our students as they develop into promising young professionals and genuinely good people is an honor that I never take for granted.”

— David Sommer, Ph.D. (B.B.A. '89), Charles E. Cheever
Chair of Risk Management

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I've been all around the continent, to places like Montreal, Boston, Atlanta, Chicago and New Orleans for conferences and competitions. I always come back with a different perspective. I feel like I have to give back to others now.”

— Rudy Martinez, Finance and Risk Management
senior from Laredo



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Our professors and donors to the Risk Management Student Success Fund, Tom and Leti Contreras, have helped instill that sense of, 'I can do this.' I feel ready and confident to make a difference in the world.”

— Olivia Bachelet, Finance and Risk
Management senior from Colorado

Professor's dedication to students pays dividends

Todd R. Hanneken, Ph.D., Chair of the Theology Department, described the "Defining Moment" as "every moment we go out of our way to do more than the minimum or more than our jobs require to help students."

He recently helped an 88-year-old student, who wasn't previously able to finish a degree program. "She doesn't have a computer and she doesn't live in San Antonio. We said, 'This is someone who wants to know what we have to teach, and we're going to accommodate the student.'"

For another student, a veteran who wanted to study Theology, Hanneken worked to see if the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs would fund studying Theology at the graduate level. "For that student, it was a big step in his career."



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I enjoy the diverse faculty's backgrounds. Seeing people from around the world in the Greehey School of Business showed me how broad St. Mary's is.”

— Fernanda Sandoval, Finance and Risk Management senior and Greehey Scholar from El Salvador

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The Defining Moment is believing what is possible, seeing the little light bulbs go on and realizing all the things we talked about are real.”

— Alicia Cordoba Tait, D.M.A., Beirne Director of the Center for Catholic Studies and Professor of Music

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The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign transforms legal education

*T*HE ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW challenges each of its students to become knowledgeable and skilled leaders in the law, working to improve their community through justice.

In November 2017, the St. Mary's University School of Law boldly stepped forward to engage the law community in that effort as well. The goal was to raise \$25 million for the Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign for the School of Law as part of a larger campaign to raise \$130 million total for the University.

Many generous alumni and friends — such as Law Success Program donors Steven Michael Peña Sr. (J.D. '94) and the Honorable Mary Anne Bramblett (J.D. '81) and Coll Bramblett (J.D. '80) — have already accepted the challenge. Together, contributions totaling more than \$16 million helped enable the University to increase its overall fundraising goal to \$150 million.

These gifts have built on the Catholic and Marianist educational foundation to create life-changing opportunities for School of Law students and faculty.

Law Success Program

The mission of Law Success is to help prepare students for success in school, on the bar exam and in practice. To accomplish this mission, the program takes an innovative, data-driven approach to student growth by using assessments and data gathering to plan legal skills development, bar exam initiatives and individual academic counseling.



Courtesy Photo

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“When we were told we’d have to take some classes no one else had to take, I was apprehensive. But, had it not been for the donors providing funding for the program, I don’t know that I would have been as successful. The practical knowledge and experiences made me better prepared for a legal career.”

— Katherine Cabello-Flores (J.D. ’18),
Associate Attorney, Tessmer Law Firm PLLC



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“The best part of the Law Success Program was the one-on-one attention I received with the instructors. It is one thing to have the law professors teach you the material and another to have a professor dedicated to working with you on your law school trajectory. Being a first-generation student going to law school, I had no idea what law school was about, what the process was. Law Success fills that gap.”

—Eden Ramirez (J.D. ’18),
Associate Attorney, O’Hanlon,
Demerath & Castillo, PC

“The work we do is built on the foundation the donors have laid for us. It really has made a tremendous difference. Ensuring each student has coaching, support and an academic adviser — the funding allowed us to hire passionate people who could make that happen.”

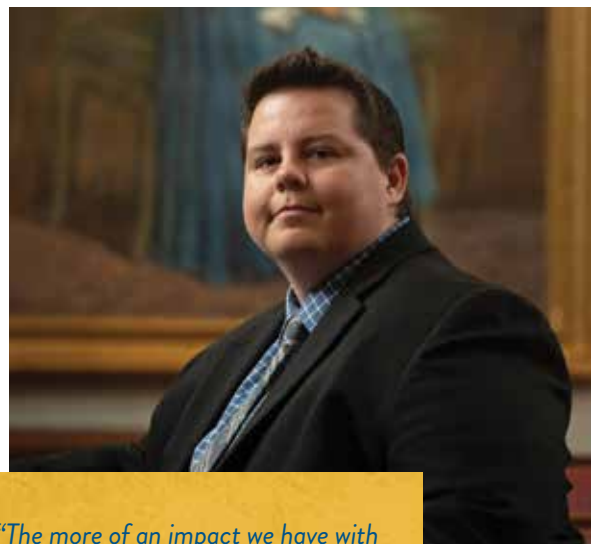
— Zoe E. Niesel, J.D., Executive Director of Law Success and
Assistant Professor of Law



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“The more of an impact we have with the students, the more it helps them achieve a larger goal so they can be successful for themselves. We’re not just impacting the people who walk through the door, but really the entire class.”

— Afton Cavanaugh (J.D. ’13), Director
of Law Success and Service
Professor of Law



Educational pioneers

Professor and student search out the rich and complicated story of St. Mary's University's Hispanic-serving history

by Anndria Flores (B.A. '12, M.A. '16)



Gerald E. Poyo, Ph.D., resolved to tell the story of St. Mary's University's history with the intention of uncovering its Hispanic historical narrative. What he found was the University's foundation, from the very start, was rooted in a call to serve Mexican children.

"This was unexpected," said Poyo, the O'Connor Chair for the History of Hispanic Texas and the Southwest, who spent the last two years combing through the National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States, which are housed on campus.

"When we think of St. Mary's as being a Hispanic university with about 60% of the population being Hispanic students, we know the history of 40 years ago when it used to be a predominantly Anglo-American school."

People might assume that the University transitioned to serving Hispanics in the 1960s and 1970s, when there was a resurgence of Hispanic students at St. Mary's.

"But that's not the case at all."

With the help of Public History graduate student Edgar Velázquez Reynald and others, Poyo has created an exhibit on Latinos and Marianist education in San Antonio now on display at the Marianist Archives and will develop their findings into a book.

Education for all children

The first boys' school in San Antonio, which would evolve into St. Mary's University — called the St. Mary's Institute — was founded by the late Rev. John Marie Odin, the first Bishop of Galveston, to teach Mexican American children in San Antonio. Upon visiting the city, Odin was dismayed by the poverty he observed. The community needed a school.

In 1851, Odin traveled to Bordeaux, France, after hearing about the progressive education the Society of Mary provided in several countries. Odin implored the Superior General of the Congregation for teachers so he could establish a school in San Antonio, but was denied.

Odin's request required multilingual teachers because San Antonio was a melting pot of different cultures and languages. But well-educated teachers were already in high demand by existing schools. After a second attempt, the Marianists granted him three brothers based in Europe and Brother Andrew Edel — a professor at the St. Mary's Institute in Dayton, Ohio — who would direct the school.

Upon arriving in Texas, the brothers mastered English and converted a shop to a schoolhouse that opened on Aug. 25, 1852. By year's end, the school grew from 12 pupils to 100 of many nationalities and faiths.

"St. Mary's was a school that had Mexicans, French, Germans, Polish and Anglo-Americans — all in an integrated multilingual and multicultural environment at a time when the city and country were moving toward more and more segregation," Poyo said. "They really founded the school against the grain."

In March 1853, the new building on the San Antonio River opened and soon expanded.

Enduring hardship and growth

By 1853, five teachers were spread thin across a growing student body.

Odin intervened and financed the voyage for two brothers from France to San Antonio after Edel spent nearly a year waiting for the Superior General's response to his pleas for help. The transportation cost was too significant for the school because many students could not afford tuition. Odin's financial assistance brought to St. Mary's Brother Eligius Beyrer and a young brother, Charles Francis, who would grow with the school and weather some of its most challenging times.

With two other teachers called to Dayton and a student body swelling to more than 200, Edel's pleas for educators continued. The Superior General dispatched one teacher before the Civil War stymied additional help.

Though educating more than 300 students by the end of the Civil War, the Rev. John N. Reinbolt, then the Provincial Superior of the United States, was not convinced of the school's need to remain open — until his 12-day study of the school changed his mind.

The end of the war also gave rise to a new era for the school led by Francis, who began enlarging the school in 1867.

Building additions and adding new teachers allowed the school's academically challenging curriculum to be accompanied by theatrical and music performances, and commencement at which students demonstrated their intellectual and artistic abilities to their families, making the school a top pick for students even as competitors opened.

Francis relinquished his duties to the Rev. Francis Feith, S.M., as head of the school in 1882 when it was renamed St. Mary's College.

"By 1885, St. Mary's became the largest school in San Antonio, enrolling 400 students, including 50 boarders," Poyo said.



▲ Students congregate outside St. Mary's College, circa 1885. Historic photos courtesy the National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States.

◀ Gerald E. Poyo, left, stands next to the bell from St. Mary's Institute — cast in 1866 — as Edgar Velázquez Reynald sits on the chair of the late Brother Thomas J. Treadaway, S.M. (1897-1969), Registrar for most of his 31 years at St. Mary's.

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▲ In one of the earliest photographs of St. Mary's College students, thespians don costumes in 1883.

▶ A horse and carriage stops outside of St. Mary's College in downtown San Antonio, circa 1913.



Teaching Mexican Americans

Feith began to grapple with the school's ability to properly teach Mexican children due to language barriers in the late 1880s. Communication remained an issue despite encouraging faculty to learn Spanish.

"Later into the century, they segregated the poor Mexican kids for very complicated and difficult reasons," Poyo said. "They established the San Fernando Cathedral School, which I had never heard of in conversations about St. Mary's history. The primary school belonged to the Cathedral, but was run by the Marianists from 1888 to 1927."

The school was located on Laredo Street in the Mexican American community.

"Perhaps even more difficult, according to the brothers, in this age of deepening racism, too many Euro-American parents refused to send their children to St. Mary's as long as Mexicans attended."

The Marianist brothers taught thousands of Mexican American children at the segregated school, which students from St. Peter's Orphanage attended. Some of the most promising students earned scholarships to St. Mary's College.

New campus, new direction

In 1891, the Marianists purchased 75 acres from the West End Town Co. for \$1 on the condition they would begin building a school within a year.

"When St. Mary's College could no longer accommodate a growing number of students, the Society of Mary established a new campus on the West End. Named St. Louis College, it served as a boarding school with curriculum and rigor similar to the downtown campus, which became a day school," Poyo said.

St. Louis College was established in September 1894.

"St. Louis College, almost from its inception, enrolled a large Mexican and Tejano student body from the Mexican border region and interior," Poyo said. "Unlike the children of the local Tejano community, these students came from affluent families who could afford tuition."

In 1923, the downtown campus became the St. Mary's Academy and St. Louis College was renamed St. Mary's College. The State of Texas soon recognized St. Mary's College as a junior college and, in 1926, a senior college.

The name St. Mary's University took hold in 1927 and evolved into the campus of today with a focus on academic excellence for its diverse student body.

Continuing scholastic research

Though Poyo's research continues, he is displaying an exhibit of his early research beginning this fall at the Marianist Archives.

Visitors can view newly unearthed historical images compiled by graduate Public History student Velázquez Reynald and artifacts found by supporting archivists Lisa Matye Finnie; Mary Kenney; Brother Brian Zampier, S.M.; and Brother Earl Leistikow, S.M.

"It was a real joy and pleasure to look at these images, which a lot of people haven't seen," Velázquez Reynald said. "The Public History program has allowed me to mold my interests in museum science, film and communications. With just this one semester that I've completed, it has delivered on all its promises and more."

"Referring to universities like St. Mary's as Hispanic-serving is a term everybody is using these days, but what does it really mean? What are the obligations associated with taking on that designation?" Poyo said. "I'm hoping that our work can help answer those questions." ■

▶ In 1925, St. Louis, Reinbolt and Chaminade Halls dominate the surrounding underdeveloped land.



▶ A newly constructed St. Louis Hall looks much the same today as it did in this image circa 1894.



CLASSNOTES *alumni news*

1950s

Giovanni Fazio, Ph.D., B.A./B.S. '54, Newton, Massachusetts, has received the International Society for Optics and Photonics' George W. Goddard Award in Space and Airborne Optics "in recognition of his exceptional achievements in the area of infrared instruments spanning 40 years (This includes) the Infrared Array Camera onboard the Spitzer Space Telescope, which has made extraordinary discoveries from measuring the mass of the most distant galaxy to finding and characterizing seven Earth-sized planets in the TRAPPIST-1 system."

1960s

JohnPaul Jourard, B.A. '63, Houston, retired in August after serving 14 years at the Crowne Plaza Suites Hotel and 35 years in the hospitality industry.

Robert Sweeney, B.B.A. '68, Houston, is a member, treasurer and director of the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation in Corpus Christi. Sweeney is also serving as director of the Texas Society of CPAs.

1970s

Sara E. Dysart, B.A. '74, J.D. '81, San Antonio, recipient of the 2019 St. Mary's University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna Award and a board-certified commercial real estate lawyer, has been appointed to the Broadway Bank board of directors.

John Quiñones, B.A. '74, New York City, who is an ABC News correspondent and *What Would You Do?* host, returned to San Antonio to give a motivational speech to high school graduates in early June. Quiñones was the commencement speaker at Harmony Science Academy, sharing words of wisdom with the Class of 2019.

Manuel M. Quiñones, M.D., B.A. '77, San Antonio, is among the San Antonio Business Journal's Health Care Heroes in the physician nonhospital-based category. Quiñones, a family physician and partner with HealthTexas Medical Group, has been practicing medicine for more than 35 years.

Yava Scott, B.B.A. '77, J.D. '80, Houston, who is a St. Mary's University Trustee and co-founder of YaCari Consultants, LLC; recently joined the public finance division of Hilltop Securities Inc. as a managing director. As an investment banker, she works with traditional and non-traditional municipal advisory services alongside Hilltop's municipal advisers.

Mary Brennan Stich, B.A. '78, J.D. '81, San Antonio, received the San Antonio Business Journal's Women's Leadership Award for her accomplishments in the business sector. She serves as deputy general counsel at Rackspace Inc.

Elvira Puig Barrera, M.A. '78, Sp '89, San Antonio, received the Outstanding Role Model Award from IMAGE de San Antonio for her leadership in the field of education. She was also commissioned as a Yellow Rose of Texas by Gov. Greg Abbott, which is the highest award bestowed on women by a Texas governor.

1980s

Anthony "Tony" Radoszewski, B.A. '80, Addison, has been named president and CEO of the Plastics Industry Association after serving 13 years as president of the Plastics Pipe Institute.

David Wilsdorf, B.B.A. '81, Chesterfield, Missouri, has been named president of the Old National Bank in St. Louis.

Paula Gold-Williams, B.B.A. '84, San Antonio, a St. Mary's University Trustee and CPS Energy president and CEO, took the stage for the 24th volume of PechaKucha, where she spoke of growing up in San Antonio. The PechaKucha format, invented by Japanese architects in 2003, encourages speakers to present ideas quickly and creatively.

Robert McKenna, B.A. '87, Kirkland, Washington, recently completed a Master of International Studies at Queens' College, University of Cambridge. He splits his time between living near Seattle and working in Washington, D.C., as a policy adviser to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Daryl Derryberry, J.D., B.B.A. '88, Tyler, for the third-consecutive year, has been voted by his peers as a Texas Super Lawyer in the practice of plaintiff's personal injury litigation.

1990s

Anna G. Benavides Galo, B.A. '90, Laredo, has been appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Parks and Wildlife Commission. She is vice president of ANB Cattle Co. and co-trustee of her family's mineral trust, and also a descendant of Laredo's founder, Don Tomás Sánchez.

Jose Garza, B.B.A. '90, Kedah, Malaysia, has been featured in *CEO Magazine*. He is managing director of Aerospace Composites Malaysia, which manufactures composite products for the global aerospace industry and is a joint venture between two U.S. companies — Boeing and composites material manufacturer Hexcel Corp.

Harold Oliver, M.S. '91, J.D. '02, San Antonio, worked with the Texas A&M University System to help establish Texas A&M University-San Antonio. For his efforts, the university conferred an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to him during its Spring 2019 Commencement.

Rene Dominguez, B.A. '92, M.S. '00, San Antonio, who was the City of San Antonio's former economic director, moved to the Texas Research and Technology Foundation, assuming the role of president and chief operating officer.

Delia R. Garcia, M.A. '94, Topeka, has been appointed by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly as the state's Secretary of Labor.

Victor Wright, M.B.A. '94, Houston, is the new president of the University of Houston Law Alumni Association.

Tim Brown, M.B.A. '95, Fair Oaks Ranch, has been hired as chief information officer for Johnson Financial Group, which is headquartered in Racine, Wisconsin.

Lissiah Hundley, B.A. '95, J.D. '99, Alpharetta, Georgia, has been appointed head of strategic partnerships and client fulfillment at Diversity Inc after two decades of experience in the diversity sector.

Lisa G. Rowe, M.A./J.D. '95, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, is the new assistant prosecutor of Oconto County.

Neomi De Anda, B.A. '97, M.A. '99, Dayton, Ohio, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Dayton, is the new president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States.

Alumni, update your info now

St. Mary's University alumni will be eligible to purchase discounted 2020 Fiesta Oyster Bake tickets — but only if we have your updated contact information!

Alumni with a working email address will receive an email with a unique code for discounted Fiesta Oyster Bake tickets through our easy online ordering system.

Update your email and other contact information at alumni.stmarytx.edu/update. This ensures you will receive important news, invitations and, of course, the discount code.

Want to let us know what's been going on in your life and career? Fill out the Class Notes form at alumni.stmarytx.edu/notes.

Mark your calendar now:

Homecoming Oyster Bake

March 28, 2020

Fiesta Oyster Bake

April 17 and 18, 2020



2000s

Sister Marilyn Llanes, M.A. '00, Adrian, Michigan, took her perpetual vows with the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

John D. Rye, U.S. Air Force Col., Ret., M.S. '00, McCook, Nebraska, was the featured speaker at the Memorial Day services in McCook.

Melissa Cabello Havrda, B.A. '01, J.D. '07, San Antonio, was elected council member for the City of San Antonio's District 6.

Danielle (DeLaCruz) Bombeck, B.A. '02, Castroville, and husband Mike Bombeck welcomed Marietta Regina, born April 17, 2019.

Manuel Hinojosa, B.A. '02, and Melanie Hinojosa, who live in Little Elm, welcomed daughter Felicity Grace, born April 15, 2019.

Richard Olague, B.A. '03, Washington, D.C., is the new director of public affairs at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HSRA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He hopes to make a valuable contribution to HSRA, which works with health centers, rural health infrastructure, maternal health and the Ryan White/HIV Aids Program.

Stefanie Gonzalez-Lopez, Ph.D., B.A. '04, M.P.A. '06, and **Carlos Lopez, B.S. '05, M.P.A. '15**, San Antonio, welcomed their first child, Olivia Carolina, born July 17, 2019.

Anne Claire Andaya-Nauts, M.A. '06, Manila, Philippines, Consul at the U.S. Embassy, works in the Immigrant Visa Unit to reunite Filipinos with their families in the United States. Before her current assignment, she served in Afghanistan, China and India.

Desiree (DeLeon) Anzaldua, B.A. '06, Richmond, and Raymond Anzaldua III welcomed daughter Hanna Isla, born Oct. 1, 2018.

Priscilla Ann (Garcia) Benavidez, B.A. '06, Robstown, and Hector Benavidez married on June 22, 2019, in Corpus Christi.

Jessica (O'Con) Gonzales, B.B.A. '06, and **Christopher Gonzales, B.B.A. '05**, San Antonio, welcomed daughter Della Celeste, born Dec. 28, 2018, whose big brother Gavin Christopher is excited about her arrival.

Brittany (Palmer) Moreno, B.A. '06, Severn, Maryland, and husband Alexander Moreno welcomed daughter Palmer Rose, born July 11, 2019.

Sally Pretorius, B.A. '06, Dallas, co-hosted a State Bar of Texas podcast at its annual meeting in June titled, *Get Paid and Have a Life*.

Jamie Amoretti, B.B.A. '07, San Antonio, a tenured team member at Catto & Catto, has been added as a new partner-owner, continuing to strengthen Catto's position as the largest independent and privately owned insurance brokerage in South Texas.

Marina J. Gonzales, B.A. '08, San Antonio, CEO of Child Advocates San Antonio, is among 21 women to receive the Women's Leadership Award from the San Antonio Business Journal for her accomplishments in the business sector.

Inez Elder, M.D., B.A. '11, Victoria, a family medicine physician, recently joined DeTar Family Medicine Center, which has two locations in Victoria.

Veronica Lopez-Alvarez, B.A. '12, M.P.A. '14, San Antonio, and Oziel Alvarez married on Aug. 31, 2019.

Guadalupe Cordoba Ibarra, B.S. '16, Phoenix, studied coral reef ecology and the conservation of marine systems along the Great Barrier Reef in Australia this past summer. She works as a senior exhibit guide at the Phoenix Zoo while pursuing a graduate degree in Miami University's Global Field Program.

Eric Rodriguez, B.A. '17, Austin, was elected editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Criminal Law* of the University of Texas School of Law.

Marshall Bowen, M.A./J.D. '18, Austin, is clerking for Texas Supreme Court Justice **Paul Green, J.D. '77**. Bowen spent his first year out of law school clerking for Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge **Kevin P. Yeary, B.A. '88, J.D. '91**, making him one of only a handful of attorneys to ever clerk for judges on Texas' two high courts.

Jacob Arevalo, B.A. '19, Pleasanton, returned to his alma mater Pleasanton High School to coach. While in high school, Arevalo was quarterback of the football team.

2010s

Christopher Lasko, B.A. '10, M.A. '13, San Antonio, is the assistant principal at John Paul Stevens High School in the Northside Independent School District.



Building Reinbolt

The Marianist brothers of what was then called St. Louis College pose on a beam used in the construction of Reinbolt Hall in 1908. The photo is courtesy of the National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States.

Have a cool photo from your days at St. Mary's? We'd love to consider publishing it in a future issue of *Gold & Blue*. Send digitally to ucomm@stmarytx.edu, or mail to University Communications, St. Mary's University, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, Texas, 78228. Mailed images will be returned.

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Let us pray for those who have passed away.

1940s

Sam C. Bennett, B.S. '43,
San Antonio, May 6, 2019

**William F. "Bill" McBrearty Jr.,
B.B.A. '49,** San Antonio,
Aug. 2, 2019

1950s

**Jesus "Jesse" Mendez Jr., B.A.
'51,** San Antonio, July 30, 2019

**Christopher S. Monestier, B.B.A.
'51,** San Antonio, May 30, 2019

Thomas P. Lockett, B.B.A. '53,
Frisco, May 24, 2019

**Lt. Col. Clarence A. Mangold Jr.,
U.S. Army, Ret., B.B.A. '53,**
San Antonio, May 7, 2019

Fred Woodley, LL.B. '53,
San Antonio, June 15, 2019

Groves J. Byers, B.A. '55,
Venice, Florida, May 23, 2019

**William Robert Green, B.B.A.
'55,** Corpus Christi, Aug. 21, 2019

**Frank Fenton Coughlin,
B.B.A. '56,** Tucker, Georgia,
Sept. 3, 2019

**Bernard E. Schrautemeier, B.S.
'56,** St. Louis, May 20, 2019

**Ernest L. "Buddy" Bodden Jr.,
B.B.A. '58,** Rockport,
June 14, 2019

John Turner Elliot, B.B.A. '58,
San Antonio, July 27, 2019

**William J. Hickey, B.A./B.B.A.
'58,** Media, Pennsylvania,
May 23, 2019

Elroy Louis Rihn, CL '58,
San Antonio, May 15, 2019

Frank E. Rohm Jr., B.B.A. '58,
San Antonio, Dec. 14, 2018

Carl William Valigura, B.A. '58,
Houston, Feb. 13, 2019

Joe W.G. Behlau, B.A. '59,
Lampasas, Feb. 7, 2019

**Joe Gomes Carinhas, B.B.A./
LL.B. '59,** San Antonio,
June 12, 2019

William T. "Bill" Holder, B.A. '59,
Amelia Court House, Virginia,
April 10, 2019

**Preston N. "Sonny" Littrell Jr.,
B.A. '59,** San Antonio,
July 27, 2019

1960s

Milton Jacob Lutz, B.S. '60,
Austin, June 18, 2019

**Francis Lee "Bob" Matocha,
B.B.A. '60,** Houston,
Aug. 25, 2019

Philip Charles Wilson, B.A. '60,
New Braunfels, July 14, 2019

Donald Paul Gies, B.A. '61,
San Antonio, Jan. 8, 2019

Edwin Joseph Zoller, CL '61,
San Antonio, May 26, 2019

**Sister Patricia Ann McManus,
SHSp, B.A. '62,** San Antonio,
July 27, 2019

Phillips Willborn, CL '62, Boerne,
June 25, 2019

**Romie Mark Dufner II, B.B.A.
'63,** San Antonio, June 22, 2019

**Robert Benhardt Namken,
B.B.A. '63,** Pin Oak,
June 11, 2019

Elizabeth J. Flanagan, B.A. '64,
San Antonio, July 4, 2019

**Sister Olga Muñoz, F.M.A.,
M.A. '66,** San Antonio,
Aug. 23, 2019

Jane Scott Kiong, B.A. '67,
Kempner, Jan. 6, 2019

**S. Reese Rozzell, B.A. '67, J.D.
'70,** Rockport, June 23, 2019

John L. Sanders, LL.B. '67,
San Antonio, July 12, 2019

**Col. Jack Philip Story, U.S.
Army, Ret., M.B.A. '67,**
Pine Mountain, Georgia,
June 26, 2019

Enrique L. Vasquez, B.A. '67,
Uvalde, Oct. 9, 2018

**John Thomas "Tommy" Brannan
III, B.A. '68,** New Braunfels,
Aug. 8, 2019

John Moore Killian, J.D. '68,
San Antonio, May 16, 2019

**Kenneth Stanley Brand, B.B.A.
'69,** San Antonio, Aug. 11, 2019

**Charles Hasting Forrest, B.A.
'69,** San Antonio, May 24, 2019

**Cecelia Rebecca Fulcher
Kirchner, B.A. '69,** Vancouver,
Washington, July 26, 2019

Frank Ganucheau, M.A. '69,
Dallas, May 16, 2019

**Stephen Rozanski, Ph.D., B.A.
'69,** Hallsville, March 8, 2019

1970s

Don Heartsill Culwell, M.A. '70,
San Antonio, May 24, 2019

**Gary Michael Neubauer, B.A.
'70,** Houston, July 17, 2019

Harry Page, B.A. '70, San
Antonio, March 5, 2019

Manuel B. Prince Sr., B.A. '70,
San Antonio, July 1, 2019

The Rev. Carlo Tarasi, B.A. '70,
Deerfield Beach, Florida,
June 14, 2019

Willis Lamar Trawick Sr., B.S. '71,
San Antonio, June 12, 2019

**Thomas Durham Winstead, M.A.
'71,** Houston, May 18, 2019

**Sister Christine Stephens,
CDP, M.A. '72,** San Antonio,
July 18, 2019

**Sister Annette Herr, C.S.A.,
M.A. '73,** Fond du Lac,
Wisconsin, June 28, 2019

Elba Rodriguez, B.A. '73,
San Antonio, June 11, 2019

**Robert Henry Wahne, B.B.A.
'73,** Floresville, June 7, 2019

F. Scott Radke, J.D. '74,
San Antonio, Sept. 3, 2019

John Samuel Toscano, '74,
San Antonio, July 18, 2019

Victor Keith Dullye, B.B.A. '76,
San Antonio, Aug. 29, 2019

Helen Pickering, B.A. '77,
Clifton, July 6, 2019

Juan Jose Garcia, B.A. '78,
San Antonio, May 14, 2019

1980s

Rodolfo O. Orta Jr., B.A. '80,
San Antonio, July 17, 2019

Frederick Henry Borg, M.A. '82,
Panama City, Florida,
Aug. 8, 2019

Paul Bryan Scott, J.D. '82,
Sweetwater, Aug. 14, 2019

Anna Mary Cavazos, B.B.A. '83,
Universal City, May 1, 2019

**Thomas Laurence "Larry"
Claxton, J.D. '83,** Gainesville,
April 26, 2019

David Alan Gorman, B.B.A. '88,
San Antonio, May 25, 2019

1990s

**John Matthew Hudson, B.B.A.
'93,** San Antonio, May 16, 2019

**Catherine Louise MacRae
Lagutchnik, B.B.A. '95,**
Canyon Lake, Sept. 4, 2019

**Lt. Col. Richard J. McLean, U.S.
Army, Ret., M.A. '96,**
San Antonio, March 29, 2019

Karla Kay Hull, J.D. '99,
Cibolo, June 4, 2019

2000s

Clare Mary Fisher, J.D. '02,
Plano, Jan. 4, 2019



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Students go wild at exotic petting zoo

Bunnies and porcupines and alpacas, oh, my!

During Welcome Weeks in August, students flocked to Chaminade Field to pet and cuddle critters of all types — rabbits, a capybara and a friendly, camera-loving alpaca named Kuzco.

The petting zoo was a new addition to Welcome Weeks, which offers two jam-packed weeks at the start of the academic year to welcome new and returning students and give them a chance to bond with classmates.

