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IN THE Lead

Transformational leadership enhances academic programs,
student development and faith formation

CAMPUS BUZZ

St. Mary's University launched the new Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Laboratory in March with an Opening Ceremony and Blessing. The facility will support the new UAS concentration under the B.S. in Engineering Science program, house new summer camps for high school students and also welcome St. Mary's students of all majors into a Drone Club in the fall.

"We have this amazing facility where students can not only learn, but also apply the knowledge that they are learning in their classroom," said Assistant Professor of Computer/Software Engineering Dante Tezza, Ph.D., adding that lab space has already become a hot commodity among students working on projects, such as redesigning a quadcopter and developing parachutes for drones.



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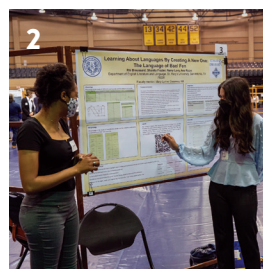
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On the cover: Recent graduates Cody Miller, left, and Steven Castillo, center, join Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Sheri King on the stairs of the University Center and discuss their experiences with transformative leadership at St. Mary's University. Castillo, who was accepted into medical school, said his journey being a student leader in unprecedentedly trying times instilled in him "compassionate presence." Read more on Page 14. Photo by Robin Jerstad.



@StMarysU Social

1. A week of Homecoming events ends with the crowning of the St. Mary's King, Steven Castillo, and Queen, Remy Levy. To read more about Castillo, turn to Page 14.
2. Students from all majors take time to answer questions about their research projects during St. Mary's Research Week.
3. St. Mary's Dean of Students Tim Bessler joins St. Mary's Esports for a special game night on Twitch.
4. Parents and prospective students put their legs to work for the new Pedal Party tour of campus.
5. Graduating seniors come together for a socially distanced Rattler Ring Ceremony.
6. A late-season snow blankets the St. Mary's campus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Finding transformational leadership — in the classroom and beyond

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

In this message, one year ago, I wrote about how the Marianist Educational Characteristics uniquely prepared us to deal with the change, uncertainty and disruption brought on by the global COVID-19 pandemic. After the Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 semesters became almost completely virtual, we — like other Texas universities — were eager to get back to something closer to “normal” in the Fall 2020 semester.

It was not to be, as we now know. While it was hard to imagine it in the Summer of 2020, the pandemic continued. The extraordinary efforts that our faculty, staff, students and alumni have undertaken over the last year are evidence of the value of our Marianist heritage and our organizational commitment to ensuring that we can adapt and change to continue to provide an academically excellent St. Mary's University experience.

But all of us know too that while academic excellence is a foundational element of a St. Mary's education, so too is developing leaders who are prepared to respond and deliver exceptional, transformative leadership even in — and especially in — the most challenging of times.

Not all learning happens in the classroom, and I am proud of how the University's Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), which includes seven dedicated men and women, have worked strategically, collaboratively and faithfully while modeling transformative leadership to our community and our students. The decisions they made were not always easy, but they always were reached with courage and compassion.

As we have highlighted in the last few issues of *Gold & Blue*, the St. Mary's community has continually over the past year found ways to respond, as we continue to provide the education and experience that our students deserve and expect, now and for many years to come.

This issue takes that one step further, looking at ways that the concept of transformational leadership is taught, modeled and learned at St. Mary's University — inside the classroom and out. (See Page 14.)

While we had hoped to be closer to normal long ago, we now are looking forward to returning to in-person learning, teaching and community as we prepare for the fall semester, just as the University has done for almost 170 years. God calls us all to continue the work of our Marianist founders as we prepare the next generations of transformational leaders. As St. Mary's faculty and staff have done for decades, our community in Fall 2021 will work together with care and compassion. ■



CAMPUSNEWS

St. Mary's appoints new Vice President for Mission and new Rector

St. Mary's University has named the Rev. John Thompson, S.M., Ed.D., as Vice President for Mission; and the Rev. William J. Meyer, S.M., D.Min., as Rector.

Both appointments began June 1, but Thompson delayed transitioning to campus until July 1 as he finished fulfilling his commitment as pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, which is adjacent to the University.

"Because we have two outstanding professed Marianists with significant leadership experience, including in Marianist higher education, I and my colleagues are delighted that the Marianist Provincial Council and the St. Mary's Board of Trustees have approved these appointments," said President Thomas Mengler, J.D. "Father Thompson and Father Meyer will enable the University to continue its strong commitment to educating for formation in faith in significant new ways."

In recent years, Thompson has worked closely with the University to build the local community's Catholic faith and to integrate St. Mary's students into that outreach.



Photo by Robin Jerstad

The Rev. John Thompson joins in a Holy Rosary Church summer camp.

Sheri King named Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

St. Mary's University announced in April that Sheri King, Ph.D., will serve as the first Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. King served as co-chair of the President's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), which was established in Fall 2020 to advance St. Mary's efforts to become an anti-racist University.



Sheri King

"She understands diversity, equity and inclusion and how these facets are integrated into a Catholic university context," said President Thomas Mengler, J.D. "In her nine years at St. Mary's, she has gained a deep understanding of what it means to work at a Catholic and Marianist university that educates leaders for the common good and advocates for social justice. She embraces the St. Mary's mission and its Marianist charism in her work while striving to infuse diversity, equity and inclusion in her student programming and her teaching and mentoring."

In April, King began working to establish the new Office of DEI in St. Louis Hall.

Five join Board of Trustees

St. Mary's University welcomed five new trustees to its Board this summer. New trustees are:

- Rev. James Fitz, S.M., Vice President for Mission and the Rector at the University of Dayton.
- Brother Francisco González, S.M., M.D., president of Colegio San José, Rio Piedras in Puerto Rico.
- Stuart Parker (M.B.A. '95), a 2017 St. Mary's Distinguished Alumnus. Parker is the former chief executive officer of USAA, a San Antonio-based financial services company that serves the U.S. military.

- The Honorable Sandee Bryan Marion (J.D. '80), former Chief Justice for the Fourth Court of Appeals. Marion was named a St. Mary's School of Law Distinguished Graduate in 2008.
- Joseph Diaz (B.A. '79), M.D., president and physician for Allergy Asthma & Immunology Associates of South Texas PA. Diaz is a member of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology Advisory Council Executive Committee and a 2015 St. Mary's Distinguished Alumnus.

St. Mary's partnership creates a Korean language and culture center

St. Mary's University has launched the King Sejong Institute, which fosters and supports education in Korean language and culture through academic and non-academic courses and programming. The Institute is supported by the South Korean government and is in partnership with Dongseo University of South Korea.

There are 213 King Sejong Institutes in 76 countries around the world, but only 13 locations in the United States, including the newest institute at St. Mary's.

"The St. Mary's King Sejong Institute, by providing Korean language and culture educational and programming opportunities for our campus and for the community, will play a major role in improving our students' ability to understand cultural diversity and how to collaborate with people from different backgrounds," said Professor Seongbae Lim, Ph.D., of the Greehey School of Business, who directs the Institute.

Esports excel in back-to-back semesters

After six weeks of regular season play, the St. Mary's Rainbow 6 Siege team successfully qualified for the second Collegiate Esports Association (CEA) Open League playoffs. Rainbow 6 Siege involves teams of five players working to eliminate the opposing teams using equipment, tools and traps.

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Enjoy a summer escape with *St. Mary's authors*

by Kendra Rainey

Ready to finally leave your home this summer? Here's a list of Rattler reads to help your mind escape to another place for a few days — books recently written by our very own St. Mary's University students, alumni, faculty and staff.

The Perfecting of Nature: Reforming Bodies in Antebellum Literature

Benjamin "Josh" Doty, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of English, Literature and Language
The University of North Carolina Press, 2020

Doty calls attention to a set of reformist ideas — including dietary management, exercise culture and the hygiene movement — that affirmed the body's ability to change and be changed for the better.

Migration Through the Mirror/La Migración a Través del Espejo

Edited by: Roberto Rosas, J.D., J.S.D.
Research Professor of Law
Full Court Press, 2020

Rosas' bilingual collection of reflections by women from different backgrounds and professional experiences recounts different scenarios where migrant Mexican women thrive in America.

Human Dignity, Education, and Political Society: A Philosophical Defense of the Liberal Arts

Edited by: James Greenaway, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Lexington Books, 2020

A life of liberty and responsibility requires a particular kind of education, one that Greenaway refers to as liberal arts education. Keeping in mind what can be lost when liberal arts education is lost, this volume makes the case for why the liberal arts always has a role to play in human flourishing.

Slaves, Freed and Free/Escravos, Libertos e Livres

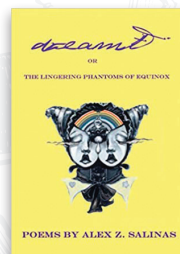
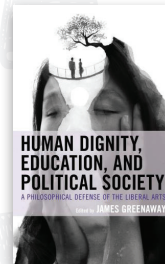
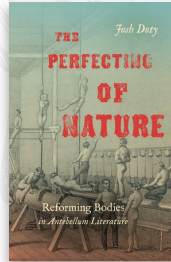
Edited by: Eva Bueno, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of Portuguese and Spanish
Mentes Abertas, 2020

The work toward unconditional freedom is still not complete. Follow Bueno as she discusses how racism, oppression and repression continue against Brazilians and Argentinians of African descent.

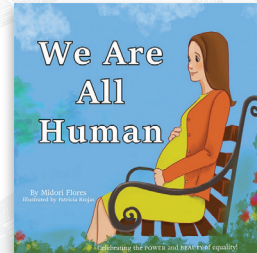
DREAMT, or The Lingering Phantoms of Equinox

Alex Z. Salinas (B.A. '11, M.A. '19)
Hekate Publishing, 2020

Join Salinas, an alumnus and the University's Associate Director of Communications Writing and Storytelling, on an adventure through his dreams, demonstrating feelings of compassion and pain through poetry.



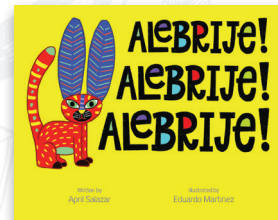
Kid-friendly reads



We Are All Human

Midori Flores
IngramSpark, 2020

Celebrate the power and beauty of equality in this children's book by Environmental Science major Flores. This conversation-starter introduces various topics of diversity to children, emphasizing that no matter our cultural differences, we should all be treated equally.



Alebrije! Alebrije! Alebrije!

April M. Salazar (B.A. '08)
RAZALAS Publishing LLC, 2020

Explore how Salazar, an alumna, captures Mexican traditions and legends in this dual English- and Spanish-language children's read. Passed from generation to generation, the symbolic message this story presents will continue its mission of enlightening children and parents alike, and solidifying a part of Mexican culture throughout the world.

St. Mary's University confirms plans for new Innovation Center

St. Mary's University announced in May that as part of The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign, the University and its School of Science, Engineering and Technology plan to erect a new Innovation Center to support the School.

The two-story interdisciplinary facility will be an incubator for new ideas and programs. Some of the areas of focus of the new center include innovation, entrepreneurship, data science and machine learning, artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, 3D printing and reverse engineering, logistics and supply chain management, human/computer interaction, smart devices, and augmented and virtual reality.

The space next to the Richter Math-Engineering Center is expected to be about 18,000 square feet and will include seven laboratories, two large collaboration spaces and also faculty offices.

A \$1 million gift to the University from the Charles E. Chewning Irrevocable Trust made in 2019 will aid in the creation of the new building. The gift from the late Charles E. Chewning of St. Louis recognized his brother, the late Brother William "Bill" Chewning, S.M., who taught Chemistry at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's University appoints Greehey School of Business Dean



Rowena Ortiz-Walters

Rowena Ortiz-Walters, Ph.D., began her tenure as the first Latina dean of the Greehey School of Business in June.

Ortiz-Walters came to St. Mary's from SUNY Plattsburgh, a public liberal arts college that is part of the State University of New York (SUNY) System, where she served as Dean and Professor of Management in the School of Business and Economics.

"It is an exciting time to be embarking on this new role as the next dean of the Greehey School of Business. I admire the School's focus on ethical and global business, and I believe I can add a more intentional focus on equity to complement the academic portfolio and reinforce the mission of St. Mary's University," Ortiz-Walters said. "As a Hispanic professional, I am also uniquely positioned to engage the Hispanic business community in Texas, which may be an untapped resource for the Greehey School."



Renderings depict plans for the Innovation Center.

Ian Martines named Interim Dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology

Ian Martines, Ph.D., has accepted the position as Interim Dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, which began June 1.

Martines joined St. Mary's in 2009 as an Assistant Professor and is now a Professor of Mathematics. He was Chair of the Mathematics Department from 2014 to 2018 and, in 2019, began serving as the Associate Dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology. Martines completed his formation as a Marianist Educational Associate in 2015, and has served on several committees to advance excellence and the University's Catholic Marianist mission.

Squeeze it like toothpaste: marsupial mammals evolved flexible brains

Being stretchy and squeezable may be the key to finding space for the brain in mammals, including humans.

An international study, co-led by Vera Weisbecker of Flinders University in Australia, has revealed that marsupial mammals like possums, kangaroos and wombats appear to have a lot of flexibility when it comes to accommodating their brains into their skulls. The paper, published in the journal *Evolution*, included contributions by Ted Macrini, Ph.D., Chair and Professor of Biological Sciences at St. Mary's.



“This study examines the evolution of brain shape in marsupial mammals and provides some new insight as to how the brain co-evolves with the skull of mammals,” Macrini said. “The most interesting finding is the great degree of malleability of the marsupial brain, allowing it to fit into a variety of skull shapes and still do its job.”

Rattler Athletics in the rankings

St. Mary's Athletics continue to compete on a national level, having multiple teams ranked in the top-25 in their respective sports. The Women's Golf program has the highest ranking of the year, coming in at No. 6 in the Golfstat rankings. The team also won the 2021 NCAA Division II West Regional in May. Men's Soccer came in at No. 10 in the first United Soccer Coaches Top 25. The St. Mary's Volleyball team broke into the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) top-25 for the first time since joining the NCAA in 2000, coming in at No. 21. Women's Tennis captured the NCAA South Central Regional crown.

Rattlers welcome USA Basketball Team

USA Basketball's Women's National Team stopped by Greehey Arena for a practice session in April.



Courtesy USA Basketball



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A *Legendary* Lifer

*With nearly six decades serving
St. Mary's, Political Science professor
concludes a legendary career*

by Alex Z. Salinas (B.A. '11, M.A. '19)

▲ Charles Cotrell began his St. Mary's University teaching career in Reinbolt Hall, Room 4.

Charles Cotrell, Ph.D., aka Charlie. To generations of St. Mary's University alumni, his name signals a jaw-dropping 55-year teaching career, or serving as the University's first lay president from 2000 to 2012.

Students may recognize him — the President Emeritus and Professor of Political Science — as the person for whom the Cotrell Commons, located on the first floor of the Blume Library, is named.

"A student once told me, 'Oh, you're Cotrell! I thought that guy was dead!'" Cotrell recalled, laughing loudly.

After Spring 2021, Cotrell, age 80 — a St. Mary's mainstay since 1966, taking on roles as department chair, director of graduate programs, dean and mentor to generations — retired, though he isn't fond of that word.

"My wife, Abbie, and I plan to take bucket-list road trips, visit our (four) sons and spend more time with grandchildren," of whom there are six, Cotrell said.

Spiritual conversion

Born in South Side San Antonio, Cotrell spent time in the Hill Country before graduating from Comfort High School.

Raised Presbyterian, yet deeply influenced by an aunt, he converted to Catholicism at age 13. His spiritual turning point prompted his uncle to inform him about St. Mary's, where Cotrell enrolled in 1958.

"There were about 1,000 students," he remembered. "It was all male, and the law school was downtown. The Brothers really were the people who were the instructors, wearing their traditional black coats."

After receiving his bachelor's in Government and master's in Political Science from St. Mary's in 1962 and 1964, respectively, Cotrell earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 1970.

“ What I think of most is his innate generosity, the gentleness of his personality and the strength of his moral convictions. ”

By then, he was already establishing an enduring legacy in the classroom at St. Mary's.

Enduring legacy

José Angel Gutiérrez (M.A. '69), J.D., Ph.D., founding member of the civil rights group Mexican American Youth Organization. Arturo Vega (B.A. '81), Ph.D., and Sonia Garcia (B.A. '84), Ph.D., Political Science professors at St. Mary's. Cary Clack (B.A. '85), columnist for the San Antonio Express-News and 2017 inductee of the Texas Institute of Letters.

These are just a sprinkling of the many illustrious alumni Cotrell influenced.

"The classes I took with him forever changed me and my professional trajectory," Garcia said. "His long-lasting legacy is in his role as mentor to so many St. Mary's students, who went on to have successful careers as political scientists, elected officials, civil rights leaders and community activists."

Vega called Cotrell, "one of the youngest and coolest professors on campus," when he first met him in the late 1970s — back when Cotrell drove an orange Volkswagen Beetle.

"His hair was a tad longer then. He wore blue jeans, a sport coat and an occasional tie," Vega said. "He accepted students as they were and wherever they came from."

Aaron Hanna (B.A. '10, M.P.A. '11, M.B.A. '13), St. Mary's Vice President for Administration and Finance, said Cotrell "encouraged each of us to use the gifts God gave us to better our community and the lives of those around us."

This embodiment of servant leadership factors into why Clack felt Cotrell "was the best classroom teacher I ever had."

"But it's outside the classroom, in the 36 years since I graduated from St. Mary's, that he's had the biggest influence on my life," Clack said. "What I think of most is his innate generosity, the gentleness of his personality and the strength of his moral convictions."

Among Cotrell's proudest achievements is his quarter-century devoted to being an expert witness in constitutional law cases, in which "political science came alive" to help indigenous tribes, including the Navajo and Hopi.

He credited the "heart of the St. Mary's mission" as a driver of his efforts — stemming from a "regenerational love" of teaching.

"We're a place people come to for high-quality education, whether they're Catholic or not," Cotrell said. "Our philosophy is focused on the whole person, and that ethos continues to endure." ■



Watch a video of Cotrell at stmarytx.edu/magazine.

No. Limits

Management majors launch woman-owned fashion businesses

by Alex Z. Salinas (B.A. '11, M.A. '19)

For some St. Mary's University students, like Management major Nadia Carrasco-Vasquez, who graduated this May, owning a business is a lifelong dream — in her case, since childhood days in her mom's coffee shop in Arizona.

Others experience their entrepreneurial eureka moment in a flash, like Management senior Azucena Rangel Olvera did minutes before pitching a business idea for a class taught by Associate Professor of Management Sergio Palacios, Ph.D.

Today, Vasquez and Rangel Olvera — both age 20 — are proud small business owners, fusing interests in fashion and St. Mary's education to put their visions in the form of products before customers, which Palacios called, "actual innovation."

EYE(LASH) FOR FASHION

Vasquez hadn't been at St. Mary's a full semester before thinking, "I'm tired of being broke. I need to do something with my education."

Driven by her affinity for makeup and fashion, she started her own luxury eyelash business — VAS Cosmetics — in September 2019.

Vasquez's eyelash products are made of vegan, cruelty-free silk — an expression of her being pescatarian (a person who eats seafood but not meat) since age 8.

"I always knew I wanted to start my own business," the Phoenix native said.

Having enrolled in the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Track, she captured the attention of Palacios, who mentored Vasquez and called her success the result of "outstanding problem-solving skills and her dedication to learning everything she needs to continue growing her startup."

VAS Cosmetics has expanded to 12 styles of lashes and will soon include brushes, Vasquez said.

"I fully embrace being a Latina business owner, but also a woman business owner," she said. "I want to be a brand that's relatable for all types of women and people who wear makeup."

BRIGHT IDEA

In Fall 2019, Rangel Olvera was about to present a business idea for Palacios' class when at the last minute she changed her mind.

"I was wearing a Mexican artisanal shirt and thought, 'Why not a business selling these?'" she said, having long worn the embroidered shirts. The judges and class agreed.

With help from her older sister, the first-generation college student from Mexico launched La Tiendita Boutique in October 2020.

Starting with just 12 artisanal shirts, Rangel Olvera's line now includes seven colorful designs for women, an option for men, huaraches (a type of sandal), purses and coin holders.

"The meaning behind my fashion business is cultural awareness," she said. "I want people to know they're sharing their experiences with me via our clothing."

Rangel Olvera said her hand-knitted products are manufactured primarily in Oaxaca, Mexico.

"I donate 25% of revenues back to the Mexican workers," she said.

"Azucena's business is another great example of capitalizing on opportunities," Palacios said. "She had an idea, she worked with what she had available in her tools and resources and then started her store."

With Rangel Olvera slated to graduate from St. Mary's in December, both she and Vasquez plan to continue growing their businesses — one eyelash and artisanal shirt at a time.

"I finally purchased a vending machine for my eyelashes, and spray-painted the inside baby pink," Vasquez said. "It's all about staying relevant." ■

“ St. Mary’s
has given me
courage and
confidence.
The professors
remind me
I don’t have
any limits. ”



Photos by Robin Jerstad



▲ Azucena Rangel Olvera has created a fashion business called La Tiendita Boutique (latienditaboutiquesa.com).

◀ Nadia Carrasco-Vasquez has launched a luxury eyelash business called VAS Cosmetics (vascosmetics.com).

FOCUSING ON READINESS

St. Mary's partners with Project QUEST to fight COVID-19 job loss

by Jennifer R. Lloyd (M.B.A. '16)

Laura Thompson was in the midst of organizing a natural hair event at San Antonio's Henry B. González Convention Center when COVID-19 spread across the region in Spring 2020.

"It was a major event that went belly up," said Thompson, who has a background in media and public relations.

Across town, Tyler Applegate was working in the foodservice industry soon shuttered by the pandemic, leaving him looking for remote work due to underlying health issues.

Applegate quickly realized he would need specialized computer skills to have good work-from-home options. "If this is the kind of work I need to be doing, then I have to have some of these skills," he said.

Though neither Thompson nor Applegate had much previous interaction with St. Mary's University, they soon began online workforce development workshops the University was presenting in partnership with the City of San Antonio and Project QUEST.

PROJECT QUEST

Project QUEST is a workforce intermediary providing wraparound support services to help residents gain quality employment for in-demand careers. The efforts are beginning to help support the 140,000 Bexar County residents who lost jobs due to the pandemic.

Two St. Mary's programs, Rattler Focus and Rattler Readiness, have offered virtual workshops to dozens of residents needing a jump-start to re-enter the working world. The workshops are at no cost to the participants, who apply to participate through Project QUEST.

"The partnership with St. Mary's University's Rattler Readiness and Rattler Focus programs is a result of two institutions listening to the needs in the community and responding by offering them alternatives to jump-start their careers," said David Zammiello, president and CEO of Project QUEST.

The Rattler Focus and Rattler Readiness programs are housed within the St. Mary's Department of Communication Studies and are co-directed by professors Camille Langston, Ph.D., and Bill Israel, Ph.D.

"By re-tooling our work and joining with Project QUEST, we have a start on turning this human emergency into hope and new employment for our community," said Langston and Israel in a joint statement. "We consider community engagement core to our mission at St. Mary's."

RATTLER FOCUS

Rattler Focus workshops aid participants in deciding what industry or field in which they'd like to seek employment, and exploring strengths and interests to translate them into a future career. Thompson, a Rattler Focus participant, said she was wowed by learning different tools.

Rattler Focus participant Laura Thompson visits the St. Mary's campus after the workshop. ▶



Photo by Robin Jerstad

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It’s a great tool for anyone starting out or making a transition.

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“I didn’t know this information was available or was out there or where to get it,” she said. “I was wishing I had some of this training when I was in business or earlier. It’s a great tool for anyone starting out or making a transition.”

RATTLER READINESS

Participants, such as Applegate, discussed job-hunting skills during Rattler Readiness workshops, which help participants who have experience in or knowledge of a specific field of employment to fine-tune their job-hunting skills.

“I got immense value out of the overall setting, having other participants of varied backgrounds and being able to see others’ experiences,” said Applegate, who is pursuing admission to a data science program.

In the Marianist educational tradition, St. Mary’s educators help students develop their talents, then combine their talents with those of others, to meet changing needs, said Kathe Lehman-Meyer, Director of the St. Mary’s Academic Media Center, who teaches much of the programming.

“Participants learn to use their strengths in new ways, which gives them new practical skills, in addition to a personal sense of purpose,” Lehman-Meyer said. ■



Watch a video about these workshops at stmarytx.edu/magazine.

IN THE Lead



◀ Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Sheri King joins May graduates Steven Castillo and Cody Miller on the stairs of the University Center.

Through transformational leadership, St. Mary's enhances academic programs, student development and faith formation

by Alex Z. Salinas (B.A. '11, M.A. '19)



Photos by Robin Jerstad

More than a year into the global pandemic spawned by COVID-19, it's easy to forget the times before face masks and social distancing inundated and separated us. With new challenges arising daily, and old ways of life coming into question, St. Mary's University believes one answer to uncertainty remains one of the bedrocks of a Marianist university — educating for transformational leaders.

Expanding and enriching online instruction. Building out new courses to address evolving challenges students face. Forming a President's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and leading campus-wide discussions on creating an inclusive learning environment. Reshaping how and why students pursue careers as servant leaders.

Multiple stakeholders at St. Mary's are leading the way to continue delivering excellent education to students, helping them become "leaders for the common good in the communities in which they will live, work and worship," said President Thomas Mengler, J.D.

Through transformational leadership in academic programs, student development and faith formation, Mengler said St. Mary's students gain not only a premier education, but also — in the spirit of the University's 169-year-old Catholic and Marianist identity — a "commitment to serving others."

TIMELY COURSES

When the pandemic hit last March, rupturing society seemingly overnight, faculty and staff at St. Mary's responded quickly by transitioning the University's signature small-fee classroom experience online.

Kathleen Gallagher, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Graduate International Relations, showcased her leadership by creating new classes centered around issues and inequities exposed by the coronavirus.

Her Fall 2020 course, Asian Security Studies, and her Spring 2021 course, Social Suffering and the Scholarship of Bearing Witness, were formed partly out of an "emphasis on service and attention to the disenfranchised," said Gallagher, who spent years living and working in Nepal's squatter settlements.

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President Thomas Mengler says many individuals at St. Mary's help students become leaders for the common good. ▶



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“If Blessed Mother Mary is the heart of our Marianist charism, we must ask ourselves, are we being service-oriented? Are we other-centric?” she asked.

According to Gallagher, her students “appreciated having a vehicle in real time to process this life-changing event.”

“It’s important to create a sense of community where students can feel comfortable to share any struggles, discomforts and hurt about their faith lives and perspectives,” she said.

REFRESHED CURRICULUM

With a fresh way of approaching education while enhancing the community experience, the University in Fall 2021 will premiere a new Core Curriculum — the result of a three-year research, review and development process.

The new Core includes updated degree programs across the schools with fewer hours allowing students to more easily pick up additional majors and minors while still being able to graduate on time.

There is also a new course designed for incoming freshmen, the First-Year Experience (FYE), “to inspire multidisciplinary intellectual development,” said William Buhrman, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

“It sets the stage for the exciting new academic, social and personal journey available to students when they join the University,” Buhrman said. “Most of all, the FYE encourages students to be confident in their ability to successfully complete their studies and embark on their career vocation.”

DOING RIGHT

When Cody Miller of New Braunfels arrived at St. Mary’s from a high school with a graduating class of 19, he was scared to make new friends.

However, Miller — who in May earned his bachelor’s in Marketing — immediately discovered at St. Mary’s “really involved students who I wanted to be like.”

In joining the Honors Program, Greehey Scholars Program and Enactus — all of which focus on academic excellence and transformative ethical leadership development — Miller befriended an ambitious classmate, Guillermo Avelar (B.B.A. ’18), and “made him my mentor.”

In his freshman year, through Enactus, Miller traveled to India to assist people in poverty alongside the Marianist brothers working there — an experience he called, “humbling and unforgettable.”

Leaving St. Mary’s with three internships under his belt, the last of which was at Planoly, an Austin-based social media marketing company Miller completed remotely from his parents’ house in New Braunfels during the stay-home period, he said his undergraduate education taught him “doing good things for people, doing them more than just for profit, feels right.”

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Hailing from Peru, Marketing senior Ximena Barbagelatta Grau got on a plane, alone, for the first time at age 17 to come to St. Mary's.

Initially homesick — “I didn't know how to do laundry or cook,” Barbagelatta Grau said — she remembered her mom's advice about putting faith in God. Through joining the Marianist Leadership Program (MLP) and later the President's Ambassadors (PA), she felt empowered “to become ambitious.”

Barbagelatta Grau, who in March attended the opening and blessing of the new Drone Lab as a PA — clad in the members' signature navy blazer — said community outreach opportunities such as Continuing the Heritage and volunteering as a Confirmation class leader for high schoolers at neighboring Holy Rosary Parish showed her “how to be a servant leader.”

“St. Mary's has given me a way deeper perspective on what leadership means, how to express it with faith and spirituality,” she said.

“Transformational leaders lead by example while maintaining human dignity.”

COMPASSIONATE PRESENCE

Before graduating in May, Biology major Steven Castillo served two years as a resident assistant (RA) in Marian Hall.

Entering Fall 2020, the Amarillo native faced his biggest challenge in making the living experience for other student residents a memorably positive one.

“Leaders are people who seek challenge and discomfort, and who grow through these experiences,” Castillo said.

Taking a cue from his favorite writer, Mark Twain, in Castillo's words “to not talk more than listen,” he and his fellow RAs established resident activities, such as meditation sessions after midterms, painting succulents and ice cream socials — all via Zoom — “to be present for other people's trials, as the quality of our presence is more important than our work,” he said.

Castillo, who was accepted into medical school, said his journey at St. Mary's being a student leader in unprecedentedly trying times instilled in him “compassionate presence.”

“Make every moment count,” he said. “Every single memory is precious.”

IN THE FAMILY

At St. Mary's, you often hear people refer to the community as a family. In fact, one of the five elements that characterize the Marianist approach to education is educate in the family spirit.

For some, this is strictly metaphorical; for others, like English and Theology senior Sarah Uhlig, it's literal.

Uhlig's father — Chair and Professor of Mathematics Paul Uhlig (B.S. '90), Ph.D. — signifies her presence at St. Mary's as familiar as it is familial.

“Here at St. Mary's, I have a support system of faculty and staff, some of whom have watched me grow into the person I am today,” Sarah Uhlig said.

As a member of the MLP, she was one of the students responsible for organizing a six-week program for this year's 40 Days of Lent and Service, which consisted of virtual and limited in-person events including student-led prayer services, volunteering at the San Antonio Food Bank and discussions on social justice.

“St. Mary's has helped me grow as a young adult by helping me get involved, find ways to challenge myself and network with professionals so I'm prepared for the world after college,” she said.

VOCATIONAL CALLING

Yasamin Sadreddinimehrjordi, second-year J.D. student in the School of Law, said she had always wanted to study law, “but doing law school back in Iran as a woman didn't really make sense.”

In 2015, she earned her bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and had her first child. She later pursued her dream of becoming a lawyer by enrolling at St. Mary's.

Sadreddinimehrjordi discovered a mentor in Vincent Johnson, J.D., LL.D., South Texas Distinguished Professor of Law, who helped her land a clerkship in Spring 2021 with practicing law faculty member U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez, J.D.

Through her clerkship, Sadreddinimehrjordi attended hearings, drafted summary judgments and picked the judge's brain about criminal cases.

Sadreddinimehrjordi said faith was something she never felt she had prior to attending St. Mary's Law, but “amazing” events, such as the annual Red Mass celebrating the start of the judicial year at San Fernando Cathedral, changed her.

“What I learned is, from a criminal aspect, most people can't afford an attorney so they end up with a public defender,” she said. “I want to do something that's fair to the people I can help. If that's taking pro bono cases here and there, or being a quality public defender, a lot of people deserve to have better representation.”

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EMBRACING DIVERSITY

In June 2020, amid national attention on violence toward people of color rooted in systemic injustices, St. Mary's formed a President's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to advance the University's efforts to become and stand firmly as an anti-racist university.

In April, longtime Director of Student Life Sheri King, Ph.D., accepted a new role as Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Since then, King has worked tirelessly on establishing the new Office of DEI in St. Louis Hall.

“I have had many conversations with students to broaden their cultural knowledge. In addition, I've advocated for the inclusion of events to embrace our diverse student population,” King said.

Chipping into this effort is Marianist Brother Allen Pacquing, S.M., Associate Director of

Marianist Student Initiatives for the Office of Community Engagement, who leads the MLP.

“In every opportunity I have, I encourage students and those around me to always be considerate and intentional of their neighbors, always look at ways to promote dialogue on social justice areas that tug at the heart,” Pacquing said.

In fostering these conversations, St. Mary's works to promote world conscientiousness among its faculty, staff and students.

“As we educate students to be global citizens who advocate for justice and peace, we must understand we live in an ever-changing world. Being transformational leaders ensures we evaluate our workplaces and communities on a continuing basis,” King said.

▲ Marianist Brother Allen Pacquing reflects in Assumption Chapel.



▲ Vice Provost for Vocation and Career Services Stephanie Ward stands with a view of Alkek Plaza.

VIRTUAL PRAYER

Outside the St. Mary's classroom, staff members work long hours to maintain a culture of family and, by extension, transformational prayer life.

When the pandemic first hit, Jessica Uhlig, Ed.D., Associate Provost for Academic Administration and Mission Integration (and, you guessed it, Paul Uhlig's wife), placed her faith in technology, transitioning her normally in-person Tuesday morning prayer meetings for interested faculty and staff to Zoom.

"I developed it to remind colleagues and friends that we could still gather together for prayer and reflection," Uhlig said.

Kathe Lehman-Meyer, Director of the Academic Media Center, said virtual morning prayers have helped her "stay focused on why I'm here working at a Marianist institution whose charism focuses on balance and community."

Jessica Uhlig, who has overseen the President's Ambassadors (PAs), also assisted in modifying, with Mengler's blessing, the start of virtual St. Mary's University Board of Trustees meetings, which occur four times an academic year.

The meetings now commence with a prayer led by PAs followed by a Q&A through which the Trustees engage directly with the students they serve.

"To be a transformational leader is to align one's personal and professional mission to the mission of the organization the person is affiliated with," Uhlig said.

BEING GROUNDED

Transformational leadership at St. Mary's takes many forms.

Professors checking on students' welfare. Students checking on one another. Community service aiding those in need. Treating everyone respectfully. Cultivating the common good.

"I believe the common good is continuously working toward acceptance and love of our neighbor," said recent graduate Zyania Seijas (B.B.A. '21). "It is an individual, yet collective effort."

"Educating in the family spirit doesn't mean we always agree," said Stephanie Ward, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Vocation and Career Services. "Leadership begins at home. It begins with being grounded in who you are, knowing yourself, striving for consistency.


"At the end of the day, before sleep, ask yourself: 'Did I make a difference today? Did I make somebody else's day better?' If your answer is yes, you're on the right track."

Or as Leticia "Leti" Contreras (B.A. '89), Chair of the Board of Trustees, put it: "Am I going to leave someone better off?"

"Transformational leaders lead by example while maintaining human dignity," Contreras added.

For Mengler, the University he leads will continue to churn out servant leaders as it has for generations, through dark times and better. Why?

"Because God invites each of us to use the unique medley of gifts and talents we have received — to lead by serving others as best we can," he said. ■

 Watch a video about transformational leadership at St. Mary's at stmarytx.edu/magazine.



CRITICAL RESEARCH

A groundbreaking medical team — featuring St. Mary's alumni — changed the way we treat COVID-19

by Brooke Blanton Leith

It's April 2020 and a team of researchers at Houston Methodist are studying the effects of convalescent plasma — blood plasma donated from recovered patients — in treating the complicated COVID-19 virus. One day, the group began discussing where they attended college.

"I went to St. Mary's University in San Antonio," said the principal investigator, Eric Salazar (B.A./B.S. '03), M.D.

Surprised, the clinical research coordinator, Bevin Lopez (CL '02), responded, "So did I!"

"Wait, who did you have for biology?" Salazar asked. He knew she looked familiar and he would soon discover why.

More than 20 years before that day, Salazar and Lopez took the exact same college course.

They weren't the only former Rattlers involved in the research. Shortly after, Brian Castillo (B.S. '04), M.D., joined the team, which was the first in the nation to infuse critically ill COVID-19 patients with convalescent plasma. A few months later, the researchers concluded it was a safe treatment option for those severely infected with COVID-19.

As the study's lead, Salazar's responsibilities were to write the clinical trials, coordinate the details and collaborate to analyze the data, while Lopez and

Castillo did the groundwork. They recruited patients to donate, as well as receive, convalescent plasma.

In just a month and a half, the team recruited more than 350 patients for the study, a difficult task considering they were so ill.

So ill, in fact, that the researchers "didn't want them to cry or laugh because their oxygen levels would drop," Lopez said. "Many of the patients were even intubated."

The work took a personal toll on the researchers. To protect their families, Lopez and Castillo isolated as much as they could. Lopez didn't see her 7-year-old daughter for four months, while Castillo kept a strict distance from his.

"I just needed to hug my daughter," Castillo said. "It was difficult."

Despite the sacrifices, Salazar knew they were doing the right thing.

"It was a lot of work. But if it helps in any way, then it's obviously worth it," Salazar said.

In addition to his Biology course at St. Mary's, the MARC U*STAR program, which provides opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in biomedical research training at institutes around the country, solidified Salazar's career goals.

"I can't overemphasize the impact that it had," Salazar said. "After my first summer dissecting hawk moth brains at the University of Arizona, I knew research is what I needed to do."

Castillo's experience at the Marianist Residence, located near Treadaway Hall, spending time with the Brothers, especially the older ones, and hearing their stories, factored into his decision to go into medicine.

"It was the human aspect," Castillo said. "Seeing how they needed assistance ... motivated me."

The trio agreed: the fact that three former students were involved in the historic study of effectively treating COVID-19 is a testament to the quality of education at St. Mary's.

"You don't get that investment in you as an individual anywhere else," Lopez said, while Salazar attested that Rattlers are taught to rise to the occasion.

While their work treating the coronavirus isn't over, the team has reflected on what they've accomplished.

"I'm most proud of being part of something bigger than myself," Lopez said. "We've really come full circle from sitting in the same classrooms to sitting in the same offices." ■

From left to right, Bevin Lopez, Eric Salazar and Brian Castillo pose in a convalescent plasma donation bay at Houston Methodist in March. ▶

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THEOLOGY HERO ✂

Theology grad and drummer continues search for meaning

by Nikki Harris



What does it really mean to live a life worth living? What is the ultimate meaning of life?

These types of questions have long lingered for Trivett Wingo (M.A. '20), who, in his search for meaning and purpose, has lived many lives — as a drummer for a world-touring band, as an accountant and now as a St. Mary's University graduate seeking to fulfill his knowledge quest.

"Theology became for me a vehicle for answering those existential questions or concerns," said Wingo, who earned a master's in Theology.

These questions first occurred to Wingo while touring and recording with The Sword, an Austin-based metal band with albums that hit the U.S. Billboard charts and singles featured in *Guitar Hero*, a 2000s video game allowing gamers to play licensed rock songs on a guitar-shaped controller.

The band's fame came unexpectedly, said Wingo, who described the experience as "succeeding by accident" almost overnight.

"I didn't put any effort into becoming a professional. I put effort into playing music and being myself," said Wingo, who played drums for The Sword from 2003 to 2010.

Of living his childhood dreams of appearing on MTV and selling albums nationally, "there was a feeling of having realized myself, or being actualized," he said, adding, "It was the most meaningful thing I had ever done, and it was the most alive I'd ever felt."

In 2010, after years of global touring, Wingo began experiencing a "profound crisis of meaning" and left the band.

Following his departure, he lost both parents and his marriage ended. He returned to school, earning his master's in Accounting from the University of Virginia, and worked at an artist management firm in Charlottesville in his home state of Virginia.

Wingo eventually made his way back to Austin where a conversation with his parish priest prompted him to take a Theology course at St. Mary's. Inspired, he enrolled in the distance-learning Theology graduate program and recalled transformative conversations about existential questions in a systematics course taught by William Buhman, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Theology.

Now that he's graduated, Wingo plans to hit the books once more, ideally in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at St. Mary's.

All the while, he's kept quiet about his former life as a metal and rock drummer.

Allison Gray, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology and Greek, and Director of the Graduate Theology Program, wasn't aware of his musical background, but was also not surprised to hear that he had a "hidden talent."

"He really is, in a lot of ways, forward-thinking," Gray said. "He's always thinking 'What is the next step?' He is really dedicated

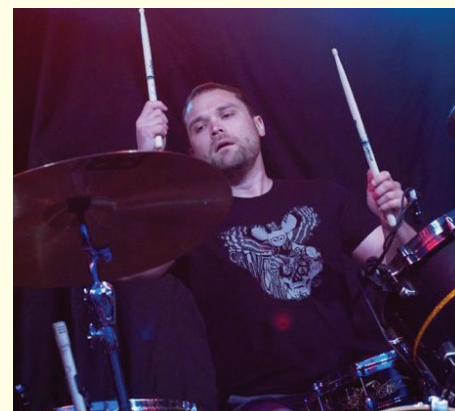
▲ Trivett Wingo stands in front of the Mohawk, a music venue in Austin where he used to perform with the metal band, The Sword.

and throws himself into things and tries to master them."

Gray believes his talents lie in helping others engage in conversation or questions they may not be comfortable with in a parish community or among students with varying goals and viewpoints.

Beyond learning how to formulate questions, conduct research and organize thoughts, Wingo believes one of the most valuable takeaways from the Theology program was his becoming a more tolerant, loving, rational and compassionate person.

"I'm a little more at peace," he said as he continues his search for meaning. ■



Courtesy photo



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Stay-at-home success

Alumna becomes successful direct mail marketer while putting her family first

by Melanie Skaggs (M.A. '02)

Five kids and one stay-at-home mom starting a home-based business sounds like a risky equation. However, when you factor in Brenda Stewart's determination to put her family first, it all adds up to the perfect solution for her success.

Today, Stewart's (B.B.A. '87) five children are grown but the San Antonio-based direct mail marketing company, Reaching Neighbors, she started as a homemaker 20-plus years ago continues to grow.

Stewart graduated from St. Mary's University with an International Business degree and, with Board of Trustees Chair Leticia "Leti" Contreras (B.A. '89) and others, helped found the local Phi Tau Omega sorority, which later became Tri Sigma—one of the first national sororities established at St. Mary's.

"Being part of Tri Sigma rounded out my college experience," Contreras said. "I met women who shared the same values, successes and hardships that come with being a college student. Many of these women, like Brenda, remain an integral part of my faith, family and professional life today."

Stewart landed a job out of college with ADVQ, the nation's largest direct mail marketing company.

After several years, she took time off to have a family. When her youngest son started kindergarten, Stewart

wanted to go back to work, but knew it would be difficult to find the flexibility to be home when the school bus arrived.

Stewart's inspiration came after a visit with her brother-in-law, a real estate agent in Colorado, who relied on direct mail marketing to reach clients.

"I picked his brain shamelessly and brought the idea of a direct mail company with me back to San Antonio," Stewart recalled.

She attributes much of her achievement to her education at St. Mary's.

"Everything I learned at St. Mary's has helped me run my business," Stewart said. "The marketing, statistics and even accounting classes taught me so much. I was able to set up the accounting side of my business because of what I learned."

Stewart, who grew up in New Mexico, said St. Mary's "felt like home" because of the small class sizes and friendly campus community with "people who cared and wanted you to succeed."

She said, "The value of relationships is one of the most important things I learned at St. Mary's and a major factor in my success as an entrepreneur," a success she accomplished while attending all of her children's events, never missing so much as a bike rodeo. ■

A seat at THE TABLE

*San Antonio's City Clerk uses Master of
Jurisprudence degree to advance
her career*

by Melanie Skaggs (M.A. '02)



Photo by Vincent Gonzalez

Tina Flores stands in the City of San Antonio's Council Chambers where one of her duties is to swear in new city council members.

"I begged them to let me live at the Baptist Children's Home."

At age 12, desperate for healthy home life, Tina Flores (M.Jur. '17) fought to be in foster care. Her mother was battling drug addiction, unable to care for Flores and her siblings. Her father was in prison. They had no food, electricity or hope. Even as a child, Flores knew she had to escape the toxic environment and sought emancipation from her parents to begin her life anew.

"Once I realized I control my destiny, I had to leave and learn how to live a better life," Flores said.

Flores instinctively knew education was a key to improving her future, but her learning curve was steep. She lacked the mindset, self-confidence and basic comprehension of the content presented in textbooks or a classroom to take a college course.

"People get discouraged and quit because they are not willing to take the remedial classes necessary to gain the skills to succeed in a college-level class," Flores said. "When I began my career with the City of San Antonio in 2001, I only had a GED diploma."

However, Flores was just starting her educational journey.

After working toward an undergraduate degree on a part-time basis for over 10 years at the University of the Incarnate Word, Flores finally graduated and quickly thereafter attained a Master of Business Administration at UIW.

Flores applied to the Master of Jurisprudence (M.Jur.) program at the St. Mary's University School of Law when, after 16 years of working for the City, she ascended to Assistant City Clerk.

"I needed a foundational knowledge of the law and the confidence to sit at a table with attorneys and understand the discussion," said Flores, whose M.Jur. included a dual concentration in Compliance Law and Commercial Law.

"We struck gold when we recruited Tina to our inaugural M.Jur. class. She is driven, hardworking and one of the friendliest students we have seen come through the program," said Colin Marks, J.D., the School of Law's Associate Dean for Innovative Programs and Strategic Partnerships and the inaugural Director of the Master of Jurisprudence Program, now celebrating its five-year anniversary.

"I love St. Mary's and credit everyone in the M.Jur. program for helping me succeed," Flores said. "As a single mother going back to school and supporting four children, it was hard."

Flores' career began to skyrocket after completing the M.Jur. She received a promotion to Compliance Auditor, advanced to Deputy City Clerk and, in September 2020, was appointed to the prestigious position of City Clerk. Only four positions in the City of San Antonio are appointed by the Mayor's Council and "obtaining a M.Jur. helped them make their decision to hire me," she said.

"I credit my education at St. Mary's Law for opening these doors for me because knowing the law is critical to the work I do."

Today, Flores positively impacts the lives of the community she serves through initiatives like the San Antonio ID Recovery Program. This program helps homeless people obtain their birth certificate at no cost, which is necessary to get a Social Security or identification card and, in turn, allows them to receive essential services like housing or food stamps.

"My upbringing helped me learn about unfair circumstances, how to persevere and pay it forward," she said. "If people do not have an education, they do not have a seat at the table. Now, I bring their perspective to the table as a public servant and feel I am making a difference." ■

CLASSNOTES *alumni news*

1950s

Edgar Fishel, B.B.A. '53, San Antonio, a former and educator age 93, was featured in the San Antonio Express-News for his hobby of building homes for birds and bats using old license plates and other recycled materials. Making the structures, he says, brings him a sense of peace.

1960s

Bill Greehey, B.B.A. '60, San Antonio, a St. Mary's University Trustee Emeritus, former CEO of Valero Energy Corp., chairman of NuStar Energy LP, and founder of Haven for Hope, is the 2020 recipient of the San Antonio Business Journal's Nonprofit and Corporate Philanthropy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Michael Boyle, B.A. '66, M.A. '75, and son **Benjamin Boyle, B.A. '20**, Victoria, were featured in the Victoria Advocate article, 'An extended family': For Victoria family of educators, teaching is more than just a job. The family works at St. Joseph High School.

1970s

John Quiñones, B.A. '74, New York, an Emmy and Peabody Award-winning journalist, was invited to deliver an LBJ Distinguished Lecture, *Upward and Onward: Opportunity Through Education*, at Texas State University in November 2020. He discussed the role Upward Bound played in his life.

Doris Slay-Barber, B.A. '74, Adkins, a St. Mary's University Trustee Emerita, is on the advisory board for the LBJ Women's Campaign School at the University of Texas at Austin and a trustee for the Texas Business and Professional Women's Foundation. She's also on the board for Select Federal Credit Union-San Antonio.

Robert Aguirre, B.B.A. '75, Pipe Creek, was appointed to the Bandera Electric Cooperative board of directors as interim director of District 1, representing Pipe Creek and a portion of the Medina Lake area.

Rafael Castillo, B.A. '75, San Antonio, is editor-in-chief of Catch the Next, Inc.'s *CTN: A Journal of Ideas and Pedagogy*. He's a voting member of the National Book Critics Circle, PEN America and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, as well as an op-ed writer for the Associated Press and the San Antonio Express-News.

Richard G. Garza, J.D., B.A. '78, San Antonio, with the firm Jackson Walker, has been selected for inclusion in the 2021 The Best Lawyers in America listing.

Paul Saenz, D.O., B.A. '79, San Antonio, was featured in the 50 Heroes series created to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center at Fort Worth, where Saenz graduated from its Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

1980s

Carlos J. Contreras III, B.A. '81, San Antonio, recent assistant manager for the city, has been named CEO of Goodwill San Antonio.

Linda Ellis, B.A.S. '81, Glenelg, Maryland, a St. Mary's University Trustee and Capitol Concierge CEO, has received the inaugural David H. Hillman Maverick Award by the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington.

Kenneth Slavin, B.A. '83, San Antonio, is the director of marketing and strategic communications for San Antonio College. He recently celebrated 30 years in his second career as a successful jazz singer and recording artist.

Paula Gold-Williams, B.B.A. '84, San Antonio, president and CEO of CPS Energy, was reappointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas' San Antonio Branch Board of Directors by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

Patricia "Trish" (Perkins) Kuper, B.A. '85, Edmond, Oklahoma, earned a bachelor's in Nursing and master's in Gerontology

after graduating from St. Mary's. She was promoted to nurse III at the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration hospital, and is the gastroenterology nurse navigator.

Lisa Mares, B.A. '87, San Antonio, is the company founder of Artworks Art Studio, one of the longest serving art studios for area children, which recently marked its 25th anniversary.

Lorrie (Flores) Parise, M.A. '87, Spring, was promoted to director of public relations and community relations at The Howard Hughes Corp. Parise has published a nonfiction book, *Biography of an Everyday Couple*, which depicts the inspiring lives of her parents and family who grew up in Floresville.

Katherine A. Staton, J.D., B.B.A. '87, Dallas, has been selected for inclusion in the 2021 The Best Lawyers in America listing.

Patrick Sturdivant, B.S. '87, San Antonio, is lead test engineer for USAA, where he promotes digital inclusion. He is a member of the International Association of Accessibility Professionals, president of his homeowners association and former board member of San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind.

Steven Jansma, J.D., B.B.A. '89, San Antonio, a St. Mary's University Trustee and attorney at Norton Rose Fulbright, was chosen by the firm to co-lead its United States litigation practice of 350 attorneys.

Crystal Kohanke, B.B.A. '89, Cibolo, was named the senior vice president and chief people officer for Arkansas Children's, which includes two children's hospitals, a statewide network of clinics, a philanthropic foundation and a research institute.

1990s

Sharon Hernandez, B.A. '92, M.B.A. '99, San Antonio, is head of the insurance division at Buckle, a tech-enabled financial services company.

Timothy D. Uhl, Ph.D., B.A. '92, Buffalo, New York, named by the Diocese of Buffalo as the Catholic

schools superintendent, began his tenure in April 2021.

Sandra Wolff, Ph.D., B.B.A. '92, San Antonio, has been hired by the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to lead strategic relations and membership efforts.

Ricardo Carrion Jr., Ph.D., B.S. '93, Helotes, professor and co-lead of disease intervention and prevention, and director of the BSL-4 contract research program at Texas Biomedical Research Institute, is a recipient of the San Antonio Business Journal's Health Care Heroes Award for Outstanding Health Care Executive for those not based in a hospital.

David Tumlinson, B.A. '93, Rancho Viejo, is the director of foundation and community outreach for Texas Southmost College, bringing with him an extensive career in public justice and fundraising.

Adriana B. Maddox, B.B.A. '94, M.B.A./J.D. '99, Laredo, a private practice attorney focusing on probate, oil and gas, and family law, was featured in a National Women's Day Q&A with the Laredo Morning Times and discussed her profession, motherhood and volunteer work.

Peter Palacios Sr., B.A. '94, New Haven, Connecticut, is the new general manager of Yale University's Yale Golf Course.

Veronica Garcia Fragoso, M.D., B.S. '95, Channelview, is an expert with Houston Fights COVID-19, answering online questions about the virus. She serves as principal investigator of several COVID vaccine trials at the Texas Center for Drug Development, supervising clinical research and ensuring the protection of participants' rights, safety and welfare.

Dorian Jimenez, B.S. '95, Northlake, has been promoted to general sales manager of Classic Chevrolet Grapevine, first in the state for sales volume and second in the nation in 2020.

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Multiplying

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Photo by Robbin Jerstad

Alumnus and Executive Director of Development shares Marianist spirit

by Nikki Harris

Before accepting St. Mary's University's Marianist Heritage Award earlier this year, Fred "Steve" Hemphill (B.A. '05) made a list of every Marianist who has impacted his life — 42 names.

Hemphill, Executive Director of Development at the University, credits the Marianists for leading him to study and eventually work here. His middle school counselor, also an alumnus, encouraged his parents to send him to Central Catholic High School, a private and Marianist high school in San Antonio.

Hemphill, who had previously attended public schools, said he didn't know much about Central Catholic.

"I thought, 'Oh, I'm getting punished. I'm going to an all-boys school.'"

At Central Catholic, he connected with Marianists, who guided his decision to major in History at St. Mary's when he hadn't found his direction.

"St. Mary's was just a very welcoming place for me to explore ideas and think about what I wanted to be," said Hemphill, whose love of books led him to work at the Blume Library as a student.

Brother Michael "Mike" Sullivan, S.M., D.M.A., Professor of Music, first met Hemphill when he was president of the Student Government Association and remembers him as a good leader and networker.

"He's always been a gentleman and he really is easy to talk with," Sullivan said. "He really has embodied the Marianist spirit and charism."

Hemphill has now worked in the Office of University Advancement for six years. He said his History degree allows him to connect the personal histories of individuals with the institutional history of the University.

He reaches out to alumni daily, helping fundraise for scholarships, campus projects and new equipment for classroom learning.

Just as the 42 Marianists have touched his life over the years, he said, "Almost all graduates I've talked to have had an amazing experience here that changed their life in some way. It's how we are multiplying the good in the world." ■

"He really has embodied the Marianist spirit and charism."

Stuart Parker, M.B.A. '95, Boerne, a St. Mary's University Trustee and 2017 University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus who retired as USAA CEO in 2020, was elected director of the board at Chicago-based Kemper Corp., which offers property and casualty, life and health insurance.

JoAnne (Rodriguez) Parra, B.A. '96, San Antonio, is the instructional technology specialist for digital learning and innovation for the Medina Valley Independent School District. She oversees the Medina Valley Virtual Learning Academy, STEAM labs and professional development.

Isaac J. Huron, B.A. '97, J.D. '01, San Antonio, who works with the Archdiocese of San Antonio, is among 18 St. Mary's Law alumni elected to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program's 2021 class. Fellows must demonstrate professional achievement, an exemplary reputation and commitment to the legal community.

Judy Treviño, B.B.A. '97, San Antonio, is the first San Antonio woman to receive the prestigious Maura "Women Helping Women" Award from the Texas Women's Foundation, which recognizes leaders who have positively influenced the lives of women and girls. Treviño is executive director for CCVI Ministries Inc., sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. She is a charity leader and advocate for women's financial empowerment.

Erika Gonzalez, M.D., B.S. '98, San Antonio, CEO of South Texas Allergy & Asthma Medical Professionals, is a recipient of the San Antonio Business Journal's Health Care Heroes Award for Outstanding Physician for those not based in a hospital.

Jeddidah Thotho, B.B.A. '98, Kenya, Africa, is the first black and female CEO of Bata Corp. in its more than 80 years in Africa. At the shoe company, she oversees 2,200 employees and 12 regional stores.

Jeremy Triplett, B.A. '98, Austin, the maternal and child health section director of the Texas Department of State Health Services, was reappointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Early

Childhood Intervention Advisory Committee for a six-year term.

Richard Scott Woodward, D.Min., M.A. '98, San Antonio, has been selected as the 19th president of the Oblate School of Theology after serving 10 years as the school's vice president of Academic Affairs and Dean.

Alejandra "Alex" Lopez, B.A. '99, M.P.A. '02, San Antonio, former director of the city's economic development department, moved to the position of assistant city manager in March 2021.

2000s

Julie Melendez-Reicis, J.D., B.S. '02, Austin, is senior counsel of intellectual property-connected fitness and digital at sports product company Under Armour. Featured in *Hispanic Executive*, she says that, as an undergraduate at St. Mary's University, the origins of her success were Professors Jack Calentine and Jose M. Cimadevilla, who helped guide her to an alternative to becoming a physician.

Anna Yvonne (Perez) Rodriguez, B.B.A. '03, Fairfax, Virginia, is working as a champion of diversity and inclusion of clinical trials within AstraZeneca. She created a program to train physicians and coordinators naive to clinical research to help them obtain education and find ways to better connect to the industry that creates personalized medicine. Rodriguez helps the company and cross-industry initiatives to help with education of how clinical trials feed into clinical study reports used by insurance companies to approve certain coverages, which is especially important during this time of COVID-19.

Fernando Cardenas, B.A. '04, Las Vegas, with 10 commercial and residential certifications in building, plumbing and electrical, is the City of Las Vegas Building Inspector.

Jeremiah Ellis, B.A. '04, St. Paul, Minnesota, received the 2020 Virginia B. Kunz Award for exceptional historical research and writing for his article, *St. Paul's Distinct Leadership Tradition: A Century of the Sterling Club*, published by the Ramsey County Historical Society. His story recounts the Minnesota

African American men and women behind the Sterling Club, an organization that has long served as a haven from discrimination, who worked alongside civic leaders to highlight and address racist practices and to help a community torn apart by the construction of the interstate.

Artessia "Tess" House, B.A. '04, J.D. '14, San Antonio, is featured in the San Antonio Business Journal article, *The Lawyer Who Bet on Herself*, on her unusual path to entrepreneurship.

Duane Alexander Miller, M.A. '04, Madrid, Spain, has published a new book, *I Will Give Them an Everlasting Name: Pastoral Care for Christ's Converts from Islam* (Regnum, 2020). He serves as priest at the Anglican Cathedral of the Redeemer in Madrid and Associate Professor at the Protestant Faculty of Theology at Madrid.

Stacey Reicherzer, M.A. '04, Ph.D. '06, Chicago, published her first self-help book, *The Healing Otherness Handbook: Overcome the Trauma of Identity-Based Bullying and Find Power in Your Difference (The Social Justice Handbook Series)*, on Amazon in April 2021.

Hilda Pamela (De La Cerda) Pagano, B.S. '05, Atlanta, and spouse Fabrizio welcomed Arianna Nicole, born Jan. 4, 2021.

Jorge Aguilar, B.A. '06, Chicago, co-founder and CEO of Trove, a boutique vacation rental services company dedicated to delivering value for renters and property owners, was named among Crain's Chicago Business 2020 Notable Entrepreneurs.

Arthur Bryan II, J.D., B.A. '06, Cedar Park, and Netosha Kennerson married on Aug. 22, 2020. Bryan joined the law firm Shahan Guevara Decker and Arrott, P.C., as senior counsel.

Kiran Kaur Bains, B.A. '06, San Antonio, was unanimously selected to lead SA2020 as president and CEO by its board of directors. SA2020 is the city's successful community visioning and indicator organization. Bains previously served as SA2020's director of community impact.

Jaclyn (Iacovino) Macioce, B.A. '06, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, and spouse Thomas

welcomed their third child, daughter Adelina Celia, born April 26, 2020.

Cristina (Frescas) Bustillos, B.A. '07, El Paso, and spouse Jose welcomed daughter Scarlett Athena, born Sept. 13, 2020.

Lizeth Olivarez, B.A. '07, Laredo, the Gear Up facilitator with Laredo Independent School District, was reappointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Texas School Safety Center Board.

Marina Gonzales, B.A. '08, San Antonio, was appointed president and CEO of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in August 2020.

Nicholas Medina, B.B.A. '08, Fort Worth, is the associate registrar for Collin College at their Frisco campus.

Kland Aida, B.B.A. '09, Oakwood, Ohio, has been promoted to president and chief operations officer at AIDA-America, a metal stamping press manufacturer based in Dayton, Ohio.

David M. Close, B.S. '09, New Braunfels, chief solutions architect for Futorex, a hardened enterprise data security solutions provider, leads major projects involving the design, development and deployment of mission critical systems used by organizations for their cryptographic needs.

Gabriel Hernandez, B.S. '09, M.P.A. '10, Washington, D.C., is a program assistant at the administrative office of the United States Courts, Office of the General Counsel, Ethics Office-Financial Disclosure Office.

Jaclyn Treviño, B.A. '09, Cibolo, has been promoted to USAA Human Resources Specialized Services Specialist III.

2010s

Jasmine (Garcia) DeLeon, B.A. '11, M.A. '15, and **Joseph DeLeon, B.A. '11, M.B.A. '17**, San Antonio, welcomed their second son Ezra James, born Oct. 30, 2020.

Jake Munn, M.B.A. '11, Spring, is president and group lead of corporate banking and syndications for Bancorp South Bank.

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Richard Montez, B.A. '12, San Antonio, was honored as the Coors Light 2020 Líder of the Year. The award includes a \$25,000 grant for Montez to implement a program with his nonprofit, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Joshua Dunn, Ph.D., B.A. '13, Lubbock, graduated from Texas Tech University with a doctorate in Media and Communication.

Brittany R. Galvan, B.A. '13, Austin, a third-year law student at the University Texas at Austin, was featured in a Texas Law News story about veterans and how they bring unique perspectives and experiences to their studies. Galvan served in the Texas Army National Guard for six years.

Bria Bell, B.A. '14, Midlothian, is a multimedia journalist/reporter for Spectrum News in Dallas after spending three years as a reporter for the CBS affiliate in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ruby Boone, J.D., B.A. '15, Victoria, is assistant attorney for the City of Victoria, where

she serves as the prosecutor for the city's municipal court and primary legal adviser to several departments, boards and commissions.

Kevin L. Matula, B.A. '14, has returned to Zachry Group as director of government affairs and public policy. He is also chair of the Emerging Leaders Council for United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County.

Rachel Amuzu, B.S. '16, Sugar Land, who is among the inaugural class of the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine, will spend her residency in obstetrics-gynecology in New York at NuVance Health.

Nicholas Johnson, M.B.A. '16, Denver, is director of strategic initiatives at TIAA.

Ryan Wempe, M.B.A. '16, San Antonio, has launched Chummy Vet Apparel, a veteran community lifestyle brand that celebrates the military experience in a comedic way.

Celebrating young leaders

St. Mary's alumni are recipients of the 2021 Class of the San Antonio Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Awards, which celebrate young rising business and community leaders.

- **Andre C. De Leon, B.B.A. '03**, Canyon Lake, is chief operating officer and chief financial officer for WellAware.
- **Sara Briseño Gerrish, B.B.A. '03**, San Antonio, is broker and owner of RE/MAX Unlimited.
- **Erica T. Sosa, B.A. '03**, Helotes, is an Associate Professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Natalee (Nuñez) Cuevas, B.A. '17, and **Eduardo Cuevas Jr., B.B.A. '17**, San Antonio, married Aug. 22, 2020.

Brenda Lopez, B.A. '18, San Antonio, was selected as a semi-finalist for the Fulbright Scholarship Program in Spain for the 2020-2021 year.

Dianna Cardenas, B.A. '19, Live Oak, is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain, and is working for a nonprofit in Austin.

Jamira Richardson, B.A. '20, San Antonio, is a fiction writer who is the youngest writer in the inaugural cohort of the Writers' League of Texas Fellowship

Program. For 12 months, she will enjoy classes, connect with instructors, attend the annual Agents & Editors Conference, and build her writing community.

Jeremiah Sanchez, B.B.A. '20, Harlingen, because award notifications were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, learned while watching a livestream of the national award announcements of the ITA Division II that he had been named the Men's Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award winner, beating out seven other regional winners for the national award.

Friends We'll Miss

1940s

Daniel Anthony Cerna, CL '46, San Antonio, Feb. 21, 2021

Harry W. Nixon, M.A. '49, San Antonio, Nov. 2, 2020

1950s

Gerald Dubinski, CL '50, San Antonio, Nov. 26, 2020

Lt. Col. Charles Thomas Hutzler, U.S. Army, Ret., B.B.A. '50, San Antonio, Dec. 11, 2020

Hector J. Quintanilla, B.S. '50, San Antonio, Oct. 6, 2020

Sidney Farrell Goslin, B.B.A. '51, San Antonio, Sept. 9, 2020

Stephen B. "Steve" Hebert, B.B.A. '51, Victoria, Feb. 22, 2021

John Henry "Buddy" Walker Jr., B.S. '51, Houston, Dec. 13, 2020

Edward Bremmer, B.A. '52, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jan. 21, 2021

Frank Odilo Gebhardt Sr., B.B.A. '52, San Antonio, Jan. 10, 2021

Arthur C. Troilo Jr., J.D., B.A. '52, San Antonio, Oct. 8, 2020

Toy Louie, B.B.A. '53, San Antonio, Dec. 27, 2020

Carroll Edward Barron Jr., B.B.A. '56, Seguin, Nov. 4, 2020

Brother James Louis Facette, S.M., B.S. '56, Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 17, 2020

Frank Joseph Lecoche, B.B.A. '56, Sugar Land, Feb. 3, 2021

Marianne Dolores Waters, B.B.A. '56, Austin, Feb. 14, 2020

James P. "Jim" Halepaska, B.B.A. '57, Irving, March 3, 2020

Celestino "Tino" Menchaca Jr., B.A. '57, Gilroy, California, Sept. 23, 2020

Harlan Adamcik, B.M.E. '58, San Antonio, Oct. 20, 2020

Lt. Col. Stanley Louis Gorrell Jr., U.S. Army, Ret., B.B.A. '58, Williamsburg, Virginia, Jan. 19, 2021

Raymond Guerra, B.S. '58, Garland, Dec. 30, 2020

Reynaldo Hector Rodriguez Sr., B.A. '58, Laredo, March 6, 2021

Alfonso Treviño Jr., B.B.A. '58, Fresno, California, Nov. 23, 2020

Edward R. "Eddie" Garza Sr., CL '59, San Antonio, Nov. 14, 2020

James Robert "Jim" Marbach, Ph.D., B.S. '59, Spring, March 2, 2020

John H. White, B.B.A. '59, San Antonio, March 14, 2021

1960s

Donald P. Brotheman, B.A. '60, Dallas, March 8, 2021

William John Hickl Jr., B.B.A. '60, Richmond, March 16, 2021

Calvin Winton Parrish, LL.B. '60, Woodland, Georgia, Jan. 24, 2021

Martin Louis Knippa, B.B.A. '61, San Antonio, Oct. 7, 2020

Damon Ball, LL.B. '62, San Antonio, Oct. 26, 2020

Charles Everett Loudon, B.B.A. '62, Milledgeville, Georgia, Dec. 8, 2020

Leonard Garth Parsons, B.S. '62, Amarillo, Dec. 16, 2020

Homer S. Sanchez, CL '62, Round Rock, Dec. 8, 2020

Billy Jack Cottingham, B.B.A. '63, Dallas, Nov. 11, 2020

Otto Richter Jr., B.A. '63, San Antonio, Oct. 28, 2020

Paul Edward Strauss, B.A. '63, Roseville, California, April 28, 2020

Alfred Edwin Wright, LL.B. '63, Tyler, Nov. 22, 2020

James John Zotz, B.B.A. '63, Schertz, Dec. 30, 2020

Henry W. Benavides, B.B.A. '64,
San Antonio, Dec. 10, 2020

Richard Thomas "Dick" Brady,
LL.B. '64, San Antonio,
Nov. 1, 2020

Warner "Lamoine" Holland III,
CL '64, San Antonio,
Dec. 23, 2020

The Hon. James M. Simmonds,
LL.B. '64, Breckenridge,
Sept. 5, 2020

Ralph Eugene Weston, B.A. '64,
Austin, Jan. 24, 2021

William Henry Yaeger III, B.A./
B.S. '64, Alexandria, Virginia,
Oct. 26, 2020

Edward Joseph "Ed" Blasi, M.A.
'65, Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
March 8, 2021

Lewis "Lew" Brennon, B.A. '65,
Green Valley, Arizona, Feb. 14,
2020

Paul Michael Kariger, B.B.A. '65,
San Antonio, March 30, 2020

Joseph A. Van De Walle Jr., CL
'65, San Antonio, Feb. 11, 2021

William (Bill) "Coach" Brennon,
B.A. '66, Pompano Beach,
Florida, Feb. 28, 2021

Herbert Marshall Gruen, CL '66,
Austin, Feb. 13, 2021

James Masterson Parker, J.D.
'66, San Antonio, Feb. 11, 2021

Walter Allen Stein, B.A. '66, Rio
Medina, Sept. 30, 2020

Thomas Matthew Braniff, B.B.A.
'67, J.D. '70, Houston,
Feb. 12, 2021

Clarence William "Billy"
Kothmann, B.A. '67, Mason,
Feb. 22, 2021

Brother Michael Murphy, S.M.,
B.B.A. '67, Cupertino, California,
Oct. 18, 2020

Joachim S. "Jack" Fernandi,
B.B.A. '68, San Antonio,
Oct. 5, 2020

Ernest Aloysius Raba, M.D., B.A.
'68, Raleigh, North Carolina,
Dec. 9, 2020

Harry Warren Stansbury III,
B.A. '68, Collierville, Tennessee,
March 17, 2021

Richard Covarubio Abalos, LL.B.
'69, Odessa, Dec. 12, 2020

Roland H. Jonas, B.B.A. '69,
Devine, Nov. 29, 2020

The Rev. James Karagas, M.A.
'69, Portland, Oregon,
Nov. 4, 2020

David Lee Miller, J.D. '69,
Topeka, Kansas, Feb. 7, 2021

Ronnie Newman, B.B.A. '69,
Georgetown, Jan. 15, 2021

William F. Radacinski, B.A. '69,
New York City, Nov. 5, 2020

Donald Wayne Reneau, B.B.A.
'69, San Antonio, Dec. 21, 2020

Jeffrey Humiston Smith, M.A.
'69, Willimantic, Connecticut,
Oct. 22, 2020

Doris Krebs Stockstill, J.D. '69,
San Antonio, Aug. 9, 2020

1970s

Betty L. Barrett, M.A. '70,
Chapin, South Carolina,
Sept. 30, 2020

Timothy Patrick Brown, B.A. '70,
M.A. '72, San Antonio,
March 19, 2021

Maryln Ann Crossen, M.A. '70,
Addison, May 5, 2020

James Milas Johnson, J.D. '70,
San Antonio, Jan. 5, 2021

Calvin M. Murray, M.A. '70,
Folsom, California,
March 12, 2021

David L. Shapiro, J.D. '70,
Austin, Oct. 8, 2019

Wes Skidmore, B.A. '70,
San Antonio, Jan. 12, 2021

Jeptha Columbus "Jep" Tatum III,
B.B.A. '70, J.D. '73, Bryan,
Jan. 20, 2021

Francis James Werland, B.A./J.D.
'70, San Antonio, Feb. 13, 2021

Ron White, B.A. '70, M.A. '77,
San Antonio, Jan. 5, 2021

Michael W. Bishop, B.A. '71,
Martindale, August 2020

Samuel D. Dibrell, J.D. '71,
San Antonio, Fall 2020

Thomas Charles Kopacsi, B.B.A.
'71, San Antonio, Jan. 6, 2021

Celia Esther Ruiz, B.A. '71,
Austin, Oct. 26, 2020

Richard Anthony "Rick" Valdez,
B.A. '71, Aurora, Colorado,
June 29, 2020

Ramon Villarreal, B.A. '71,
San Antonio, Oct. 11, 2020

Harlow Avern Vosburgh Jr., B.A.
'71, San Antonio, Oct. 20, 2020

Michael D. Donovan, B.B.A. '72,
San Antonio, Dec. 2, 2020

Jose S. Treviño, M.S. '72,
Pleasanton, Aug. 21, 2020

Jeffrey D. Blum, M.A. '73, San
Antonio, Dec. 4, 2020

Rupert Francis "Bo" Horka, J.D.
'73, Silsbee, Jan. 28, 2021

Alonso Rodriguez Sr., B.B.A. '73,
San Benito, Oct. 8, 2020

Wilbert Archie Jr., U.S. Air
Force, Ret., B.A. '74, New
Braunfels, Feb. 28, 2021

Michael Bavosa, B.A. '74, Corpus
Christi, Sept. 9, 2020

J. Michael "Mike" Coleman, B.A.
'74, Springfield, Pennsylvania,
Dec. 3, 2020

William Patrick "Pat" Dodson,
J.D. '74, Hondo, Jan. 19, 2021

Joe David Douglas, B.B.A. '74,
San Antonio, Sept. 26, 2020

Patrick James Funicello, J.D. '74,
North Richland Hills,
Nov. 11, 2020

Sister Marie Elena Gonzalez,
R.S.M., M.A. '74, Oklahoma
City, Oct. 21, 2020

Sister Carolyn Jeanette "Kay"
Kolb, S.S.N.D., M.A. '74,
Covington, Louisiana,
Aug. 10, 2020

Carlos Lopez, B.A. '74, San
Antonio, Feb. 2, 2021

Wyndale Lynn Weems, M.A. '74,
Waco, Jan. 8, 2021

Howard Earl Hilton, B.A. '75,
Marble Falls, Nov. 30, 2020

Edward Gibson Vaughan, J.D.
'75, San Antonio, Feb. 18, 2021

CMSgt. Kenneth K. Andrews,
U.S. Air Force, Ret., M.A. '76,
San Antonio, Jan. 19, 2021

Raymond Garcia, B.A. '76,
San Antonio, Oct. 18, 2020

Peter Y. Henry, J.D. '76,
San Antonio, July 13, 2020

Larry Hayes, J.D. '77,
McCaysville, Georgia,
Dec. 30, 2020

Dawn Bruner Finlayson, J.D. '78,
San Antonio, Feb. 13, 2021

Gerald C. Yawn, B.B.A. '78,
San Antonio, Dec. 25, 2020

Michael "Mick" Hotard, M.D.,
B.A. '79, San Antonio,
March 4, 2021

1980s

Francis J. "Frank" Monaco, B.S.
'80, Carmel, Indiana,
Oct. 26, 2020

Frank Joseph Lenart Jr., M.B.A.
'81, Falls Church, Virginia,
Dec. 25, 2020

Eric Bernard Johnson, B.B.A.
'82, Cuero, Dec. 23, 2020

Richard A. Zorola, B.A. '84,
San Antonio, Dec. 29, 2020

Kenneth G. Mahaffey, J.D. '86,
Austin, June 7, 2020

San Juanita "Janie" Campos, J.D.
'87, Weslaco, Sept. 22, 2020

Glen Samuel Girgus, J.D. '87,
Kyle, July 31, 2020

Stella Ortiz Kyle, Ph.D., J.D. '87,
San Antonio, Jan. 31, 2021

David Alexander, B.A.S. '88,
Daytona Beach, Florida,
July 28, 2020

Patricia K. "Tricia" Hernden, J.D.
'89, San Antonio, Feb. 16, 2021

Steven John Shepherd, J.D. '89,
Georgetown, Dec. 7, 2020

1990s

Virginia Maurer, J.D. '90, San
Antonio, Sept. 19, 2020

James Russell Patton III, J.D.
'90, Waco, Dec. 21, 2020

Hope Ybarra Wilkie Smithson,
B.A. '91, M.A. '93, San Antonio,
Jan. 8, 2021

Ann Rebecca "Becky" (Neuhoff)
Griffith, B.A. '92, Palmer,
Dec. 25, 2020

Ramon Fernando "Raymond"
Herrera Jr., B.A. '92, Laredo,
Feb. 1, 2021

Rebecca C. Treviño, J.D. '93,
Pleasanton, Dec. 29, 2020

Cameron "Lamar" Gemberling,
M.B.A. '95, San Antonio,
Jan. 9, 2021

Daniel Trevor Mabery, J.D. '95,
Addison, Feb. 7, 2021

Ronald Friedel, M.A. '96,
Victoria, Jan. 8, 2021

D. Lance Higgins, J.D. '96, Plano,
April 4, 2020

2000s

Troy Lonnie Meinke, J.D. '00,
Schertz, Nov. 4, 2020

Olga Torres Soriano, M.S. '02,
San Antonio, Nov. 6, 2020

2010s

Amanda Crosby, B.B.A. '12,
Corpus Christi, Dec. 9, 2020

2020s

Orlando Serrano-Azola, B.S.
'20, Phoenix, Oct. 4, 2020



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— ON CAMPUS —

In Bill Greehey Arena, Oklahoma State Cowgirls player Ja'Mee Asberry takes her shot during an intense game against Wake Forest in March. The matchup was one of 10 games, featuring 12 teams from across the country, which St. Mary's University proudly hosted for the NCAA 2021 Division I Women's Basketball Championship.