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Mapping a Bright Future

Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Academic excellence, student success, financial stability, and Catholic identity.



"A dream written down with a date becomes a goal. A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan. A plan backed by action makes your dreams come true."

—Greg S. Reid

Dear friends,

As president of College of Our Lady of the Elms for the last eight years, I have been blessed to participate in many efforts to move forward as we maintain the high level of excellence for which the college has been known since its founding in 1928. A few months ago, I announced my retirement at the end of this academic year. While change in leadership can be a bit unsettling for any organization, the college is in a very strong position and has set its future course.

Confronted with all the challenges facing higher education in general — and small private colleges in particular — our community has been engaged in a strategic planning process that will enable us to focus our resources and our efforts on key areas for investment and attention. In August, the Board of Trustees approved the Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

The plan is organized around four key areas: academic excellence, student success, financial stability, and Catholic identity. Several strategies and action steps have been identified to address these critical areas. In this issue, we share with you a few of the strategies already underway to move our priorities forward over the next four years.

As I begin my final year as president, I am proud and grateful to know that we have set the course of the college toward a bright future. As you enjoy the stories throughout this magazine, I hope that you, as proud alumni, capture the energy of the campus as it travels to new places and explores an unknown future with hope and faith, and the same vision that has been the compass of the Sisters of St. Joseph since their founding days.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Reap, IHM

Mary Reap, IHM, Ph.D.

President

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The plan, which sets the course for the college for the next 5 years and beyond, is the result of a two-year process that brought together members of the entire Elms community and will serve as the roadmap for our future.



STEM Scholars

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Alumna Lives, Works in Dubai

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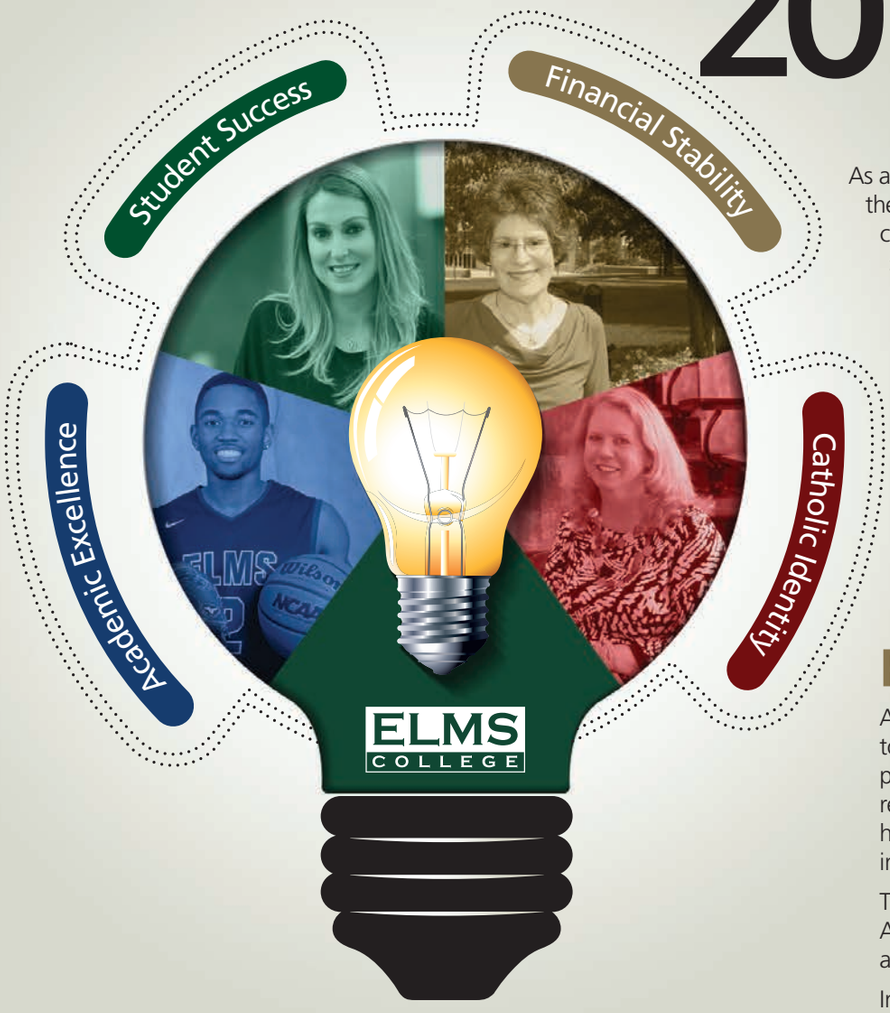
Reunion

More than 200 alumni were welcomed back to campus as members of the Class of 1966 were honored at their 50th reunion with induction as Golden Blazers.



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Strategic Plan 2016-2020



As a forward-thinking institution, the college recognizes the need to adapt to the changing demographic of our community by providing both traditional and nontraditional students with a college experience that's accessible and affordable, while also providing mission-affirming, ethically focused academic programming in the most technologically advanced ways available.

This was the thinking behind an intensive strategic planning process that involved the entire Elms community. In August, after two years of research, planning, review, discussion, evaluation and revision, the Board of Trustees approved the Elms College Strategic Plan 2016-2020. This Mission-guided document prioritizes and focuses the college's efforts to thrive — academically and spiritually — long into the future.

Putting the plan in action

As a living document, the plan will be reviewed annually to ensure that the college remains focused on the strategic priority areas. The allocation of the college's financial resources for the next four years will be prioritized by how they best help to implement the strategic goals and initiatives already underway.

The Strategic Plan sites four focus areas: Transformative Academic Programs, Student Success, Financial Stability, and Catholic Identity.

In the coming pages, we highlight the college's action plans for implementing the first two areas: Transformative Academic Programs and Student Success.

Transformative Academic Programs

Preparing Students for Life and a Career

A slate of new programs introduced recently by the college are designed to be truly transformative to the lives of its students, and, in turn, serve the greater community.

"Our hope is that we're not just incrementally improving students, but we're giving them the knowledge and skills to do something they wouldn't have been able to do before," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Walter Breau, Ph.D. "What we're doing is what we've been doing since 1928, we're trying to serve the community."

As the needs of that community change over time, such as the demand for more programs outside of traditional weekday hours, the college needs to respond quickly and appropriately, Breau said.

Here is a brief roundup of new Elms programs underway plus some still in the pipeline:

3+3 Accelerated Law Program



In partnership with Western New England University School of Law, Elms college undergraduates can be on the fast track to earn both a bachelor's degree and a law degree in six, rather than seven, years of study.

Students in the 3+3 Accelerated Law Program will follow the usual course of study for full-time, first-year law students. Upon successful completion of the first year of law study, the credits earned will be counted toward the JD degree and as elective credits to complete an Elms College bachelor's degree.

This agreement is not limited to criminal justice or legal studies majors — any undergraduate student, regardless of major, can earn credits toward law school under this program, possibly saving a year on the combined undergraduate and graduate degree. "This is a significant opportunity for students in all majors who are interested in attending law school," said Assistant Professor Kurt Ward, director of criminal justice and legal studies and director of ABA paralegal education at Elms.

Expanding Business Programs

Launched last spring, the **Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership** (CEL), a donor-funded initiative, aims to expand the college's business education offerings through a hands-on, real-world approach. The center incorporates Lean Launchpad, a startup methodology in which new businesses receive immediate feedback from customers in the marketplace during the business launch.

CEL held two Lean LaunchPad weekend workshops to begin the academic year. Titled "Creating Customers, and Value," the workshops assist startups in identifying the specific problems their products or services can solve for customers as well as identifying target customers and ideal business models.

The Lean LaunchPad weekend course combined hands-on experience, customer interaction and business fundamentals to entrepreneurship. Focusing on product market fit, the workshop included an "Idea Jam," a look at business pitch concepts, team formation, networking, in-depth exploration of the value proposition canvas, hands-on development of customer value creation, an overview of market size and customer segments, and even a business pitch competition.

CEL's academic offerings also include an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in entrepreneurship, an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Public Accounting, and—joining existing accounting, healthcare leadership and management tracks in the Elms MBA program, graduate programs in financial planning.

"The college's future plans for the principles of CEL include broadening its reach to undergraduates in other majors," Breau said.



New Programs, New Opportunities
Premed Linkage Agreements with Marywood University, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (dental and doctor of osteopathic medicine programs) and Western New England University College of Pharmacy. These agreements guarantee qualified Elms grads the chance to interview for these postgraduate programs, a big advantage for these highly competitive placements.
Master's in Social Work to be offered in partnership with Saint Louis University, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities. A majority of the program will be taught online by SLU faculty, and the practicum work will originate from the Elms campus.
Master's in Biomedical Science/Biotechnology - 5-year option for current students and option for postbac students who would rather get a master's degree than just complete undergraduate credit requirements.
Prior Learning Assessment - This program will make it easier for adult learners to get the education and training they need by providing academic credits for relevant work experience.
Master's in Applied Behavioral Analysis will put students on track to being licensed ABAs in the State of Massachusetts.
Master's in Speech Language Pathology
Bring **Saturday programs** back to campus
Online RN-BS program

ASPIRE to Student Success



Ensuring Academic Achievement

Elms College affirms that student success is holistic in nature. We embrace the multiple dimensions of our students and the aspirational goals of higher education. Intellectual, emotional, social, ethical, physical, and spiritual development occurs within students when transformational academic and non-academic elements of student life work in tandem. The end result is retention, academic achievement, student advancement, and holistic development in our students.

Elms College has recently begun implementing an ambitious approach to improving academic support services for students. During the 2011-2012 academic year, an ad hoc committee called by Vice President of Academic Affairs Walter Breau, Ph.D., first convened to review and recommend academic support services that would serve more students more effectively. The committee identified areas for improvement, and progress was made toward improving support for not only undergraduates but nontraditional students as well.

Student success is one of the four key areas of Elms' Strategic Plan 2016-2020, approved in August by the Board of Trustees, that are seen as critical to the future success of the college. Central to Elms College's mission is a commitment to ensure educational success for all students, including those who are traditionally underserved. Through the generous support of a three-year grant Elms received from the Davis Educational Foundation, a framework for providing undeclared and underrepresented students with an even better support system was developed.

That plan, called Academic Success Program Impacting Retention and Engagement (ASPIRE), is designed to help all students successfully finish their degrees by offering dedicated resources and support throughout their studies at Elms College.

This spring, Elms College ranked in the top 5 on the list of 314 private colleges in Eduventures' annual retention ratings, which pay tribute to the institutions that best help their students navigate to graduation. Programs like ASPIRE will help Elms guide even more students from the first day of school to commencement.

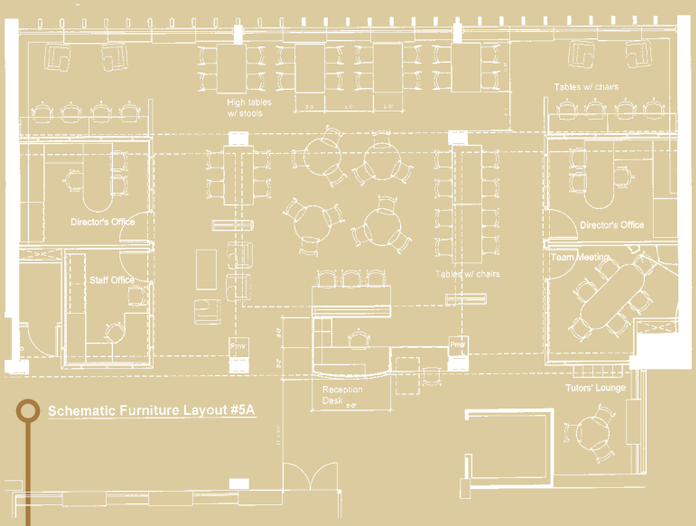
"ASPIRE will provide the most critical resources for a comprehensive approach to student success," said Joyce Hampton, Ed.D., director of student success at Elms and project director for the grant. A cross-institutional support system, now being implemented, includes a dedicated advisor for all undeclared students, a peer mentoring program, professional development training for faculty advisors and student success coaches, and a new software platform designed to improve communication, among other features.

"ASPIRE will provide the most critical resources for a comprehensive approach to student success."

Peer Mentors ASPIRE to Help

For a new student, transitioning to college life can be a challenging adjustment. A pilot bridge program was launched this summer to help motivate and encourage first-time college students who may require additional support during their first semester of college. Through the financial support of the Charles H. Hall Foundation, ASPIRE is assisting first-year students by providing one-on-one motivation and encouragement from an upperclass student mentor to make the transition to college successful.

Peer mentor Alissa Porfilio '18, left, a healthcare management major from Agawam, with her first-year student, Alyssa Mercado '20, a criminal justice and sociology major from Springfield.



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Director of Advising

One key role funded by the Davis Educational Foundation grant is the new position of director of advising. Brian Kapinos, who arrived on campus September 1, has been meeting with undeclared students, teaching a new career-exploration course in collaboration with the Career Center, delving into the Beacon advising software system that will be implemented campuswide, and coordinating professional development training programs for faculty.

He earned his B.S. in sociology and legal studies at the University of Massachusetts and his master of public administration from Westfield State University; he is currently pursuing his doctorate in higher education at the University of Hartford. Kapinos brings a wealth of advising experience from his work at Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College and Westfield State to his new position.



Brian Kapinos, M.P.A.

Alumnae Library Reconfiguration

The Learning Commons space, with its collaborative workstations and upgraded technology, was just the beginning of reconfiguring space in Alumnae Library to better suit the needs of today's students. Using Davis Educational Foundation grant funding, Elms is renovating the second floor of the Alumnae Library to establish the Student Success Center; a comprehensive space to house the Academic Resource Center/Peer Tutoring, the Student Accommodation and Support Services (SASS) office, student success coaches, and the director of advising. A new conference room will allow for private meetings with students or groups. The Student Success Center also will include expanded technological resources, new computers, collaborative-learning tech-enabled furniture, and access to wireless Internet. Peer tutors and success coaches will work with students either in collaborative learning spaces with loaner laptops or at the drop-in learning lab, equipped with high-tech workstations.

Dedicated academic resources and services will include CampusLabs' Beacon advising software and Baseline outcomes/assessment software programs to track student needs and progress; TutorTrac will integrate student and tutor information to ensure better student tutoring experiences. Data from Student Success Center programs and curricular/co-curricular assessments will allow the college to understand better which student outcomes are being met, and to use that feedback to adjust accordingly.

Meet Our New Class of STEM Scholars



L-R: ElmSTEM scholars Jeremy Whitman, Joshua Guntly, April Thresher, Nikole Perez, Babba Jaden, Collin Paradis.

The five-year Elm STEMs program, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, has provided scholarship funds to full-time Elms students who major in STEM fields: life sciences, natural sciences and computer information technology (CIT). The scholarships range from $3,800 to $10,000 per year until graduation; students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and full-time status in their STEM major.

Here are the members of this year's STEM Scholar class:

Jeremy Whitman '20 (CIT) of Florence, MA, who has long been interested in computers, discovered after making a visit to the Elms campus that he "adored what [he] saw." Elms is a perfect fit for Jeremy, as his mother, Suzanne, is an alumna — and so is his older brother, Nicholas, who graduated in 2011. Jeremy's older sister, Cassandra, is also enrolled at Elms.

Joshua Guntly '20 (CIT) of Chicopee, MA, says he chose Elms because he found its small size comforting. "After four years at Holyoke Catholic High School, I have come to appreciate the close-knit feeling that I receive within a smaller student body," he added. Joshua has been active in the Boy Scouts of America since first grade and recently achieved the level of Eagle Scout.

Babba Jaden '20 (CIT) of Clarkston, GA, is originally from South Sudan. His family fled that country during its war with North Sudan and settled in a refugee camp in Ethiopia. As a result, Babba did not receive any formal education until he was 10. After moving to the U.S., he faced language barriers, poverty and frequent relocation. "I have faced many challenges, which have helped me to develop perseverance," Babba said. He graduated from the Fugees Academy, a private school for refugees outside Atlanta. He became interested in Elms after his soccer coach, Luma Mufleh, was chosen to be our Opening Convocation speaker in the fall of 2015.

April Thresher '20 (chemistry) of Chicopee, MA, has always been familiar with the college and its reputation for providing outstanding career preparedness in education, the sciences and nursing. Family friends Chelsea Picard '14 and Nicole Patton '14 attended Elms, and they had opportunities to work in their fields immediately after graduation," and her cousin, Chelsea Thresher, a graduate of the Elms nursing program, also found employment immediately after graduation. "These three women not only had great things to say about the college, but they've excelled during and after their time there, and that only proves to me that I have a great chance of excelling as well," April said.

Nikole Perez '20 (biology) of Attleboro, MA, says she "fell in love" with Elms' size and diversity during a campus visit, and appreciated the faculty-to-student ratio of 13 to 1. "I would be able to not only work better with my peers, but also get to have a more personal relationship with my teachers," she said.

Collin Paradis '19 (CIT) of Ludlow, MA, who transferred to Elms from the College of Saint Rose, was attracted to Elms College because of the small, tight-knit community and the fact that the "facilities and equipment for the CIT program are state-of-the-art." Colin quoted Benjamin Franklin in his STEM application, saying, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." ■

Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

SAAC is the student voice for Elms College student-athletes, working, supporting and strengthening the student-athlete experience. SAAC upholds the core values of Elms College—faith, justice, community and excellence—through ongoing community service and fund-raising projects on and off campus.

2016-17 Student Athlete Advisory Committee Executive Board

President - Dimitri Tessier '17
Management & Marketing major, Men's Basketball
Brockton, MA

Vice President - Stephanie Esposito '17
Psychology major, Management minor, Field Hockey
Orange, CT

Secretary - Catharine Wrang '19
Nursing major, Softball
Westbrook, CT

Treasurer- Jordan Zima '17
Accounting major, Criminal Justice minor, Baseball
Berlin, CT



L-R: Stephanie Esposito, Jordan Zima, Catharine Wrang and Dimitri Tessier

ON A NEW TRACK



Starting this spring, the Elms College Athletics Department will include men's and women's outdoor track and field teams. It's a new direction for the Blazers, but it opens doors for students who competed in track and field during high school and want to continue excelling in the sport.

And it's about more than sport, according to Matt Dyer, who returned for his fifth season as head coach of the cross country programs at Elms.

"Our cross country team does a multiday overnight service trip each fall, and I'm sure we will continue some similar mission and service work with our track programs," Dyer said. "We really love and enjoy the process of working hard and growing together not only as students and athletes, but as people trying to serve a higher cause."

"We really care about giving back and carrying out the mission of Elms College and the Sisters of St. Joseph," he added.

The students themselves say the trips truly enrich their athletic and educational experiences. "It was really helpful to learn more about how to calm down, center ourselves, and get in touch with nature," said runner Sarah Kaczenski '18.

Matt Dyer joined Elms College athletics in August 2012 as head coach of the men's and women's cross country programs. In four seasons he has helped direct both teams to stellar finishes in the New England Collegiate Conference: The women's team came in second in 2013 and 2014, and the men's team was third in 2015. Dyer was named NECC Women's Coach of the Year in 2013.

Prior to joining Elms, Dyer spent three years as the assistant track and field and cross country coach at Connecticut College in New London, CT. As an NCAA Division III student athlete at Connecticut College, Dyer, competed as a sprinter, capping his career by being named a team captain and being named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) all-academic and all-sportsmanship teams.

Dyer earned a master's degree in exercise science and sports studies with a concentration in strength and conditioning from Springfield College in the summer of 2015. He also is a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA CSCS), a USATF Level One-certified coach, and a certified sports nutritionist through the International Society of Sports Nutrition (CISSN).



Social Work Runs in the Family

Gabriella Holland '20 has an aptitude for social work. You might say it's in her blood: Her mother is Elms College Director of Social Work **Maureen O'Connor Holland '85**.

Gabriella took a year off after graduating from East Longmeadow High School in 2015, pursuing modeling jobs in New York City and visiting the Bahamas, among other activities, and then decided to apply to Elms and major in social work.

"This did seem like the perfect school for her," Maureen said, adding that her only hesitation was the fact that it might be "weird" because her mom worked here. "But then I realized, why would I deny her to go to the school that's the right fit for her?"

Ironically, it wasn't Maureen who inspired her to be interested in social work, Gabriella said, but rather a friend who had foster children. She would like to ultimately be a social worker in a hospital or work with teenagers.

Gabriella says she's fitting in nicely on campus, enjoying her classes, and getting along well with fellow members of the Blazer volleyball team and her coach, Sheila Gisbrecht. As for modeling, she plans to continue to pursue jobs during her free time but doesn't see it as a career option.

If social work truly is her calling, they will have to make some modifications to avoid being in the same class, Maureen said. "But it's a big enough program that she can do her own thing."



85th Commencement Ceremony






Elms College graduated the 486-student-strong Class of 2016 at the college's 85th commencement exercises May 21 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. The Class of 2016 included 400 undergraduates — 170 bachelor of arts degrees, 229 bachelor of science degrees, 1 associate's degree — as well as 81 master's degrees and 5 certificates of advanced graduate study.

Dr. James O'Connell, president of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, delivered the commencement address. O'Connell founded BHCHP in 1985 to ensure access to the highest-quality healthcare for all homeless men, women, and children in the greater Boston area. The nonprofit program now serves over 13,000 people each year.

O'Connell's lifelong dedication to helping the homeless fits perfectly with Elms College's commitment to social justice. As commencement speaker, he delivered an inspirational message to the Class of 2016, reminding the graduates of their responsibility to create a better world. He also received an honorary degree.

"The burden of human suffering out there is huge," O'Connell said. "And I would say if you do nothing else with your lives, find ways that you can ease that burden, whatever that will be." ■






Top 2016 Graduates Are Four-Year Athlete-Scholars

Elms College 2016 valedictorian **Samantha Alvino** was not only a double major—in early childhood education and sociology—but also a standout player on two sports teams: field hockey and softball. The 2016 salutatorian, **Adam Kuzdzal**, an accounting major, was also a veteran scholar-athlete, having been a member of the cross country team for the last four years.

How does a two-sport athlete graduate with a 4.0 GPA? "It wasn't easy," Samantha said. "There were some tears and stress and worry there, but I have a great support system, from my family to my coaches and my friends."

Adam said running—he runs 70 miles a week in the summer—helped him focus his mind. "It really helps with everything," he added.

Both credit athletics with helping them develop leadership skills. Adam was captain of his team for three years, while Samantha was softball team captain in 2016 and field hockey team captain in 2015. She was also one of the first students to participate in Elms' Sophomore Leadership Program.

Adam didn't play sports in high school; the Chicopee native, who commuted to campus, decided to involve himself in college as a good way to meet people. Sam, who lives in Holtsville, N.Y., said sports—and especially softball—have been a family affair her whole life.

"My dad played; my mom played; I starting playing when I was little," she said, adding that she also grew up watching her older brother Billy play baseball. Now a coach, he played professionally in the Minor League (Double-A) for the Detroit Tigers.







Not surprisingly, given their finish at the top of their class, Adam and Samantha were also New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) All-Academic team members throughout their four years at Elms. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have a minimum GPA of 3.4.

Adam had a full-time job offer from Burkhart Pizzanelli, an accounting firm in West Springfield, before he even graduated, having previously worked for the firm as an intern. With the job search taken care of, he hopes to pursue a master's degree and prepare to sit for the certified public accountant exam.

Post-graduation, Samantha secured a job as a prekindergarten teacher at the Patchogue, N.Y., YMCA, while working to get certified to teach in New York and, after a semester break, pursuing a master's degree.

"I want to help kids have the love for school that I did, and the motivation that they can do it, and actually have fun in school," said Samantha, who loved school—and homework—as a child. "I would cry when I didn't have school," she said. ■



Alumna Applies International Studies Degree to Career in Dubai



For **Kinda Sarrage '02**, the fact that Elms is a small school was a distinct advantage, even though she wanted to major in international studies.

"I think the size worked to my advantage, because any program that came up and that Elms was open to, I was immediately involved in," she said, adding that she got certified in nonprofit management through an Elms course as an undergraduate.

Kinda, whose dad is Lebanese and whose mom is Syrian, spent her formative years in Springfield.

She established a connection with Elms — and her mentor, Carla Oleska, Ph.D., former associate academic dean — very early as a participant in the college's Step Forward/Step Ahead academic outreach program for middle and high school girls.

"I was still in high school, so she was with me from before I even took a decision on what major to have, what university to study at — she's always been there," Kinda said. "I still touch base with her on everything."

Her parents would send her and her sister, Kinana, to spend time with relatives overseas when they were younger. "They would send us to Lebanon and Syria for a month or two during our summer break," she said, "so we could be in touch with our roots and practice our language."

Being Arab and Muslim, she was able to bring a unique perspective to campus, particularly in the wake of 9/11. During that time, Kinda and some of her classmates organized a trip to Ground Zero in New York to pay their respects.

"When we came back, we did a little interfaith session for all the students," she said. "Given that it was a smaller school, we were able to do things like that here."

After graduation, Kinda earned her master's degree at American University in Washington, D.C.

"I worked for the Syrian Embassy, and then I worked for the Arab American Institute," she said. She then moved to Jordan to work in corporate social responsibility for a holding company. That company then formed a startup, a U.K.-affiliated flight school in Jordan.

Because she could speak English, and "because of my educational background, I started helping with all aspects of the company," she said. "HR, PR, marketing, business development, sales, hiring, firing — all aspects."

Her Elms experience helped prepare her for a leadership role. "Having a lot of personal one-on-one time with professors here really helped develop and build my character," she said.

Kinda is now the Middle East and North Africa regional sales manager for Emirates CAE Flight Training in Dubai, selling flight training products to all the airlines in that region. She lives in Dubai with her husband, Mahmoud Al Khawaja, and their infant daughter, Layan.

Her advice to incoming students is to not think their experience or potential will be limited simply because of the size of the college.

"The size does not limit — it's the person and how much motivation and ambition they have to participate," she said. "I was a student ambassador, part of the International Club, treasurer of my class. There's so many ways you can get involved. I feel like this college gives you the platform, and it's upon you whether or not to take it."

Upcoming Alumni Events

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NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Brewery Tour and Tasting

6-9pm at Thomas Hooker Brewery
(16 Tobey Rd, Bloomfield, CT 06002)
$20 for GOLD alumni, $25 for alumni,
$30 for friends of Elms College

Drinks, food, raffles!
elms.edu/brewery

DECEMBER 3, 2016

Breakfast with Santa

10:30am-1pm Dining Hall, Mary Dooley
$20 for adults, $10 for children

This annual tradition will once again be fun for the whole family, and will include Christmas music, crafts with the elves, and a visit from the big man himself! He'll be toting Santa's mailbox, so bring your letters addressed to the North Pole. The event will also include a special reading by Elms College President Mary Reap, IHM, Ph.D.

Alumna Advocates for Alaskans



How does a teenager from a town of 500 on the western side of Alaska end up at Elms College in Chicopee? For **Deborah Alstrom Vo '89**, the answer was simple, yet surprising: She met an Elms alumna.

"Julie Sheldon '78 is the one who encouraged me to apply," Deborah said. Julie had been her teacher at St. Mary's Catholic High School, a mission school that boarded some students in the town of St. Mary's, where Deborah grew up. "I knew I did not want to go anywhere in Alaska, because I knew too many people. I said, 'I'm going as far away as possible,' so I chose Elms."

Another Elms connection was Jack Moriarty, who was an RA for the boy's dorm at St. Mary's when Deborah was a student there. He was the son of Helene Brady Moriarty Brennan '51.

Looking back now, Deborah is amazed that she had the courage as a young Yupik Eskimo from rural Alaska to travel more than 3,700 miles for college.

"It was four time zones away," she said. "And a totally different culture."

She reflects fondly on her time at Elms College, recalling spending time with Sr. Carol Hebert, director of Campus Ministry, as an active member of the Campus Ministry group. She stays in touch with some of her "little sisters" from campus via social media.

After earning her degree in business and marketing from Elms, Deborah returned to Alaska — but the big city of Anchorage this time — to get her MBA. She thought she'd end up running a corporation, but instead followed her heart and has had a career in the nonprofit sector advocating for the rights of Alaska Natives and American Indians.

Her first position was as a planner for the Alaska Native Health Board, an organization that was coordinating tribal management for a new statewide hospital for Alaska Natives and American Indians.

"I learned a lot about healthcare and Indian Health Service, how the U.S. government has a treaty and a legal responsibility to Alaska Natives and American Indians with healthcare," Deborah said. "Learning that whole process, from the policy side to the program side of the healthcare delivery system, opened a lot of doors."

From there, Deborah became executive director of a new organization, the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, a statewide advocacy group for Alaska's 229 tribes. She ran the council for four years, but decided it was too much traveling with small kids at home — she is a mother of five — so she spent the next 10 years working for Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association. She worked for the economic development association as "a jack of all trades — a lot of it was community outreach," she said.

Eager to try something different after a decade there and having a "passion" for rural energy issues, Deborah took a position in rural energy planning for the Alaska Energy Authority.

Because Alaska doesn't have an energy "grid" like the lower 48 states, a lot of its electricity is produced by natural gas supplemented by wind turbines, she said. But many Alaskans produce their own power and rely on diesel. "In some parts of Alaska, a gallon of gasoline or heating fuel can go as high as $9 a gallon," she added.

After two years there, she began her current position as rural outreach coordinator for U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski in March 2014. Her job is to assist rural Alaskans with challenges from the federal level (60 percent of land in Alaska is federal land) and advise Sen. Murkowski's policy team in Washington, D.C.

"A lot of people in the villages don't understand how the process works at the legislative level," Deborah said, "so being able to have that connection with folks has been very eye-opening for me."

Deborah's children all live within five miles of her, and she now has three grandchildren. She has big dreams for all of them. "I would hope that my children never let fear keep them from doing what they need to do, what their gut tells them, what their heart tells them because that's the whole beauty of the journey through life, being able to go beyond lessons learned," she said.

DECEMBER 10, 2016

NYC Bus Trip

Bus from Elms at 7am to arrive at 10:30am
Bus from NYC at 6:30pm to return at 10pm
$25 for GOLD alumni, $30 for alumni,
$35 friends of Elms College

Join your fellow alumni, family, and friends for our 2016 "Christmas in the City" Bus Trip! Start your holiday season in true New York fashion: shopping, dining, and visiting museums or the theater. Space is limited.

APRIL 14, 2017

Good Friday Fish Fry

3:30pm - 6:30pm Elms College Dining Hall.
$25 for adults, $10 for children

The Elms College Alumni Association invites all to join as one college community, for a Good Friday fish and chips dinner. Meals will be served between 3:30 and 6:30 pm, with take out order available upon request.

JUNE 2-3, 2017

Reunion

Paint and Sip,
Wine and Chocolate Tasting,
President's Luncheon,
Hotel O'Leary and more!

Elms College reunion brings back 200+ alumni to campus

Elms College welcomed back alumni to campus on June 3 and 4 for reunion weekend. This year's honorary class was the Class of 1966, as they celebrated their 50th reunion together. It was a memorable day – so wonderful to be together with special friends.

The events began Friday night with a paint and sip session lead by Sheila Murphy Gould '06 and ended on Saturday evening with a commemorative liturgy honoring Our Lady's Chapel and gourmet cookout on the Keating Quadrangle. Elizabeth Hawley '85 brought her DJ equipment to reunion to spin some tunes for alumni and their families to enjoy, while Jane Rosso '81 and her staff from Eddie's Liquors and Fine Wines brought an exquisite selection to the reunion-favorite wine and chocolate tasting. Chris Lockwood '01 and his family made the trek to Elms College for reunion weekend. Chris is the director of marketing and promotions at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and brought his pace car to campus for photos.

















2016 Travel with the President - Italy

Once again, our Travel with the President group had an outstanding trip touring the Amalfi Coast of Italy and Rome. The Lost City of Pompeii was a popular site with this particular group, as they were able to view the tragic remains of the city that was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The gorgeous Amalfi Coast did not disappoint, with picturesque views of villages and the sea.













Travel with the President of Elms College

Baltic Cruise on Holland America Line (HAL), SS Zuiderdam

June 10-22, 2017

12 day Baltic and Scandinavian cruise:

Explore the beautiful port cities of northern Europe.
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2016 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Maria-Filomena F. DeCarvalho '75



This year's recipient of the Sr. Margaret James McGrath Distinguished Alumni Award is Maria-Filomena F. DeCarvalho '75, a dedicated teacher who spent 35 years educating students in foreign languages in Springfield, MA. Mena taught Spanish as a foreign language, English as a second language and Portuguese bilingual classes. She also taught all her students the value of loyalty, respect, compassion and honesty, and served as a sterling example of these qualities in her own life.

Mena received her bachelor of arts degree in modern languages (Spanish and French) with magna cum laude distinction from Elms College in 1975; she earned her M.A. in Spanish from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1980.

In the first two summers after she earned her master's degree, she was a teacher in the Massachusetts Migrant Education Program at Mont Marie in Holyoke, working with preschool through grade 12 students in both the regular and bilingual/ESL programs. She then taught Spanish, ESL and Portuguese at Carew Street School, Indian Orchard Elementary School and John F. Kennedy Jr. High School. In the mid-'80s, Mena taught Spanish at Classical High School, and then she moved to Springfield Central High School, where she taught Spanish from 1986 to 2010.

Mena's excellence in teaching was recognized many times throughout her career. She was named the Massachusetts Association of Bilingual Educators' Teacher of the Year in 1983 and named nine times in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. In 1984, she was recognized in *Outstanding Young Women of America*. In 2005, she received an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

To Mena, teaching was never just a job. She truly cared about her students, and was always concerned about their wellbeing both in and outside of school. Even today, as a retiree, Mena continues to work for the Springfield schools as a home teacher for students who are physically incapable of attending school. She coordinates lessons with the students' teachers, masters the materials to be taught, and then presents the lessons to the students in their own homes.

She has served as a member of the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MaFLA), the Foreign Language Collaborative of Western Massachusetts and National Education Association, and she has participated in various professional conferences including the Annual Fall Conference for Foreign Language Educators (1984-present); and workshops through the Springfield Public Schools in foreign language education, reading and writing across the curriculum, building skills for student achievement on MCAS, and in pedagogy, methodology, and technology.

As an alumna, she has never forgotten her Elms roots. She has demonstrated her love for the college by serving on the Alumni Board, acting as a class agent for many years, and actively helping other alumni reconnect to their alma mater.

Mena's life is rooted in her love of God and the Blessed Mother, and in service to others. As a daily communicant of St. Mary's Parish in Longmeadow, MA, she has been very active in many parish functions and as a member of the Spiritual Life Committee. ■

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Jessica Colson '15, formerly assistant director of alumni relations, has been promoted to alumni relations director. Colson joined the Office of Institutional Advancement in the summer of 2015.



Cheryl Condon '03, M.Ed., a lecturer in physical education who is in her 31st year of coaching softball at Elms, was inducted into the Westfield State University Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 30. Condon played softball and basketball for the Owls, pitching the softball team to the 1978 MAIAW (Massachusetts Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) title. Condon has won more than 400 games in her coaching career at Elms. She has also been previously inducted into the Rockland High School Hall of Fame, the Massasoit Community College Hall of Fame and the Elms College Athletic Hall of Fame.



Lauren Correnty '16 has been hired as the assistant director of annual giving. Correnty majored in English and minored in sociology at Elms, and previously worked as an Annual Fund telethon caller for the Office of Institutional Advancement.



Xiomara Albán DeLobato has joined the college as associate director of admission. DeLobato brings a wealth of experience in higher education to Elms from her work in admissions at the University of New Hampshire and career services at Springfield College, where she was assistant director of the Career Center. She is a member of the board of directors for the Springfield Public Forum and president of the Alumni Council for SABIS International Charter School.



Peter DePergola II, Ph.D., M.T.S., is now an assistant professor of medical humanities in the religious studies department. He was recently appointed to the prestigious International Council on Neuroethics, a 50-member, invitation-only neuroscientific study of ethics collaboration of globally renowned scholars, scientists and clinicians. DePergola continues as chair of clinical ethics for Baystate Health, and as a clinical assistant professor of medicine and bioethics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Tufts University School of Medicine.



Anthony Fonseca, **Ph.D.**, director of the Alumnae Library, recently completed co-authoring the book *The Encyclopedia of Musicians and Bands on Film*, with Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. He and his co-author, June Pulliam, were interviewed by Twin Cities News Talk Station, AM 1130 and 103.5 FM in Minneapolis, Minn., about their upcoming book, *Ghosts in Popular Culture and Legend*.



Debra Gomes '84, associate director of the Alumnae Library, had a showing of her art photography in the Borgia Gallery. She has also created an art photography website, Caspian Connexions, at caspianconnexions.com.

Laura Hanratty, M.A., BCBCA, a board-certified behavior analyst and a licensed applied behavior analyst in Massachusetts, has joined the Communication Sciences and Disorders Division as a professor. She earned her B.A. at Western New England University and her M.A. at the University of South Florida, and is currently a doctoral candidate at WNEU. She has presented her research in teaching safety skills to children, assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior, and reinforcement parameters at local and international conferences, and has been published in peer-reviewed journals.



Autumn Mathias, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., formerly a social work instructor and adjunct lecturer, has been promoted to assistant professor of social work. She earned her M.S.W. at the University of Connecticut and her M.A. in sociology at Northeastern University, and she is a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Northeastern University. Mathias previously served as an adjunct lecturer in sociology and criminal justice at Western New England University.



Anna Ní Choirbín is the Irish Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant for 2016. She completed a B.A. in modern Irish and English at the National University of Ireland Galway in 2008 and a Dioplóma Iarchéime san Oideachas and an M.A. at the University of Ireland Galway in 2010. She has been a secondary school teacher for the past six years, and will be at Elms for the 2016-2017 academic year.



Nicole Santos, formerly assistant director of annual giving, has been promoted to director. Santos joined Elms in October 2015.



Phyllis Williams-Thompson has joined the college as director of career development. Williams-Thompson came to Elms from the March of Dimes Foundation, where she was the associate director of the Prematurity Campaign Domestic & Global Partnerships. She earned her bachelor's degree from Augsburg College and her M.S. in communications and information management from Bay Path University, where she served as an adjunct faculty member and taught courses on career enhancement, effective communications in the workplace and women's leadership.



Zuzanna B. Zaluga '04 has joined the college as transfer and international admission counselor. She earned her B.A. in international studies and business from Elms College, and her M.A. in German and Scandinavian studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Zaluga previously held advising positions at Mount Holyoke College and The MacDuffie School.



To Retiring Art Prof Geri Brunell, Life's Still 'a Work in Progress'

Retirement isn't going to slow Geri Brunell down.

She has stayed busy during her 20 years at Elms College, serving as associate professor of fine arts and curator of the Borgia Gallery, and producing artwork of her own as a painter, printmaker and professional exhibiting artist. Whether she was helping to organize a Renaissance faire on the quad, designing a chalice using jewels from a bequest, or working with students on theater design, she had her hand in a variety of projects across campus.

She plans to stay busy in her retirement, too. As she leaves Elms, Geri is already looking ahead to her next projects, which include



a few different collage series, community service activities — she is a passionate believer in the benefits of art therapy for veterans — and maybe even some writing or gardening.

Geri started out in art by earning her B.A. at Wellesley College and then her M.A.L.S. at Dartmouth College; she also did graduate work in painting at the Brooklyn Museum School and at Smith College. In addition, she did postgraduate work in art education and painting at Boston University.

In her own artwork, she tends to produce abstract landscapes, and also work with religious or mythological themes. "And now I'm really working with these collages, with recycled materials, with odd stuff," she said.

Geri joined the Elms faculty in 1996 — and she already had 30 years' teaching experience under her belt by then. "I've been teaching since I got out of college: part-time, full-time, when I was going to graduate school and everything, so it's over 50 years, 20 of them here," Geri said.

Her goal in teaching art has always been to encourage students not only to develop their skills and techniques in the studio, but also to explore new ideas and research compelling topics in art history, and to connect their studies with all aspects of their college life.

"One of my favorite courses to teach was the art history survey, where I got people who come from different majors," she said. "Art certainly has its place in the liberal arts. It certainly has a place here at the Elms—there are some talented students around here."

In addition to the students, Geri said, what makes Elms special is its "true sense of community. It's not elitist, it helps everybody."

"The associations that I've had here will go on forever," she added. "It's that kind of place. In truth, the college's core values mean something. I will still teach — probably an adjunct course here and there — but it will never be like this."

Although she doesn't plan to stay in the area, Geri has a special tie to Western Massachusetts: She was born in Springfield. "It's just a bizarre full-circle or whatever you want to call it," she said. "I lived in New York, I lived in Boston, I lived in Vermont, and I ended up here. And now I'm going back to Vermont."

She and her daughter have bought a house there, in Stowe. "I'm setting up a studio above my daughter's dance studio," she said. "Above it is a nice space with a skylight, so I'll have a studio away from the house."

"Someone said this to me when I first went there years ago: 'Vermont is a place where your soul can grow.' And I'd like to think that I'm still growing," she added. "A work in progress." ■

Fran Bliss: Generations of Service to the Elms Community



When Chicopee native and Cathedral High School graduate Fran Bliss started working at Elms in July 1962, at 18, she was the first full-time lay person the college had ever hired. And she's been here ever since. That's a total of 54 years of service to the college, spanning jobs from secretary all the way to registrar.

In the beginning, as secretary for the registrar's office, Fran did a little of everything: She gave tours, sent out catalogs, hand-wrote grade reports, posted course schedules in Berchmans and copied transcripts, among other things. "And we weren't just the registrar's office," she added. "We were admissions, the registrar's office and continuing ed."

After over a decade, she became the assistant registrar, and she became an associate registrar around 2000. After another decade or so, through registrars who all relied on Fran and her deep institutional knowledge, she was named registrar herself.

"When I came, all my friends were coming here, and I got to be with my peers. And as the years progressed, then those peers — well, their daughters were coming," Fran recalled. "And then, later, the daughters' children were coming here. And suddenly I thought, 'Oh my God, I'm the grandmother.' You don't think of it at 18."

Now that she's retiring, she plans to spend more time with her family — she has a son and two grandchildren in East Longmeadow — and visit more often with her friends.

Here's what makes Elms special, according to Fran: "The people. The students. My coworkers. Staff and faculty. It's like home, you know? When I see students graduating now, it's like, 'Oh, there goes my child. There goes my grandson, or my granddaughter.' It becomes a part of you. We talk about community, but this is beyond community." ■

College Recognizes Faculty for Distinguished Service

Four faculty members were honored with the 2016 Distinguished Service Award at this year's Honors Convocation for outstanding teaching, service to students, contribution to scholarship, and advancement of the development and objectives of Elms College.



Laurie Downes, Ph.D., RN.



Goose Gosselin, Ed.D.



Caroline Murray, J.D.



Nina Theis, Ph.D.

Laurie Downes, Ph.D., RN., associate professor of nursing with a clinical specialty in maternal-child and family nursing, was praised for being a highly effective instructor, involved in all levels of nursing education from baccalaureate to MSN to the doctor of nursing practice, and for taking on the responsibility of serving as faculty chair for DNP capstone projects this year.

Downes has shown her passionate support for students through her advising, mentoring and precepting of numerous undergraduate and graduate students, chairing the Sr. Nora Harrington Nursing Honors program and assisting students in preparing professional posters to present at the Sigma Theta Tau Scholarship Conference Day.

She also chairs the Undergraduate Nursing Curriculum Committee, where she leads the effort to completely update and implement a new curriculum model; represents the college on the Care Transitions Education Program Curriculum Committee, a Western Massachusetts Nursing Collaborative initiative; and is an active member of Venture Community Services, a nonprofit that supports developmentally challenged individuals.

Goose Gosselin, Ed.D., chair and associate professor of computer information technology, was recognized for being a specialist in digital graphics design who continuously reviews, revises and updates the curriculum to provide students with cutting-edge opportunities in a quickly changing field.

Gosselin has implemented a summer internship program that connects Elms students with dozens of local nonprofit businesses to design and build high-quality websites.

He also serves as a guest lecturer, a presenter at professional development events, and collaborates on projects such as the "Of Terrible and Splendid Things: The 1916 Uprising" exhibit, which brought together history, art and CIT faculty.

He has forged connections with local high schools, bringing teachers to campus for professional development and students to see the exciting and fun side of science and technology, and he offers opportunities for student social engagement and community service through a long-term relationship with the Children's Miracle Network and Baystate Medical.

Caroline Murray, J.D., associate professor of paralegal and legal studies, was lauded as the consummate practitioner/professor, fully committed to high-quality teaching through bringing real-world legal experience into the classroom and bringing students into the real world.

A committed advocate to social justice, she created the Wills for Local Heroes program, which provides planning services for firefighters and other first responders.

She is also committed to serving students, including being a pre-law advisor and a faculty advisor to the student-centered Elms Law Society. She has developed the first LSAT preparation course on campus and held the first speed-interviewing event in collaboration with the Business Division, directly connecting Elms' legal studies students with local legal professionals, and every year she brings students to Washington, D.C., and Boston to immerse them in the federal and state legal systems.

She also has served in various leadership roles in the Hampden County Bar Association, the St. Thomas More Society, Rotary Club and the Billy Riordan Malawi Project.

Nina Theis, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, specializing in ecology and plant-microorganism interactions, was honored for being a dedicated faculty member, instructor and advisor who engages in research with numerous undergraduate students both on the Elms campus and internationally.

A successful grant writer, Theis is currently involved with two National Science Foundation grants, including serving as principal investigator on a $600,000 STEM grant. She has authored five peer-reviewed articles and given seven research presentations at local, national and international conferences since 2012. Additionally, she published a well-received article in the popular journal *American Scientist*.

She also demonstrates her commitment to students and science by such disparate activities as mentoring NSF STEM scholars, organizing STEM events on campus and in high schools, acting as an advisor to a local conference on global warming, reviewing manuscripts for numerous botany-related journals and serving as the first faculty representative to the sophomore leadership program, just to name a few.

To the Elms College Community,



On August 17, 2016, Sr. Mary Reap announced she would retire as president of the College at the end of the 2016-17 academic year. Sr. Mary's eight years of distinguished leadership have had a profound impact on the College, leading us through a time of innovation and expansion. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Elms College community, I offer our deepest thanks to Sr. Mary for her dedicated, selfless service and look forward to her continued leadership and guidance during this academic year.

The Board of Trustees has assembled a Presidential Search Committee comprised of trustees, faculty and administration representatives, a student representative, alumni, staff, a diocesan representative and a representative for the Sisters of St. Joseph to identify the next President of Elms College.

The Search Committee will conduct a national search and welcomes input from all sectors of the Elms College community. A Presidential Search web page has been created at **elms.edu/presidentialsearch** to serve as a communication resource throughout the transition process. Periodic updates on the search will be posted to this site.

We are pleased to partner with the search firm R.H. Perry and Associates in this process. Mr. Matthew Kilcoyne and Dr. Roger Martin will serve as our consultants. With their guidance, we will be focused on finding the right individual to serve as the next leader of Elms College.

Thank you for your support as we begin the search for our next Elms College President.

Cynthia Lyons
Co-Chair of Elms College Presidential Search Committee
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The Victoria T. Joseph '77 Endowed Scholarship was established by her husband, David J. Brown; her father, Victor, and brother Stephen; and her best friend, Cindy Redin '99, to honor Vicki and her passion for books, the law and people, and to carry on her legacy of forever changing peoples' lives in a profound way.



Victoria T. Joseph '77

Vicki graduated from Elms with a BA in English. She joined Springfield City Library as a children's librarian and, after earning a master's degree in library science at State University of New York, was promoted several times in the Springfield Libraries.

She always claimed she never wanted to be an attorney, and almost by accident was drawn into a fascination with the process and theatrical aspects of practicing law. She earned her J.D. at Western New England College and entered private practice as a skillful and successful criminal defense attorney.

But then a local attorney who had committed to teaching a business law course at Elms could no longer teach the course and agreed to pay her for her time if she would teach it for him. In Vicki's own words: "I walked into a classroom at the Elms, a place I knew well, and began teaching. Then, suddenly, it all came together. The law, the storytelling — the fun I'd always sought from my work was all there. And so, an adjunct college professor was born."

Eventually, Vicki entirely left the courtroom for the classroom, becoming a full-time faculty member of the Elms College paralegal department. Soon after, at 38, she was diagnosed with alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, which left her with genetic emphysema. Vicki lived on oxygen from the time of her diagnosis until she underwent a bilateral lung transplant in November 2006.

As she learned to cope with her disease, she said, it was her students who inspired her. Even after she could no longer teach in the classroom, she continued as a pioneer in online teaching until she was given her second chance with the double lung transplant. After she had recovered from the surgery, her doctors advised against returning to teaching, and so, wanting to continue to contribute to the Elms community, she rejoined the college in the continuing education department, and was appointed associate academic dean for continuing education.

Still, her most personal and central ambition was not realized. Encouraged by her family, she resigned in early 2009 to pursue a full-time freelance writing career. This was rapidly rewarded when some of her plays were published and performed in New England and New York. She passed away in August 2009, at 54, due to complications from her illness.

The Victoria T. Joseph '77 Endowed Scholarship is to be awarded to students majoring in paralegal/legal studies.



Victor Joseph and Cindy Redin '99 were recognized for their scholarship support during the 2016 Donor Scholar Breakfast in April.

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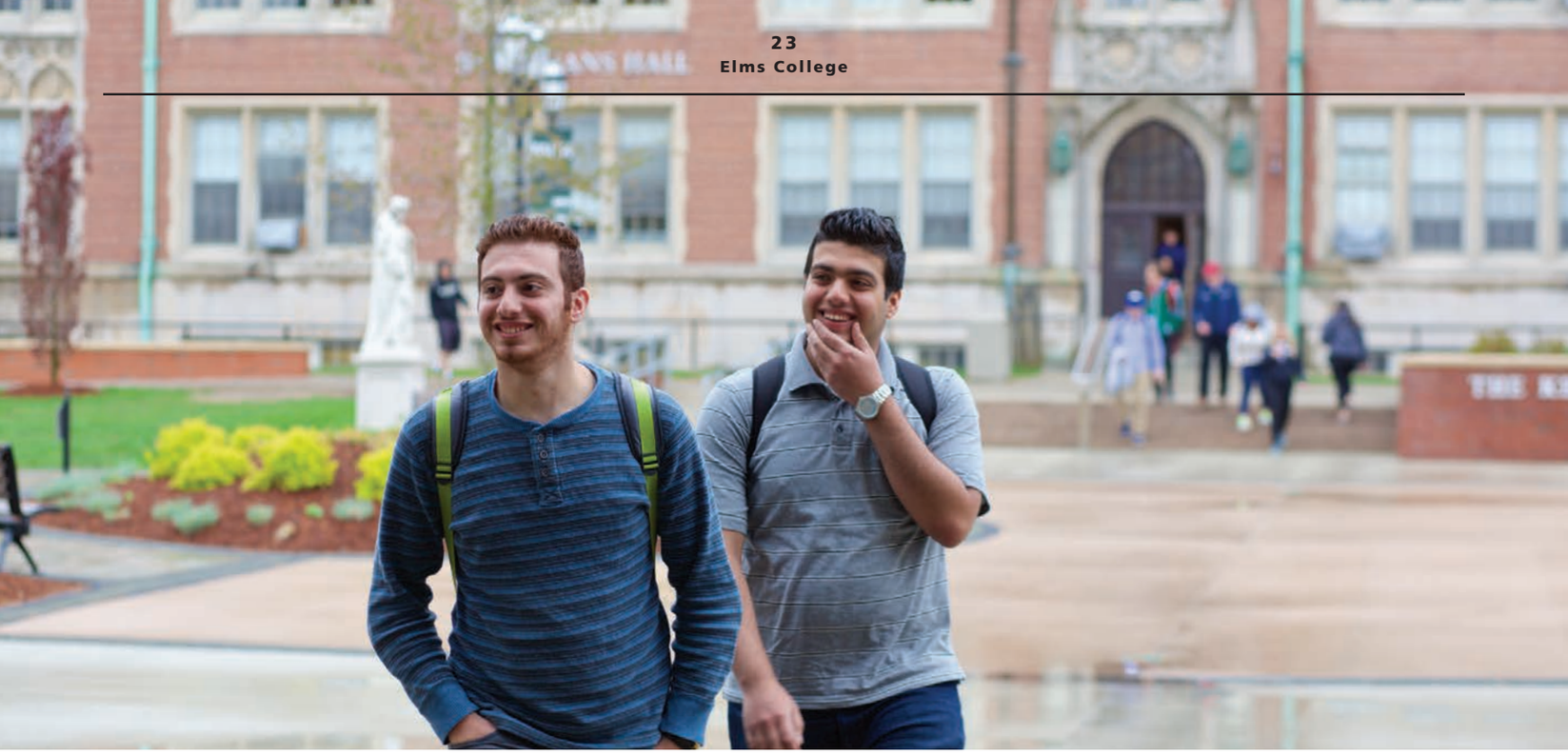
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Julianne Smist ‘72, Ph.D.

Julianne Smist earned a degree in chemistry, with a minor in math, at Elms. She went on to receive a master’s degree in physical chemistry from Boston College and then her Ph.D. in educational psychology: measurement and evaluation from the University of Connecticut.

Her teaching career began 41 years ago, when she became a chemistry teacher at Cathedral High School. She then went on to teach chemistry at the college level, first as a chemistry instructor at American International College and then at Springfield College.

Julianne has been a member of the chemistry department at Springfield College since 1981, and currently is the chair of the biology and chemistry department. At Springfield College, she has served on many faculty governance and presidential task forces, and was president of the faculty senate from 2001-2003; she was recently re-elected to serve in that role a second time, from 2016 to 2018.

In addition to being a full-time professor at Springfield College, she is currently an adjunct professor here at Elms in the RN-to-BSN program. Previously, she was also an adjunct at Westfield State University and Western New England University.

Julianne is an active member of her parish and her community. She and her husband, Stephen, are faithful supporters of Elms College.

In 1996, in memory of her mother, Julianne established the Mary G. DaSilva Memorial Endowed Scholarship to support a student majoring in a science- or health-related field. Over the 20 years since the start of the scholarship, Julianne — who will celebrate her 45th reunion in June 2017 — has contributed to it annually, allowing it to grow.

“I was able to complete my education due to the generosity of people I did not know,” Julianne said at the donor-scholar brunch this year.

“I would like to challenge our scholars to go on, never stop learning, do great things, and most importantly give back to your alma mater. The best way you can thank us is to one day yourselves become donors — to help others achieve their dreams.”



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Sharon Fowlston '69 Biology Annual Scholarship

The Sharon Fowlston '69 Biology Annual Scholarship was established by Sharon Fowlston to help a deserving biology, chemistry or nursing student achieve his or her goal of a degree in one of these exciting fields.

Sharon graduated from Elms with a degree in biology and went on to work as a research biologist in the Department of Veterans Affairs in Los Angeles. During her student years at Elms, she participated in various clubs, including the Science Club. She was noted to have the inquisitive mind of an avid scientist, and to be a sympathetic and sincere listener. These qualities served her well as she enjoyed 30 years in a successful research career.

Throughout the years, Sharon remained a faithful and devoted supporter of her alma mater. She wanted to do something special to ensure that quality science programs would be available to future students.

"I feel that I owe so much to the Elms," Sharon said. "It gave me so much and made me feel like I was part of a family. Sr. Mary Lou Wright, Sr. Margaret James McGrath and Sr. Nora Harrington had such love and enthusiasm for the sciences. They were such great mentors and the reason why my favorite place on campus was in the laboratories."

In her great appreciation of her Elms education, which enabled her to enjoy a successful career, Sharon established the Sharon Fowlston '69 Biology Annual Scholarship, and she has also included the Elms in her estate plans in support of the biology and chemistry departments, and the School of Nursing.



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James Henderson (seated) with his daughter Julie and her husband Wayne Cole

Mary Ellen Henderson '48 Endowed Scholarship

The **Mary Ellen Henderson '48 Endowed Scholarship** was established by her husband, James Henderson, in memory of his wife, who passed away in 2008.

Mary Ellen, like many students of her time, came from a working-class immigrant family. She and her classmates worked very hard to attain a college degree in order to fulfill the wishes and dreams of their parents. They became religious; professionals and homemakers, but they all gave their talents for God, family and country.

Her husband, Jim, established this scholarship in Mary Ellen's name thanks to "God-granted good fortune" and assistance from his daughter Julie and her husband, Wayne Cole.

"When I reminisce about my 60 wonderful years with Mary Ellen, I am reminded of a very old song, 'When I Grow Too Old to Dream,' " Jim writes. "The ending lyrics of the song are: 'So kiss me, my sweet, and so let us part. And when I grow too old to dream, your love will live in my heart.'

"Now in my twilight years, I have grown too old to dream, but Mary Ellen's love is perpetuated in the heart of College of Our Lady of the Elms. It is my hope that this scholarship will help memorialize Mary Ellen's life and love."

The Mary Ellen Henderson '48 Endowed Scholarship is to be awarded to an undergraduate student in the elementary education program.

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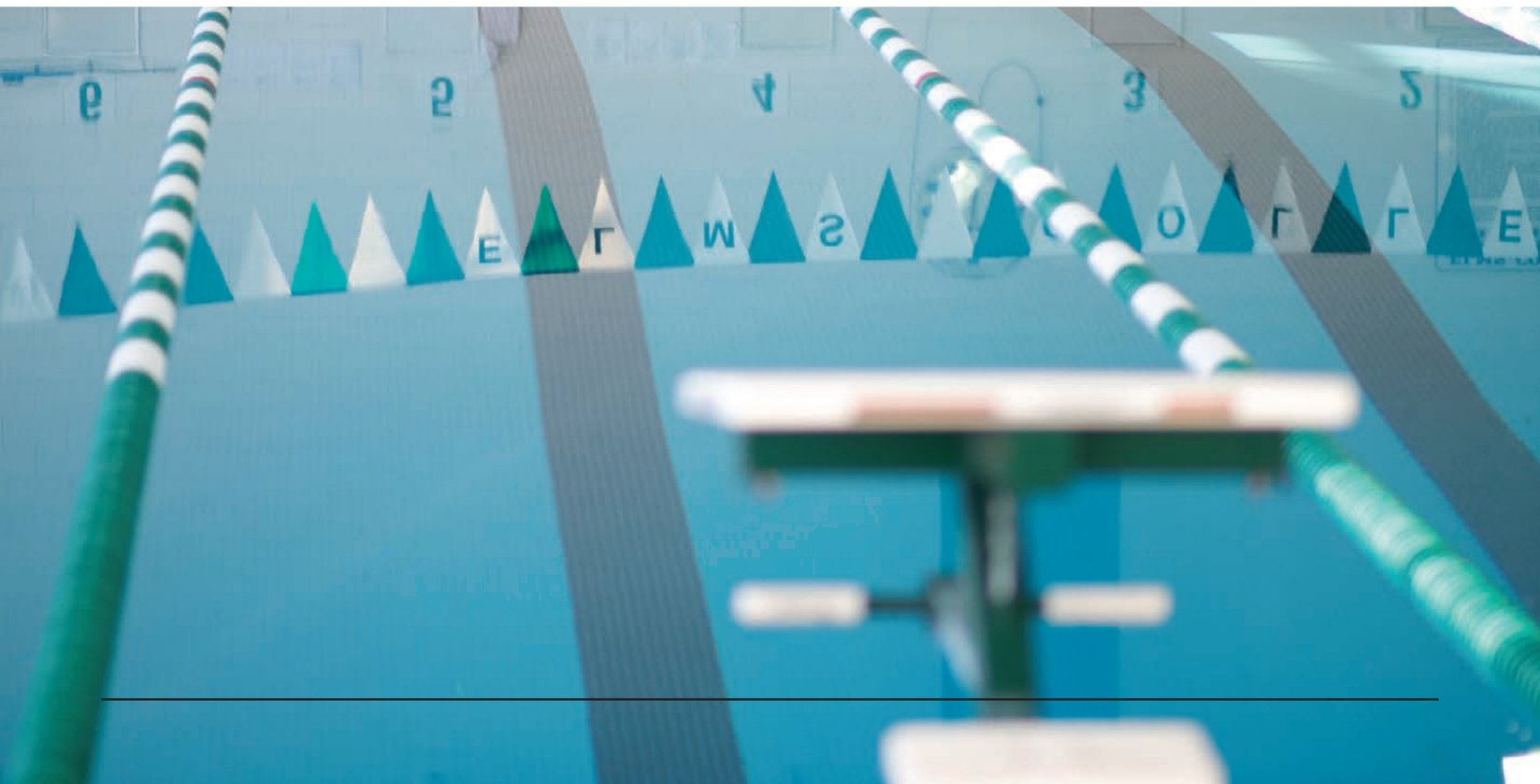
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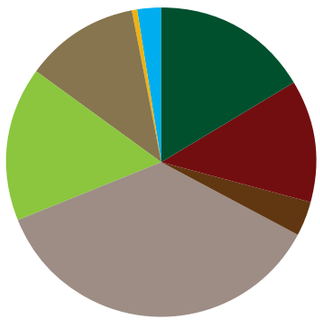


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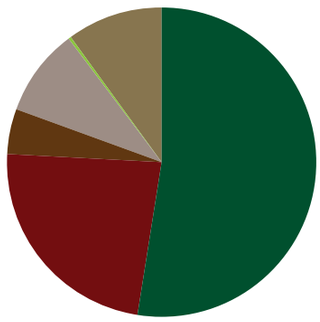
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- Alumni / $322,808
- Individual/Friend / $250,894
- Corporation / $69,437
- Estate / $701,180
- Personal Foundation / $315,400
- Foundation / $230,520
- Organization / $13,652
- Religious Organization / $44,784

2015-2016 Unrestricted Giving by Constituency



- Alumni / $224,935
- Individual/Friend / $100,013
- Corporation / $20,484
- Personal Foundation / $39,100
- Organization / $1,360
- Religious Organization / $42,166

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Meghan Hukowicz Zoll ‘00 Endowed Scholarship

The Meghan Hukowicz Zoll ‘00 Endowed Scholarship was established to honor Meghan Hukowicz Zoll, who lovingly inspired her family and friends with her courage, strength and determination in her day-to-day battle against cystic fibrosis for 39 years. Devastated by her loss, friends and family gathered a few months after her passing and created Meghan’s Light, Inc., whose mission is to support finding a cure for cystic fibrosis, and to inspire hope and courage in patients, families and communities impacted by the disease.



Meghan Hukowicz Zoll ‘00

Throughout her life, Meghan had a deep passion for learning and for physical fitness. Meghan graduated from The MacDuffie School in Springfield and Elms College with a degree in business management and psychology. In high school, she was captain of the varsity field hockey team, played on the varsity softball and basketball teams, and then held the position of goalie on the Hartwick College and Elms field hockey teams.

Her passion on the field manifested itself in Meghan’s pursuing the coaching minor at Elms College and later coaching youth community softball in the Boston area.

To honor Meghan’s love of learning and passion for physical fitness, the Meghan’s Light board of directors created this scholarship to inspire the same kind of love and passion in the hearts and souls of coaches in the classroom and on the field. “Fitness is a tool to help people thrive,” Meghan said, and this scholarship will help Elms students thrive.

The Meghan Hukowicz Zoll ‘00 Endowed Scholarship is to be awarded to undergraduate students with a minor in coaching.



Members of Meghan’s Light, Inc. Board were recognized for their scholarship support during the 2016 Donor Scholar Breakfast in April.

L-R: Elizabeth Hukowicz, Ed.D, Lori Rezendes, Linda Kenny ‘96, Patrick Kenny

ENDOWMENT FUND

Some of the most meaningful gifts we have received are made in honor or in memory of beloved friends, colleagues, and family members. We are honored to accept these special gifts. Many such gifts are designated as endowed scholarships, awards, and library memorials. This list reflects newly established endowments and gifts to existing endowments in 2015-2016.

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Saint Thomas Aquinas Endowed Scholarship

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Endowed Scholarship is established in honor of the great saint and doctor of the Roman Catholic Church, Thomas Aquinas. Thomas was born in the year 1225 in the town of Aquino in southern Italy. Although always a good student, Thomas was quiet and heavyset, which led some of his fellow students at the University of Paris to nickname him "the dumb ox." His keen intellect, however, was soon recognized by his mentor Albert the Great, who proclaimed that "one day Thomas' teaching will produce a such bellow that it will be heard throughout the world." Thomas is known for his writings and is the patron saint of students. His feast day is January 28.

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate students who are in good academic standing and who are in most immediate need of financial assistance.

The donor, who prefers to remain anonymous, wishes all of the students at College of Our Lady of the Elms all the best in their academic studies.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

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College of Our Lady of the Elms is most grateful to Bishop Mitchell Rozanski and the clergy, religious, and parishioners of the Diocese of Springfield for their financial support. The college expresses its gratitude for their substantial gift, obtained through this annual collection, with proceeds supporting the college.

ESTATE PLANNING

The following lists benefactors, now deceased, who included the Elms in their estate plans. Funds from their estates were received during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Our appreciation and prayers were sent to their families and friends.

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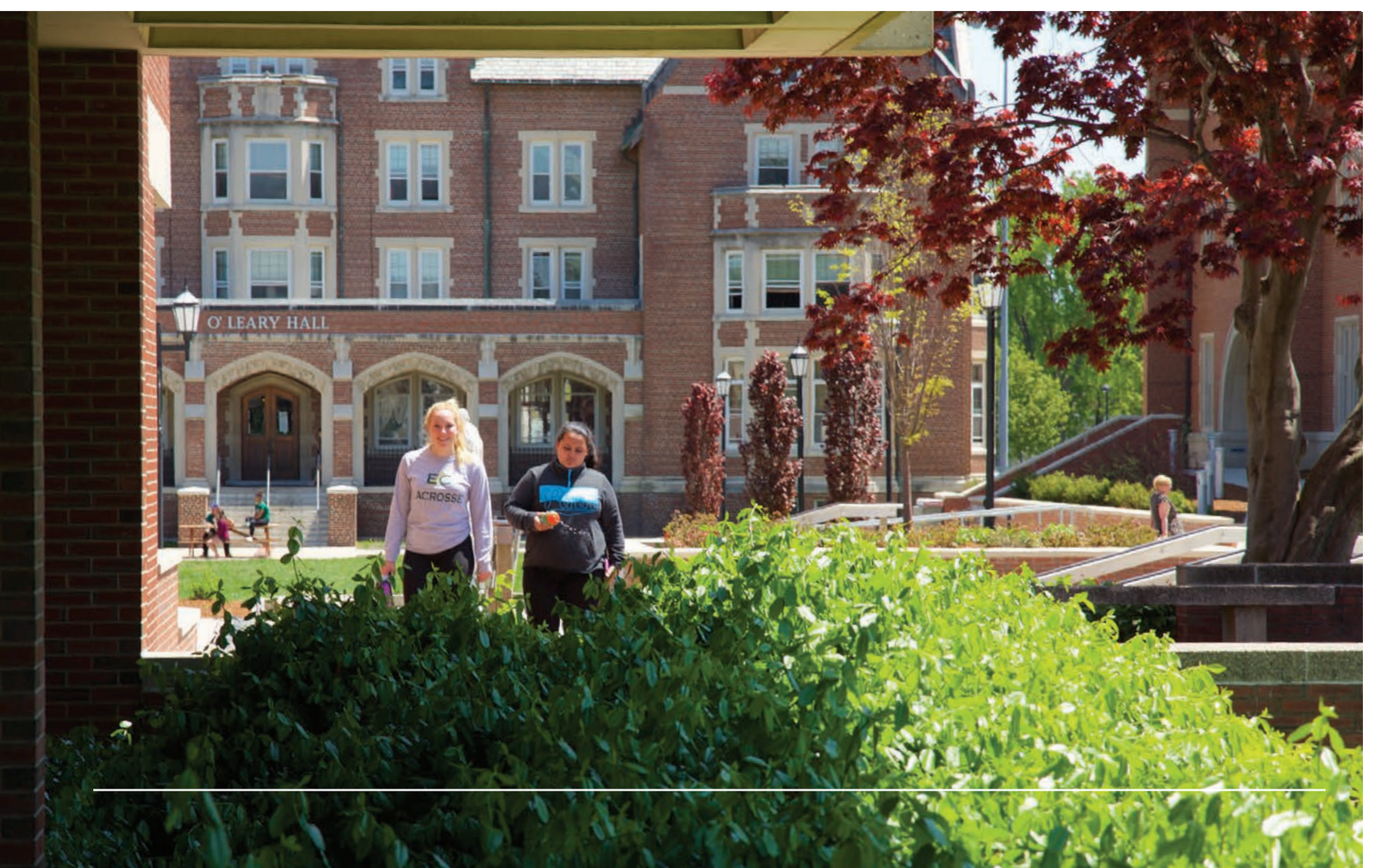
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Marie Lococo '72 of Florence, MA, had established connections to Elms before she had even heard of the college.

"Katherine Dwyer '38 was my guidance counselor for my senior year at Northampton High School," she said. It was Katherine who told Marie she should apply to Elms. After a campus visit, she knew that's where she wanted to be. Ironically, it was not until after she had made that decision that she discovered just how many Elms connections she really had. "My ninth grade Latin teacher was Helen Vollinger '51, and I also had Mary Crane '52."

Marie had decided in grade school that she wanted to be a teacher, and as an early teen that she wanted to teach French. She dove into the subject at Elms with gusto. "I took 51 credits in French," she said, which naturally meant she spent a lot of time in the classes of Sr. Mary Dooley and Sr. Eleanor Dooley. She even spent the summer of 1970 with them, along with eight other students, in France and England.

After graduation, Marie earned her master's degree, then landed her first full-time position after subbing for Diane LaPorte Gosselin '71, who went on maternity leave and then decided to stay home. Marie taught Spanish and French at elementary schools in Northampton before specializing in Spanish at Northampton High School in 1985. She received an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in 2004 and retired in 2006. She now serves on the board of directors of the Pioneer Valley Ballet.

Throughout her teaching career, Marie continued to be a consistent Elms supporter. She served as a class agent, participated in Annual Fund drives, spoke on the college's behalf during Diocesan collections for the college, and became one of the first members of the Living Legacy Society when it was established by President Kathleen Keating in 1994.

Marie was an anonymous contributor for years, only recently becoming a donor under her own name. As she prepares to celebrate her 45th reunion in the summer of 2017, Marie wants her classmates to consider joining her in the Living Legacy Society.

"Remember the Elms experience — remember the great education you received, and all that that education afforded you in your careers," she said. Establishing the gift now, through a modest CD or insurance policy as she did, could allow it to grow into a major gift later.

"When I retired, I was surprised how much it was, just from contributing a dollar a month," Marie said.

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If you would like more information on making a planned gift, contact Bernadette Nowakowski '89, '08, director of development and legacy giving, at 413-265-2214 or nowakowskib@elms.edu.

MEMBERS of the LEGACY SOCIETY

The Living Legacy Society was established in 1994 to recognize alumni and friends of College of Our Lady of the Elms who have included the college in their will and have established a charitable gift annuity or trust, or named Elms College as beneficiary of an insurance policy or IRA.

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WAYS OF GIVING

An Elms College education is a stepping stone for many of its graduates—to lives full of meaningful work, success, and service to others. It is an investment that yields tremendous personal dividends.

Gifts of all sizes allow us to provide the financial assistance that many of our students need to reach their academic goals, to develop innovative academic programs, to respond to the demands of today's world, and to acquire and improve our human resources, facilities, and equipment.

Many of our students have access to the Elms only because of benefactors like you who support what we do and how we do it. Your gift really does make a difference here.

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The Board of Trustees govern College of Our Lady of the Elms serving our community with their time, talent and resources to advance the college's mission, and goals. They lead with a deep commitment to stewardship.

College of Our Lady of the Elms is pleased to welcome eight new members to the Board of Trustees.

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