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through
Partnerships



Dear Alumni and Friends,

If the next 12 months are anything like last year, then 2017 will be full of positive changes and exciting challenges.

Last year marked a great way to experience my first full term as president of Georgian Court University. As we usher in the new year, I hope you will take time to reflect on the many points of pride shared in this edition of *GCU Magazine*.

For example, we were especially pleased when more first-year students chose GCU last fall, boosting freshman enrollment by 46.3 percent (p. 2). There was significant growth in graduate enrollment, and we continue to draw more interest from prospective students during Open House events. (The Casino feels slightly smaller as the crowds grow larger.)

We are gaining momentum with our community college and Catholic high school partnerships (p. 5). These initiatives, which carry generous scholarship offers, are generating media buzz, prompting other institutions to seek GCU out as a partner that is committed to ensuring college access and affordability.

We had steadfast support from alumni, staff, students, our academic partners, and friends of the university. The impact they have on GCU is clear: students benefited the most by receiving more than \$15 million in scholarships, and the general community was better off because we invested more than 80,000 volunteer hours in service to our neighbors.

Your commitment to Georgian Court was strong, and throughout the year I was privileged to meet hundreds of supporters during my Inauguration, Commencement, Reunion, GCU Night at the BlueClaws, New Student Orientation, Open House, Homecoming, the annual Scholarship Brunch, and at Critical Concerns programs.

Our GCU Lions—who have a solid academic reputation—embody the spirit of Georgian Court at all times, especially when they win championships (p. 19)! The men's soccer team, only in its fourth year, secured the CACC title during a dramatic win against Post University. They joined the men's and women's track and field teams as our other conference champions. We were equally proud of former softball standout Heather Walker '08, '10, who joined the CACC Hall of Fame Class of 2016.

Georgian Court's reputation as a values-driven, value-added institution is represented by the success of our alumni, the commitment of our faculty, and the generosity of our donors. One particularly moving example of the power of the GCU experience is found in Rebekah James '17, who put her accounting savvy to use as a volunteer at the Open Door food pantry (p. 10).

While 2016 will be remembered for its achievements, I hope you see the new year as I do—as a time of renewed promise and opportunity to make a positive impact for GCU.

Go Lions!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph R. Marbach".

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Through Pathways and Partnerships, GCU's Enrollment Grows

By Gwen Moran

After reaching an all-time high in 2010, enrollment in U.S. colleges and universities has been largely on the decline in recent years. But getting a clearer picture requires a closer look at the numbers. Overall Spring 2016 enrollment (the latest data available) was down 1.4 percent from the previous year, but students opting to attend four-year private nonprofit institutions were up 0.7 percent—the highest of any sector—according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. In Fall 2015, four-year private institutions had a 0.3 percent decline—the lowest of any sector.

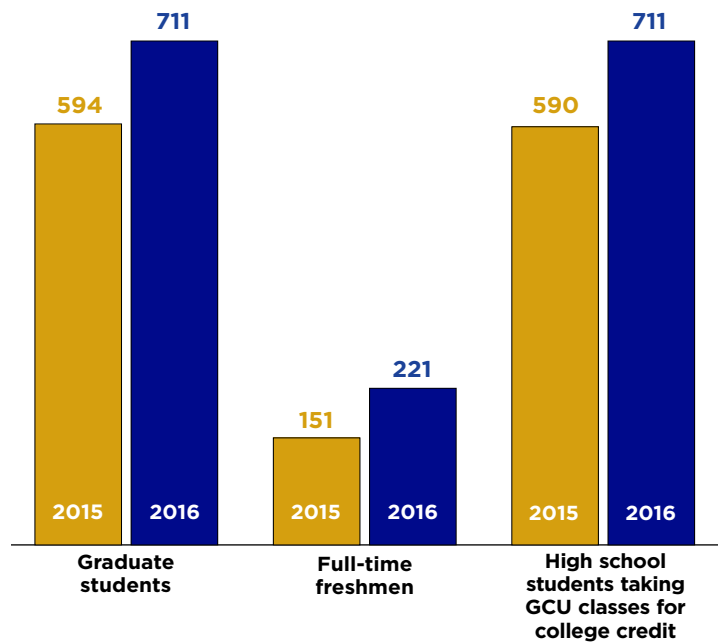
(Above) GCU welcomed over 700 new undergraduate and graduate students this fall, including the new transfers and freshmen shown here at New Student Orientation.

While that's good news among bleak headlines announcing the closure of private liberal arts institutions like Dowling College and Marian Court College, Georgian Court University is besting those numbers and then some. For the 2016–2017 academic year, the university boasted

- a 46.3 percent increase in full-time freshman enrollment,
- a 20 percent increase in graduate enrollment, and
- a 20.5 percent increase in the number of high school students taking GCU classes for college credit.

How is Georgian Court's enrollment surging ahead so significantly? It's a combination of factors, says Justin G. Roy, dean of admissions. In addition to a tuition freeze that capped 2016 tuition and fees at 2015 levels and helped both enrollment and retention, the university has launched a number of initiatives to increase outreach and help more students be aware of the value of a Georgian Court education as well as all that the campus has to offer.

Georgian Court's Enrollment Growth



Justin Roy (third from left) with members of the Class of 2020 at Convocation on September 1. From left are Sean Clarkson, Zach Daradar, Seleena Ramos, Adrian Javier, and Daniel Smoke.

Full Court Press

Since Dean Roy took over his post in November 2015, he has been focused on finding ways to get the word out about Georgian Court, increase accessibility to admissions staff, and encourage more prospective students to visit the campus. As a result, Georgian Court now holds two Open Houses each semester instead of one, as well as more evening sessions for transfer and graduate students. The admissions office is

now open on Saturdays to improve access for students who work or whose parents work and who need to visit during weekends. In addition, the campus—including the financial aid and registrar's offices—are open until 7:00 PM on Tuesday evenings.

"We're now more accessible for families to be able to research and visit the school. The expanded hours also allow families to come in and speak to someone after work, so they don't need to take time off," Dean Roy says.





On April 2, GCU welcomed prospective students and families to campus for a combined Open House and Accepted Students Day. Accepted students like Krista Morton, now a freshman dance major, learned more about financial aid, academic programs, student life—and got a chance to meet Roary! Krista is also a legacy student—her mother, Cherie Caldeira Morton, is a graduate of the Class of 1989.

Getting families to visit the campus showcases another great Georgian Court advantage—the campus itself. Steeped in the history of the Gould family and featuring a combination of historic, ivy-covered buildings and 21st-century science and technology labs and equipment, students can easily see themselves living their college experiences at Georgian Court, Dean Roy says.

Staying on Track

Of course, once students are enrolled, retention becomes the next concern. The university has taken great strides to keep students on track and able to finish their degrees in the estimated time. In order to complete a typical 120-credit undergraduate degree, students must take at least 30 credits per year. After a review of the freshman class in Fall 2013, university officials found that many students were falling short of that goal. Failing to complete enough credits could mean an extra semester or more of college, adding expense that students and their families might not be able to afford.

To address the issue, Chart the Course, an invitation-only program, was developed to help students stay on track to graduate on time. A combination of coaching, counseling, and special courses help students who have fallen behind to catch up. The program has been such a success that Georgian Court received a five-year, \$1.9 million federal grant to help expand academic support services and keep more students on track for timely graduation.

Dean Roy also points to enhancements to the academic support center as contributing to student retention. In recent years, the university has increased tutoring, writing, and math assistance, as well as early alerts to spot students falling into academic trouble so they may get help.

Maintaining the Momentum

Georgian Court's growth will continue in 2017 with a new campus location in northern Monmouth County. Dean Roy says that the new location in Hazlet will increase access to prospective GCU students in Monmouth and Middlesex counties. The School of Education is also opening sites around New Jersey where there is a need for teachers to obtain their graduate degrees. New and existing partnerships with community colleges will also streamline the transition to GCU and help those students earn their four-year degrees. In addition, new majors in finance, business, and management will attract new students to the Lakewood campus.

Through creating more pathways and focusing on retaining the students who enroll, Dean Roy says GCU has every reason to be optimistic about its growth.

"Individualized attention, excellent instructors—there are so many reasons to love Georgian Court. I'm proud of the campus for getting behind these efforts and yelling at the top of our lungs about how great the education is here," he says. "I'm very excited about the progress we've made in the first year. I'm looking forward to continuing the momentum in year two."



GCU Attracts New Partners for Enrollment

By Gail H. Towns

During television interviews and in talks with business leaders, parents and politicians, GCU President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., is constantly asked what can be done about college costs.

That's just the opening he needs.

"The greatest hidden expense of college for students is attending for five and/or six years, or worse, leaving college without a degree," he says, outlining the many ways GCU is helping families cut costs.

For starters, university partnerships can make a difference.

"Our partnerships with community colleges and Catholic high schools aim to help," says Dr. Marbach. "We offer special scholarships for eligible transfer students. And GCU college courses available to high school students at deeply reduced rates save money and may cut the time it takes to finish college."

Since mid-2016, GCU has formalized agreements with five Catholic high schools as part of the Catholic Schools Initiative: Holy Spirit High School, Absecon; Holy Cross Academy, Delran; St. Joseph High School, Hammonton; Trenton Catholic Academy, Trenton; and Donovan Catholic, Toms River.

Associate to Bachelor's—and Beyond

GCU's agreement with Brookdale Community College is expanding to include class offerings at the community's college's Hazlet location, about 30 minutes north of Lakewood. The site, which already serves Brookdale students, allows them to stay and earn a GCU degree in English, psychology, education, or interdisciplinary studies. GCU at Hazlet carries special pricing that puts tuition on par with state universities, and plans are to offer R.N.-to-B.S.N. and M.B.A. programs.

"Partnerships are becoming the norm in higher education, and it's great to be piloting a program that allows a student to complete an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, and a master's degree in one location," Dr. Marbach says. "Affordability and accessibility are critical to local students, and that mission is something we share at both Georgian Court and Brookdale."

Mercer County Community College signed a dual admissions agreement with GCU, and more community colleges are eager to do the same. Here's why—the agreement guarantees associate degree graduates a smooth transition into GCU, which promises to take up to 75 course credits. Students may also qualify for GCU tuition discounts ranging from 20 to 52 percent.



Donovan Catholic students are excited about the new opportunities the GCU agreement offers.

On the high school level, guaranteed admissions agreements offer special scholarships. For example, qualified students with a 3.5 GPA and high SAT scores could earn \$19,000 a year in scholarship funding at GCU.

Their high school benefits, too, with joint grant-funding opportunities, visiting faculty lectures, peer mentoring, and internship and cooperative education programs. GCU also provides college search and financial aid workshops on their campus.

Values-Based, Value Added

For Holy Cross High School, entering an agreement with GCU marked a win-win situation.

"We are college prep, and we're looking at this as validation of the academics we offer," says Dennis Guida, who leads the Delran-based school. "This says what we do here is automatically accepted at the college level, and that's something that can be hard for high schools to say. Often, that assumption is based on AP test scores, SATs, and so on, but this partnership truly extends what we are doing at Holy Cross."

Beyond affordability, high school partnerships also appeal to families' sense of faith and values.

"One of our commitments is offering a value-added, values-based education at Georgian Court—it's an experience that allows students to ask the impertinent question from time to time, and to explore areas outside the textbook," says Dr. Marbach. "We value the fact that we can educate the whole person, not just intellectually, but spiritually and emotionally as well."

PARTNERS IN ALUMNI SUCCESS

Before she ever stepped on campus, Rachael Rutz '16 thought the Georgian Court nursing program stood out.

Now, after years of demanding courses, challenging hospital rounds, passing her NCLEX nursing board exams and finally landing a job, Rachael knows why.

"They truly prepared us for our careers as nurses," says the recent graduate, who started her dream job as a labor and delivery nurse at Monmouth Medical Center. A lot of the credit, she says, goes to the intense preparation she received from the Georgian Court–Meridian Health School of Nursing, led by faculty from GCU and the newly merged Hackensack Meridian Health.

"We had a class dedicated to helping us prepare for job interviews and create portfolios and résumés, which was extremely helpful after graduation when job hunting began," says Rachael. "Our countless clinical hours in the various Meridian Health hospitals made me feel confident in my professional nursing practice."

The university's B.S.N. program continues to be one of GCU's most sought-after degrees, and landing a spot in the program can be highly competitive. Increasingly, the health care industry wants its nurses to have bachelor's degrees, an advantage that can lead to more responsibility and better salaries.

While clinical practice is a vital aspect of a nursing major's education, Rachael notes that it is vastly different from the role she now plays.

"As a student nurse, you rely on your clinical instructors to guide and instruct you on how to care for your patients," Rachael explains. "As a nurse, you must rely on yourself. I have a whole team of coworkers to help me if need be, but when all is said and done, my patients are my own, and it is my responsibility to give them the best and safest nursing care."



Rachael Rutz '16



Jo Ann F. Cummings, Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing, demonstrates techniques to nursing students in the newly renovated Hamilton Hall.

Partnerships Link Theory with Practice

Formal partnerships like the one between Georgian Court and Hackensack Meridian Health deliver a range of benefits. So do others, including GCU's work with Jersey Shore University Medical Center, New York Chiropractic College, Monmouth Medical Center, and the Rutgers School of Health Professions, as well as with the University of the Sciences for pharmacy and physical therapy doctoral programs.

"Not only do our students learn from experts, they also get valuable exposure to the developments, trends, and issues facing their chosen fields," says GCU Provost William J. Behre, Ph.D. He is currently working on additional partnerships linking GCU students to opportunities for medical and veterinary school and pharmacy programs, as well as other fields not currently offered at GCU.

"Pairing theory with practice is critical for students entering the workforce. Partnerships offer opportunities for GCU students to expand their possibilities beyond what is offered within our gates," he says. "The arrangements afford our students the ability to pursue academic programs and careers not typically found at a smaller, liberal-arts-centered school."



Two Recent Graduates Put Valuable Experience and Expertise to Work

By Megan Kelly '15



Marilyn Dillon '16

Health-Related Programs Offer Opportunities

Georgian Court's allied health internship program with Jersey Shore University Medical Center is benefiting students—and patients—in a different way.

"I always knew I wanted to become a doctor," says Marilyn Dillon '16, who graduated with four full-time job offers to work as a medical laboratory scientist (MLS).

She is quick to explain the role of a certified MLS.

"Your doctor would not know how to treat you without a medical laboratory scientist," says Marilyn. "Every swab, every tube of blood, every sample of urine, and every piece of tissue will come into the hands of an MLS. They will perform tests based on doctors' orders and offer a clue as to what may be going on in your body. From there, your doctor knows which direction to pursue."

Earning GCU's medical laboratory science degree required Marilyn to spend her senior year studying and working at Jersey Shore in Neptune. Friends warned that it would be like the first year of medical school.

"I took that as a challenge, just as I have every obstacle in my life, and continued to work 40 hours per week along with 40 hours of clinical rotations and lectures," says Marilyn. "I would be in class from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and then walk over to the microbiology

department and work until 11:30 PM, Monday through Friday."

For 11 months, Marilyn's life revolved around lessons and real-life work associated with hematology (the study of blood and blood disorders), microbiology, mycology (the study of molds/fungus), parasitology (the study of parasites), and virology (the study of viruses). Plus there was coagulation, chemistry, biochemistry, and immunohematology.

She also had to study for the required American Society of Clinical Pathologists national certification test. On August 6, she passed the test and accepted a job at Monmouth Medical Center.

"I hope more people become aware of this field and how large the demand is," says Marilyn, who wants to be a medical examiner. "I also hope more aspiring doctors enroll in this program before medical school. They'll have a greater appreciation for the lab and understand how vital our role is in treating patients."

GCU Partners for Health-Related Professions

Hackensack Meridian Health (with the Georgian Court–Meridian Health School of Nursing)
B.S.N. in Nursing

Jersey Shore University Medical Center
B.A./B.S. in Biology–Medical Laboratory Science Track

Monmouth Medical Center
B.A./B.S. in Biology–Medical Laboratory Science Track

New York Chiropractic College
B.A./B.S. in Biology with Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree

Rutgers University School of Health Professions
B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences
B.S. in Medical Imaging Sciences

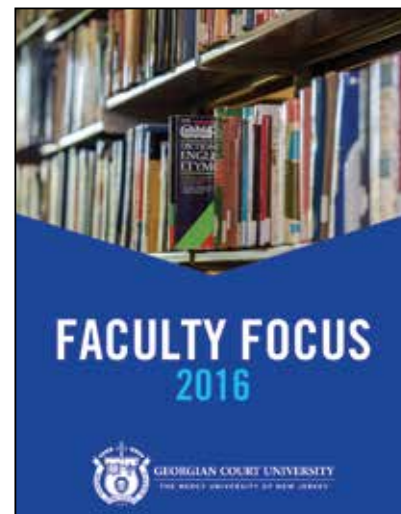
Seton Hall University College of Nursing
Accelerated B.S.N. in Nursing

University of the Sciences
B.S. in Biochemistry, B.S. in Biology, or B.A./B.S. in Chemistry with Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree
B.S. in Biochemistry; B.S. in Biology; B.S. in Exercise Science, Wellness, and Sports; or B.A./B.S. in Chemistry with Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree

Faculty Focus Highlights Academic Accomplishments

Faculty Focus 2016 shares the many accomplishments of the GCU faculty—including research, books and articles, exhibits, and conference presentations. Faculty highlighted in this year's publication include:

- Prasad Lakkaraju, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and recipient of the 2016 Virginia Graham '31 Award for Teaching Excellence, whose research focuses on using solar energy to run reactions and to turn CO₂—one of the key elements contributing to global warming—into “value-added chemicals” that are less damaging to the environment;
- Jacqueline Kress, Ed.D., professor of education, who co-authored *The Reading Teacher's Book of Lists*, which was released in its sixth edition in October 2015 and has been used by more than 500,000 teachers since its debut;
- Leo Morrissey, M.F.A., associate professor of art and chair of the Department of Art and Visual Studies, who travels the world—including Russia, Haiti, Spain, and Portugal—finding inspiration for his art, which typically deals with time;
- Bertram C. I. Okpokwasili, Ph.D., associate professor of business administration, who researches income inequality and economic development, including one study on the impact of nonprofit organizations in Ocean County for which some of his graduate students studied local organizations and others explored issues related to inequality in the region;



- Christopher Perrin, Ph.D., BCBA-D, assistant professor of psychology, whose lines of research include exploring how college students can perform better in class and translational research—building a bridge between basic research on learning principles—and then using that research to design applied interventions or applied technology;
- Hyuksoon Song, Ph.D., assistant professor of education, who is focused on better preparing pre-service teachers for inclusive education through interactive narratives, especially with regard to students with special needs; and
- Theresa A. Wurmser, PN, co-chair of the GCU–Meridian Health School of Nursing, who is exploring how nurses can work at the top of their license within the law, providing exceptional nursing care, as well as excellence and leadership in nursing.

@ Check out georgian.edu/publications to read *Faculty Focus* in its entirety.

New Faculty at GCU



Judith A. Egan, RN, Ph.D., joined the full-time faculty of the Georgian Court–Meridian Health School of Nursing this fall as an assistant professor of nursing. She previously served as an instructor for Seton Hall University's College of Nursing. She is a certified nurse educator and a board certified medical surgical nurse who has worked for Meridian Health for more than 20 years. Dr. Egan recently earned her Ph.D. in Higher Education from Seton Hall.



Norah L. Gharala, Ph.D., joined the faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences this fall as an assistant professor of history. She received her Ph.D. in History and M.A. in History from Johns Hopkins University, where she also served as a teaching assistant and a Dean's Teaching Fellow. She most recently served as a visiting assistant professor in Latin American history at Northern Arizona University. Dr. Gharala's book manuscript, *Taxing Blackness: Free-Colored Tribute in Colonial Mexico*, is in progress.

Faculty Explore Tough Topics in Two New Books

By Gail H. Towns

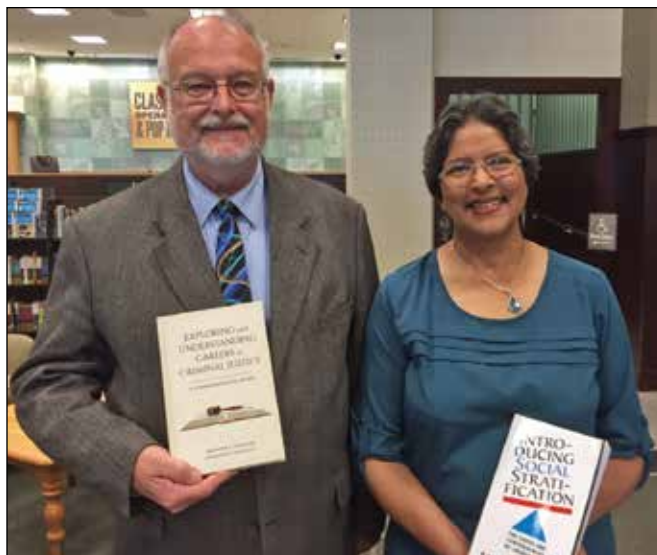
From welfare reform and its impact on impoverished women to the role of unions in a shifting landscape, many issues facing society are connected by one thing: the economy.

That's the perspective of Kasturi "Rumu" DasGupta, Ph.D., professor of sociology and author of *Introducing Social Stratification: The Causes and Consequences of Inequality* (Lynee Rienner Publishers, April 2015).

"I've always been interested in inequality and injustice," says Dr. DasGupta, whose research extends to weighty topics like consumerism and sustainability, globalization and immigration, and activism.

"As a sociologist, I examine the ways in which people experience oppression. Whether we are talking about race, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status, the link that ties it all together is economics," she says.

Alumni may recognize some of the discussion from Dr. DasGupta's "Unified Field Theory of Oppression," which she presented at a public lecture. She examines some of those



Dr. Matthew Sheridan and Dr. Kasturi DasGupta signed copies of their new books at Barnes and Noble earlier this year.

same issues—racism, social ills, and the economic mechanisms that make matters worse—in the book. Ultimately, she wants readers "see past cultural myths and grasp the underpinnings and consequences of social inequality."

In another new release, Matthew Sheridan, Ed.D., lecturer in criminal justice, wants to prepare students for what they will face in the workforce. *Exploring and Understanding Careers in Criminal Justice* (Rowman & Littlefield, January 2016), by Dr. Sheridan and co-author Raymond Rainville, delivers case studies, personal

narratives, and practical suggestions.

"The book grew out of my frustration in seeing students do internships so late in their college careers that, if there was a problem, it was too late to change fields," says Dr. Sheridan, who has more than 30 years of experience. "I also saw employees coming into the field unprepared. This helps address everything from internships to career development, and even retirement."



Amitabh R. Mungalé, Ph.D., joined the faculty of the School of Business and Digital Media this fall. He was previously an assistant professor at Rutgers University. He has also taught at Georgetown University. In addition, Dr. Mungalé has many years' experience as an entrepreneur. He has published his research in several journals, including *Psychometrika*, *Marketing Letters*, and *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*. Dr. Mungalé has an

M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Ph.D. in Business Administration (Marketing) from the University of Florida at Gainesville.



Megan Callahan Sherman, LCSW, joined the full-time faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences this fall as an assistant professor of social work. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from Fordham University, where she is currently completing her Ph.D. in Social Work. She most recently served as GCU's coordinator of field education and a lecturer in social work. Prior to GCU, she was the director of special services at Academy Charter High School in Lake Como, New Jersey. Ms. Sherman maintains her own private psychotherapy practice.

Opening My Eyes and Mind: A Service-Learning Experience

By Rebekah James '17



Rebekah James, Howell, is a senior accounting major in the B.S./M.B.A. advanced admission program. She wrote this reflection piece after doing her service-learning hours at Freehold Area Open Door for her Intermediate Accounting course, taught by Cathleen McQuillen, D.P.S., associate professor and chair of the School of Business and Digital Media's undergraduate programs. Open Door is an interfaith agency that provides emergency food, emergency funding, mentoring, and scholarships to those in need from the Freehold area.

As I walked into Freehold Area Open Door, I wasn't sure what to expect. Immediately upon my arrival, I met the director, Jeanne Yaecker, who welcomed me with open arms, showed me the agency's operations, and introduced me to each new friendly face that walked through the door. Freehold Area Open Door's mission is "to aid all the greater Freehold area residents in need to achieve their goals of self-sufficiency," which makes me feel inspired and proud to know that everything I was doing for this organization was making a difference. Every day as I walk through the halls of Farley Center, I read the quote by Catherine McAuley,

"Will we all meet in Heaven? O what joy even to think of it." When positive words and values are around me, it continues to motivate me to do better things and to make a change for the greater good.

The ultimate surprise during my service learning was finding out that a few of the other volunteers who took time out of their day to help were those who needed assistance from Open Door. One such remarkable volunteer, Judy, left an imprint on my heart because of the way she gives, cares, and volunteers. She attends the church next door every night for dinner, yet never thought twice about giving me an invitation. Judy, who walks to the food pantry regardless of the weather, is a selfless woman who treated me like she had known me for a lifetime. As I left the site after each experience, I left not only fulfilling the service-learning requirements, but learning how to give more often. I met people during this process that I will never forget.

As part of Open Door's accounting process, we kept an inventory to account for the food that was delivered and from where. I incorporated my classroom learning by accounting for the inventory we received from multiple organizations, such as the Freehold Mall, Starbucks, and Route 587, before rationing the food into separate departments. Rather than experiencing the profit-earning side of a company, I was able to experience firsthand how working with a not-for-profit organization brings a rewarding internal value, rather than a monetary value. I continue to learn that in the workforce, it isn't entirely about getting the job done, but the way you treat others ethically and socially responsibly. By performing services for others and spreading goodness, it can eventually become contagious, and more people will understand and act on those values by performing services more often.

The Freehold Borough neighborhood where Open Door is located is diverse and comprised of upper-class, middle-class, and low-income families. It was astonishing to realize how little I was aware of the poverty nearby. The most troubling part about my service-learning experience was realizing how often I took my well-being for granted and how many people need assistance every day. While attending Georgian Court University, I find myself not only earning an education, but gaining the ability to understand and use the Mercy core values in my life. By extending my energy on behalf of the poor, sick, and uneducated, one more life was saved. This service-learning experience opened my eyes to the world and how I should perceive it. There are people who truly need my help in any way possible. I came out of this experience with an open mind to help more people because although it is important to take care of myself, it is equally as important to take care of the people around me.

GCU Welcomes Dr. Brian Agnew as Vice President for Institutional Advancement

By Michelle Giles



Dr. Agnew enjoyed his first GCU Homecoming with students and alumni in October.

Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, education was always a priority for Brian D. Agnew, Ph.D., Georgian Court's new vice president for institutional advancement.

"I'm a product of a single-parent household," Dr. Agnew says. "My mother worked very hard to make sure that I had the right path set for me. School and education were a priority."

Georgian Court University's strong commitment to students, particularly those who come from underserved populations and those who are the first in their family to attend college, is what attracted Dr. Agnew to GCU.

"Georgian Court is an amazing institution with a rich history," Dr. Agnew says. "We have a visionary president in Dr. Marbach, who truly understands where the institution needs to go and prepare it for what is happening in the world."

And that is where advancement comes in.

Dr. Agnew, formerly the senior vice president of development and corporate chief development officer of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, joined GCU on August 1. Dr. Agnew provides leadership, direction, and supervision of fund-raising programs for the university.

For Dr. Agnew, relationship building is key to fund-raising. Alumni relations, development, donor relations, and corporate and foundation relations are the cornerstones of GCU's relationship building, he says, to support the future growth of the institution and the current students here on campus.

Dr. Agnew is expanding opportunities to engage and excite alumni by combining Reunion and Homecoming into one weekend next fall (September 29–October 1, 2017); implementing

a robust alumni–student career networking program; establishing a regional event structure that engages alumni and prospective students in markets across the country; highlighting and celebrating young alumni and members of the 25th and 50th reunion classes; and showcasing the many enhancements that continue to be made across campus.

He also looks forward to partnering with the alumni board of directors, athletics, admissions, faculty, administration, and staff to advance new initiatives that build upon Georgian Court's academic excellence and Mercy Catholic mission.

"When you develop relationships with people, there's a mutual understanding of where they are in their careers and where the institution is in its period," he says. "And it's not just about the fund-raising; it's about the worthwhile experience of giving back, which is at the core of our Mercy values."

Dr. Agnew will also serve as a visiting assistant professor in the School of Education. He holds a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership and Communication from Rutgers University, an M.B.A. from Syracuse University, and a B.S. in Public Relations and Journalism from Utica College.

In November, he and his wife, Lauren, celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

Justice and service, Dr. Agnew says, are the two Mercy core values that have impacted his life the most. He serves his community as a mentor of urban youth and as a lieutenant in the Holmes Marshall Fire Company in Piscataway.

"Every day I live my life hoping to make a greater impact than the day before," he says.

NEW DEAN BRINGS DEEP EXPERIENCE TO HER NEXT ROLE

By Gwen Moran

If it's true that people come into your life for a reason, season, or lifetime, then Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86 has turned her time at Georgian Court University into a vocation.

The newest dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, who took over the post at the beginning of July 2016, replacing retired Dean Rita Kipp, Ph.D., has worked at the university in various roles since 1989. Working closely with Georgian Court's new president, Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., and Provost William J. Behre, Ph.D., she believes in a collaborative leadership approach that will support the overall vision for the university.

"We have a very collaborative community. Everyone is working toward the same goals of advancing new programming, particularly trying to work with the adult market and the adult degree-completion students, as well as working with the faculty to develop new and interesting programs in the health field and in other areas," she says.

A SCHOLAR IN AND OF GCU

Dr. Chinery completed her undergraduate work in English and religious studies at Georgian Court in 1986. She holds an M.A. in English from Northeastern University and a Ph.D. in English from Drew University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She first joined Georgian Court as an English instructor. Since then, she has served in many roles, including former chair of the Department of English and Communications, head of the humanities program (now interdisciplinary studies), and associate dean for the School of Arts and Sciences before being named assistant provost in 2010. Most recently, she has worked closely with online learning, new faculty, and with those approaching third-year review as part of the tenure process.

Her long history at The Court has also led her to take on a number of other leadership roles. She has long been involved in strategic planning and served as co-chair of the campus task force that recommended and implemented Georgian Court's 2012 shift to full coeducation, after being primarily a women's college for more than a century.



Dr. Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86

Dr. Chinery is chair of the university's yearlong policy review project, which is examining all institutional policies. She has also been an integral part of the university's comprehensive periodic review reporting and critical preparations for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the university's accrediting body. In 2012, she led the faculty's efforts to adopt iPads in their teaching and is the lead coordinator with Learning House, Georgian Court's partner in creating and delivering online degree programs for students throughout the United States.

The dean's research interests, which focus on American literature, especially the writers Willa Cather and Edith Wharton, have also involved Georgian Court. She recently presented a paper at the Edith Wharton in Washington Conference on Edith Gould's controversial Georgian Court performance of Wharton's play *The Twilight of the Gods*. Dr. Chinery believes it may be the first performance of that play and was staged by Gould without Wharton's permission, causing a scandal at the time.

A FOCUS ON STUDENTS

When Dr. Chinery speaks of her vision in her new role, her refrain is twofold: she supports the collaborative approach of the new administration, and she has a relentless focus on students and faculty. At GCU, faculty members know the students by name—they are deeply engaged in the success and well-being of those who choose the university. With new programs and initiatives being developed, GCU's increased enrollment, and recognition for the faculty's teaching and mentorship, it's an exciting time to take on this new role, she says. She sees her years at the university as an added asset.

"I believe I can work toward a sustainable and innovative future and at the same time, keep our history and traditions in mind. We are who we are because of the vision of the Sisters of Mercy who founded Georgian Court. I keep them in my heart every day. Even today, they know how to respond to the current times in which we live," she says. "I believe deeply in this institution and its faculty and students."

Learn from the Best: World Champion Becomes GCU's Court Tennis Pro

By Tara M. Strickland

If it were not for court tennis, Camden Riviere wouldn't be here. Literally. And not just at Georgian Court, where Mr. Riviere, the newly crowned men's world champion, is the newest court tennis pro.

Mr. Riviere was born and raised in Aiken, South Carolina, home to a club with one of the 11 court tennis courts in the country. His father, a better-than-average amateur, was playing at the club when he met Camden's mother, who was there to watch her father play billiards. And the rest, as they say, is history—and a lot of hard work.

Mr. Riviere began playing court tennis at the age of 5, and at 10, he flew to England—by himself—to compete in his first tournament, the British Junior Under-12 Championship. He won “handsomely,” according to a former world champion, Chris Ronaldson, becoming the first American to win the tournament. He returned the following year to win the Under-14 championship. As a young teen, he even competed against the top amateurs from England, France, and Australia for the Bathurst Cup since it was played on his home court and the United States had not fielded a team.

“Needless to say,” Mr. Riviere says, “I lost.”

But Mr. Riviere, who turned pro as a senior in high school, can afford to be humble about that now. In addition to being the new men's world champion—beating out the previous champion who had held the title for 22 years—he also secured the men's doubles world championship with his doubles partner, Tim Chisholm, in 2015.

“I told my dad at age 10 that I wanted to be world champion,” Mr. Riviere says. “It only took me 19 years,” he adds with a laugh.



*Mr. Riviere poses with the World Championship Trophy, on which all the names of the previous champions are engraved.
Photo: Tim Edwards*

Fresh off November victories in men's singles and doubles at the British Open in London, the ginger-haired champion is eager to talk about his new role as the pro for GCU's court, funded by a generous gift to GCU from the United States Court Tennis Preservation Foundation. Mr. Riviere is on campus twice a week, introducing the sport, providing lessons, and setting up matches for students, coaches, and other interested members of the GCU community.

“Consistently, there's about 35 to 40 students coming in every week, including members of the men's and women's lacrosse teams and the women's softball team,” he says, noting that a recent doubles match saw lacrosse student-athletes Samantha Fernandez '19 and Jake Sherman '19 team up against their head coaches, Amy Rizzo and Mickey Hover, who eked out a victory.

“Being at GCU offers a great balance for my schedule,” Mr. Riviere says, noting that he plays in 8 to 15 tournaments a year in addition to looking for less expensive ways to build new courts and expand the sport. “I feel really good about what I'm doing here.”

Camden Riviere is currently on campus Tuesdays, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Wednesdays, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM. Please e-mail courttennis@georgian.edu if you're interested in playing.



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1. Too Cool for School: GCU President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., (left) presided over his first Commencement ceremonies in May. John K. Lloyd, FACHE, president and CEO of Meridian Health, (right) delivered the Commencement address to the graduate students and received an honorary Doctor of Health degree. John R. Garbarino, chairman of OceanFirst Financial Corporation and OceanFirst Bank of Toms River, (not pictured) delivered the Commencement address at the undergraduate ceremony and received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

2. Mercy Works: Rose Martin, RSM, Ph.D., co-founder of the Hope Partnership for Education (center), received an honorary Doctor of Educational Administration degree at the graduate ceremony. She was presented at the ceremony by Mary-Paula Cancienne, RSM, Ph.D., assistant professor of religious studies/theology and department chair (right). Fellow Sister of Mercy and GCU Trustee Regina Ward, RSM, is on the left.



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3. Sweet Poetry: Maria Cordis Richey, RSM, Ph.D., '50, GCU's sixth president and professor emerita of English, received a standing ovation when she accepted her honorary Doctor of Letters degree at the undergraduate ceremony.



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GCU Graduates Urged to Continue Learning

GCU graduates should remember that receiving a degree does not mean that they are finished learning. During the Graduate Commencement Ceremony on May 19, the nearly 200 graduate students receiving their master's degrees were reminded that change was inevitable, and that they must continue to grow, simply to keep pace, and that education remains a lifelong process.

"Never stop learning. Throughout my career, I've never stopped learning, and I'm always eager to learn more," said John K. Lloyd, FACHE, president and CEO of Meridian Health (now Hackensack Meridian Health), who delivered the Commencement address.

Paul Nii-Ankamah Addo II '15, expressed hope that he and his fellow master's-degree recipients would do their "very best to use the knowledge and skills acquired from our education and from our life experiences to make this world a better place."

Miriam Felicia Hunte '16, president of the Student Government Association Executive Board, who spoke on behalf of more than 275 students at the undergraduate ceremony on May 20, also encouraged her fellow graduates to continue to learn.

"As we celebrate today, it is important to understand that life is, in fact, a journey, and not a destination," said Miriam, who reminded her class that the theme for their GCU Orientation in 2012 was "Make Your Mark!" "So I charge each of you—never stop learning, never stop improving, and never stop inspiring others. This is how we will maintain our excellence and make our mark in this world."

@ Check out georgian.edu/commencement for speeches, videos, and photos of the ceremonies.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

GCU Business School Changes Name, Adds New Majors

By Gail H. Towns

The recently renamed Georgian Court University School of Business and Digital Media represents more than a name change. It is a reflection of how business gets done these days—especially when it comes to new product development, business promotions, marketing, and e-commerce.

“For the up-and-coming generation, everything is digital,” says freshman Michael B. Reeves, as he completes a job assignment in Photoshop, wraps up some Internet research, and prepares a podcast for his final exam.

All at the same time.

“With our programs in the business school, we are being prepared for jobs that don’t even exist yet. So much of what we know and do—social media, Amazon purchasing, even grocery shopping—is done online and on the go,” says Michael, who is pursuing a B.A. in Digital Design.

The name change was made official last fall, just as the business school became home to GCU’s design and communication programs, once housed in the School of Arts and Sciences.

“Integrating our programs in graphic design and multimedia, digital communication, and digital design with the School of Business conveys a business-oriented sense of professionalism to these majors,” says Edmond Salsali, Ph.D., assistant professor of digital arts and chair of the Department of Communication, Graphic Design, and Multimedia. “This reorganization also allows students to be more aware of the marketing and industry-related aspects of their fields.”

Assistant professor Gina Marcello, Ph.D., who leads GCU’s digital communication program, took students to Bedonia, Italy, last summer to increase their awareness—and digital skills—by developing an international tourism campaign. Their work, which is ongoing, has attracted media coverage locally and in the Italian press.

“The inclusion of these majors in the business school provides more opportunity for our students to develop the skills required to create, manage, and distribute innovative content for diverse audiences,” says Dr. Marcello. “The business community continues to demand graduates who are able to manage all aspects of organizational growth with a heavy emphasis placed on digital content creation skills.”

More Majors Added

The School of Business and Digital Media is responding to market demands in other ways, too. Fall 2016 marked the launch of additional majors in marketing, management, and finance. In previous years, students could declare a concentration in one of the subject areas. Marketing continues to pique the interest of prospective students who want to pursue the business of social media, and finance is particularly interesting to international students.

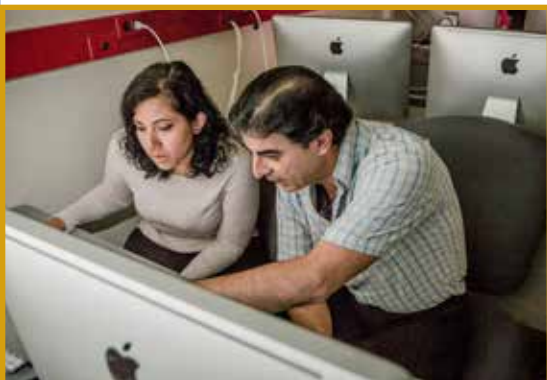
“Overall, the demand for these subjects has always been there,” says Dean Janice Warner, Ph.D. “We learned that business administration students were interviewing for jobs and focusing on the concentration. They felt that’s what gave them an edge.”

Moving the subjects from concentrations to full degree programs is a better reflection of what students want and need and makes GCU more competitive among other college business programs.

“This allows us to support our students in their interests, their choice of classes, and provide more focus,” says Dean Warner. “We remain committed to a solid business administration program and at the same time, we want students and alumni to have specializations so they can meet their goals in the workplace.”



In addition to his academic coursework, digital design major Michael Reeves '20 is expanding his digital skills through his work-study job with the GCU Office of Marketing and Communications.



Dr. Salsali assists Stephanie Montoya '17, a graphic design and multimedia major, with a project.

COURTSHORTS

We Are the Champions. Georgian Court University was named a “Champion of Good Works” by the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ) at its Chairman’s Reception in March that saluted the generosity of the business community. GCU, one of 33 honorees, was recognized for nearly 95,000 volunteer hours donated by students, faculty, and staff to organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Arc of Ocean County, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Read Across America, Providence House, Red Cross, and Catholic Charities in 2014–2015. Visit georgian.edu/gcu-volunteers-good-works to read more.

Apples for the Teachers. Ocean County’s 2016 Teacher of the Year is Jeanette Wehner ’09, who teaches fifth grade and special education at Emma Havens Young Elementary School, a Brick Township public school. Cathy Famelio ’92, ’99 received the 2016 Monmouth County Superintendent’s Award for her classroom success. And Daren Saler, who completed GCU’s postbaccalaureate K–6 teacher preparation program in the spring, received the 2016 New Jersey Distinguished Clinical Intern Award. Visit georgian.edu/alumni-teachers-awards to read more about our award-winning School of Education graduates.

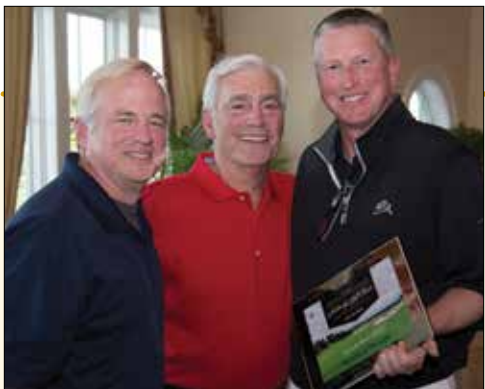
New Trustee on Board. Nina Anuario, senior vice president of business development at OceanFirst Bank in Toms River, joined the GCU Board of Trustees in July. She is a financial manager with 30 years of experience in government banking, retail banking, and small business lending. Ms. Anuario serves on a number of Jersey Shore-area boards and has been recognized for her service and expertise by a number of organizations, including the Ocean County Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, and the Kimball Medical Center Foundation. »



Pictured from left to right are Nicholas Ciccone ’18, Juan Quintero ’19, Terlayra Tate ’17, Vice President Evelyn Saul Quinn, George Kavarakas ’18, Lisa Gravato ’17, Mia Dones ’18, and Sydney Saget ’17.

Espresso Your Faith. What is Agape Latte? *Agape*, the Greek word for the unconditional love of God, and *latte*, the popular coffee drink, bring together storytellers and God in a coffee bar setting to share personal faith journeys. Last February, a student delegation led by Evelyn Saul Quinn, M.S.W., M.Ed., ’74, vice president for mission integration, traveled to Boston College to meet the innovators behind Agape Latte, who then partnered with GCU, supplying the GCU Agape student board with promotional materials, t-shirts, and support. More than 75 students attended GCU’s first Agape Latte event on September 22, featuring President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., who spoke about how answering his call eventually led him here to GCU. The second event featured Jasmina “Jazz” Perazic, head women’s basketball coach, on November 17, and the Agape Latte board plans to continue to host two events per semester. Check out bit.ly/GCU_AgapeVideo to view all the Agape Latte events.

The Promise of Francis. Leading papal expert David Willey captivated the audience of more than 70 GCU community members, Mercy Associates, and alumni with his wide-ranging observations of Pope Francis on April 11. Mr. Willey, who was on a nationwide tour promoting his latest book, *The Promise of Francis: The Man, the Pope, and the Challenge of Change*, has reported from Rome since 1971 and covered five pontificates. He is the British Broadcasting Company’s longest-serving foreign correspondent. Visit georgian.edu/david-willey-pope-francis to read more about the event. Mr. Willey’s visit was one of many activities associated with the Year of Mercy.



GCU Trustees and Golf Co-Chairs Deacon James J. Knipper '15 (left) and Michael LaFerrera (right) presented the awards to John K. Lloyd, FACHE, of Meridian Health and President Emerita Rosemary E. Jeffries.

Fore the Students. GCU raised more than \$140,000 in support of GCU students at the 21st Annual Scholarship Classic at Spring Lake Golf Club on May 16. The event, which attracted more than 160 attendees, also honored GCU President Emerita Rosemary E. Jeffries, RSM, Ph.D., '72 with the Joseph E. Buckelew Civic Service Award and Meridian Health with the Corporate Service Award.

MVP Alumna! Congratulations to former volleyball and softball player Heather Walker '08, '10 for her selection to the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Hall of Fame Class of 2016! Check out caccathletics.org/video/Walker_HOF_2016 for more about Heather.

Management Experience. Kudos to GCU Assistant Vice President for Athletics and Recreation Laura B. Liesman, who was selected to serve a four-year term on the NCAA Division II Management Council. The Management Council reports directly to the Presidents Council and is charged with recommending administrative policy and regulations that govern the division.

GOAL!!! The GCU men's soccer squad made history on November 6 by defeating Post University in the most dramatic of fashions, a 4-3 shootout triumph, to secure the CACC title in just its fourth season as a program. Nine members of the team were also named to the CACC All-Academic Team: Andres Adum, Emiliano Baquerizo, Tyler Chamra, Thomas DeNoville, Felix Gercke, Will Green, Aleksander Milosevic, Ben Salsby, and Craig Smith. Go Lions!

On My Honor. On April 3, more than 50 Georgian Court–Meridian Health School of Nursing students and recent graduates and one nurse educator were inducted into the GCU Meridian Nursing Honor Society. The induction ceremony was the first for this honor society, which is part of the process for applying for charter status with Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing. Visit georgian.edu/nursing-honor-society to read more about the ceremony and the nursing program.

Creating a Legacy. This fall, nearly 20 legacy students—students who have had a parent, grandparent, or sibling graduate from Georgian Court—joined Georgian Court as freshmen or transfers, including the 12 shown here at New Student Orientation. »

Grants for Good. GCU received a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Title III grant program, worth more than \$1.9 million over a five-year period, to help expand academic support services and keep students on track for timely graduation. Another federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for \$299,829, distributed over three years, will allow Georgian Court University; Providence House Domestic Violence Services, a division of Catholic Charities; and the Lakewood Police Department to expand awareness and prevention programs related to sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence. GCU was awarded nearly \$200,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to enhance the nursing curriculum to prepare GCU's nursing students to meet future population health challenges. GCU also received several foundation and scholarship grants, including \$50,000 from the OceanFirst Foundation and \$25,000 from the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation for scholarships; a \$15,000 grant from the TD Charitable Foundation to support the Girls Involved in Science & Technology (GIST) program; and a \$5,000 Pfizer Undergraduate Research Endeavor (PURE) Science Grant to host the Summer Technical Writing Boot Camp for biology students.



Homecoming & Family Day 2016

Despite the rain, alumni, students, family members, and friends came out in force for Homecoming & Family Day events, including the Fifth Annual 5K Run/Walk, food trucks, athletic games, and other activities. Please save the date for a combined Reunion and Homecoming on September 29–October 1, 2017!



1. GCU Strong, the Lions student-athlete philanthropy program, presented President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., with a check for \$3,040 for GCU's Annual Fund.

2. Attendees cheered on the men's and women's soccer teams and the women's volleyball team during their games. Women's volleyball split their tri-match with one win and one loss; men's soccer tied, and women's soccer triumphed!

3. Student-athletes spread awareness about the It Can Wait distracted driving campaign, urging people not to text and drive.

4 & 5. The food trucks were a hit with alumni, staff, and students, offering a wide variety of cuisines.



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YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS

Joseph R. Marbach was inaugurated as GCU's ninth president on October 16, 2015, with the theme "Answering the Call: Transformation through Catholic Education." The event, which drew hundreds of attendees, kicked off an Inaugural Week full of events, including a Grand Cocktail Reception to benefit student scholarships, several Lunch and Learn events, and breakfasts with business leaders and Catholic school educators.

GCU hosted several exciting guests last year, including bestselling author **Bryan Stevenson**, the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, which provides legal representation to prisoners who are wrongfully convicted or poor; Discovery Channel star **Reed Timmer**, an extreme storm chaser and meteorologist; Army veteran **Alan Moskin**, who helped liberate the Gunsirchen concentration camp during World War II; BBC correspondent **David Willey**, who has covered five popes over 45 years and recently authored *The Promise of Francis: The Man, the Pope, and the Challenge of Change*; and **Rabbi Brooks Susman and Christopher Bellitto, Ph.D.**, commonly known as the "God Squad," who promoted interfaith relations through education.

GCU and the Diocese of Trenton launched a challenging theological program for candidates to the permanent diaconate.

The Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ) honored GCU as a "Champion of Good Works" for its deep commitment to service, including more than 84,500 volunteer hours in 2014–2015, donated by students, faculty, and staff to organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Arc of Ocean County, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Read Across America, Providence House, Red Cross, and Catholic Charities.

GCU was named **#25 among MONEY® magazine's "Top 50 Colleges That Add the Most Value"** and a **Best Bang for the Buck School** by *Washington Monthly*. *The Economist* also placed GCU in the **top 10% of all four-year colleges and universities for added value**. GCU was named both a **College of Distinction** and a **Catholic College of Distinction** and earned the **elite Military Friendly® School designation for 2016** for the transformational education we provide our students.

The university's new Catholic Schools Initiative launched, targeting Catholic high schools throughout the Trenton, Metuchen, and Camden dioceses.

GCU's Chart the Course program was honored by University Business magazine as a Model of Excellence. The program helps students who are not on track to complete 30 credits by the end of their freshman year to take a 3-credit course during winter or summer break at no charge and keep pace with their peers. **About 86% of Chart the Course students retained;** conversely, there was a 48% retention rate for students who were eligible for the program and declined to participate.

During the 2015–2016 academic year, **30% of seniors reported doing research with faculty members**, putting GCU on par with other mid-East private universities (32%). Similarly, **51% of GCU seniors said "most or all" of their courses included a community-based or service-learning element.**

Two-thirds of them also reported completing internships and 40% participated in learning communities where students take two or more classes together.

More than 250 donor-funded scholarships totaling \$935,000 were provided to GCU students to help them reach their educational goals.

GCU expanded guaranteed admissions work with Brookdale Community College, which awards generous scholarships to high-achieving students who enroll after completing their associate degrees.

GCU landed a \$1.4-million grant, to be spread over five years, from the U.S. Department of Education for TRIO-Student Support Services. The program offers academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other services to help TRIO participants achieve college success and attain a college degree.

GCU received grants totaling more than \$1.2 million, including nearly \$200,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to enhance the nursing curriculum to prepare GCU's nursing students to meet future population health challenges.

GCU's Office of Career Services, Corporate Engagement, and Continuing Education reported that **90% of the Class of 2015 was employed or enrolled in graduate school** within six months of graduation. Among their employers were Merck, TD Bank, New Jersey Devils, Johnson & Johnson, Meridian Health, Bristol Meyers-Squibb, and Wells Fargo.

More than 40 GCU students had a variety of **international experiences in Puerto Rico, England, Colombia, Spain, Italy, and China.** Students also conducted service abroad in Mexico, Guyana, and Thailand.

The new men's lacrosse team launched in Spring 2016 under Head Coach Mickey Hover.

GCU students in an e-commerce course worked online with entrepreneurship students at Royal Thimphu College in the Himalayas.

Women's soccer student-athlete Casey O'Connor was named GCU's recipient of the 2016 New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NJIAIW) Woman of the Year Award. Dozens of student-athletes were recognized for their academic excellence, **the men's and women's track and field teams earned the 2016 CACC Outdoor Championship, and the women's soccer team earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Silver Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award.** Our coaches were also recognized: Jim Moore was named CACC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year, Mike Murawski was named CACC Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach of the Year, and Track and Field Assistant Coach Joe Napoli was named East Region Men's Assistant Coach of the Year.

The Office of Conferences and Special Events welcomed 20,000 guests in 2015–2016, including attendees of Mrs. Gould's 15th Annual Holiday Social, Springtime at The Court with the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra, and Taste of the Garden State Film Festival.

More than \$14,000—a 171.5% increase from the previous year—was raised during GCU's third annual one-day giving campaign on May 4, 2016.

GCU was an early partner with Choose New Jersey, a grassroots and business community collaborative to encourage economic development in New Jersey.

We couldn't have done this without you.

As the new vice president for institutional advancement, I am honored to be a part of the Georgian Court University family. The past year was one of extraordinary growth, academic achievement, and anticipation of the future. You have helped us become a regional leader in higher education, with many expanding partnerships, dual enrollment agreements, and scholarship programs. The transformational nature of a GCU education has been recognized by *MONEY*® magazine, which named us #25 among the “Top 50 Colleges That Add the Most Value.”



Donors are the catalyst for transformation at GCU. Your gifts directly impact students. For some, you may have made it possible for them to come back to Georgian Court this semester, when they did not expect to be able to continue their education. For others, you may have enabled them to study abroad, leaving the United States for the very first time in their lives. You have made it possible for all of them to follow their passion, to study something that they love, and still balance their education with a job and a family. Your support has transformed them.

I am particularly honored to recognize the impact so many of you have had on Georgian Court and on the lives of our students. The following Honor Roll of Donors recognizes the individuals and organizations to whom the university owes its success. To those of you whose names appear in this report, I thank you for your belief in Georgian Court. Your giving sustains and elevates us, and I hope that the stories in this magazine help give you a richer understanding of the difference you have made.

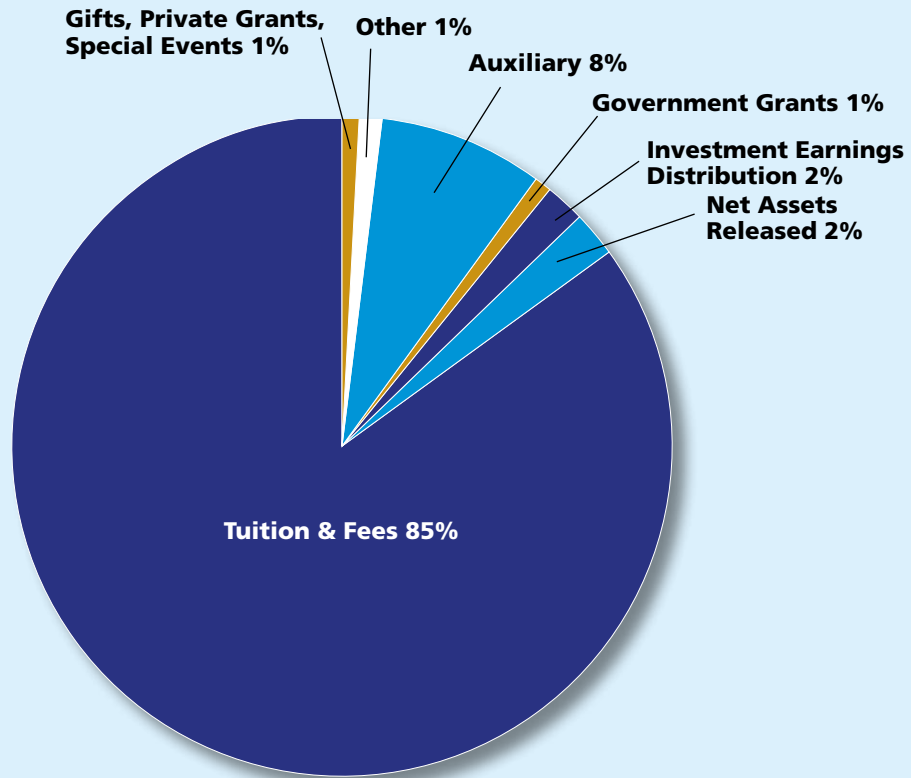
Thank you for choosing to make an impact here at Georgian Court University. We have entered a new era in our history, and I am proud to stand with you as we create the future of this university. Last year, we invested millions in renovations to academic facilities, and we are planning more. We are preparing the ground for future achievements and making the investments necessary to realize the promise of our mission. I look forward to working with you to face the challenges and achieve the successes that lie ahead.

Brian D. Agnew, Ph.D.
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

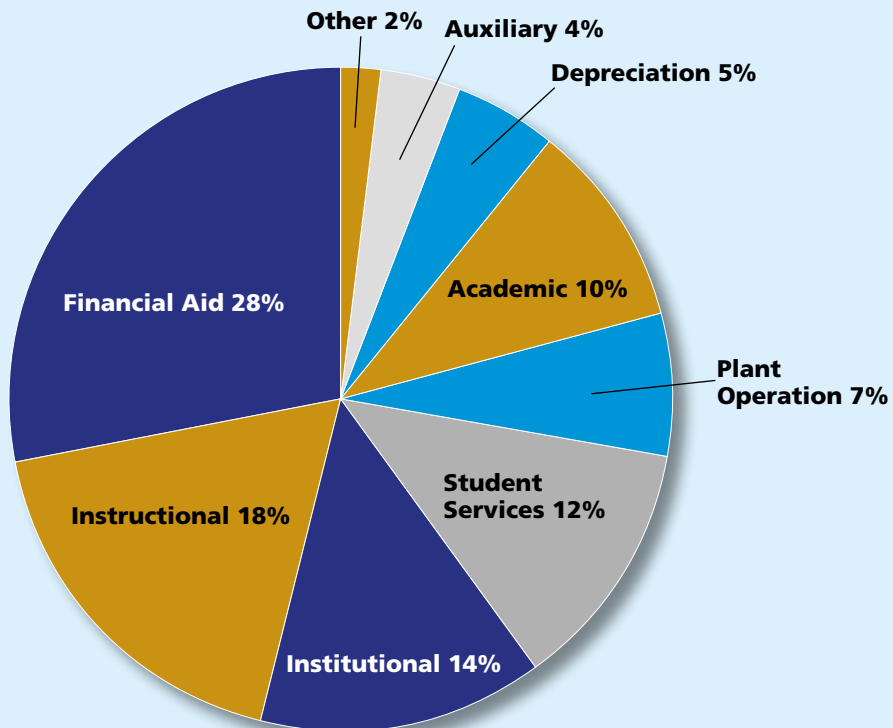
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES *for the year ended June 30, 2016*

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Revenue, Gains and Other Support				
Student tuition and fees, net of scholarship expense of \$16,684,406	\$ 33,487,841			33,487,841
Government grants and programs	524,847			524,847
Gifts and private grants	601,988	409,628	323,818	1,335,434
Special events revenue	165,014			165,014
Less direct costs of special events	(69,920)			(69,920)
Net special events	95,094	0	0	95,094
Auxiliary enterprise revenues	4,429,867	0	0	4,429,867
Other revenues	587,005	0	0	587,005
Investment earnings distributed	1,359,300	0	0	1,359,300
Total revenue, gains and other support	41,085,942	409,628	323,818	41,819,388
Net assets released from restrictions	1,444,219	(1,444,219)	0	0
Total revenue, gains and other support and net assets released from restrictions	42,530,161	(1,034,591)	323,818	41,819,388
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Instructional	12,496,481	0	0	12,496,481
Academic support	7,216,056	0	0	7,216,056
Student services	9,143,923	0	0	9,143,923
Institutional support	11,202,127	0	0	11,202,127
Auxiliary enterprises	3,507,079	0	0	3,507,079
Total operating expenses	43,565,666	0	0	43,565,666
(Decrease) increase in net assets from operating activities	(1,035,505)	(1,034,591)	323,818	(1,746,278)
NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Government Grants	6,986,395			6,986,395
Interest and dividend income	1,041,692	1,724,951	0	2,766,643
Net unrealized and realized gain (loss) in fair value of investments, net of investment expenses of \$274,000	(945,152)	(1,571,445)	(31,645)	(2,548,242)
Gain on sale of fixed assets	500			500
Distribution of investment earnings	(1,359,300)	0	0	(1,359,300)
Other nonoperating gains	251,162	0	11,367	262,529
(Decrease) increase in net assets from nonoperating activities	5,975,297	153,506	(20,278)	6,108,525
Change in net assets	4,939,792	(881,085)	303,540	4,362,247
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	66,487,180	10,554,633	13,455,486	90,497,299
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 71,426,972	9,673,548	13,759,026	94,859,546

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Barbara Haupt '73
Christine Tartaglia Hubner '73
Mary Kay Doyle King '73
Barbara Luichinger '73
Susan Silkowitz Rich '73

CLASS OF 1974 (\$3,070, 9%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Evelyn Saul Quinn, M.Ed., M.S.W., '74

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Mary R. Enyart '74

Century Society \$125–\$249

Patricia Lakatos Mayer '74
Monica Sobieski Urban '74
Honor Society \$1–\$124
Patricia Capozelli Bassak '74
Marilyn Carter '74
Gloria Quattrone DeMarzo '74
Susan McCarthy Kazala '74
Jane Kennedy '74

Mary Jean Campo Popowski '74

Gail Mazzanti Shepard '74
Donna Maciorowski Stec '74
Joanne Theodorou '74

CLASS OF 1975 (\$8,558, 15%)

Great Oak Society \$10,000–\$99,999

Lesa Lardieri-Wright '75 *

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Renee Katz Barry '75

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Maria Ursino '75, '84

Century Society \$125–\$249

Nancy Saling '75
Patricia Shannon Torlucci '75
Claribel Young, Ph.D., '75

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Carole Breckinridge '75
Linda Calandra '75
Monique McLaughlin Castillo '75, '92
Mary Jane Cole, RN, '75
Patricia Dalm-Moreland '75
Mary McCabe D'Aquila '75
Susan Selzer DelTufo '75
Ethel Bachich Duncan '75
Dolores Becker Farese '75
Nancy Fedor '75
Nancy Roselli Landmesser, J.D., '75
Linda Balle Linnett '75
Theresa Suchan Mackey '75
Regina Morris '75
Patricia Scharff '75
Jane Russell Werner '75

CLASS OF 1976 (\$3,525, 14%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Elizabeth Savner '76

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Marlene Lynch Ford, JSC, '76
Mary Connolly Richter '76

Century Society \$125–\$249

Jean Bennett '76
Amelia Canali '76
Karen Sala Ianniello '76 *
Honor Society \$1–\$124
Mary Birmingham '76
Marilyn Hart Coyle '76
Cheri-Ellen King Crowl '76, '81
Anne Marie Kilmurray Dorso '76, '82

Deborah Donahue Drewes '76

Janice Griffin Gurley, ASCP, '76

Barbara Swan Herbert '76

Terese Giangola Johnson '76

Kathleen Regan Keller '76

Lynda Klebold '76

Virginia Krych Komar '76

Brenda Mandell '76, '83

Sandella Comune Marmorato '76

Cheryl Ruszczyk Schmid '76

Susan Shrott '76

Elaine Yarusinsky '76, '82

CLASS OF 1977 (\$2,652, 12%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Linda Pesce '77

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Joanne Sullivan Huelsman '77

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Linda Monek Malayter '77

Century Society \$125–\$249

Barbara Ginolfi Lloyd '77, '84
Constance Anne Reymann '77, '00

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Barbara Butensky '77
Colleen Connerton Dooley '77

Lucille Brodes Gluck '77, '84

Mary Ruth Hague '77, '87

Nancy McInerney Kelly '77

Mary Caffrey Lohmann '77

Susan Walsh, M.D., '77

Jo Ann Wojcik Walter '77

Jeanne Bordonali Willisroft '77

CLASS OF 1978 (\$3,120, 13%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Barbara Owen Daoust '78

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Janet Barry '78

Mary-Lloyd LeMeune Potenziani '78

Century Society \$125–\$249

Captain Martha Collins '78

Jane Peterson Ellis '78

Karen Gadek Fiorentini '78

Bernard Reider '78

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Eileen Kruger Breckner '78, '84

Lettie Brower-Napolitano, Psy.D., LPC, '78, '01

Mary Bulman '78

Kathleen Claire Galya '78

Debbie Giordano '78

Ann Almeleh Glick '78

Annette Baranowski Hockenjos '78, '88

Constance Carr Keehn '78

Carmen Nanni '78

Maureen Flaherty Post '78

Nancy Walsh-Merrill '78

Jo Ella Wheeler '78

CLASS OF 1979 (\$4,717, 12%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Cheryl Stoeber-Goff '79

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Cheryll Gudgeon Quinlan '79

Doreen Rioux-Galligan, D.O., '79

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Josephine Arthurs '79

Helen Bixenman, CHC, CLCP, '79

Maria Martin Pyontek, D.O., '79

Century Society \$125–\$249

Barbara Coelln '79

Jeanne Jabush Poray '79, '92

Toni Magruder Woodruff '79, '98

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Amy Allegretti '79

Donna Giordano Bartolino '79

Mary Ann Burns Bowers '79, '83

Margaret Calafato '79

Pamela Porter Helman '79, '85

Carol Schemen Mould '79, '83

Marylee Nicholas '79

Kim Erin O'Connor '79

Margaret Ann Scarpone, RSM, '79

Jeffrey Shapiro '79

Deborah Wallace '79
Susan Wylie '79
Judith Beebe Zoeller '79

CLASS OF 1980 (\$1,340, 6%)

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Stanee Pettit Murray '80 *

Century Society \$125–\$249

Joan Reardon Kenneally '80

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Frances Conover Barker '80

John Bradley '80

Diana Diggins Isaacs '80

Robyn Saul Magovern, LDTC, '80, '92

Phuong Nguyen '80

Rose Marie Skirpsunas Pietropaolo '80

Carolyn Platt Reich '80, '89

Barbara Mosca Remillard, Ph.D., '80

Jane Schier '80

CLASS OF 1981 (\$16,449, 8%)

Great Oak Society \$10,000–\$99,999

Margaret Tantullo Whelan '81

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Helen Policastro Stiskal '81

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Betsy Smith '81

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Jane Anderson '81

Leo Baranowski '81

Sharon Bradley '81

Martha Christinziano '81

Donna Tavani Hartman '81

Clare Hegarty Hurley '81

Joan Costello Ludwick '81

Evelyn McDowell '81

Beth Miller-Porter '81

Ruth Ann Pelly '81

Patricia Henry Schuster, M.Ed., '81

Laurine Jankowski Sibilia, M.A., M.Ed., '81

Theresa Sichenze Tiplady '81

Nancy Wheeler '81, '95

CLASS OF 1982 (\$3,586, 7%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Michelle Lynch '82

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Jean Jaccard O'Donnell '82

Century Society \$125–\$249

Marylou Dalton '82, '93

Joan Mast, Ed.D., '82

Delores Wyatt '82

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Sherry Barteel '82

Georgianna Girard Cote '82

Mary Cranwell '82, '97

Kim Hanadel '82

Elizabeth Higgins Miller '82

Justina Newman '82

Catherine O'Malley O'Neill '82

Tamila Zorojew Purpuro '82

Jacquelynn Bigham Rice '82

Barbara Nelson Schaller '82

CLASS OF 1983 (\$2,880, 5%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Jane Derrig, M.D., '83

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Cindy Lisowski '83, '95, '06

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Joyce Goletz Heckman '83 *

Rose Waldrop-Addeo '83

Century Society \$125–\$249

Marlena Yourstone Holm '83

Mary Peckiconis '83

Kathy Russell, M.B.A., '83, '08

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Lynn Trigani DeCapua, Ph.D., '83

Theresa McDermott Gordon '83

Ruth Kalwinsky '83

Charlene Snyder '83

Sandra Jubak Stamos '83

CLASS OF 1984 (\$6,592, 8%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Barbara Ann Reilly '84

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Marcianne Hansen Moe '84

Century Society \$125–\$249

Gemma Brennan, Ed.D., '84, '93

Alice Bosies Velez '84, '93

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Bernadine Jankowski Borowick '84

Doris Bowden '84

Joanne Camper '84

Catherine Bouford Essner '84, '97

Lorraine Milne Hulse '84

Kathleen Janes '84

Charlie Mae Johnson '84

Eugenia Wilson Lawson '84, '96

Susan McDermott '84

Rosalind Ribaudo '84

Marianne Buzzerio Tasy '84

Lawrence Werges '84

CLASS OF 1985 (\$2,320, 5%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Kim-Chi Dang Nguyen '85

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Dolores Hesse Fink, LDTC, '85

Century Society \$125–\$249

Joan Berzansky '85

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Kathleen Murphy Avery '85

Allan Ball Jr. '85

Audrey Hillegass Brainard '85

Patricia Marie Donlin, RSM, '85

Laura Hunt '85

Barbara Nulty Matthews '85

Elizabeth Meehan '85

Muriel Roop Turtora '85

Susan Wrable-Scott, M.S.W., LCSW, '85

CLASS OF 1986 (\$2,369, 8%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Patricia Mihalko Cheslock '86

Century Society \$125–\$249

Joann Darrar '86

Kathleen Cassidy Holeyvinski '86

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Jacqueline O'Connor Brennan '86

Patricia Campbell '86

Janise Miller Cross '86

Kathleen Convery Frasier '86

Marie Napoleon Gore '86

Maureen Carroll Greet '86

Mary Markley-Olsen '86

Veronica Miller '86

Lisa Monfiston-Redden '86

James Pagano '86

Deborah Nash Paone '86

Terry Barone Vena '86

Patricia Wepprecht-Smith '86, '95

Loretta Toth Werfel '86

Janette Carrier Young '86

David Zurheide '86

CLASS OF 1987 (\$2,308, 7%)

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Phyllis Fauhl Novitch '87

Karen Estelle Smith, CPA, '87

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Paul Tarantino '87

Century Society \$125–\$249

Elaine Rivard Goucher, Esq., '87

Leigh Burgess Sweeney '87, '91

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Jacqueline Feldman Bricker '87, '99

Karen Caruso Clinch '87

Pamela Cooper '87

Natalia Henriques Costa '87

Marietta Jean Spano Jazikoff, CPA, '87

Barbara Wonsala Kowalski '87

E. Janet Grando Kruysman '87

Marian Toth Lukens '87 *

Colleen Mahan McClusick '87

Melinda Shirk Sonnenfeld '87

Elena Scuzzese Trentacoste '87

Janice Urban '87

CLASS OF 1988 (\$1,228, 6%)

Century Society \$125–\$249

Barbara Lecoque Bauerband '88

Virginia Quinn Hesse '88

Laura Stamp Trigani '88, '93

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Corinne Lucier Brennan '88

Darlene Austin Brown '88

Denise-Marie Coulter '88

Oneida Garcia '88

James Hauenstein '88

Ann Garrett Hennessey, M.D., '88

Rebecca Kremer '88

Regina Nicosia Leitner '88

Margaret Newman Mueller '88

Karyn Readell Nelson '88

Jennifer O'Hearn-Winn '88

John Stauff '88

Maria Szymanski-Chludzinski '88

Mary Vaccaro Wieland '88

CLASS OF 1989 (\$1,385, 5%)

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Catherine Healy Atwood, RN, CCM, CRC, GCM, '89

Century Society \$125–\$249

Frank Parks '89

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Mary Voigt Benner '89

Gina Petrocelli Boyles '89

Christopher Davidson '89

Marjorie Douglas Edelson '89

Lila Forsberg '89

David Nelson Jr. '89

Lorraine Baumann Palme '89

Elizabeth Flood Ryan '89

Christine Schigotzki '89

Margaret VanVechten Smith '89, '04

Carrie Jordan Thomas '89

Phyllis Kovach Tompsen '89

Sarah Murphey Waters '89

Catherine Wilkes McKee '89

CLASS OF 1990 (\$490, 2%)

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Susan Kiefer '90 *

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Lisa Dickenson Applegate '90

Walter Boyd '90

Cheryl Glasgow Jakob '90

F. Arlene McCourt '90

Doris Barnett Posey '90

Debra Prizer Spering '90

CLASS OF 1991 (\$1,095, 4%)

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Kelly Dempster Hanrahan '91, '11

Century Society \$125–\$249

Jane Gilchrist Scorca '91

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Eleanor Alexander '91

Gwendolyn Onque Bennett '91

Pamela Dreher Breitenbach '91

Renee Vaz Casadonte '91

Diane Gonzalez DiPierro '91

Linda Daube Elko, RN, '91

Teresa Niedzwiecki Fortunka '91

Mariette Figueroa Gallagher '91
 Karen Prybylowski Gibson '91
 Margaret Casarella Humcke '91
 Kelly Ruerup Kernasovic '91, '00
 Susan Caprio Maron, RN, LPC, '91, '98
 Francis McMahon '91
 Mary Seymour, RN, '91

CLASS OF 1992 (\$926, 2%)

Kingscote Society \$250-\$499

Theodora Christofi Sergiou '92

Century Society \$125-\$249

Walter Hrycenko '92, '01
 Linda Foerst Jelley, RRT, '92

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Theresa Santucci Kilmurray '92
 Dede Mumford-Longaker
 Montgomery, RN, '92
 Maureen Ryan Ward '92

CLASS OF 1993 (\$485, 3%)

Century Society \$125-\$249

Barbara Florimont '93 †

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Marylou Gibson Clayton '93
 Maribeth Corona-Evans '93
 Barbara McCarthy Ferlise, CPA, '93
 Theresa Grandinetti Gilvary '93
 David Gorman '93
 Denise Graessle '93, '06
 Thaddeus Krulikowski '93
 Kathleen Kluk Sutton '93
 Jacqueline Carcich Tinik '93

CLASS OF 1994 (\$785, 4%)

Century Society \$125-\$249

Maryann Tierney '94

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Margaret-Rose Gibbs Agostino, D.N.P.,
 M.S.W., RN-BC, '94
 Rhonda VanDuyne Balle '94
 Nicole Auxier Berardi '94
 Marjorie Peschel Boyd '94
 Ann Caffrey Doonan '94
 Denise Flowers, RN, '94
 Darlene Robinson Gargano '94
 Laura Zimmerman Kerod '94
 Kathleen Miller '94
 June Ravert Ribas '94
 Thomas Semplenski '94
 Patricia Kidon Shepherd '94
 Kurt Stofko '94
 Kenneth Zelinski '94

CLASS OF 1995 (\$2,473, 3%)

Apollo Society \$1,000-\$4,999

Gary Conlon '95

McAuley Society \$500-\$999

Jeannette Henig Beyer '95

Century Society \$125-\$249

Ora Bragg Parks '95

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Patricia Concepcion Beltran, PCA, '95
 Susan Consolmagno Cianflone '95
 Rodrigo Colón '95
 Maureen McAleavey Gibson '95
 Diane Caputo Gregorio '95
 Patricia D'Elia Komsa '95, '06
 Jaclyn Tremel Lomer '95
 Donna Taborn Mitchell '95
 Alicia Warnsdorfer Somers '95
 Joyce Cooper Toll '95, '03

CLASS OF 1996 (\$951, 3%)

Kingscote Society \$250-\$499

Karen Clarke Goff '96

Century Society \$125-\$249

Elaine M. Adler '96
 Marilyn Fabrizio Brown '96
Honor Society \$1-\$124
 Kimberlee DeConie Bollbach '96
 Michael DeVita '96, '01
 Donnamarie Bobby Gallo '96
 Stacey Kwityn Gibson '96
 Kevin Kerod '96
 Ann Marie Matthews '96
 John McGovern '96
 Carol Fisher Megill '96
 Jennifer M. Applegate Schweser '96
 Kathleen Setteducato '96

CLASS OF 1997 (\$501, 2%)

Century Society \$125-\$249

Kelly Mabe '97

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Donna Anderson '97, '04
 Anne Fitzpatrick Henry, RN, '97
 Doris Baeff Hohenstein '97
 Sharon Levine-Kulchinsky, Psy.D. '97
 Kimberly Herbert Lucas '97
 Michelle Fernandez Marino '97
 Teresa Marie Rigney, M.S.W., LCSW, '97

CLASS OF 1998 (\$665, 2%)

Kingscote Society \$250-\$499

Patricia Classick Sacks '98

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Andrea Mercer DeJohn '98, '03
 Donna Loprete Emeric '98
 Maureen Higgins '98
 Jean Tuzeneu Manigold '98
 Gloria Eleuteri Ruscitti '98, '06
 Sean Semple '98
 Rebecca Smith '98

CLASS OF 1999 (\$821, 4%)

Century Society \$125-\$249

John Cottingham III '99

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Keri Tarantino Carlton '99
 Richard Casey '99
 Kathleen Dorry '99
 Hanna Gerke, RN, '99
 Kelly Smith Gliatta '99
 Inger Hinrichsen '99
 Kara Hendrickson Kniffin '99
 Maureen Kotusky '99
 Susan Bathmann Mac '99
 Susan Dornacker McCullough '99
 Joyce Nicholls McNamara '99
 Ana Escobar Panayiotou '99, '04
 Barbara Sanfilippo Preston '99
 Anne Lemanski Sawicki '99 *
 Linda Fischer Stevens '99, '05

CLASS OF 2000 (\$1,006, 3%)

McAuley Society \$500-\$999

Mary-Joanne Egbert '00

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Marianne Cipolletti '00, '02
 V. Roy Edwards Jr. '00
 Teresa Geathers '00, '12
 Marianne Ryan Gillette '00
 Barbara Lukachyk Hauser '00
 Cathy Appleby Heuser '00
 Roberta Langman '00
 Christine Mayer '00
 Doris Overton '00, '04
 Madeline Dunning Recht '00
 Jamey Brooks Stofko '00, '15

CLASS OF 2001 (\$281, 2%)

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Aidee Alanya '01
 Edmund Clayton Jr. '01
 Mary Cole '01
 Michele Dlugos '01
 Marianne Gaffney Edwards '01
 Ellen Jaspan '01
 Pamela Buser Lamb '01, '06
 Christine Sciarappa Rice '01

CLASS OF 2002 (\$759, 2%)

Kingscote Society \$250-\$499

Leslie McPherson, D.V.M., '02

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Kathleen M. Arleth, M.A., '02
 Thomas Hall '02
 Karoline Merlino Paci '02, '07
 Natalie Panas, OSF, '02
 Jo Ann Price '02
 Lauren Schlameuss Steger '02
 Margaret Davison Warren '02
 Sharon Stewart Wessel '02
 Celia Davis Younger, M.Ed., '02

CLASS OF 2003 (\$420, 1%)

Century Society \$125-\$249

Michelle DePolo '03

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Sarah Moore '03
 Andrew Orefice '03
 Louise A. Pesci '03
 Deborah Weingroff '03

CLASS OF 2004 (\$476, 1%)

Century Society \$125-\$249

Laura Fortune Ortiz '04

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Chrissy Anderson '04, '09, '13
 Melanie Kahle Aponte '04
 Margaret Arney '04
 Christine Haines '04
 Donna Petro-Manduca '04

CLASS OF 2005 (\$706, 2%)

Century Society \$125-\$249

Fiah Gussin '05, '06
 Mary Mewherter Workman '05

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Maria Garcia Colón '05, '12
 Margaret Dooley, RN, '05
 Denise Hoagland, M.A., CHT, '05
 Susan Diccianini Milano '05
 Jean-Bosco Mutarambirwa '05, '09
 Janet Seaman Neal '05
 Ann Marie Petrizzo '05
 Lorraine Hubert Schaber '05
 Meredith Sarraf Yannon '05, '06

CLASS OF 2006 (\$1,884, 2%)

Apollo Society \$1,000-\$4,999

Neal Steed, CPA, Esq., '06 *

Century Society \$125-\$249

Camilla Lauricella '06
 Mary Ann Dailey Munson '06

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Jeffrey Grose '06
 Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly '06
 Tanya Mosley '06
 Maria Rivera-Butler '06
 Douglas Schaber '06
 Tatsiana Shparaga '06, '08
 Ashley Tito, Esq., '06

CLASS OF 2007 (\$1,560, 1%)

Apollo Society \$1,000-\$4,999

Linda Orlando '07

Century Society \$125-\$249

Nelcy Davila-Aponte '07

Honor Society \$1-\$124

Karen Riccitelli Fahey '07
 Peter Lisowsky '07, '07
 Rosalie Bostic Rodriguez '07

CLASS OF 2008 (\$955, 2%)

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

Lynette De Tata '08

Century Society \$125–\$249

Mary Williams '08

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Reverend Selvam Asirvatham '08

Caitlin Chadwick '08

Leah Clarke '08

Tanya Dinova '08

Margaret Dispenzere '08

MaryRose Fertitta-Zepp '08

Autumn Grady Inteso '08

Jillian Kelly '08

Cheryl Rich '08

Ibadete Thaqi '08

CLASS OF 2009 (\$1,285, 1%)

Apollo Society \$1,000–\$4,999

Jillian Rothstein '09

Century Society \$125–\$249

Mary Lou DeSantis Beyer '09, '11

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Jennifer Burney Appice '09

Sandrine Holloway-Davis '09, '10

Dana Vouglitois, Esq., '09

Kelsey Watkoskey '09

CLASS OF 2010 (\$1,086, 3%)

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Kathleen Heitz Mancuso '10, '16

Teresa Scotto DiCesare '10

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Jacqueline Adase '10

Mary Ann Artz '10

Maria Iacoviello Blanc '10

Amanda Brown '10

Rita Kells Conneen '10

Caitlin Cranwell '10

Jennifer Herbert '10, '11

Kristen Hoermann '10

Thomas Kronenberger '10

Kathleen Miller '10

Sally Santiago '10

Elizabeth Simpson '10

Laura Steeb '10

Candace Tocci '10

Elizabeth Tomasulo, Psy.D., '10

CLASS OF 2011 (\$928, 2%)

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Christina M. Georgas '11

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Marisa Alvarado '11

Christine Attardo '11

Latasha Chaneyfield '11

Heidi Chamberlain Clark '11

Colleen Mazur Diveny '11

Jeffrey Donnelly '11

Gloria M. Mazziotti, M.A., '11

Kathryn Mickelsen '11

Catherine Opinante '11

Jeannesis Rodriguez '11

Sandahl Schank '11

CLASS OF 2012 (\$307, 2%)

Century Society \$125–\$249

Howard W. Andrews, Ph.D., '12

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Christy Giebler '12

Samantha Glassford '12

Wilsar Johnson '12

Jenna Meier '12

Morgan Mescal '12

Chelsea Minguela '12, '16

Secon Nyema '12

Jessica Reitman '12

Shealyn Sullivan '12, '13

CLASS OF 2013 (\$585, 2%)

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Theresa Brown, Ph.D., '13

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Jennifer Brennan '13

Linda Harden '13

James Hogan '13

Allison Porr Marcucci '13

Janine Knedlhans Mooney '13

Jennifer D'Errico Mullen '13

Teresina Obie '13

CLASS OF 2014 (\$968, 3%)

Kingscote Society \$250–\$499

Deborah Kedmi '14, '15

Century Society \$125–\$249

Martin Gavin '14

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Brittany Baker '14

Kristen Cladek, M.S.W., '14

Carrie Ann Curtin, B.S.N., RN, '14

Laura Egles '14

Isalin Howard '14, '16

Thomas Limozinere '14

Lauren Myles '14

Elizabeth Spevak, B.S.N., RN, '14

Felicia Younger '14

CLASS OF 2015 (\$17,877, 2%)

Great Oak Society \$10,000–\$99,999

James Knipper '15

McAuley Society \$500–\$999

John B. Makar '15 *

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Jeri Brandt, B.S.N., RN, '15

Leah Brown '15

Olivia Carr '15

Peter J. Collins Jr. '15

Theresa Cordovano '15

Amanda Farina '15

Jessica Martino '15

Nicole Mossbacher '15

CLASS OF 2016 (\$102,763, 8%)

Silver Society \$100,000–\$249,999

Elizabeth Schmalz Ferguson '16

Century Society \$125–\$249

Elise Nowak '16

Honor Society \$1–\$124

Octivia Booker '16

Jacqueline Buresch '16

Tori Capestro '16

Tuere Chisholm-Thomas '16

Mariah Cifaldi '16

Ian Glover '16

Stephanie Grainger '16

Edwana Hallowanger '16

Jamie Hand '16

Christine Hedgebeth '16

Kevin Istvanditsch '16

Moriah Jennings '16

Anna Lapinskas '16

Stephanie Lehner '16

Rachel Marino '16

Melissa Moscato '16

Anna Ozolina '16

Jessica Pedroza '16

Jakov Pilic '16

Brandon Scott '16

Meghan Sfraga '16

Melissa Williams '16

Taylor Boltersdorf

Brunella Bowditch, Ph.D.

Evan W. Boyce

Kathleen Brady

Taylor N. Bramley

Michael Brazzel

Gannon Brochin

Callie E. Brown

Nick M. Buzzeo

James A. Bytheway

Hamilton Capellan Jr.

Lisa R. Capurso

Juwuan R. Carter

Patrick Castiglione

Tyler M. Chamra

Kayanna K. Chandler

Tuere Chisholm-Thomas '16

Michael G. Clarke

Nicholas Claudio

Melanee J. Coleman

Peter J. Collins Jr. '15

Alicia M. Colón

Rodrigo Colón '95

Jessica A. Constantine

Edward N. Countryman

Matthew R. Cranwell

Wendy Cromwell

John W. Currie

Taylor N. Dash

Francesca A. Dee

Thomas C. DeNoville

Daniel Devlin

William S. Docherty

Spencer Dunn

Laurie Ebenau

Logan A. Eisenhart

Farris R. Ellington

John Esposito

Joseph M. Esposito

Jordan A. Eugenis

Brandon Evans

Jordan M. Fagan

Elaina Fenn

Samantha M. Fernandez

Caroline M. Finley

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We're All People: Schroth School Students Partner with GCU Teacher Candidates

By Tara M. Strickland

About once a semester, the GCU School of Education receives some very special visitors. Some of them walk in, some wheel themselves in motorized wheelchairs, and still others are wheeled in by parents, teachers, or aides. These are the students of the Schroth School, and it's an overwhelmingly positive, fun, and eye-opening

experience for all who meet the students for the first time.

The Schroth School of LADACIN Network is a nonprofit facility in Wanamassa, New Jersey, that provides an array of services and programs for infants, children, and adults with cerebral palsy and other multiple physical and developmental disabilities. They partner with GCU for workshops that provide pre-service teachers an opportunity to put special education theory into practice. It's all part of GCU's goal of helping GCU teacher candidates

become "the best possible future teachers they can be," said Lynn DeCapua, Ph.D., '83, dean of the School of Education.

In November, about 10 Schroth students and their parents and teachers, led by GCU alumna Patricia "Paddi" Burger Golden-Gartner '88, '04, Schroth's community outreach liaison and educator, visited GCU for a "Parade of Parents." Teacher candidates heard not only from the Schroth students, but from their families as well. It was a good lesson for the teacher candidates, who will all earn a Teacher of Students with Disabilities endorsement along with their New Jersey teacher certification.

Jamie Zelikovsky spoke about her son Alex, and how typical he was in many ways, noting that he has an iPhone, loves to Snapchat, and does everything his twin brother, who attends public school with an individualized education program (IEP), does.

"When he started at Schroth, I really didn't have any goals. I honestly didn't know what was possible, and I was in this world that I didn't know existed," said Jamie, praising the Schroth teachers for helping her navigate that unfamiliar territory. "So I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart that you guys are going to become teachers, whether you're regular ed or special ed, because you will make such a difference in so many kids' lives."

Earlier in the year, GCU teacher candidates attended an Abilities Awareness Workshop. Attendees watched an introductory video about the school before each Schroth student introduced him or herself in their own way. Seventeen-year-old Taylor, who has cerebral palsy, read her prepared speech that immediately put everyone at ease and made them laugh.

"I would like all of you to feel relaxed and comfortable to come up to a person with a disability because we are all the same," she said from her motorized wheelchair, adding that her nickname was "T. Swift" after her favorite singer.

After the introductions, the teacher candidates helped Schroth students with different games and activities, and it was clear that their education was being put to good use. The teacher candidates worked together to adapt games for students with different abilities, such as providing a ramp for a student with limited hand mobility in a bowling game.

Nicole Bonner '16, who transferred to GCU from Ocean County College, said the experience "was awesome."

"It totally opened my eyes," she said. "I want to go to Schroth and observe what their typical day is like."

These workshops are another example of how GCU partnerships with community organizations and schools benefit GCU students, the organization or school, and the community at large, sometimes simply by raising awareness.

"The biggest thing is that we're all people, no matter the disability," said Chris Fennell '17, a transfer student from Brookdale Community College. "We have to open ourselves up to others in order for ourselves to be accepted."



Alumna Paddi Golden-Gartner (left) has brought Schroth student Alex Zelikovsky and his mother, Jamie (right), to meet GCU teacher candidates on several occasions.



GCU President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., had the opportunity to meet Taylor at the Parade of Parents in November.

@ Visit ladacin.org/index.php/category/video/ to watch the Schroth School video.

Georgian Court Alumnae Receive One of the Pope's Highest Honors

By Gwen Moran

When Lisa D. Gambacorto, RSM, '84 got an unexpected call from Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski of the Diocese of Metuchen in April 2016, she wasn't sure what to think. After she picked up the phone, he said he had something to tell her.

"Should I sit down?" she asked.

"Yes, you should probably sit down," he replied. "I got word from the Vatican."

At that moment, Sister Lisa, directress of Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, says her mouth was dry and her knees were shaking. She tried to think about what she might have done or said that could have traveled all the way to the Holy City.

But Sister Lisa need not have worried; the news was very good. She and Mary Kerwin, RSM, '60, former Mount Saint Mary directress from 1967 to 1974, were being given the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*—the Cross of Honour—which is the highest Papal honor bestowed to laity and clergy for distinguished service to the church. Think of it as a "lifetime achievement award" for those who have committed their lives to the church's work.

"It's unusual for me to be speechless, but I was speechless—and deeply humbled," she says.

The medal was given to the two Sisters of Mercy at a ceremony on June 13 at the Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen. Sisters Lisa and Mary were among 17 honorees.

In addition to the magnitude of the award for Catholics, the ceremony was deeply meaningful for the Sisters in other ways. Sister Lisa first met Sister Mary at age 13 as a student at Red Bank Catholic High School. Sister Mary taught her theology, and the two women shared a long history. At the time of the ceremony, Sister Mary was gravely ill, and she passed away five weeks later.



Sister Lisa (front) and Sister Mary (back)



Sister Lisa D. Gambacorto has been directress of Mount Saint Mary Academy since 2000.



A young Sister Mary Kerwin

Among those in attendance were Sister Lisa's parents and family members, Sister Mary's family members, Mount Saint Mary administrators, and friends.

"There we were, sort of the alpha and the omega in the chapel of the cathedral, receiving the highest award from the Vatican as teachers, students, sisters, and friends. Having that journey together was just was an extraordinary moment. I would say it was one of the most powerful experiences of my religious life," she says.

Upon receiving the award, Sister Lisa felt like she was accepting it on behalf of all women who have worked for the church—not only those who serve in an order, but "all of the faithful women who really have built the church in the United States. They built the hospitals. They built the schools. I felt like I had a whole community receiving it with me. I received it in their name, as well as my own." Bestowing the award on Sister Mary and her at the same time was an affirmation of the work that women have done in the church and the Diocese of Metuchen since its inception, she says.

However, for as big an honor as receiving the medal was, Sister Lisa says it won't change the way she serves in her role at Mount Saint Mary or in the community. But it did remind her to step up every day, lean in to her challenges, and say "yes" to them. She refers to Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, who said, "the simplest and most practical lesson I know . . . is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow." The award symbolizes that challenge.

"That award really inspires me to really walk my talk—to remember what it symbolizes and what it represents. It's humbling. It's hard, but I suppose it will serve as a daily reminder of my call," she says.

In Memoriam (1927-2016)

Sister Mary-Theresa McCarthy, RSM, Ph.D., '57

By Maria-Cordis Richey, RSM, Ph.D., '50

So many memories! Decades of Court graduates remember Sister Mary-Theresa (1927-2016) as Sister Mary Aidan, who embodied for them dreams of France, and combined in her person the American with the Gallic and the Gaelic.

A professor of French, and for many years, head of the language department, she was equally adept at untangling an odd idiom for a beginner and pondering an existential similarity between Camus and Faulkner with someone more advanced. Always scholarly, she had a clever wit that could parry a Gallic paradigm with a Gaelic pun. How she loved it all!

The intellectual landscape and that of the real world: she was equally eager to travel both. Her studies in France impressed intellectual concepts upon her mind, but her heart was as captured by the lavender farms and sunflower fields of southern France as was her mind by professional pundits at the Sorbonne. She could translate a charming children's tale about a donkey and write sophisticated French verse with equal delight.

Just as she loved the hills of France, she loved the green valleys of Ireland. She even forgave Yeats for being Anglo-Saxon, since he had been "changed, changed utterly" by Ireland's "terrible beauty."

Most of all, however, she loved the Watchung hills of her childhood and of her academy days at Mount Saint Mary, as well as the lake that borders and the woods that embrace Georgian Court.

She and I shared a love for both places, and a joyful life in each. First came The Mount, where I began as a lowly freshman when she was a lofty sophomore. Later, after separate years of entrance into the convent and of novitiate, it was our beloved Court that held our lives and our hearts for decades in our principal ministry. Finally, it has become The Mount once more for us both—and now, heaven for her.

Many of you have heard me replace the cool word "retirement" with my warmer coinage, "entirement." It is the time to come full circle, to complete our travels on earth. My final memories of her, after all her life journeys, are of a little figure in chapel before the dawn, waiting quietly before her final trip—the flight to heaven.

Enjoy the entirety of your entirement, dear Sister Mary-Theresa!

Sister Maria Cordis's handwritten memories of Sister Mary-Theresa create this background.



Sister Mary-Theresa in the 1976 yearbook



Sister Mary-Theresa joined her niece, GCU Security Captain Maureen Rossi '78, on GCU's campus in April for the covenant ceremony for the newest Mercy Associates—including Captain Rossi. Sister Mary-Theresa had taken her vows exactly 70 years ago that day in 1946.



GCU Staff and Administrators Among New Mercy Associates

Linda James, Ph.D., professor of psychology; Laura Liesman, assistant vice president for athletics and recreation; Maureen McCarthy Rossi '78, captain of security; Jane Shaheen; and Evelyn Saul Quinn, M.S.W., M.Ed., '74, vice president for mission integration, (left to right) were among the newest Mercy Associates to join more than 970 other members in the Mid-Atlantic region. The group was honored in April during a special ceremony that drew community residents, Sisters of Mercy, and alumni. Visit georgian.edu/mercy-associates to read more about the ceremony and see additional photos.

Former National Champ Terrence Stewart Takes on GCU Men's Basketball

By Christopher McKibben



New Men's Basketball Head Coach Terrence Stewart

There's a new face patrolling the Lions' bench, as Assistant Vice President for Athletics and Recreation Laura B. Liesman announced in early July that Terrence Stewart would serve as the new head coach of the Georgian Court University men's basketball program.

"On behalf of everyone at Georgian Court University, I am delighted to introduce Terrence as the head coach of our men's basketball program," Ms. Liesman said. "Coach Stewart brings

with him an established set of principles and commitment that befit our student-athletes, as well as the GCU community. His diverse basketball acumen, compiled from a stellar collegiate and high-level professional playing career, as well as a demonstrated intelligence, will certainly provide our young men the motivation and skill set to develop to their fullest potential at Georgian Court and beyond."

Coach Stewart joins the Lions after four seasons at the helm of Division III Immaculata University. He led the Mighty Macs to 45 victories, which included a 39-33 conference record in the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) and four consecutive postseason appearances. During his tenure, Coach Stewart mentored five All-CSAC selections and numerous CSAC All-Academic Team honorees. His 2015-2016 squad earned the CSAC Team Academic Award for the first time in team history.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of the GCU family," said Coach Stewart. "It is a privilege, and I am completely humbled. It is a unique situation where I have the ability to make an impact on the lives of young men by developing their abilities as players on the floor and instilling the Mercy core values of the university on and off the court.

"It is exciting to prepare our student-athletes to be successful leaders in the game of basketball and as leaders of purposeful and meaningful careers. I want to challenge our young men to be difference makers on the court and in the world."

Coach Stewart arrived at Immaculata having spent three seasons with the La Salle University men's basketball program as the video coordinator and assistant director of operations from 2010 to 2012. In his role with the Explorers, Coach Stewart worked with the coaching staff to prepare scouting reports, coordinate film exchange, and assist in coordinating recruiting visits. Prior to joining the staff at La Salle, he was the head coach of the East Coast Elite 17U AAU team from 2009 to 2010.

Coach Stewart played professional basketball overseas at the highest levels of international competition for 10 seasons.

He ended his professional playing career in Spain with CAI Zaragoza. He also played in France, Germany, Israel, Russia, Belgium, Portugal, Argentina, Uruguay, and Venezuela. During his professional career, he received first-team All-Import honors three times and was chosen four times as a second-team All-Import selection playing in various leagues.

Coach Stewart played collegiately at Rowan University from 1992 to 1996. The Profs reached the NCAA Tournament during all four seasons he was on the team, including three appearances in the national semifinals. Rowan captured the national championship in 1996, and Coach Stewart was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Coach Stewart earned All-NJAC (New Jersey Athletic Conference) honors on three occasions, including first-team recognition in both 1995 and 1996. He was selected as the NJAC player of the year his junior campaign. He finished his playing career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,628 points. That mark stood until 2008.

For his efforts, Coach Stewart was inducted into the Philadelphia Area Small College Coaches Association Hall of Fame on April 8, 2014.

GCU Welcomes New Athletic Trainer Caitlyn Grabowski



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The Georgian Court University Department of Athletics and Recreation is pleased to announce Caitlyn Grabowski as the newest member of GCU's athletic training staff. Prior to her appointment at the end of September, Mrs. Grabowski lived in Colorado for five years, where she served as an athletic trainer for Regis Jesuit High School (Boys Division).

"In my short time at Georgian Court, everyone has been so welcoming," said

Mrs. Grabowski. "It was an easy transition, and I feel like I fit right in. I am grateful for the opportunity I have been given to go to work every day and love what I do."

Mrs. Grabowski maintains an athletic training licensure in the state of New Jersey. She also is a registered CPR instructor and holds membership with the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey. Raised just outside of Philadelphia, Mrs. Grabowski attended East Stroudsburg University and received a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training.

Lacrosse Student-Athlete Shares Camp PALS Counselor Experience

By Xena Valenzuela '18

GCU junior lacrosse student-athlete Xena Valenzuela served as a counselor for Camp PALS New Jersey this past July. Camp PALS is a program that allows young adults with Down syndrome to establish and strengthen relationships with their non-disabled peers. It was founded in 2004 and has grown significantly over the years with 10 programs across the country in the summer of 2016. In addition to the summer camps, there are PALS Adventures that allow individuals with Down syndrome to reconnect with their counselors and friends throughout the year. Read on as Xena, a math and elementary education major from Middletown, New Jersey, recaps her amazing weeklong experience.



As a first-time counselor, I was both nervous and unsure of what to expect, but I can honestly say that excitement trumped both of those feelings. I was placed on the Blue Girls Team with seven other counselors and their campers, along with our head counselor and a CPS (Camp PALS support). Camper arrival was truly one of the best days of my life.

Our first day of camp was “Choice Activity” day. Campers were put in groups and able to partake in activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, theater, soccer, and kickball. We also took advantage of the College of New Jersey’s (TCNJ) on-campus swimming pool later that afternoon. We finished up our first day with a PALS tradition—karaoke. Campers took turns sharing the mic, and they sang their hearts out!

After an early breakfast on Tuesday, we hopped on a bus that took us to New Hope, Pennsylvania. Campers and counselors explored the town while doing a scavenger hunt and enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch from Bitter Bob’s. We came back to campus and ended the day with a Casino Night, where we participated in activities such as a water balloon toss, UNO, Go-Fish, and many others.

On Wednesday, we rode roller coasters and explored the safari of Six Flags Great Adventure. It was great to see campers and counselors alike facing their fears and taking on the big rides! Our on-campus evening activity was the “Congratulations Project.” This is an initiative in which members

of the PALS community write letters to families with newborn babies with Down syndrome. Usually, when a family is told that their child has Down syndrome, the first thing they hear is, “I’m sorry,” but these letters are intended to congratulate, encourage, inspire, and welcome these families to the loving Down syndrome community.

The next day’s adventure consisted of a trip to the beach and boardwalk of Ocean City, New Jersey. We rode surreys (multi-person bicycles) up and down the boardwalk and then took advantage of the Jersey Shore’s greatest asset—the ocean! Campers and counselors enjoyed the many shops and ice cream stores on the boardwalk and also enjoyed riding the waves. When we got back to the TCNJ campus, we enjoyed a lovely private concert performed by local band Drew and Ket. Everyone danced and sang, and the concert was enjoyed by all!

Friday was a day full of competition and fun. Teams competed against one another in another PALS tradition—the Camp PALS Summer Olympics. The high energy and high spirits continued as we danced away our final night together at a semiformal. Tears began to shed once we realized camp was coming to an end.

I cannot say enough about my experience as a counselor at Camp PALS. In one short week, I learned more about myself than I could have ever imagined, and I am grateful beyond words for the friendships and memories I made.

REUNION WEEKEND 2016



Joining in the celebration for the 2016 Alumni Service Award recipient, Keri Tarantino Carlton '99, were a few members of her family. Pictured are her parents, Kathy and Tom Tarantino; her husband, Brad; and Keri (sitting, left to right); her aunt Mary Rich, who came up from Florida to honor Keri; and her uncle and aunt Jaime Velez and Alice Bosies Velez '84, '93 (standing).



Mary Bowman Halpin '66, Alumni Board of Directors; Justin Roy, GCU dean of admissions; Emily Sperry '14; and Kristen Cladek '14, Alumni Board of Directors



The Class of 1986 celebrated their 30th reunion. Pictured are Mary Markley-Olsen '86; Cathy Costino '86; Deborah Nash Paone '86; Janise Cross Miller '86; Suzanne Siverio-Kreie, M.S.W., '86; and Paul Kreie (sitting) and John Vahey '84; Andrea Vahey '86, '08; Janette Carrier Young '86; Mary Ellen Mong Smith '86; Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences; Terry Barone Vena '86; and Mike Vena (standing).

Enjoying lunch at the president's table were Diane Szubrowski, RSM, '68, donor relations volunteer; Joyce Goletz Heckman '83, Alumni Board of Directors; Gloria Backes Christiansen '56, who was celebrating her 60th reunion; Jennifer Shufuran, major giving officer; and Dorothy Lazarick, RSM, '67 (sitting) and senior Lisa Gravato; Evelyn Saul Quinn, M.Ed., M.S.W., '74, vice president for mission integration; President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.; and Linda Orlando '07, trustee (standing).





A number of alumni kicked off Reunion Weekend at the Porch Party. Pictured are: (1) Karissa Merkel '12, assistant director of student leadership and engagement; (2) Constance Anne Reymann '77, '00, Alumni Board of Directors; (3) Elizabeth Savner '76; (4) Chelsea Sikora '15; (5) Diana Kastein Hartman '80; (6) Jo Ann Wojcik Walter '77; (7) Joanne Sullivan Huelsman '77, Alumni Board of Directors; (8) Donna Fischetti Perry '77; (9) Diane Salerno Manfredy '77; (10) Lorraine DiPierro Mottola '81; (11) Christina Georgas '11, Alumni Board of Directors; (12) Marjorie Murphy Hale '68, president, Alumni Board of Directors; (13) Barbara Ann Reilly '84; (14) Kim Erin O'Connor '79, Alumni Board of Directors; (15) Marilyn Miller-O'Melia '77; (16) Eileen McDonnell, RSM, CHPN, '77; (17) Marianne Holler, D.O., '81; (18) Joan Costello Ludwick '81; (19) Helen Neder, RSM, '67; (20) Mary Casey Nebus, Ph.D., '69, Reunion chair, Alumni Board of Directors; (21) Debbie Kanter '05; (22) Stanley Schick; (23) Christine Hedgebeth '16; (24) Cecelia Fox, RSM, '76, '90, '98; (25) Kim Weaver Miller '81; (26) Donna Tavani Hartman '81; (27) Joyce Goletz Heckman '83, Alumni Board of Directors; (28) Barbara Williams, RSM, '63, president emerita, assistant librarian, and archivist; and (29) Meghan Rehbein, CFRE, director of advancement services.



Thirty-five alumna from the Class of 1966 gathered to celebrate their 50th reunion, including: Patricia Klebacher Alvino '66; Karen Hayes Beall '66; Randie Spencer Blauth '66; Dunila Borer Brogan '66; Elena Leone Burrows '66; Rosalie Burrows, J.D., '66; Margaret O'Donnell Canzonier '66, '95; Justyna Steuer Carlson '66; Beth Healey DiTolla '66; Benedette Astorino Fiore '66; Mary Kenny Folan '66; Susan Flynn Fornatale '66; Mary Lou Wnukowski Guididas '66; Mary Bowman Halpin '66; Carol Hautau '66; Kathleen O'Sullivan Hinckle '66; Donna Esposito Hughes '66; Sheila Heron MacFadyen '66; Pamela Buckley McInnis '66; Virginia Brown Moran, Esq., '66; Elizabeth Healey Mulvihill '66; Mary Ellen Nero '66; Delores Parron-Ragland, Ph.D., '66; Ann McGoeys Paugh '66; Lauren Mooney Pavlovich '66; Barbara Eschelbach Reutter '66, class agent for 50 years; Roberta Santoro Schubert '66; Nancy Lebel Spiller '66; Elizabeth Lafko Staiger '66; Mary Jane Brandwood Stevens '66; Patricia Casey Teefy '66; Carole Sherman Trakimas '66; Kathleen Scanlin Tschaen '66; Suzanne Sharkey Valla '66; and Margaret Latanzio Ventrudo '66.



West Coast Florida Alumni Gathering— February 27, 2016

President Marbach and the Alumni Association thank Amy Joseph Habib '60 for hosting brunch at the beautiful Island Country Club on Marco Island, Florida. Alumnae spanning four decades gathered to reminisce and hear about GCU's future. Pictured are Marjorie Mingione Grady '64, Amy Joseph Habib '60, and Susan Consolmagno Cianflone '95 (seated, left to right) and President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.; Kathleen Flaherty McGowan '59; Donna Esposito Hughes '66; Darlene Austin Brown '88; Margaret VanVechten Smith '89, '04; and Mary Ann Vanden Heede Richards '63 (standing, left to right).



East Coast Florida Alumni Gathering— February 28, 2016

Alumnae from 1949 to 2005, as well as one of Georgian Court's trustees, enjoyed brunch at the BallenIsles Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, hosted by Sarah Lombardi Pietrafesa '49. Pictured are Christopher Yannon; Mary Mewherter Workman '05; Leona Seazholtz; John W. Seazholtz, trustee; and Joy A. Fitzgerald, Esq., '71 (seated, left to right) and Meredith Sarraf Yannon '05, '06; Sarah Lombardi Pietrafesa '49; President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.; Dr. Peter Wintrich; Bette Jean Pickett Wintrich '49; and Jennifer A. Shufan, major giving officer (standing, left to right).



Divine Mercy Sunday—April 3, 2016

Mary Ann Peters, RSM, '67; Patricia J. Santoro-Rosenthal, Ph.D., '68; Mary Catharine Sullivan, RSM, '55, former assistant professor of world languages (Spanish); and Elena Truncellito Santoro '64 (left to right) were some of the more than 30 alumni and guests who joined the Sisters of Mercy at Mount Saint Mary in Watchung for the second annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.



An Artful Gathering—Spring 2016

Geraldine Velasquez, Ed.D., professor emerita of art, reconnected with some of her former students—Ann Lorenc '00, Gina M. Rosato '01, and Murry Conway Jr. '00 (left to right).

GCU at the BlueClaws—July 3, 2016

Alumni came out to FirstEnergy Park to enjoy the biggest fireworks display in Lakewood BlueClaws history, presented by Georgian Court University. Pictured with GCU President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., and BlueClaws mascot Buster are Elaine Yarusinsky '76, '82; Patti Bauer; and Shelley Lynch Wasilewski '73, '95 (left side, clockwise from left) and Kristen Cladek '14; Emily Sperry '14; Alice Bosies Velez '84, '93; and Beverly Milyo '69, '83 (right side, clockwise from left).



A Good Time with Good Friends— July 12, 2016

Joan Kozusko Gadek '52; Cindy Lisowski '83, '95, '06, director of data management and prospect research; Margaret “Peggy” Cleary '51; and Diane Szubrowski, RSM, '68, donor relations volunteer (left to right) got together this summer for a long-overdue visit.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 JUBILARIANS!

In 2016, many Sisters of Mercy celebrated Jubilees. Two alumnae and a recent honorary degree recipient celebrated their Golden Jubilees with 50 years: Carol Ann Henry '71; Maureen Conroy '71; and Mary Louise Miller, Esq., 2015 honorary degree recipient. Four celebrated 65 years: Patricia Deckert '68; Mary Anton Frick '67; Mary Gomolka '67; and Mary Blaise Miller, former coordinator of the Counseling Center. Five celebrated 70 years: Dorothy Flynn '60, Rita McGurk '59, Mary Faith Moore '61, Grace Nolan '57, and Mary Denise O'Boyle '62. Three celebrated 75 years: Jane Higgins '56, Mary Valerie Balbach '56, and Barbara Burdett '60. In addition, R. Frances Hewitt '52 celebrated 80 years as a Sister of Mercy.



On September 6, 2016, 12 Sisters of Mercy celebrated 60 years at their Diamond Jubilee in the Catherine Siena Chapel at McAuley Hall. Pictured in the front are Jeanine Oliver '70, Mary Rosetta Buckley '72, Carol Creamer '69 (seated), Mary Vida O'Leary '70, Constance Gleason '70, and Mary Marlene Cunningham '70. Pictured in the back are Francesca Holly '69, '00; Mary Geis '54; Mary Mason '70; Marie Keating '70; and Mary Ann Liddy '69. Absent is Judy Ward '67.

1950s

J. Lorraine Oklamcak Laubach '54 and her husband, Ed, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year. Their son, Edwin, and his wife, Nadia, have two children: Layla (21), who is pursuing fashion merchandising, and Edwin, a senior at Gill St. Bernard's School in Gladstone who is very involved in competitive cheerleading and acrobatics.

1960s

Lucretia Ciccone Mintel '62 and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering at their home in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on June 25, 2016. They met on a blind date during Soph Weekend at Georgian Court in 1962. In the fall, Lucretia celebrated milestone birthdays with **Elizabeth Rafferty '62**, **Barbara Coyle Karg '62**, **Catherine Gambetti Dougherty '62**, and Cathy Pratt Lane. A good time was had by all. Former roommates Lucretia and Elizabeth meet once a month for breakfast to keep in touch.

Virginia Johnson Dahill '63 was recognized by *Continental Who's Who* as a Pinnacle Professional in the field of education. Virginia is retired from the Perth Amboy Board of Education, where she was an elementary schoolteacher.

Mary Ellen Wormann McCrystal '68 is proud to announce the birth of her grandson, Blaise Aaron, born August 20, 2016, to her son William and daughter-in-law Erica.

Cherril Kolesik '69 exhibited her "Melange of Milleu" mixed-media artwork from June 14 to July 5, 2016, at the Agora Gallery in New York City.

Mary Michaelita Popovice, RSM, '69, program director of the Catholic Charities Social Service Center in Phillipsburg, was honored for exemplary work and servant leadership in her community at the Diocese of Metuchen's Champions for Catholic Charities dinner in November 2016.

1970s

Catherine Graham McCall '70 recently retired from 30 years of clinical work as a marriage and family therapist, and she currently serves on the tribunal panel of the United Kingdom Child Sex Abuse People's Tribunal. She is also on the speakers' bureau of RAINN (the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network) in the United States.

Kathleen Holland Sheridan '70 has joined Friedberg Properties as a professional real estate sales representative. A resident of Old Tappan for more than 40 years, Kathleen is married with four adult children and is a retired elementary schoolteacher; she taught in the Teaneck and Westwood school districts for 27 years. She is still involved in her hometown schools and is an active parishioner and CCD teacher at St. Pius X Parish.



Helen Hanna Casey '71; U.S. Senator John Hardy Isakson, R-GA; GCU President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.; and **Annie Hanna Cestra '73** in Florida this past spring

Gayle Spear Cratty '73; her husband, Tom; and their family were honored for their dedication at Special Program and Resource Connection's (SPARC) Annual Gala on April 30, 2016. SPARC provides recreational programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Susan Selzer DelTufo '75 is the assistant principal at Beachland Elementary School in Vero Beach, Florida.

Lynne McKinley Schicker '75, '85 retired this year from the Hibiscus Children's Center in Vero Beach, Florida, where she had been the director since 2005.

Shelley Lynch Wasilewski '73, '95 is keeping busy in her retirement. When she's not participating in GCU events or babysitting her one-year-old grandson, Ryker, she is involved with several organizations. She is currently the altruistic chairperson and the president-elect for Alpha Delta Kappa (a teachers' sorority), to begin in 2018. Shelly is also the scholarship chairperson for the Monmouth County Retired Educators Association (MCREA).



Karen Gadek Fiortentini '78 and her husband, Mario, celebrated the marriage of their son Christopher Fiortentini, D.M.D., to Jemma Giannotti, M.D., on June 11, 2016. Chris is completing his internship at Robert Wood Johnson and plans to join his father and brother—also dentists—and mother, who manages the practice, at Fiorentini Family Dental, which now has offices in Cranbury and Highland Park. Jemma is completing her internship in pediatrics at Hershey Hospital. Pictured with Chris and Jemma are Chris's brother Mario and proud grandmother **Joan Kozusko Gadek '52** (left); and parents Karen and Mario (right).

1980s

Gina Poverino Baietto '81 is a private, classical piano teacher for students ages 4 to 84 in Hillsborough, Belle Mead, and Skillman. She has been teaching piano for over 30 years.

Marianne Holler, D.O., '81 is the medical director of hospice and palliative medicine for the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey. She is currently working at the Barnabas Health Van Dyke Hospice and Palliative Care Center at Community Medical Center. She and her wife, Patricia Nash, have been together for 35 years and just celebrated their second wedding anniversary on March 29, 2016.

Joan Buchholz '82's son Todd Buchholz is a bestselling author of several books about the economy, including *New Ideas from Dead CEOs*, *New Ideas from Dead Economists*, *Lasting Lessons from the Corner Office*, and *Rush: Why You Need and Love the Rat Race*. His latest book, *The Price of Prosperity: Why Rich Nations Fail and How to Renew Them*, was a number-one bestseller on Amazon for government. Todd was the White House director of economic policy from 1989 to 1992, a managing director of the \$15-billion Tiger hedge fund, a Harvard economics teacher, and a fellow at Cambridge University in 2009.

Michelle Toole Schmitt Georges '83's daughter Alexa Schmitt graduated from Southern Virginia University in May 2016.



Theresa McDermott Gordon '83 and her husband, Larry, (pictured in the Mansion) have been married for 25 years and have two children, Ben and Sara. Sara has a three-year-old daughter and lives at home, so Terri is a very active grandmother. Ben is a sophomore engineering major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Terri works at the Chambers Center for Integrative Healing in Morristown as a Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner and is a Young Living Oil distributor. She is also the caregiver to her brother and an elderly friend. Terri and her family live in Mendham.

Claire Henry, CDP, '83, a master's-level clinician and certified dementia practitioner, is currently working on her doctorate in higher education at Regis College. She is the director of the St. Patrick's Manor Lourdes Center for Memory Care in Framingham, Massachusetts, which aims to enhance the quality of life for those individuals with Alzheimer's and other related behavioral changes. Her responsibilities include managing and coordination of all staff within the Alzheimer's unit and evaluating clinical service functions to provide

optimum care for each individual resident. Her emphasis has been on developing partnerships with families and then creating tailored resident care profiles that promote optimum care for each resident. She participates in weekly rounds with physicians and weekly behavioral rounds, evaluates potential residents, and co-facilitates monthly Alzheimer's support group meetings. She has designed and implemented center training programs and has been directly involved in developing and opening other Alzheimer's units in Massachusetts for the past 16 years. This past summer, Claire traveled to Valencia, Spain, to present her abstract for "Managing Behavioral Disturbance with the Dementia Client through Person-Centered Care Model" at the Fourth International Conference on Vascular Dementia.

Nicolena Nazzaro Mazur '83, '06 is the principal at Ridgeway School in Manchester. She was previously the district's elementary curriculum coordinator.

Christine Strube Muraczewski '83 retired from teaching high school in New Jersey and moved to Florida (and is not missing the snow at all). After substituting for a year, she opted to go back to full-time teaching in an elementary school. She and her husband, Mark, have a daughter, Courtney, who is a senior at Rowan University.

Susan McGuire Santoriello '83, '93 and her husband, Tony, visited Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho this past summer. Their oldest son, Frank (26), moved to Colorado to work on a Ph.D. in Microbiology at the University of Colorado. Their younger son, Anthony (22), graduated from Florida Atlantic University and is looking to begin his career in exercise science in Washington, DC.



Karen Sherrier Semple '83 is the reading coach at Brielle Elementary, where she has been teaching for over 30 years. Karen and her husband, Jim, are proud parents and grandparents. Their oldest daughter, **Genevieve Semple Kotzas '16**, received her M.A. in Education from GCU and is teaching sixth-grade social studies in Holmdel. She and her husband, Warren, have two children: Wyatt (3) and Faye (2). Their son Jim became a doctor in May and is an emergency room resident at St. Luke's in Manhattan. Their daughter KellyAnne just completed her master's degree in art therapy and counseling. Pictured left to right are Jim Jr.; Wyatt; Karen; Jim; KellyAnne's husband, Adam; KellyAnne; Warren; Genevieve; and Faye.

Catherine Bouford Essner '84, '97 and her husband, John, have been married for 30 years. They have three sons, all of whom are Eagle Scouts: David in 2010, Matthew in 2012, and Andrew in 2016. David is a mechanical engineer and works in Voorhees at an air filtration company, and Matthew is a student at Ocean County College. Andrew is a senior at Liberty High School in Jackson, and he is a proud baritone player in the Liberty Lion Band, which marched in the Miss America Parade in Atlantic City in September. When she's not busy being a very proud mom and wife, Cathy is a sixth-grade literacy and U.S. history teacher in Brick.

Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86 has been appointed dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at GCU. Mary began her career as an instructor in 1989. Since then, she has served in many roles including professor, department chair, associate dean, and assistant provost. (Read more about Mary on page 12.)

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Alumni Class Notes

Marie Sancilardi Del Cristo, CPA, '86 was named a trustee for VolunteerConnect in Princeton. Their mission is to expand the reach, impact, and capacity of community organizations through effective and recognized volunteerism, thereby enhancing the lives of Central New Jersey residents. Marie is a senior manager at WithumSmith+Brown in their not-for-profit, education services, and government services group.

Veronica Albin Mathieson '87 is the new marketing director at Zuznow, a company that enables enterprises to deliver omni-channel experiences to customers and employees. She has been in marketing and public relations for more than 20 years.

Patrick Stewart '88 was appointed director of materials management at Cape Regional Health System.

Joan Humes Pacheco '89, '00, former GCU admissions counselor, is in her 12th year as a guidance counselor at her other alma mater, Paul VI High School in Haddonfield. Her twin girls, Analiese and Cailyn, are seniors in high school.

● 1990s

Michelle Stagliano Crisalli '91 has been promoted to vice president, wealth management, at Merrill Lynch.

Arlene Grossman Gaona '91 is a special education teacher at Catapult Learning.

Lisa Carlon Crate '92, '03 is a teacher at Christa McAuliffe Middle School in Jackson. A resident of Brick, she was elected as a councilwoman in November 2015. Lisa is the daughter of former GCU staff assistant Gloria Carlon.

Catherine Dolan Famelio '92, '99, a science teacher at Monmouth Regional High School, was recognized for being an outstanding teacher in a New Jersey public school and creating an environment that improves students' academic opportunities, workforce preparedness, and overall quality of life.

Rodrigo Colón '95 was elected to the Shrewsbury Community YMCA Board of Directors. Rod has over 25 years experience in corporate human resources management, outside agency recruiting, professional networking, and career coaching.

Major Martin Howley '95 and his wife, Crystal, went on a cross-country rally sponsored by Mini Cooper in support of Feeding America.

Jennifer Uhl Romero '95 is a third-grade special education teacher. She has her master's degree plus 30, is an Orton Gillingham specialist, and tutors children with dyslexia. Her daughter Gianna is in the fourth grade.



Court Girls Unite! **Tara Jacques Kelly '97, '03** and her bridal attendants pose at her March 12, 2016, wedding to Owen Kelly. Pictured from left to right are **Susan Pisano Doosey '97**; **Kristine Pribila McNicholas '97**; **Karin Einhorn Rezzonico '95, '99**; **Kimberly Jacques**; **Tara**; **Victoria Monaco**; **Michelle Fernandez Marino '97**; **Joann Monaco**; **Nicole Crosbie Ross**; and **Nicole Galluccio '97**.



All in The Court family: **Susan Monaghan Craig '92**, her aunt **Edwardine Brown, RSM, '66**, her daughter-in-law **Lauren McDermott Craig '14**, and her sisters **Marie Monaghan Cittadino '09** and **Deborah Monaghan Ritner '85** (left to right) posed for a picture during a family Easter egg hunt. Sister Edwardine just completed her 63rd year of service with the Sisters of Mercy and is recently retired from St. Anne's Parish in Keansburg.

Karen Clarke Goff '96, former GCU assistant provost for student life, is now the vice president for student life and dean of students at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia.

Jennifer Ehrmantraut Hulit, CPA, '97 joined the management team of Bernicker, Eiger & Lang, CPA, LLC. Her specialty is small business consulting.

William R. Jacobs, CPA, '98, chief financial officer, was promoted to executive vice president of Northfield Bancorp Inc. William joined Northfield in 2006 as vice president and controller and was promoted to senior vice president in 2010 and chief financial officer in 2013.

Nicole Kurkowski '98 was promoted to modeling lead in the National Weather Service's Office of Science and Technology Integration, as announced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Education.

Jaclyn Hampton Colfer '99 works as a physician assistant in transplant surgery. She and her husband, Joe, have been married for 12 years and are blessed with three beautiful children.

● 2000s



Murry Conway Jr. '00 and his wife, Betsey, have been married for five years and have two wonderful boys: Declan (4) and Evan (2). Murry is a funeral director and funeral celebrant for the Clayton & McGirr Funeral Home in Freehold Township.

Brandy Edwards Derenoski '00 and her husband, John, have become certified foster parents in the state of Illinois and are working on a permanent placement (to adoption).

Jennifer Krupp Londell '00, '03 and her husband, Jason, have been married for over 12 years and have two sons: Jett (10) and Jax (7). Both boys are extremely involved in activities, their favorites being mixed martial arts, lacrosse, and chess for Jett; and soccer, lacrosse, and drum-playing for Jax.

Colleen Bonner '01, '07 is in her fifth year of teaching at West Johnston High School in Benson, North Carolina. Last summer, she attended a North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching program. This summer, she spent 17 days in Europe chaperoning a student trip from her school.

Robin Gialanella '02 was the women's winner in the Firecracker 5, a five-mile run held in Wall on July 4, 2016. She ran her first marathon in Washington, DC, and qualified for the Boston Marathon.

Robyn Isgro Paglia '02 has been teaching at West Essex Regional High School for 10 years, running a program for students who are school phobic, suffer from anxiety, and need a small group setting. The program started with 5 students and now has 20. She is also the ACT and SAT testing coordinator for her district. She and her daughter Abigail (8) live in Andover.

Dennis Slavin '02, a member of Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony Parish in Hamilton, celebrated his 25th anniversary as a deacon. Most of his ministries have centered on the sacrament of marriage. In 2007, Dennis was recognized with a Nostrum Ecclesiam Tempus Award by Bishop John M. Smith for his service to the diocese.

Christi McCulloch Vaughn '02 is in her 10th year of teaching. For the past four years, she has been teaching middle school English at Saint Michael's School in Independence, Ohio. She serves as team coach for Power of the Pen, a statewide writing competition; they have advanced to states' level every year. Christi and her husband, Patrick, celebrated their sixth anniversary in September.

Sarah Veit '02 is an editor at Design Studios Gannett in Asbury Park. She is also a freelance writer and editor and has worked with clients such as the Advertising Specialty Institute; Network of Executive Women; Dolce Diet; the *Asbury Park Press*; the *Daily Record*; *Elevated Existence* magazine; Dr. Nicole Avena; *Successful Meetings* magazine; and Phocuswright, a travel research company.

Amy Winkle '02 is a social worker in the District of Columbia Public Schools. Amy has one child, Eli (2).

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Amanda Riker '03 is pursuing an M.S. in Psychology with a concentration in applied behavioral analysis at Kaplan University. She has been working at a group home as a direct care counselor for several years with Eihab Human Services, which works with individuals who have developmental disabilities. She was recently promoted to assistant manager. Amanda is also a fitness coach for Beach Body and a Zumba instructor. She runs Zumba-thon benefits to raise money for different organizations, such as the Children's Tumor Foundation, which helps those who have neurofibromatosis; 180 Turning Lives Around of Monmouth County, which assists those affected by domestic violence; and Thea's Star of Hope, which helps improve treatment for children with brain tumors.

Kimberly Leuthner Snyder '03 is a state trooper with the New Jersey State Police.

Barbara Stansbury '04 was selected as the 2016 Teacher of the Year at Brick Memorial High School.

Carole Demetriades '05, GCU associate director of admissions and champion of transfer students, retired from Georgian Court this past May after 18 years in the Office of Admissions.



Jamie Mallue McCarthy '05 and her husband, Matt, live in Charleston, South Carolina, and have two sons: Jack, a first-grader, and Colin, a fourth-grader. Matt is a manager at a Publix supermarket, and Jamie is an assistant principal at Pepperhill Elementary School, a Title I school. Jamie notes that she thoroughly enjoys giving back to a community that has so many challenges.

Anne Marie Santilli Morse, M.D., '05 is a board-certified neurologist with special qualifications in child neurology and an associate professor of neurology at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She is also a medical liaison for the Tri State Bio Recovery & Disinfection Services, providing clinical insight and recommendations to improve management of infectious outbreak and contamination situations.

Tristy Riggs Wolfe '05, former GCU athletic trainer, and her husband, Waylon, live in Maine and have two children: Nya (11) and Walker (8). After moving to Maine, Tristy spent eight years working as a therapeutic exercise specialist for a chiropractor that specializes in the Activator Method. During that time, she published three papers in the *Journal of Chiropractic Medicine*. She is currently in her third year as the athletic trainer at Carrabassett Valley Academy, a ski and snowboard academy at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain. Quite a few well-known athletes, such as Seth Wescott, Bode Miller, Emily Cook, and Alex Tuttle, are affiliated with CVA. Waylon also works at CVA; he is the art teacher and does marketing. Their children are also involved there, as the whole family serves as a "dorm family" living on campus. In their free time, the family likes to hike, ski/snowboard, and camp in the great outdoors.

Kimberly Griffiths, D.P.T., '06 is a physical therapist with All-Care Physical Therapy Center, LLC. The company was featured in the May/June 2016 edition of *The Ocean County Woman*. Kim was on the cover with all of her colleagues.



Erin Myers Wirzburger '06; her husband, Joe; their daughter Lily (4); and their son, Maxim (2)

Vanessa Iampaglia '07, '09 is a business analyst for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Amanda Glenn, Ph.D., '09, '10 graduated with her Ph.D. in Kinesiology with a concentration in sports management from Texas Woman's University. She aspires to be a college athletic director at a major Division I university and teach at the college level. With her research advisor, Kimberly Miloch, Ph.D., Amanda published a book chapter entitled "Sponsorship and Endorsement" in the book *Marketing for Sports Business Success* (2012). She is currently writing a book about personal wellness and the importance of self-care.

Jeanette Wehner '09 was named the 2016 Ocean County Teacher of the Year by the New Jersey Education Association. She is a special education teacher at Emma Havens Young Elementary School in the Brick Township School District.

● 2010s

Beth Guarino '10 was selected as the 2015–2016 Educator of the Year at East Dover Elementary School in Toms River.

Adriane Gullotta-Gsell, Ph.D., '10 is a licensed psychologist who uses cognitive behavioral therapy and Christian counseling in her Red Bank practice. She is also a consultant for the diocesan Pastoral Care Department and a key presenter at pastoral care training workshops. The Diocese of Trenton's Catholic Charismatic Renewal Women's Conference featured her teachings.

Melissa Miller '10, '14 is the education coordinator for the National Farmers Union. She assists with planning, development, promotion, and delivery of youth and adult educational and leadership programs and events. Melissa was GCU's first Sage honoree.

Elizabeth Tomasulo, Psy.D., '10 received her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Chestnut Hill College in 2015. She is now a counselor for GCU.

Jessica Roberts Bassett '11, '12 joined Bernicker, Eiger & Lang, CPA, LLC as an accountant. Jessica has served clients in a variety of industries, including construction, medical practice, and family-owned businesses. She is proficient in tax law and tax research.

Iveliz Crespo, Esq., '11 is an attorney with South Jersey Legal Services, representing migrant farmworkers in matters that range from wage disputes to human trafficking concerns.

Michael Mullarkey '12, husband of **Sandra Mullarkey '04, '08, '12**, celebrated his 20th anniversary as a deacon. Epiphany Parish in Brick is his home parish.

Michelle Pienkowski '12 is the residential manager at SERV Behavioral Health Systems.

Mariah Iapicco '13 has returned to New Jersey after spending several years teaching at the St. Michael Indian School in St. Michaels, Arizona. She is now a mathematics/special education teacher at Red Bank Regional High School.

Risa Kimbrough '13 is a case manager for the Camden County Partnership for Children.

Janine Knedlhans Mooney '13 is a school counselor for Toms River Regional Schools. Her husband, William, works as a commercial insurance consultant. They currently reside in Kingston.

Jessica Reuther Mulhern '15 was selected as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow for 2015–2016. This program provides a unique opportunity for accomplished K–12 STEM educators to apply their extensive classroom knowledge and experience to their host offices to inform federal STEM education efforts. Jessica served her fellowship in the office of Representative John Sarbanes (D-MD 3rd District). She returned to the classroom for 2016–2017, teaching high school biology for the Howard County Public School System, Maryland. Prior to this, she

taught high school biology at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, Maryland; and various biology classes, including AP Biology, STEM Biology, and Biology, at Jackson Liberty High School in New Jersey.

Kristen Baldasare '15 is in customer solutions at Plymouth Rock Assurance.

Richard Brogley '15, a certified EMT, was sworn in as a police officer for the Neptune Police Department this past July. Prior to this, he was a special officer in Neptune.

Amanda Cathcart '15 is enrolled in the Thomas Jefferson University Postbaccalaureate Pre-Professional Program. Prior to this, she completed various medical research projects while working full-time in the orthopaedic surgery department. In June, she presented at the Eighth Annual Philadelphia Orthopaedic Trauma Symposium.

Meghan Marker '15 accepted a position as a graphic designer with D+R Lathian, a pharmaceutical marketing firm in Eatontown.

Jessica Martino '15 is a special education mathematics teacher for the Bordentown Regional School District.

Tahira Matthews '15 was recently added to the roster of Lovcen Cetinje, a professional basketball team in Montenegro in southeastern Europe.

Kerrin McCarthy '15 is a client services assistant at Pillsbury, Shaw, Winthrop, Pittman, LLP, in New York City.

Nicole Hoagland-Mosely '16 accepted a position with Bentley Laboratories, LLC, as a quality control laboratory technician.

Miriam Hunte '16 is enrolled in New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, where she is pursuing a master's degree in public administration.

Danielle Marella '16 was inducted into the New Jersey Collegiate Business Administration Association Honor Society. She is a business development intern in New York City for the international law firm of Ropes & Gray.

Rachael Rutz, RN, '16 works at Monmouth Medical Center in their labor and delivery unit. *(Read more about Rachael on page 6.)*

Alicia Quayson '17 was recently honored by the American Mental Health Counseling Association Foundation and the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). In May, Alicia was also recognized by the NBCC Foundation, which selected her for its Minority Fellowship Program–Youth. The \$8,000 counseling fellowship supports her interest in helping two populations where she sees the most need—underserved minorities and youth, ages 16 to 25.

Rachel Cicala, current graduate student, was selected as the 2015–2016 Educator of the Year at Hooper Avenue Elementary School in Toms River.

Alumni Benefits

Being a Georgian Court alum has its privileges! All our alumni have access to:

- a lifelong professional e-mail address
- the Office of Career Services, Corporate Engagement, and Continuing Education for résumé writing, interview skills, career testing, and job postings
- online career development tools
- professional development programs and continuing education units
- GCU library access
- free attendance at home GCU athletic events
- discounted health, life, and long-term care insurance
- discounted property/casualty insurance
- use of the Dorothy Marron University Community Chapel for your wedding and the historic campus for wedding photos (fee schedule available upon request)

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 732.987.2454 or alumni@georgian.edu for more information.



Engagements

Karen Mulhall '82 and Keith Jankech



Lu-Ann Russell '98 and Colleen Allaire

Mark Grimes Jr. '09 and **Monica Krasa '09**

Megan DeGregory, B.S.N., RN, '12 and
Craig Youncofski

Karissa Merkel '12 and Brian Tedesco

Christina Masitti '13 and Kevin Ashe

Brittany Neilson '14 and Joseph Hess

Samantha Anderson '16 and
Robert DiBenedetto

Jessica Murphy '16 and
Joseph H. Sproul IV

Weddings

Gemma MacCarrick, Ed.D., '84, '93 and
Timothy Brennan, Ed.D.—5/7/16



Tara Jacques '97, '03 and **Owen Kelly**—
3/12/16

Patricia Brady '01 and
Jennifer McGovern '05—6/26/15



Helen Jeschow '02
and **Forrest
Howard**—7/2/16

Shannon Wallace '02 and
Randy Speid—7/24/16

Kim Griffiths, D.P.T., '06 and
Ashley Gleason—10/10/15

Tiffany Princing '08 and
Jeffrey Mogila—7/16/16*

Nicole Cavuoto '13, '15 and
Robert Quinn '15—9/4/16*

Janine Knedlhans '13 and
William Mooney—7/20/16

Lauren Magaw '13 and
Philip Williams '13, '16—9/24/16*

Corey Wagner '15 and Jennifer Finan,
GCU graduate student—7/10/15



Patrick O'Connor, current student, and
Krista Min—2/12/16*

**Wedding held in the Dorothy Marron
University Community Chapel on the campus
of Georgian Court University*

Children



**Christopher and Karin Einhorn
Rezzonico '95, '00**—Ryder Kristian,
born 11/2/15

Brad and Keri Tarantino Carlton '99—
William Matthew, born 9/1/16, joins
brother Thomas James



Zully Roman Ehret '03—Giovanna Florence,
born 10/5/15, joins sister Mikayla Gloria

Melissa Elsbree '06 and Michelle
Buban—Addison Marie, born 9/1/15

Sarah Silverstein Trotta '07, '14 and
Thomas Trotta '14—Vera Grace,
born 2/1/16



**Wes and
Shelby Pagnotta
Rayner '06**—Avery
Teresa, born 4/1/16

Liam McGaughlin, current GCU student,
and **Jean Parry, Ph.D.**, GCU assistant
professor of biology—Rory William,
born 4/27/16

Gertrude Turner Mahon '35
 Mary Patricia Dougherty '44
 Margaret "Nancie" Reinecke Williams '44
 Ann Mary McCrane McDonald '45
 Mary Kenney Wilson '45
 Katherine Snyder Schneider '46, aunt of Sharon Ely Frase '65
 Jean Burke '47
 Jane Rockefeller Smyth '47
 Florance Hazard Triska '47, mother of Beverly Triska McDonald '88
 Nancy deCoster Ballard '48
 Regina Fedor Majeski Brady '48, '78
 Adele Bullock Lombard '49
 Theresa Banko Dietrich '51
 Joan Mary Jebaily Stephan '51
 Paula Weinberg Lish Hoveke '52
 Marie Tomasulo Mirabelli '52
 Concepcion Dalupan Sebastian '52
 Ann Sheehan '52, sister of Alice Sheehan Dillon '48
 Madeleine Thornton '51, formerly Sister Gabriel
 Genevieve Jane Hopkins Dwyer '54
 Barbara "Bobbie" Cleary Harris '54, sister of Margaret Cleary '51
 Mary William O'Brien, RSM, '54
 Mary Desmond Hogan '56
 Mary Ancilla Lucas, RSM, '56
 Mary Raymond Alkazin, RSM, '57
 Mary-Theresa McCarthy, RSM, Ph.D., '57, GCU professor emerita of French and former chairperson of the Department of Humanities and World Languages; aunt of Maureen McCarthy Rossi '78, GCU captain of security, Michelle McCarthy Haber '77, and Nancy McCarthy Quigley '92; great-aunt of Christopher Rossi '07, Nicholas Rossi '10, and Ashley Quigley '11; and cousin of Nancy Murphy Perryman '79
 Mary Joyce Doyle '60, formerly Sister Mary Avila, sister of June Doyle '59
 Mary Kerwin, RSM, '60
 Jeanne Hicks, M.D., '62
 Mary Irene Burke McCall '62

Marie Janoski Carltock '64
 Mary Claude Damico, RSM, '64, sister of Paulette Christine Damico, RSM, '63
 Catherine Martin Martens '64
 Lynda Mann Urban '65, '80, mother of Janice Urban '87
 Marie Klein Murphy '66
 Patricia Jean Carson, RSM, '69
 Mollie Carmody '70
 Joanne Tarpey, RSM, '70
 Barbara Trella '70
 Gail Kosmyna Berkley '71
 Peggy Kudla '71, '79
 Marva Lee Johnson '72
 Odette Vida Reisinger '72
 Carolann Schur '73
 Elaine Corino '74, '79
 Catherine Marino Feltz, LDTC, '76, '85, former student teacher supervisor—learning disability teacher-consultant, mother of Carl Feltz '84 and David Feltz '93
 Francina Kersha '77
 Madonna Kelly '78, '91
 Major Lynn Sherman, DDS, '78
 Lisa Beck Homestead '79
 Marilyn "Marcia" Bolotsky '80
 Helen Repko Bryce '80
 Janis Brodrick '81
 Bee Johnson '82
 Dorothy Davis Kier '82
 Bridgette Driver '84
 Maria Giavatto '87, '96, former lecturer in world languages (Spanish), mother of Tommy Giavatto '05 and wife of John Giavatto, former lecturer in world languages (Italian)
 Elaine Egorow '88
 Richard Colbert '89
 Charmaine Schermond Stires, Ed.D., '90, mother of Jennifer Stires Burns-Dyson '04
 Margaret Briscoe '91
 Barbara Florimont '93
 Carmel Rivera Schleckser '93, '00
 Eric O'Brien '94

Patricia McGrath O'Brien '95, sister of Kelly McGrath Trombino '83, and Sean McGrath '91

Diana Aronson Richardson '95

Marna Pernet Borras '96

Naomi Buechner '97

Ann Nunziato Panagakos '97

Tracy Burke '01

Elizabeth Cox '02, cousin of Kathleen Croddick Molyneaux '95

Anne Klein '03

Joan Bartolomei '06

Sevilay Kukulmez Temizoglu '07

Wai Chan '10

Sheila Barr '16

Father Daniel Berrigan, SJ, honorary degree recipient

Richard "Dick" Dolan, former lecturer in business administration, husband of Binetta Dolan, GCU assistant professor emerita of business; and father of Marie Dolan Mackanic '75, '05 and Catherine Dolan Famelio '92, '99, lecturer in chemistry

Irma Eccles, friend of GCU

Patrick O'Donnell, Ph.D., former GCU professor of English, husband of Terry O'Donnell, former GCU staff assistant; and father of Gerard O'Donnell '88

Jessica Rose, former GCU university communications specialist

Peter R. Strohm, Esq., trustee and former lecturer in business administration

Frank Unger, former GCU lecturer in music, band director, and supervisor of student teachers, father of Leslie Unger, former volleyball coach and instructor of physical education

Condolences

Georgian Court University wishes to extend its prayers and condolences to the families of alumni, members of the university community, and friends who have passed away.

The World Is Waiting for You at Georgian Court University

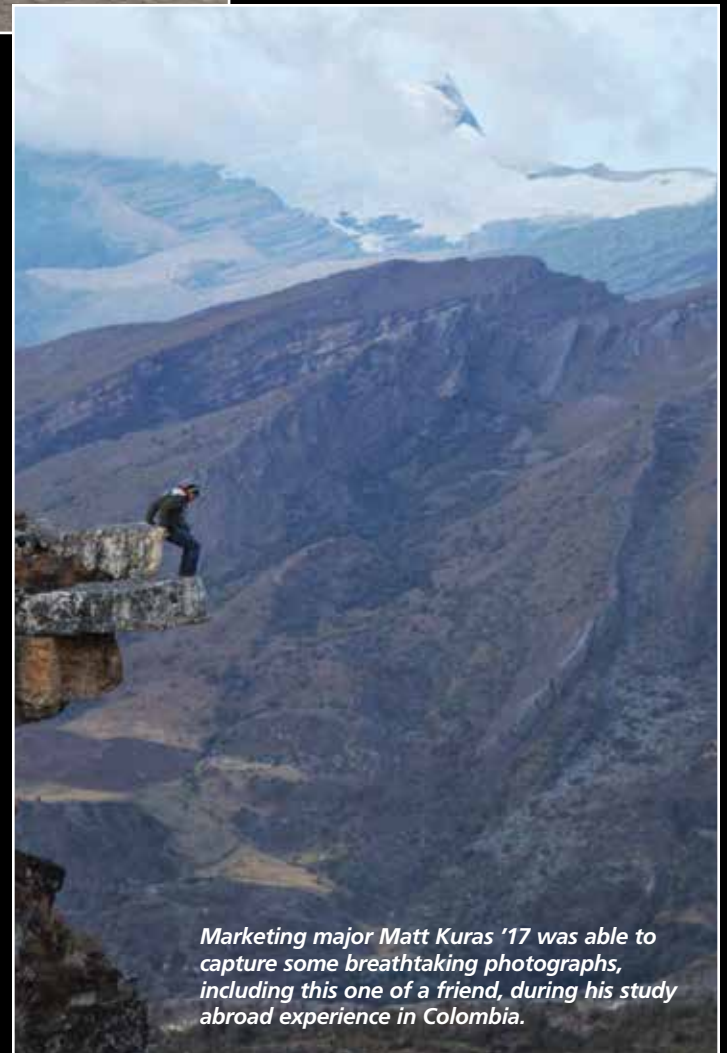
By Laura Egles '14



GCU dance majors Michelle Brunetti '18, Alexis Mott '19, Kristi Jackson '19, Megan Midgley '18, Kaila McBath '18, and Nicole Gallo '18 (left to right) traveled to Vienna, Austria, for a faculty-led global education experience. They're seen here in front of the Belvedere Museum and Palace, one of Europe's most stunning Baroque landmarks and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Nursing major Kelley Corrao '17 learned to view the world from a different perspective during her volunteer trip to Thailand over spring break with Gap Medics. Kelley will travel to Kenya over winter break for another medical volunteer project.



Marketing major Matt Kuras '17 was able to capture some breathtaking photographs, including this one of a friend, during his study abroad experience in Colombia.

The Office of Global Education Programs at Georgian Court University assists students in creating their global learning experience. Offering destinations on five continents (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and South America) and in 27 countries, students immerse themselves in another country and culture while participating in academic or volunteer pursuits. Head to georgian.edu/global-education to view some firsthand perspectives of these trips.

GCU students, alumni, and faculty visited China June 2–17 during a faculty-led study abroad trip organized by the Department of Holistic Health and Exercise Science and the Office of Global Education Programs. Pictured are Bethany Sheridan '17; Ivette Ceballos '17; graduate student Michele Huzar; Eve Sicurella, GCU Certificate in Holistic Health recipient; Alex Kupecz '18; Brad Anderson '18; Catharine Giotis, graduate student and GCU human resources staff assistant; and graduate student Alicia Quayson (back, left to right) and graduate student Ken Ward; Jeff Donnelly, GCU interim director of library services and associate librarian, systems; and graduate student Stephanie Schaich Bricken (front, left to right).





50 for 50: Challenging Others to Give Back through Example

GCU Trustee Amelia Alonso McTamaneý has a message—and a challenge—for her fellow alumnae in the Class of 1967: Let's give back to a place that has given so much to us.

Ms. McTamaneý has pledged \$50,000 to launch a lecture series and is calling on her classmates to help double that amount by the time Reunion/Homecoming 2017 takes place on September 29–October 1, 2017.

"When I was at Georgian Court, it was a small liberal arts school that molded and educated young women, mainly in education, to make a difference in society," she says. "We truly bonded and became good friends."

Ms. McTamaneý's reason for giving is simple. Her fondest memories are of her days spent on campus, and she recognizes the impact the Mercy core values had on her life. As she celebrates her 50th reunion, the opportunity to ensure the next generation of leaders is as prepared to take on the world as she was sits at the forefront of her mind.

"The student experience of today is dramatically different than and yet so similar to what it was 50 years ago," says Brian D. Agnew, Ph.D., vice president for institutional advancement. "Amelia recognizes that today's students need greater preparation and experience for what the world has in store for them in 2017 and beyond."

"Amelia sets a shining example for other alumni to really make a difference for the phenomenal young men and women who walk the halls of GCU today," he adds.

Invest in the future of Georgian Court and future alumni. Make your gift today online at georgian.edu/giving, by calling 732.987.2267, or by using the enclosed envelope.

President Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D. (left), and Brian D. Agnew, Ph.D., vice president for institutional advancement (right), thanked Ms. McTamaneý for her gift at the Annual Scholarship Brunch in October. The brunch connects donors with students benefiting from their gifts to GCU.