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Building on Our Strengths

Our 11th president envisions Elms College as a beacon of Catholic higher education, building on our academic distinction, our diversity, and our core values of faith, community, justice, and excellence.



"Essentially, top achievers build their academic and personal lives – and later their careers – on their talents. They use those talents as the foundation of strengths development, and they apply those strengths to produce excellence."

— Edward Anderson

Dear friends,

As I write this note in December, students have almost completed exam week and are preparing to leave campus. Just a couple of weeks ago, we ushered in the holiday season by lighting the Christmas tree on the Quad in front of the Lyons Center for Natural and Health Sciences, singing Christmas carols led by the Elms Choir, and warming up with hot chocolate. My first academic semester at Elms College has certainly been very uplifting and energizing. There are many moments from the past months that I could share with you, but I will choose just a couple.

In late September, our college community gathered for the first of the formal ceremonies that frame our academic year at Elms College. This traditional gathering at the beginning of the school year provides us the opportunity to welcome our newest undergraduates to their college career and to celebrate our senior class as we rededicate ourselves to our academic life.

I spoke that afternoon about our individual and collective call to excellence, with the message that success is grounded in a passion for learning. I invited our students to find inspiration in those who came before and to seize the moment, recognizing that the call to excellence does not live in the future. It is present in every classroom and life experience on our campus. It is also collective: we succeed together, by lifting each other up and pulling each other forward.

In early October, Elms College marked the formal inauguration of my presidency with a full week of activities that celebrated the community's cultural and academic richness. We celebrated the opening of the Center for Student Success and the newly renovated St. Joseph Chapel, symbols of the college's commitment to invest in both students' academic success and their spiritual well-being. On October 6, Inauguration Day, the Elms College family came together to welcome friends from all over the nation, honor our past, celebrate present accomplishments, and commit to building on the many strengths of this college as we move into the future.

In this issue of *Elms College Magazine*, you will meet members of the Elms family building on their talents and on the strengths they have gained here at Elms–taking their passion for learning to new and impressive heights by capitalizing on the many opportunities for growth they have found here.

I hope that their stories bring you joy and inspiration in this holiday season. May you and your families experience the peace and blessings of Christmas throughout the coming year!



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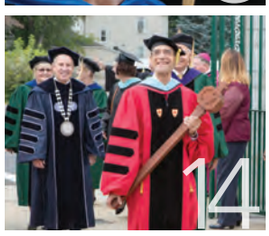
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CEL programs are giving budding entrepreneurs a head start. Here are two blossoming businesses that are on the road to success.



Opening Convocation

The Elms community kicked off the academic year during the opening convocation ceremony on Sept. 27, featuring an inspiring speech by NASA engineer Shelia Nash-Stevenson, Ph.D.



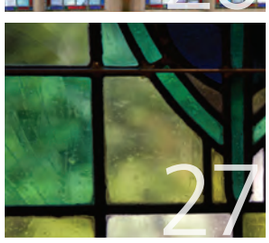
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The Heart of Campus

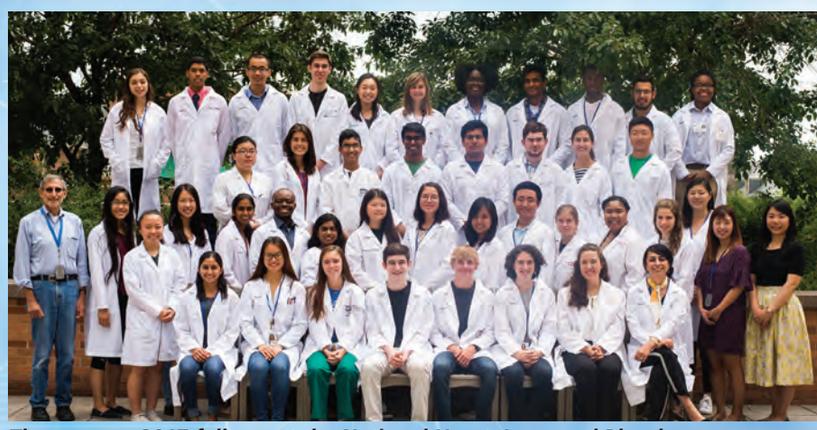
St. Joseph Chapel, a sacred space at the heart of campus, now serves as an integral part of the college community's spiritual life.



2016-2017 Annual Donor Report

Postbac Nabs His Dream Biomedical Research Internship with NIH

Postbaccalaureate premedical student Ibrahim Kargbo '18 is a pretty quiet, laid-back guy. But then he heard that he'd been selected for a summer 2017 fellowship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Md.



The summer 2017 fellows at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

"I was in Chick-fil-A with a classmate, and I just screamed," he said, smiling. "I never thought I would have a reaction like that to anything."

His response was so strong because, months earlier, he had reached out to one of the researchers whose work he admired, John F. Tisdale, M.D., asking about internship possibilities.

After waiting to hear whether an internship was even a possibility and then going through the "grueling" application process, he found out last spring that he would be a fellow on Tisdale's team in the NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). Tisdale has been working for years on strategies to cure sickle cell disease by replacing the bone marrow cells that give rise to sickled red blood cells with bone marrow cells from a donor who does not have the disease. Sickle cell anemia is a genetic blood disease that primarily affects African Americans and other minority populations.

The experience ended up being "a thousand times better than I expected," Ibrahim said. "One thing I really appreciated about the internship is they really give you the support that you needed to learn on your own, but that the same time if you really don't understand they expected you to ask questions. They really expected you to contribute to the overall research objective of the lab, even if you had never done research before."

And he enjoyed it. "I definitely will have to incorporate biomedical research into my future medical training," he said.

Because Ibrahim hadn't done laboratory research before, he initially felt intimidated in the small, close-knit lab with postdocs, M.D.'s and Ph.D.'s from all over the world. But he realized that his studies at Elms had prepared him well. "[Elms] gave me really basic validation that I ended up building onto. You could really see the connection between a lot of the science and math material that we were being taught and how it actually applies in research and clinical medicine."

His supervisors in the lab started him slowly, with tasks such as learning how to culture cells and how to prevent contamination. He gained confidence, and, impressed with his performance, the team soon assigned him an ambitious summer project.

"They wanted me to figure out if there was a way that we can differentiate or grow red blood cells in the dish without using feeder cells," he said. Feeder cells provide growth nutrients and growth factors to red blood cells.

"We realized if we actually increased the concentration of a lot of the nutrients, or the cell factors, you can actually increase the differentiation [without the need for feeder cells]," he said.

A native of Sierra Leone, Ibrahim came to the U.S. when he was 5 years old. He attended George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and graduated in 2010 with a degree in international health and policy.

"I'm the typical 'first in the family to do X,' " Ibrahim said of attending college. His father, a grocery store clerk, wasn't educated in the U.S. but has put Ibrahim and three of his brothers through college; his youngest brother is in middle school.

Having decided at that time on a career in medicine, either emergency or clinical research, he sought a postbac program to complete the classes he needed to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). He came to Chicopee from a large school — George Mason has more than 34,000 students — and found that he appreciated the small size of Elms and the opportunities it gives students to work closely with faculty and classmates.

He is leaning toward a medical school that can provide that same experience.



Postbaccalaureate premedical student Ibrahim Kargbo '18

"I was hoping that I could get into a big-name, Ivy League school, but I think going to a smaller medical school may be the best route for me," Ibrahim said. He plans to take his MCAT in May and hopes to interview for medical school acceptance during the summer and fall. He would like to spend his gap year — the time between acceptance to medical school and the beginning of classes — working again in Tisdale's lab.

"Because of the work that I did, and they said I was very eager and very willing to work hard, they would like me to go back," Ibrahim said. "I think if I'm there for a year or more I could really get into the nooks and crannies of biomedical research and maybe even build on top of the project that I was working on."

Whatever medical school he ends up at, his end goal is the same: to help the disadvantaged.

"My original motivation is to really help those who have been forgotten: the poor, the destitute," he said. "There's something about committing your life to serving the poor — it gives you some kind of contentment. You know what your purpose is." ■

ElmSTEM Scholars Growing Strong



This year's ElmSTEM scholarship recipients.

Left to right: Gabriel Alfano, Westfield, MA, computer information technology, STCC; Zachary Tassinari, Franklin, MA, CIT, Westfield State; Terrence Olmeda, Springfield, MA, CIT, STCC; Paola Orduz, Springfield, MA, CIT, STCC; Justin Heartley, Springfield, MA, CIT, STCC. Also pictured: CIT professor Beryl Hoffman, Ph.D., and biology professor Nina Theis, Ph.D.

The five-year ElmSTEM 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. For 2017, students receiving the grants must be transferring from another institution.

Meet this year's STEM Scholar class, who are all majoring in computer information technology:

Gabriel Alfano of Westfield, MA, transferred to Elms from Springfield Community Technical College (STCC) after earning an associate's degree in computer programming. An intern at MassMutual working in cyber security, he hopes to make that his educational concentration as well.

Justin Heartley of Springfield, MA, transferred to Elms from STCC. "I am the first person in my family to even go to college, let alone get an associate's degree in computer programming," he said in his scholarship essay.

"It's hard to say when and where it all started. Maybe it was the eerie blue flash of the screen on the computer just before it would turn off. Or maybe it was playing hours of SimCity on the computer in middle school when I was supposed to be following the teacher," he wrote. "All I can tell you is that when I discovered computers, I was hooked." Justin attends school full-time while also working 30 hours a week at Big Y.

Terrence Olmeda of Springfield, MA, transferred to Elms after earning his associate's degree in computer systems engineering technology at STCC. He has been a STEM scholar since high school, where he was involved in sports, band, and engineering, and a member of the MassMutual Academic Achievers. In 2014, he began as an intern at MassMutual, working under the Windows server support team. He subsequently joined the Cyber Intelligence Unit.

"When I graduated in 2016 from STCC with honors, I was offered a full time position at MassMutual, but because my mind was set on school I made sure to find an excellent place to finish my undergrad degree," Terrence said in his scholarship essay. "I look forward to what Elms College and the STEM program have in store for me." His future plans include working in the cybersecurity field and eventually get a master's degree in IT management to keep challenging himself.

Paola Orduz of Springfield, MA, transferred to Elms from STCC after earning her associate's degree in computer engineering. She came to the U.S. from Colombia as a baby with her mother. She developed a love of technology as a child and was interested in learning how such things were made. She sees a STEM-based degree as a way for her to build a secure future for herself while representing women in a field where more of them are needed.

Zachary Tassinari of Franklin, MA, who transferred to Elms from Westfield State University, has always had a passion for video games and wants to become a game designer. "I plan on using the knowledge I gain at Elms to improve existing coding processes, making them more efficient and therefore able to display crisper graphics," he wrote in his scholarship essay.

Building on a bright idea



Michelle Zimora, Easthampton, MA

That's a Wrap

Michelle Zimora of Easthampton was looking for her next adventure when her daughters, ages 5 and 2, go off to school. She began to ask herself, "What are my skills? What am I good at?" The answer: making things.

She started making paper chandeliers and papercut shadow boxes and selling them at a store where she works part-time in Northampton. She got great feedback and began to think that she could create a business, but she had questions: "What would my customer base be? How can I reach stores in the right way to sell these things?" she said. "Coming at business from a maker's left-minded perspective is why a lot of makers don't make it in business."

A friend mentioned The Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership's (CEL) Lean Startup Weekend, and Michelle recognized the opportunity to get some advice and guidance. "What I realized through the class is, the product is not scalable. I can't make them in faster than an hour," she said, which makes them financially unfeasible to produce.

She needed another, more easily reproduced product. And she found it. "This business is making an alternative to plastic wrap and aluminum foil: a piece of fabric that's coated in beeswax, jojoba oil and tree resin," Michelle said. "They last for six to 12 months, which is great."

She called the business Z Wraps. The concept itself is not unique, but she had identified a need in the market for a more stylish approach, which became an outlet for her natural design skills. She got started quickly using the Lean Launchpad model.

"Your business model is on one page; it's not like this 40-page document," she said. "You can see everything right in front of you, and it's a work in progress."

Another valuable experience arose during the requirement of the class to conduct interviews with potential customers. "Every week you had to interview at least 10 people," she said. "Before you even create your minimum viable product, get out there and ask questions about it. The people I chose to ask questions of were people who owned or managed stores."

What she discovered was that assumptions can often be wrong. "The point was, you really don't know anything and you have to go out and ask questions first," Michelle said.

After the weekend program, she realized she had more to learn, so she signed up for the Lean Launchpad class.

She has continued to move forward: She has hired a fabric designer and is planning a crowdfunding campaign. The packaging is done, and she is getting a machine to coat the fabric. Her sister, who works for Roche Brothers supermarkets, showed the wrap to the supermarket's buyer, who said, "Once you have your packaging and your UPC codes, come and talk to us." The chain sees her product starting in their Brothers Marketplace stores.

Keep your bread, sandwiches, snacks, veggies and hard cheeses fresher, for longer, in this environmentally friendly alternative to plastic.

"If things go well there, they're going to put me in their top-nine-performing Roche Brothers stores, " Michelle said. ■





Shaking Up the Workout Drink Market

When Connor Holland participated in a Lean Startup Weekend at Elms College in June 2016, he and his partners only had what he called "a napkin of a business idea."

Connor, Kevin Hepburn, and John Jacquinet — all 2016 college graduates and fitness enthusiasts — believed there was a market for a vending machine that mixes and dispenses pre- and post- workout protein shakes on demand.

So Connor explored the business idea by spending a weekend at Elms facilitated by experienced business professionals and brainstorming with other budding entrepreneurs. That weekend program "laid the foundation of what our business plan — that we still use today — would be," Connor said. It also helped them establish valuable connections to businesspeople and classmates with skills they could use, such as in graphic design or videography.

ShakeWhey gives your gym all of the benefits of a shake bar, without the hassle

"People in the classes here at Elms have helped us out tremendously," Kevin said. "There's been a lot of people pushing us forward."

It was so helpful that all three of them took two more classes through the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

Those classes helped them discover that they all bring unique skills to the business: Kevin graduated from Western New England University (WNEU) with a degree in marketing and business, John received an electrical engineering degree from the University of Connecticut, and Connor is a WNEU graduate with a degree in health sciences.

The Lean Launchpad course helped them hone in on their target demographic by encouraging real-world interactions instead of online research.





Connor Holland, Kevin Hepburn, and John Jacquinet

"We probably interviewed well over a hundred people," John said. "You're getting real feedback instead of what you would normally guess, so that's helpful."

The face-to-face interactions "also allowed us to see what type of people were saying yes to having a shake after the gym," Connor said. "We found millennials and people aged 20 to 35 are more inclined to want a Shakewhey in their gym. So when we go to pitch to a gym owner, if they have a high concentration of millennials at their gym, they get a better return than someone with a more general population."

Through those classes, they were nominated for and won an Entrepreneurial Spirit award from the Grinspoon Entrepreneurship Initiative last spring and were accepted into the Valley Venture Mentor program.

Today, Shakewhey is not only a business, but it's booming. The partners have a vending machine operating in Healthtrax Fitness & Wellness' East Longmeadow gym and are talking to the gym chain about adding others among their 18 locations. They also just made a deal with Aramark to put machines at Western New England University and Springfield College, and a deal with Boston Sports Club to place a machine in the club's Weyland location.

Connor, John and Kevin hope to be accepted into the VVM's accelerator program, where they could get investor money and advance from being self-funded. ■

On the Fast Track to Law School



The Elms College/Western New England University 3+3 program enables students to earn their bachelor's and law degrees in six years instead of seven.

Juanita Duvall of Indian Orchard, Mass., won't technically graduate from Elms College until May 2018, but she's already in law school: The legal studies major is the first student to take advantage of the 3+3 program Elms has executed with Western New England University School of Law.

Under this program, Elms students apply for admission to the law school and begin their legal education during their senior year at Elms — which can shorten the time for students to earn both their bachelor's and J.D. degrees from seven years to six.

"The 3+3 program is an amazing opportunity for me," Juanita said. "I am not a traditional student: I am a single mom with one grown child, and one still at home, and I am trying to better my life for myself and for my daughter. This program allows me to finish school one year faster, so that I can devote more time to my daughter. This is important for my career as well, because I will be able to rejoin the workforce sooner."

When she started at Elms three years ago, she was only interested in advancing her career, but her classes inspired her to follow her passion for law.

"At first, I was only interested in learning about the law, getting a paralegal certificate, and doing mediation. Once I got going, however, I was hooked!" Juanita said. "The possibility of going to law school seemed too remote even to consider at first, but with time and encouragement from my advisor, I began to truly believe that it might be possible.



My favorite things about Elms are the small, personalized classes, and the willingness of the instructors to work with you and to help you succeed. I met so many dedicated and accomplished teachers in my three years there. Elms is truly a wonderful, interactive, well-rounded, learning experience.

After Juanita graduates from law school, she plans to build a career in public service, focusing on civil rights and social justice. "I absolutely live and breathe law! It is truly my life passion — after my kids, of course."

"Each step of the journey to get to this point was hard work, but so worth it," Juanita added. "Taking the LSAT, waiting, hoping to get accepted: all of it was intense and a little scary, but I made it — and I would not have made it without the continuing encouragement from all the faculty at Elms."

The program 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.

"Few ABA-approved law schools give students this option to accelerate their study of law and minimize the time and cost associated with both an undergraduate and legal education," said Kurt Ward, MBA, J.D., Ph.D., director of criminal justice and legal studies at Elms. "We are privileged to have this relationship with Western New England University's School of Law, and we appreciate their willingness to allow our students the opportunity to continue their legal studies on an accelerated basis." ■

For more information on the 3+3 program, visit http://bit.ly/2vGBifh.

Travel Abroad Broadens Student's Horizon

Psychology major Tacai Dryden '18 calls his experience studying abroad during the spring 2017 semester the best decision he ever made for himself.

For 18 weeks, Tacai studied in London, Paris, and Rome through Elms College's affiliation with CIEE, the Council on International Educational Exchange. He spent six weeks in each city, studying a different topic in each. In Paris, he studied peace and conflict; in Rome, psychology; and in London, international communication.

The experience changed him "in a very interesting way," Tacai said. "It made me realize that there's so much more out there and that there is more to gain from life. Where you are doesn't define who you are — going to Europe made me realize I am a lot more and I can be a lot more."

Tacai took advantage of his location to visit as much of Europe as he could.

"Being in Europe itself, it was just so cheap to travel," he said. "The next thing you know, I went to nine other countries." There was also no shortage of new friends asking him to accompany them on trips.

"I would walk around the campus and people would just ask me if I wanted to go to Budapest or if I wanted to go to Monaco," he said. "So I was like, 'Yeah, by all means, I'll go to another country with you for 20€.' "



LONDON



PARIS



ROME

He found he was able to thrive in unfamiliar places. "I've gotten comfortable with being not comfortable. I don't mind being out of my comfort zone," he said.

One such foray out of his comfort zone was coming to Chicopee from his home in West Orange, N.J. It's something he's glad he did, although he originally thought he'd attend college in Vermont.

"I think probably one of the best decisions I ever made was to go to Elms College," he said.

Tacai originally came to Elms because he was recruited to play basketball, but it turned out that he only played the sport during his freshman year.

"I'm so happy I was able to get away from basketball, because I've been able to do a lot more with myself here and thrive in a really interesting way," he said.

Some of the things he is doing include an advanced research project with Professor Jennifer Rivers on how video games influence people, and promoting his three-year-old business, Mingy Zingy, which he describes as "a wellness catering service."

"All summer I was able to go to different families' homes and provide a service where we meditate and do yoga with their families, so it's kind of like catering," he explained. The company's slogan is "Be Great at Being You."

As for the future, in addition to continuing his business, he would like to be a consultant in renewable energy, sustainability development, or healthcare. He's also considering teaching English in Japan for a year. ■



Tacai Dryden '18

Brazilian Volleyball Stars Find Success On, Off Court



Gabriel Reis Levy '18 and Daniel Bondarovsky '18

International students Daniel Bondarovsky '18 and Gabriel Reis Levy '18 may be gold medalists in volleyball, but they don't let their love for the sport distract them from their main goal: getting as much as they can out of their educations.

Both men are natives of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and both are double majors: Daniel in accounting and international business (plus a minor in math), and Gabriel in marketing and social media. Both are also four-year members of the Blazer men's volleyball team, having developed a love of the sport as tweens playing in the same club in Rio.

Daniel became so good, in fact, that he received invitations to play at several Division I schools. "Huge schools," he said. "But I didn't want to be just a number. I wanted an environment where I would feel at home."

Daniel arrived at Elms first, having been recruited by volleyball coach Sheila Gisbrecht; Gabriel arrived one semester later with no previous experience of Elms, just the good things he'd heard from Daniel. With his schedule of six classes a semester, he was able to catch up and will graduate with Daniel in May 2018. On top of academics and sports, both students have internships this semester.

Gabriel and Daniel are both student ambassadors for admission, and say it's common for people taking tours of campus to be surprised that Elms has international students.

"We're small, but we have people from all over the world here," Gabriel said. "What I say on every tour of mine is, 'You're going to know everyone here on campus, and people are going to know you. And you're going to have the support of literally everyone, from your coach to your professor to the director of the international office — everyone is here to help you.' "

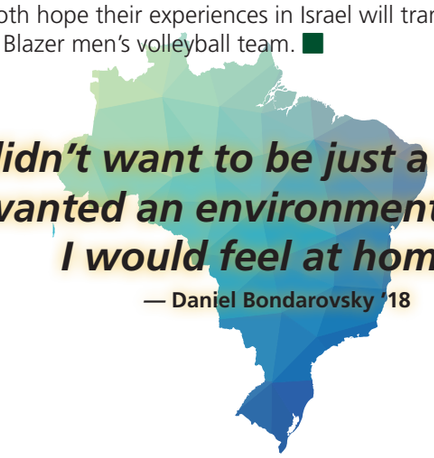
The pair returned to Rio in the summer of 2016 for the unique opportunity of working at the volleyball competitions at the Olympic games, thanks to a friend's father who had a video production company. They worked at the Olympics for 20 days, at three or four games a day. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Gabriel said.

In addition to seeing how a huge sports production like the Olympics comes together behind the scenes, the pair also gained valuable insights into their favorite sport as well. "We watched many volleyball players; we could see them literally one foot away from us," Daniel said. "Our idols were right there."

This past summer, they even got the chance to play on a team with one of their idols, Brazilian national team member Marcelo "Marcelinho" Elgarten, who won a silver medal in the Beijing Olympics. Daniel and Gabriel played with him as members of the 2017 Maccabiah Games, an Olympic-like sporting event held in Israel every four years.

Both Gabriel and Daniel had played volleyball in the Maccabiah Games in 2013, but had placed fifth. This year was different: "We got the gold medal, which was the best thing ever," Gabriel said. "We made history, because Brazil never got a gold medal, and I think Israel was undefeated in the Maccabiah games for the past 50 years."

They both hope their experiences in Israel will translate to success for the Blazer men's volleyball team. ■



"I didn't want to be just a number. I wanted an environment where I would feel at home."

— Daniel Bondarovsky '18



40 YEARS OF NURSING EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

Forty years ago, Sr. Nora Harrington — who was not a nurse but an academic dean, a Sister of St. Joseph — saw a need in the community for professional nurses and started the Elms College baccalaureate program in nursing. The first Elms nurses graduated in 1982, and our history began.

The program has grown significantly since its founding in 1978: It started as a department, then became a division and then, in 2013, the School of Nursing, the first school at Elms College. Since 2003, the baccalaureate and the RN-BS programs have more than doubled in enrollment. An MSN program was added in 2008 followed by the launch of a dual degree MSN/MBA in 2011, and the Accelerated Second Degree Nursing program. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program was established in 2014.

The School of Nursing has distinguished itself over the years through the expertise of the faculty, its vision of the evolving role of nursing in healthcare, and the impact Elms nurses have had on western Massachusetts.

"Our nursing faculty are the role models for our student nurses, demonstrating true passion for nursing, a commitment to patients and families to make a difference in their care and their health, and a commitment to serving the community, all the while showing tireless dedication to teaching our students," said Dean Kathleen Scoble, Ed.D., RN.

"It seems that anyone in any healthcare setting in the region is likely to experience the care of an Elms nurse."

— Kathleen Scoble, Ed.D., RN.

Liberal arts and sciences faculty offer Elms nursing students a rich foundation for the nursing curriculum, and that foundation gives our nurses a distinguishing dimension that sets them apart from others, she added. In addition, our nursing students get involved early, thanks to the caRe vaN and other service opportunities.

The college has built strong partnerships with local healthcare organizations, which serve as clinical learning sites for our students, and those partnerships have long-reaching effects: Elms nursing graduates now serve the community from bedside to curbside in clinical, educational, and leadership roles.

"Our graduates are deeply immersed in the fabric of the local healthcare community," said Associate Dean Joyce Thielen, Ph.D., RN. "Our graduates stay local after obtaining licensure, and care for the community they grew up in and were educated in."

"It seems that anyone in any healthcare setting in the region is likely to experience the care of an Elms nurse," Scoble noted.

Elms nurses, Scoble and Thielen added, are influencing the future of healthcare in western Massachusetts and beyond.

"Our graduates practice safe and effective bedside nursing care in the local healthcare organizations, and our graduates fulfill roles in leadership, nursing education, and advanced-practice roles because of the graduate education they received at Elms," Thielen said. "This helps us fulfill the vision of the Institute of Medicine's goal to advance the education of nurses and increase the number of master's and doctorate-prepared nurses."

Everything goes back to the mission of college's founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph, Scoble said: to always look for the needs of the community, the needs of society, and the needs of the world, and then to evolve to meet those needs, whether through educational programming or service, all while working to better the entire community.

Scoble envisions numerous opportunities for the School of Nursing in the future, as well as a number of responsibilities. But one thing will never change: "We will always remain true to the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph," she said. ■

NASA Engineer Shelia Nash-Stevenson, Ph.D., Inspires Students at Convocation



NASA engineer and STEM pioneer Shelia Nash-Stevenson, Ph.D. — who followed her childhood love of math into the field of physics and became the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate degree in physics in the state of Alabama — delivered an inspiring speech during the opening convocation ceremony Sept. 27 in Veritas Auditorium.

Nash-Stevenson started her speech with a shout-out to someone special: Her son, Keegan Stevenson '18, who is a student in the M.S. program in biomedical science at Elms. She thanked the school for being "[her] baby's home away from home."

"He left me last year to come to Massachusetts to attend school here, and he loved it so much he's back here again," she said. "I have noticed the growth in him since he's been here, and I want to thank you for taking such good care of him since he's been away from me."

She went on to outline the importance of perseverance, family support, and mentorship for all students. "Find a mentor," she said. "A good mentor supports you, challenges you, guides you, corrects you, and holds you accountable. But they will ensure that you are successful.

"And not only that — be a good mentor. There's somebody out there who's looking up to you, somewhere. Show them that they too can be where you are. Seek guidance from those who have gone before you, and support those coming after you."

Nash-Stevenson, a three-time magna cum laude graduate of Alabama A&M University, received a bachelor of science degree in electrical/electronic engineering technology in 1981, an M.S. degree in physics in 1984 (the first granted in Alabama A&M history), and her Ph.D. in physics in 1994.

She is a charter member of both the City of Madison Board of Education, the Madison Rotary Club, Leadership Alabama, Leadership Huntsville/Madison County Alumni Association, National Technical Association, Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Today, Nash-Stevenson works as an integration engineer for the Planetary Programs Missions Office at NASA, making sure exploratory missions meet their goals.

She previously worked as a physicist for the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, as a scientist for Nichols Research Corporation, as a member of the technical staff for Hughes Aircraft Company and Huntsville Engineering Center, and as an adjunct professor at Alabama A&M University. She has co-authored several papers on laser upconversion and holds a patent for an optical fiber holder.

In January, NASA selected Nash-Stevenson to represent the agency as a "modern figure" at the New York premiere of the film *Hidden Figures*, based on the true story of African-American female mathematicians who worked at NASA during the Space Race. ■



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



YWCA Director Elizabeth Dineen '77 Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Elms College has honored Elizabeth Dineen '77, J.D., the current executive director of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts in Springfield, MA, with the 2017 Sr. Margaret James McGrath Distinguished Alumni Award.

The award — given annually to Elms College alumni who have made notable contributions in their lives professionally, spiritually, intellectually, personally, and through their loyalty to the college — was presented to Dineen during opening convocation on Sept. 27 in Veritas Auditorium.

"Liz exemplifies the core values of Elms College: faith, community, justice, and excellence," said Maureen Holland, director of the Elms social work program.

The YWCA's mission — "eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all" — is consistent with that of the college. "Liz has used her Elms College education in a career of seeking justice for the marginalized members of our community," Holland said.

Dineen was tapped to take over as executive director in January 2016. In her relatively short time at the YWCA, she has engaged her professional network to add innovative and enthusiastic advisors and volunteers.

That professional network is extensive: Dineen has had a long career of community service. She served as an assistant district attorney for 25 years prosecuting child sexual abuse and rape cases, then entered an academic career as the director of the criminal justice program at Bay Path University.

Her legal career focused on helping the most vulnerable in our community, especially women and children who were the victims of sexually based and personal violence, and that focus has carried over into her work at the YWCA, which serves women and families at critical times in their lives.

Dineen has served on the board of directors of Square One of Springfield, MA, which provides education programs for children, since 2013; she previously served on the board of Mont Marie Child Care Center in Holyoke, MA, and on the appropriations committee in East Longmeadow, MA.

Other honors Dineen has earned throughout her career include: the Governor's Award for Service to the Commonwealth; the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award; Top Women of Law from Massachusetts Lawyers' Weekly; the first Justice Kent B. Smith Award (2010) from the Hampden County Bar Association; the City of Holyoke: Mayor's Certificate of Recognition (2004); and the Massachusetts Bar Association's Access to Justice Award — Prosecutor of the Year (2003).

"I am fortunate to have had a life and career of public service, all of which springs from the values of integrity, compassion and social justice that were fostered in me throughout my education at Elms College," Dineen said. "The engaging classes that I had with Monsignor Thomas Devine (philosophy), Sr. Mary Murray (American history), Sr. Kathleen Keating (European history), Sr. Kathleen Reagan (sociology), and Sr. Kathleen Kirley (education) challenged me intellectually, and gave me a superb foundation for the study and practice of law." ■



Convocation Awards Recognize Academic Standouts

The Elms College community kicked off the 2017-18 academic year during the opening convocation ceremony on Sept. 27 in Veritas Auditorium. Opening convocation is a time-honored tradition that celebrates the final year for the senior class with a ceremonial robing, and recognizes the academic achievements of underclassmen. The following students received awards during the ceremony:

The Monsignor Conaty Award (Class of 2019): Nursing major Alexis Johnson and psychology/English major Mary Iellamo. This award is given in honor of Msgr. Bernard S. Conaty for highest academic achievement in the junior year.

The Monsignor Conlin Award (Class of 2020): Haley Barnes, management and accounting major; Andrew Belliveau, education major (moderate disabilities); communication sciences and disorders majors Kaitlin Bowen, Kayla Doherty, and Jennifer Roy; and Samantha Gilpatrick, early childhood education and psychology major. This award is named in honor of Msgr. John F. Conlin for highest academic achievement in the sophomore year.

The Monsignor Fagan Award (Class of 2021): Amanda Casineau, elementary education major; Kimberly D'Amato, nursing major; and Joshua Guntly, computer information technology major. This award is named in honor of Msgr. John F. Fagan for highest academic achievement in the freshman year.



Trustee Kathleen Riordan '67, President Harry Dumay, and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Carla Oleska cut the ribbon on the new Center for Student Success while students look on.

Center for Student Success Officially Opens

The Center for Student Success was officially dedicated in a special ceremony in October. The center, located on the newly renovated second floor of Alumnae Library, is designed to gather all the resources and support staff students need for success in one convenient and comfortable location. The Elms commitment to student success has transformed the library's physical spaces where groups of students can meet, study, and talk, and introduced new software, academic, and support programs.

"At Elms College, we educate the whole person. We're here to support our students intellectually, socially and emotionally," said Joyce Hampton, Ed.D., dean for student success and strategic initiatives. "All the offices in the Center for Student Success work together to ensure each student's college experience is the most successful it can be."

Students can now find, in this central location, a core group of professionals working to ensure student retention, engagement, and achievement:

- Director of Advising
- Tutoring Center
- Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant
- Office of International Programs
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Student Accommodations and Support Services
- Career Services

New Center for Student Success Staff



Alaina Di Giorgio, M.S., has been hired as the college's first full-time director of diversity and inclusion. She has presented at numerous conferences on topics related to the intersection of race and athletics, and worked at the University of Tennessee in the Multicultural Mentorship program. She also founded Women Empowering (WE) to strengthen community and support for female athletes at Western Illinois. Alaina earned her bachelor of science degree in kinesiology and her master's degree in sport management at Western Illinois University.



Regina Tillona, M.Ed., has been hired as director of tutoring services. She most recently served as Title I director at Massachusetts Virtual Academy in Greenfield, MA. Prior to that, she worked as district coordinator at Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District and director of tutoring at New Leadership Charter School in Springfield. Tillona received her bachelor's degree in education and history from Westfield State University and her master of education degree from Western New England University.

The Center for Student Success combines the resources students need to succeed in one expansive location: the second floor of the Alumnae Library. The center is headed by **Joyce Hampton, Ed.D.**, dean of student success and strategic initiatives. Other staff include **Tynisha Henderson**, director of S.A.S.S. (student accommodations and support services), who ensures equal access and full participation for students with diagnosed disabilities; **Brian Kapinos**, director of advising, who assists students with exploring or changing majors, accessing academic resources on campus, and addressing classroom difficulties or concerns; **Phyllis Williams-Thompson**, director of career development, who offers events, programs, workshops, and career guidance for students and alumni; **Marco Garcia**, director of international programs, who promotes diversity and global awareness, coordinates immigration advising and study-abroad opportunities, and offers support for international students; and **Tina Savoie**, the CSS administrative assistant. ■



Christopher Bakriges, Ph.D., lecturer in music, had the opportunity to perform and give artist's talks at several venues recently, including the Diego Rivera Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Stowe Performing Arts Center in Vermont. He has also partnered with United Church of Christ and Unitarian Universalist societies around the country in incorporating The Matisse Jazz Project — his original compositions based on the iconic artwork of Henri Matisse — into their worship.



Goose Berkowitz-Gosselin, Ed.D., professor of computer information technology, received, on behalf of his summer interns, the Promoting Hispanic Nursing Through Media award from the western Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. The interns built a website for the group last summer.



Brittney Carlson, Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A, who had been an adjunct professor at Elms since January, has been promoted to director of communication sciences and disorders and assistant professor. Most recently, she served as a staff audiologist for VA Connecticut Healthcare System. She earned her B.A., Ph.D., and Au.D. degrees at the University of Connecticut. She is licensed as an audiologist in the State of Connecticut.



Tom Cerasulo, Ph.D., published an essay on the screenwriter and novelist Ben Hecht in *American Writers* (Volume XXVII) and a review of the Amazon TV series The Last Tycoon in *The F. Scott Fitzgerald Review* (Volume 4, Issue 1). In May, he was a roundtable participant on the panel "Our Literatures, Ourselves in the 1970s: The Changing Shape of American Literature in the Me Decade" at the American Literature Association annual conference, held in Boston.



Peter DePergola II, Ph.D., M.T.S., assistant professor of medical humanities, had his neuroethics paper, "Forget Me Not: The Neuroethical Case Against Memory Manipulation," accepted for presentation in November at the International Neuroethics Society's annual assembly meeting in Washington, D.C. The paper will also appear in 2018 in the *American Journal of Bioethics-Neuroscience*. He also has a book in peer review at The M.I.T. Press on the relationship between episodic memory, emotional rationality, narrative identity, and ethical decision making.



Shannon Dillard, Ed.D., has joined the education department as an instructor. Dillard has been adjunct faculty in curriculum development at Bay Path University since 2010. Prior to that, she was a clinical faculty member and lecturer at UMass Amherst. She earned her B.A. in psychology and sociology at Smith College, and her M.Ed. and Ed.D. at UMass Amherst.

Natalie Dunning, Ed.D., was hired by the education department as associate professor of education. Dunning had been assistant superintendent for teaching and learning for Freetown-Lakeville Regional Schools in Lakeville, MA, since 2013. Prior to that, she was chief academic officer for Springfield Public Schools and K-12 supervisor of science for Providence Public Schools in Providence, RI. She received her B.A. and M.Ed. from Providence College, her M.A. in science education at Rhode Island College, and her Ed.D. at Johnson & Wales University in Providence.



Janice Fedor, Ed.D., MBA, had her chapter "At the Heart of the College Experience: Transforming Groups into Meaningful Teams by Harnessing the Power of Affiliation-Based Teaching Practices" published in the book *The Power of the Professoriate: Demands, Challenges, and Opportunities in 21st Century Higher Education* last summer.



Elizabeth Fiscella, DNP, APRN, GCNS, CNE, has been hired as associate professor of nursing. Most recently, she served as an associate professor of nursing at Berkshire Community College and as assistant clinical professor of nursing at the University of Massachusetts. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing at the University of Massachusetts and her doctor of nursing practice at Chatham University.



William Gilbert, Ph.D., has joined the college as assistant professor of social work. He earned his master's in social work at Boston College and his Ph.D. in social work at the University of Connecticut, and has more than 25 years of experience in social work as a clinician, administrator, supervisor, and educator.



Laura Hanratty, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA, has been promoted to director of applied behavior analysis and ASD graduate programs, and assistant professor. Her research background is in teaching children safety skills, assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior, and reinforcement parameters. Hanratty has presented her research at local and international conferences, as well as published and served as a guest reviewer for peer-reviewed journals.



Joyce Hampton, Ed.D., dean of student success and strategic initiatives, has been promoted to professor of English as a second language (ESL). She directs the ESL program and the exchange program with the University of Kochi in Kochi, Japan.

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Regal Celebration Marks Start

The ceremony for the inauguration of Elms College's 11th president on October 6 capped a full week of special events, including a dedication ceremony for the new Center for Student Success in the Alumnae Library; a Meet the Authors reception celebrating the publications of the college's faculty; a coffeehouse concert featuring Elms music faculty; a cultural fair celebrating diversity on campus; a film screening in collaboration with the Polish Film Festival; a reception and reading with poet and artist Peter Richards; the annual Blessing of the Athletes ceremony; an academic showcase highlighting the work of Elms faculty and students; and a Harvest Ball for students in the College Center.

On October 6, the entire Elms College family gathered to welcome Harry E. Dumay, Ph.D., MBA, as the college's 11th president. Students and staff lined the front walkway in an honor guard to guide the procession into Berchmans Hall, where Veritas Auditorium overflowed with guests.

"Elms truly is a welcoming place," said John Dunphy '19 in a speech on behalf of students, "where we take seriously our core values of faith, community, justice, and excellence. Faith: in the power of an education founded in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Community: responsive to the needs of others and compassionate to the human condition. Justice: for every member of our campus as we strive towards the common good and the



of President Dumay's Tenure

improvement of life for all people. Excellence: which is needed most as we strive toward the realization of our fullest potential. The challenge of living these values each day is by no means small, but together, under your leadership, we look forward to upholding these ideals."

"In the first months of Dr. Dumay's tenure, we have witnessed a president who is engaging, approachable, transparent, humble, responsive to the community, committed to the mission, shows a genuine interest in students, faculty, and staff, and is 'present

in the moment' in each interaction," said Eileen Kirk, associate director of Campus Ministry, in a speech on behalf of staff and administration.

Many members of Dr. Dumay's immediate family were in attendance, including his wife, Maggie, and children Joshua and Cassandra. Guests came from Port-au-Prince and Ouanaminthe, Haiti; Montreal and Laval, Canada; Minnesota; Illinois; and the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and throughout New England. Academic delegates from 45 colleges and universities, including Harvard, Saint Anselm College, Boston College, and Boston University, shared in the celebration. Also in attendance representing the government of Haiti — Dr. Dumay's home country — was the president of the Haitian Senate, the Hon. Youri Latortue, and his wife, Irvelle Latortue. In the days following the inauguration, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker visited campus to extend his congratulations to Dr. Dumay.



Board of Trustees Chair Cynthia A. Lyons, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, President Harry Dumay, and Board of Trustees Vice Chair Paul M. Stelzer.



Dr. Dumay and Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, gather in St. Joseph Chapel with concelebrants after the inauguration liturgy.



Dominican University President Donna M. Carroll with Dr. Dumay.



Dr. Dumay with his wife, Maggie, and children Joshua and Cassandra.

Building on Our Strengths

In his speech, Dr. Dumay highlighted the outcome of some "soul searching" by the community over the past few months about the college's distinctiveness and aspirations.

The process reinforced that Elms is a Catholic higher education community shaped by its commitment to diversity, he said. The college serves students of a multitude of races and ethnicities, representing numerous socioeconomic, academic, and life experiences. "We engage with these students in a diversity of classroom settings and a diversity of formats," Dr. Dumay said.

"We surround all of them with the Elms College hug, an intensely individual support system for success," Dr. Dumay said. "We prepare them to transform their own lives, and to have a meaningful impact on the lives of others."





Gretchen Dooley Perkins and Richard Dooley at the President's Evening of Appreciation.





Members of the student honor guard await the academic procession.



Class of 2018 student marshals Molly Sullivan and Tacai Dryden, postbac Jim Albert '18, and student marshals MacKenzie LaRochelle '18 and Latisha Rocke '18 with Dr. Dumay.



Installation ceremony.



Student honor guard members take a selfie while awaiting the academic procession.



Zamayka Davila '18 gives the Prayer of the Faithful in Spanish during the Inauguration liturgy.



Dr. Dumay and his wife, Maggie, with family members.







Student honor guard members. Academic delegates.



John Dunphy '19 gives the greetings on behalf of students.



Dr. Dumay surrounded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield.





The academic procession begins. Dr. Dumay with former Elms College President Kathleen Keating '52, SSJ.

Four Pillars

The college aspires to be a role model in Catholic higher education not only through its diversity, Dr. Dumay said, but also because of the following key characteristics: our academic rigor, our learning experience, our altruistic students, and the holistic educational experience that we offer.

"Through our excellent academic programs, our experiential learning opportunities, our ethical emphasis, and our holistic educational experience, our purpose is clear," he said. "We aspire to advance the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph and, indeed, the promise of higher education."

Elms graduates are recognized for our strong liberal arts background and excellent preparation for professions and disciplines such as nursing, education, communication sciences and disorders, and more, Dr. Dumay added. Part of that preparation is gained through internships and other hands-on learning opportunities.

"Our aspiration is for every student to have the opportunity to engage in an internship, a research effort with faculty, a study-abroad trip, or a service-related experience," Dr. Dumay said. "Some of these opportunities will be similar to those traditionally offered at other colleges, others will be tailored to our segment of adult, working students."

Celebrate and Look to the Future

Dr. Dumay envisions initiatives that will reinforce the college's strengths in nursing, education, continuing education, and online programs, as well as in entrepreneurship, ethics, and more.

"We will continue our interdisciplinary efforts to establish centers of excellence for which Elms College will be a reference," he said. "Through our efforts in entrepreneurial leadership, ethical leadership, urban education, and other innovative areas … we aim to offer concrete solutions to tough and complex regional, national, and indeed global, problems."

"We are committed to providing all Elms College graduates, regardless of their life circumstances, with hands-on, practical learning that will make them ready for jobs or for competitive graduate programs the moment they graduate," he added. ■



Dr. Dumay and his wife, Maggie, reflect during the inauguration liturgy.





Dr. Dumay with the platform party: Associate Professor of English Dan Chelotti, Mayor of Chicopee Richard J. Kos, Trustees Chair Cynthia A. Lyons, Saint Anselm College President Steven R. DiSalvo, President Joan Ryzewicz '71 of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield, Dominican University President Donna M. Carroll, and Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, D.D., Bishop of Springfield. A very full Veritas Auditorium; the flag bearer, alumnus Rudolph Graham '17.



St. Joseph Chapel:
A Sacred Space at the Heart of Campus

St. Joseph Chapel was blessed on Oct. 6, 2017. This sacred space at the heart of the Elms College campus was lovingly and painstakingly renovated and restored all spring and summer, and now is ready to host a variety of religious services, including daily Mass.

The new chapel space is "an oasis of sheer beauty and grandeur," said President Harry E. Dumay, Ph.D., MBA.

"If beauty reminds us of the divine," he continued, "this space should remind us that all good things come from God the creator, who calls us to a life of beauty and grace. This beautiful chapel, located in the beautiful Berchmans building, is one more powerful reminder of our Catholic identity."

The chapel's restored stained-glass windows, gold-leaf-lined cathedral ceiling, and rich wooden paneling lend it a feeling of grandeur and quiet reflection. The altar is prominently featured beneath the windows. Recognizing the diversity of the Elms College population, the space also includes a separate prayer room for reflection by people of all faiths.

"This chapel is a sacred place of prayer and eucharistic celebration, for the intellectual and spiritual life of the community," said Carolyn Jacobs, Ph.D., M.S.W. "It is an ever-present reminder of a place where students, faculty and staff can pause in the midst of their busy days to offer a prayer of petition or gratitude. This is a welcoming space that invites all members of the Elms community and visitors to be present in the heart of the Elms College, and our intellectual and spiritual life."

In recent college history, the space has been used as a communal reading room and conference space, but for much of the college's past it served as a library. The college's previous chapel was closed in spring 2016 because of structural issues that made it unsafe and were too extensive to make renovation an option.

This new sacred space builds on the college's past while meeting the needs of today's community.

"We who have had long histories with the Elms hold many memories of our original chapel, which we truly loved. However, to see this room converted into this magnificent chapel dedicated to St. Joseph, is to be assured that the spirit of the college and the Sisters of St. Joseph will continue in an unbroken fashion," said Kathleen Keating, SSJ. "This space serves now, and the original chapel did, as the heart of the campus." ■



In Gratitude

Helen Sheehan D'Amour (1920-2015) was a devoted friend and benefactor of Elms College, whose generous bequest provided the foundational gift for the renovation of St. Joseph Chapel, which she envisioned as the heart of the college.

D'Amour was a distinguished past trustee of Elms College, and honorary degree recipient, whose professional achievements and commitment to volunteer service are a powerful example of how to live our lives in the quiet service of God.

During her distinguished career in banking, which lasted almost half a century, she always reached out to the women who came after her, easing their way on the professional trails she had blazed.

In recognition of her service, she received the Via Veritatis medal from Elms College in 2008. Her generosity enables us to continue our mission, embracing and communicating the message of Christ's gospel and serving our neighbor by living and sharing the ideals of a Catholic education.



Our Lady of Grace, located behind the altar in the former chapel, occupies a place of honor in St. Joseph Chapel.



Michele D'Amour recognizes Helen Sheehan D'Amour's founding gift for the chapel renovation.



Dave Legitime, Dr. Dumay's nephew, takes in the beauty of the space.

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Sher-Ron Laud, M.Ed., has been hired as assistant dean of students. She joined the college from Penn State- Mont Alto, where she was associate director of student affairs. Before that, she was assistant director for the first year experience at Gannon University in Erie, PA, and the assistant director of residence life at Salem International University in West Virginia. Laud earned her bachelor's degree in sociology and a master of education in student personnel administration with a focus in adult learning and development from Cleveland State University.



Jason Murphy, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy, has published two book chapters. His essay in "On Virtue, Irony, and Glory: the Pitch and the People" in *Soccer and the Boundaries of History* uses some ideas found in philosophy of art to make a few points about being a sports fan, with examples taken from soccer. His other essay is "Plato, Habermas, and the Demonic Cobb" in *Christopher Nolan and Philosophy*, which looks at filmmaker Christopher Nolan's very first film, the low-budget *Following*, in which Nolan worked with widely encountered philosophical ideas like identity and ethical motivation.



Kathleen Murphy, Ed.D., CCC-SLP, has joined the college as assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders. Since 2004, Murphy has worked in a number of roles for Futures Education, Futures Healthcore in Springfield, MA. She has also served as a speech-language pathologist at Stepping Stones Birth to Three Center in Hartford, CT; Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, MA; and Holyoke Public Schools. She earned her bachelor's in communication sciences and disorders at Elms, her master's in speech language pathology at the University of Washington, and her doctorate of education at American International College.



Deana Nunes, RN, BSN, CWCN, a clinical adjunct in the School of Nursing since 2015, has been named an instructor of nursing. A certified wound care nurse at Mercy Wound Care Center in Springfield since 2010, she earned her B.S. in nursing at Elms and is currently pursuing her master's degree in nursing at the college.



Paul Ostick, M.A., has been hired as an admission counselor. Most recently, he was assistant director of admissions and head of new media at East Catholic High School in Hartford, CT. He earned his bachelor's degree in American studies at Cornell University and his master of arts in education at Loyola Marymount University.

Andrew Rucks, M.D., MBA, has joined Elms as a lecturer in biology. Most recently, Rucks has been a faculty member at American International College in Springfield and a consultant with Westat in Rockville, MD. He previously held faculty positions at Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, and Western New England College. Rucks earned his bachelor's degree at UMass Amherst, his medical degree at Meharry Medical College, and his MBA at Western New England College.



Sara Smiarowski, M.A., CPA, of Sunderland, MA, adjunct professor in the MBA program, has been promoted to assistant professor of accounting. Most recently, Smiarowski was CFO of Berkshire Brewing Company in South Deerfield, MA. She also held leadership financial roles at Yankee Candle Co. in South Deerfield and Kringle Candle Co. in Bernardston, MA. Smiarowski earned her bachelor's in accounting at Truman State University and is currently pursuing her master's in accounting at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.



Paul Snee, M.A. (Pól Ó Sniadhaigh), is Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant for 2017-18. He graduated from National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) with a BA in Irish and geography, then completed an M.A. in modern Irish language at NUIG and an M.A. in education at Hibernia College Dublin. He has recently worked as a university tutor on intensive Irish language courses and in Irish secondary schools. As a Fulbright FLTA, he will teach the Irish language and take courses at Elms.



Reverend Mark S. Stelzer, Ph.D., S.T.D., college chaplain and associate professor of humanities, served as a keynote speaker and panelist at the July conference Addictions Across the Life Cycle held in Providence, RI. Sponsored by Guest House, an internationally recognized treatment center for clergy and religious living with addictive disorders, the conference was attended by bishops and other church leaders from throughout the U.S. and Canada. He was a featured speaker at a November conference at the Equinox Resort in Manchester, VT, sponsored by the New England Professional Group, an organization of physicians and other healthcare professionals dedicated to promoting addiction awareness and treatment.

Jeffrey J. Trant '06, M.S.W., LCSW, CPRP, adjunct lecturer in social work, has been appointed by Governor Charlie Baker to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Social Workers, which protects the public through regulation of social work practice in the Commonwealth. Trant previously served as a subject-matter expert for the Association of Social Work Boards' (ASWB) practice-analysis task force and passing-score study panel. ASWB develops and maintains social work licensure examinations used by all 50 states to test social workers' competence to practice ethically and safely.



Dear Alumna/us,

An exciting year is on the horizon for Elms College! As we prepare to celebrate the 90th anniversary of College of Our Lady of the Elms, it is important to reflect on the major accomplishments of our beloved institution and welcome new opportunities.

We are happy to welcome the 11th president of Elms College, Dr. Harry E. Dumay, to take the reins and continue to build on the legacy created by Sr. Mary Reap. The Alumni Association is looking forward to supporting the mission of the college and its future direction under the leadership of Dr. Dumay.

In order for our Alumni Association to be effective and steadfast in its support of Elms College, we will focus our efforts on recruitment for committee membership, building stronger committees, and increasing Alumni Association visibility at college functions. Additionally, we will assist the college in its fundraising efforts for annual giving, and its focus on student success and Catholic identity. The support and strength of our alumni are critical to the success of our beloved Elms.

In 2018, reunion will also undergo a major change. The Alumni Association board has voted to change the model of our traditional June reunion. Reunion will now be a two-part event, with our 50th reunion class partaking in a very special new tradition: The 50th reunion class will have the honor of participating in the 2018 commencement ceremony in May by serving as an honor guard to welcome new graduates into the Alumni Association. The 25th reunion class will have the wonderful opportunity to participate in the baccalaureate ceremony prior to commencement. All other classes will be welcomed back for a large reunion gathering in the fall of 2018.

Under this new model, alumni will be able to engage more closely with students, which was a feature we lacked under the June reunion model. This new reunion model directly aligns with what makes Elms College strong: our community. Students, alumni, family, faculty, and staff will now be able to celebrate together every fall!

The Alumni Association is always seeking new members to help us reach our goals of supporting the college and the student body, and encouraging all alumni to help us in our efforts. If you are interested in joining the Alumni Association board, or perhaps volunteering with us in the future, please contact Jessica Colson, director of alumni relations, directly at 413.265.2454 or alumni@elms.edu. We hope to see you at an event soon!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Putnam ’93, *President Elms College Alumni Association*

GOLDEN BLAZERS ’67



CLASS REUNION

More than 200 alumni from classes ranging from 1952 to 2012 gathered for the 2017 Reunion in June. Members of the Class of 1967 were recognized in the traditional Golden Blazer ceremony, and additional reunion activities ranged from a relaxing plant-and-sip evening to the always-popular wine and chocolate tasting, as well as the State of the College address and the president's luncheon. Alumni from the men's and women's soccer teams were cheered on as they played a co-ed game under the lights on Leary Field, while others took part in our first-ever Pub Crawl. Alumni from 1992 and 2012 visited Murphy's Pub, Taphouse Grille, Samuel's at the Hall of Fame and Rumbleseat Bar & Grille before heading back to campus, where there was music, shopping and reminiscing. Also on Saturday afternoon, social work alumni and faculty gathered to honor lecturer in social work Cathy Machak '98, M.S.W., on her retirement.

All participants agreed that they had a wonderful time and enjoyed being back on campus, catching up with classmates and friends.

"I can't get over the changes on campus," one alumna exclaimed. "It's beautiful!" ■


Lynnette Kelly '12 with her daughter.


Barbara Britton Moran '67 with her daughters, Kathleen Moran '94 and Brigid Moran Roffe '96.


Joan Mackey Remillard '57 with her daughters, Karen Remillard '93 and Suzanne Remillard Legere '87.


Karen Murphy McMahon '57 with her daughters, Kara McMahon '94 and Jennifer McMahon Whiting '87.


LuLaRoe pop-up shopping on the Quad.


Class of 1982.


Marie Lococo '72 and Sheila O'Neill '71 at the president's State of the College address.


Wine and chocolate tasting.



Top row left to right: Class of 1982; Kelly Callahan '12, Vanessa Micka '10, Serina Cerra '10, and Meeghan O'Connor '17 before kick-off at the alumni soccer match; celebrating Cathy Machak's retirement; Meeghan O'Connor '17, Kathleen Tuechler '17, and Rachel Connell '19 before kick-off at the alumni soccer match.

Second row: showing Blazer pride; social work alumni gather to celebrate Cathy Machak; more Blazer pride; Terri Stec '78 on the Blazer Bar Crawl.


Susan Burnett '87 and her mother at the president's luncheon.

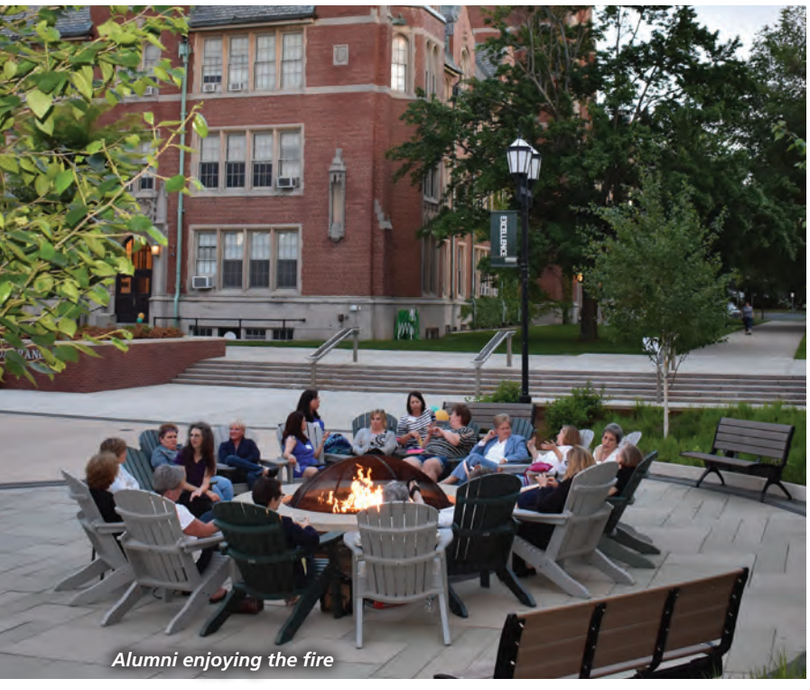

Class of 1962 at the president's luncheon.


Plant & sip event in the Great Hall.


Jane (Wick) Savage '67, Doris (Laperle) Dreibelbis '67, Arlene (Richards) Kowal '67 at the Munich Haus dinner for the Class of 1967.


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Mary (Miller) Joyal '67 and Elizabeth (Marr) Collins '67 at the Munich Haus dinner.


Alumni enjoying the fire


Class of 1967 at the president's luncheon.


Class of 1982 at the president's luncheon.


Mary Elizabeth Martin '07, MBA '16, and husband Sean Martin '13, MBA '14, at the wine and chocolate tasting.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured with Elms President Dr. Harry Dumay are (l to r): Carolyn Knight Trudeau, '02, Carolyn Passanisi Knight,'19, Elizabeth Knight and Sr. Mary McGeer.

The Sr. Elizabeth Broughan '69 Endowed Scholarship

When Elizabeth Knight and her husband, Robert, were looking for a way to honor cherished family friend Sr. Elizabeth Broughan '69 (Sr. Betty), they hit upon the perfect way to celebrate her compassion and her passion for education: an endowed scholarship in her memory.

"She was always helping people; this was what she did," Elizabeth said. "It's a friendship that I treasured, and I still treasure my memories, so if I can do something in her name, I would like that."

The Sr. Elizabeth Broughan '69 Endowed Scholarship is a need-based scholarship with preference given to students from Sr. Betty's hometown of Greenfield, MA. It was established by the Knight family "as a testament to Sr. Betty Broughan's passion for education and the special way that she has affected the lives of all those around her. She was a dear friend, a caring mentor, and a champion of family values and traditions. Her remarkable and transformative pursuit of all that is good inspired so many to be compassionate and to give more of themselves. Her devotion to faith, love of family, and commitment to serve others will forever remain her enduring legacy."

Elizabeth, who was active in fundraising at Elms, met Sr. Betty when she was dean of students. The relationship grew to include Sr. Betty's best friend, Sr. Mary McGeer, and the entire Knight family, including Elizabeth's daughter, Carolyn Knight Trudeau '02.

"I think the scholarship, to me, is about giving back what the Elms gave me," Carolyn said. "Sr. Betty and Sr. Mary have both been a huge part of my life. My success is because of the school and because of them."

"To me, the Elms has always been very special. I love what they did for my daughter," Elizabeth said. "There are a lot of good memories here for all of us."

And they continue to make new Elms memories, as Elizabeth's daughter-in-law, Carolyn Passanisi Knight, is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in liberal arts.



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The Marielle Godbout Willett Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established by Constance Marie Willett, Ph.D., in memory of her mother, who did not have the opportunity to attend college.

In her dedication to her family, Marielle always placed the value of education at the forefront of her life. In her later years, while she did not graduate from Elms College, she did enjoy taking some classes that brought her joy. Marielle was the type of individual who did not like to draw attention to herself and in recognition of her mother's humble personality, Constance established this endowed scholarship to reflect her mother's love of education.

The Marielle Godbout Willett Memorial Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to a non-traditional-aged female undergraduate student who is taking one or more liberal arts core curriculum courses in a single semester. Preference shall be provided to part-time students, with special consideration given to those individuals who are pursuing coursework in either the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts or the Division of Social Sciences.

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Millie had always dreamed of attending college, but was never able to. This drove Millie to always talk about the importance of education with her children and grandchildren in hopes that they would receive the education she had always dreamed of.

Beyond her family, a large part of Millie's life was her calling as a nurse. For many years, she worked in pediatrics, before moving onto the O.R. at Cooley Dickinson, which she ran until her retirement in 2002. Millie is remembered by many not only as a great nurse herself, but for being a great teacher to the newer generation of nurses that came after her. Millie spent the last five years of her life battling three bouts of brain cancer, and even during that time her passion for the field was ever present. While in the hospital, Millie frequently was taken care of by Elms College students doing their clinical rotations, whom she spent many hours conversing with about their training and futures as nurses.



Millie Bourdon's husband Robert Bourdon, and daughter Ellen Himmelman.

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Student-Scholar Perspective

Rebecca Thảo Cao was selected to present a student perspective at the Donor-Scholar Brunch on April 23, 2017.

Rebecca graduated in May 2017 with a dual major in nursing and computer information technology. Despite her rigorous course load, her academic achievements placed her on the Elms College dean's list and earned her the Who's Who Award. Her eagerness to embrace different cultures has led her to be an active member of the Elms College International Club for five years, and her enthusiasm for nursing has also kept her active in the Student Nurses Association. In her last three years at Elms, she was a work-study student in the CIT department, assisting students with their coursework.

In addition, Rebecca went home on the weekends to assist her family with their family business, where she works as a manicurist and receptionist at their nail salon. She also served as the web design intern for the Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph.

Rebecca now works as a registered nurse at Berkshire Health Systems. She hopes to gain experience in both nursing and computer technology in order to improve the way healthcare systems utilize technology.



Rebecca Thảo Cao with her parents.

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"Sister Eleanor brings out the best in people." — Ellen Hynes '03

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The Sister Eleanor Dooley '50 Endowed Scholarship is established in honor of Eleanor Dooley, SSJ. Sister Eleanor graduated from Elms College in the class of 1950.

The donor, Ellen Hynes '03, first met Sister Eleanor in 1997. Ellen's first thought upon meeting Sister Eleanor was, "This woman has lived a full life."

It has been said that a teacher affects not just her current students but also future generations of students. Sister Eleanor spent her lifetime sharing her experiences and knowledge with her students. The Sister Eleanor Dooley '50 Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate students who are the first generation in their family to attend college. If no student meets this criteria, then second preference shall be given to undergraduate students who are the first generation of an immigrant family to attend college.

Ellen believes that, with the education the recipients of the Sister Eleanor Dooley '50 Endowed Scholarship receive from the Elms College, they, too, will go on to live a full life.



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Kathleen M. Riordan, Ed.D., is a member of the Class of 1967, having earned a degree in French. She went on to receive a master's degree in French from Assumption College in 1969; in 1990, she received her Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts.

Her teaching career began as a French and Spanish teacher at the junior and senior high school levels for nine years. She then transitioned into administration and became the director of foreign languages for the Springfield Public School System. She held this position for 25 years until her retirement.

Currently, Kathleen continues to serve as a foreign language consultant for the Massachusetts Department of Education and the National Security Agency. She is the recipient of the National Florence Steiner Award for Leadership K-12 in Foreign Language Education. In addition, for the past nine years, she has served as an Elms College trustee.

Kathleen is an active member of her parish and her community, and continues to be a faithful and generous supporter of Elms College.



In recognition of her parents, in 2000, Kathleen established the **William C. and Kathleen M. Riordan Endowed Scholarship** in support of a deserving student who is a member of Sacred Heart Parish or a graduate of Springfield Public Schools.

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William F. Frain established the Sr. Mary Reap Endowed Scholarship in the Fall in recognition and gratitude for Sr. Mary's excellent leadership as the 10th president of College of Our Lady of the Elms from 2009-2017, and in appreciation of her achievements on behalf of Elms that have brought the college to new heights. Announcement of the scholarship was made at the 2017 Donor Scholar Brunch.

Nancy O'Shea and Bill Frain Endowed Scholarship

The Nancy O'Shea and Bill Frain Endowed Scholarship was established by Mr. Frain and announced in April 2017, in loving recognition and appreciation of his wife's Nancy's exemplary life and her pursuit of the virtues of love, peace and harmony. Nancy was also passionate about reading and the worlds that were opened through the opening of a book, and he attributes his entire family's love of reading to her. In establishing the scholarship, Bill recognizes that an Elms education opens worlds to every one of the college's students.



William F. Frain and Sr. Mary Reap.

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS



Alumni Mission Trip
February 18 to 23, 2018

This first annual Alumni Mission Trip will work with the St. Bernard Project in New Orleans, LA, to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina over a decade ago. There are still spots available for this trip, so please contact Jessica Colson '15 at 413-265-2454 or alumni@elms.edu if you are interested or would like more information.

Good Friday Fish Fry
March 30, 2018

Mark your calendars! The Elms College Alumni Association will once again put on this crowd-favorite old-fashioned fish and chips dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Good Friday. $20 for adults and $10 for children.





Margarita Mixer
April 19, 2018

Join us on the Quad after work from 5 to 8 p.m. for a pre-Cinco de Mayo celebration! Appetizers, music, and your Elms family – what more could you ask for? All are welcome.

Join the Living Legacy Society

If you would like more information on joining the Living Legacy Society, contact Bernadette Nowakowski '89, '08, assistant vice president of institutional advancement, at 413-265-2214 or nowakowskib@elms.edu.



Elaine Y. (Paquet) Olive '74

As a teacher, Elaine Y. (Paquet) Olive '74 strove to teach not only the traditional three R's — reading, writing, arithmetic — but a fourth R: respect.

"I always tried to maintain and encourage respectfulness — for yourself, for others, and for the environment," Elaine said.

Elaine, who won the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in 2004, served as a teacher in Springfield for 28 years, first in Catholic schools and then in public schools.

"In the public schools, we couldn't lead a morning prayer, so I told the children, 'Take a moment. Close your eyes. Think about how you can be your best self today, and do your best work, and be kind to others, and respect your environment.' "

That was Elaine's way of living and sharing her faith, with a spirit of respect she learned here at Elms College and from the Sisters of St. Joseph. In fact, she started her education at Elms only one week after becoming an SSJ herself, which she said was "a dual adjustment" at age 18. She served for a decade as a sister, teaching in the diocese.

"I have always been deeply grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph — I may have left the order, but the spirit of the sisters will always be in my heart — and grateful to the Elms, for the education that I received here," Elaine said. "That education helped me provide for my family. Without that education, I don't know what I would have done."

As an expression of that deep gratitude, Elaine joined the Living Legacy Society last year with one big goal in mind: planting seeds for the future. "As a teacher, you plant seeds," she said. "You may never see the fruit of those seeds. And that's okay. It's not about results."

"This gift is not about paying back," she added. "It's offering forward, giving to the future students who are continuing the Elms legacy of helping others in the community and throughout the world."

Elaine offers an invitation to all her fellow alumni: "Please consider offering a set amount or a percentage of your estate to the Elms in your will. Consider offering whatever you can, because whatever you can is enough."

"Think about it: Where would you be without your education?" she continued. "Think about those who may not have the means to pursue an education. Your contribution may help fulfill their dreams. You're planting for the future of the Elms."

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