The Dominican University Art Collection

Over the past 100+ years, Dominican University has acquired a rich, diverse and historically significant art collection, due primarily to generous donations from alumnae/i and local art patrons. The collection encompasses pieces from all over the world and from local artists, Dominican faculty and alumnae/i, a rare painting from Chicago artist Joan Mitchell, and pieces from Salvador Dali, Jean-Francois Raffaelli, Georges Rouault and Oak Park artist Karl Krafft.

In collaboration with an external appraisal and restoration firm, student interns have undertaken the important task of researching and cataloging each piece. To date, more than 50 works are included in the catalog and the goal is to create an online gallery to document and preserve the collection electronically.

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Pictured is the early 20th-century oil on canvas painting by American impressionist Louis Betts of Mrs. Edward Hines and her daughter.

The recently restored painting now hangs in the President’s Office.
Dear Alumnae/i and Special Friends:

I confess that I am an obsessively loyal fan of the Dominican Stars, and I deeply value the role that NCAA Division III (DIII) athletics plays in the development of young adults. So, join me in celebrating 30 years of varsity sports at Dominican University — and take a sneak peek at our new outdoor athletic facility!

As I mentioned in my annual letter to alumnae/i, athletics is thriving at Dominican, even though our compact campus presents some home field and court challenges. This past year, for instance, two of our teams were Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) champs and went to their respective DIII national tournaments; women’s basketball climbed all the way to the top of the NAC South Division and won their first NAC division championship in program history; three coaches were voted NAC Coach of the Year; two student-athletes were named NAC Players of the Year; and we had three All-Americans, including our first in softball. In addition, just recently, Dominican Director of Athletics Erick Baumann ’93 was ranked as the 15th-most successful soccer coach.

The fact that DU athletes are also high achievers academically is an important part of the story. This year there are more than three dozen Presidential and Dean’s Scholars on our varsity rosters. Sixty-eight Dominican Stars were named NAC Scholar-Athletes last year and the Athletics Department GPA has been over 3.0 for 10 semesters in a row! Oops, I hope that my pride does not jinx that one! These are fine young women and men, who represent the university with distinction.

Speaking of distinction, let me refer you to two other articles in this magazine that highlight additional reputation-building opportunities for our small, but aspiring, university. Last spring, with the leadership of Senior Vice President Amy McGourty, Dominican launched its campus sustainability plan, 4front, in August, Illinois Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon joined me in front of Parmer Hall, to formally sign the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact. For Dominican, sustainability is about more than the environment; it represents the promise of a decent life for future generations.

I like to think that, in some way, the scholarship of Dominican faculty is advancing that promise, which is why I am delighted to see faculty achieving recognition and external support for their good work. I refer you to the article about an NIH-funded research study underway at Dominican in neuroscience. Such funding also provides exceptional opportunities for students to work collaboratively with faculty on solutions to real-life problems.

A rigorous, relevant and well-rounded Dominican education — that is our goal, and that is the subject of this magazine. Dominican University is committed to the development of the whole student — intellectually, socially, spiritually and physically — so that she or he can participate in the creation of a more just, humane and sustainable world.

I know that so many of our alums are already out there doing such transforming work. That makes me very proud.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Carroll
President
Endowed Chairs: Marks of Distinction and Excellence

For a host of reasons, endowed chairs are considered one of the most valuable and important gifts to a university. A vital resource for attracting distinguished and acclaimed faculty, endowed chairs recognize the scholarship, research and expertise of faculty, which strengthens the curriculum, elevates the profile and reputation of the university, and enhances the recruitment of potential faculty members. Dominican is proud to announce the appointments of three endowed chairs for the 2011-12 academic year.

MARY MINOW, AMLS, JD

A master researcher and scholar who has achieved significant renown in the field of library and information science, Mary Minow, AMLS, JD, has been appointed the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) Follett Chair. Endowed through a gift from the Follett Corporation, a leading provider of educational solutions, services and products that empower schools, libraries, colleges, students and lifelong learners, the Follett Chair is the highest academic honor bestowed by the GSLIS.

Recently confirmed by the United States Senate as a board member of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Minow is currently a consultant, lecturer and author, and former librarian and library trustee. Her specialty is consulting on library legal issues for libraries nationwide. With a career emphasis on intellectual freedom, Minow was the first recipient of the California Library Association’s Zia Horn Intellectual Freedom Award.

Minow manages the Stanford Copyright and Fair Use website and founded the Library Law Blog. She serves on the boards of the Electronic Privacy Information Center and the Freedom to Read Foundation. She co-authored with Tomas Lipinski, The Librarian’s Legal Answer Book.

While at Dominican, Minow will teach courses in the doctoral and master’s degree programs, and pursue research and development related to new e-book models for libraries and library legal issues such as intellectual property, intellectual freedom, The Americans with Disabilities Act, public records and privacy law. In addition, she will be working to expand continuing education offerings to the library community.

REV. OLIVER F. WILLIAMS, CSC, PHD

Rev. Oliver F. Williams, CSC, PhD, has been named as the Christopher Chair in Business Ethics for the Brennan School of Business. A specialist in the areas of business ethics, corporate governance and Catholic social teaching, Williams is the editor or author of 15 books as well as numerous journal articles on business ethics. He is the director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, as well as an associate professor of management.

A former naval officer, Williams earned his doctorate from Vanderbilt University and his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Notre Dame. He is a Catholic priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross. He served as associate provost of the University of Notre Dame from 1987-94 and is a past chair of the Social Issues Division of the Academy of Management. In 2006, he was appointed a member of the three-person board of directors at the United Nations Global Compact Foundation. The United Nations Global Compact is the world’s largest voluntary corporate citizenship initiative with more than 5,000 businesses around the world as members.

The Christopher Chair in Business Ethics was established in 2002 by Doris and Jay Christopher to focus on ethical business practices, through annual lectures, workshops and other faculty and student initiatives that ensure that ethics are taught and practiced in every part of the curriculum. While at Dominican, Rev. Williams will be a guest and keynote lecturer for undergraduate and graduate classes, as well as to the broader university and business community, and he will collaborate with GSLIS faculty on enhancing the integration of ethics across the curriculum.

EBOO PATEL, PHD

As mentioned in the Spring issue of Dominican Magazine (dom.edu/magazine/pluralism), Eboo Patel, PhD, founder and executive director of Interfaith Youth Core (IFC), will serve as the Lund–Gill Chair at Dominican University for the 2011-12 academic year. Patel will teach an honors seminar course in the fall on the history and theology of interfaith movements. In the course, students will participate in service learning and will complete an interfaith project. Patel is the author of the award-winning book Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation, and a regular contributor to the Washington Post, National Public Radio, USA Today and CNN.

BSB’s 2011 Community Leaders

“Community sustainability” is at the heart of the Brennan School of Business’s Community Leadership Program (CLP), which begins its third year this fall. This program was created by Dominican, the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation and the Communityworks Partnership to identify and foster the professional and personal development of emerging and existing leaders in Oak Park and River Forest. Facilitators from the Brennan School of Business, along with dozens of experts in various fields, work with participants over a nine-month period to discuss and enhance their skills in areas including creative problem solving, developing and managing talent, negotiation and conflict resolution, project management and strategic planning. The three-fold goal is to develop emerging leaders, expand participants’ community perspectives and foster networking.

All participants live and/or work in the Oak Park/River Forest communities, so in addition to building a network of contacts within the communities, the participants form teams to work on developing projects that will benefit the communities. This past summer, 15 emerging leaders ended their year of development and leadership by delivering three presentations on topics and issues affecting the communities.

GSLS Alums Named Top Librarians

Anthony Molaro MLS ’08, a current student in Dominican’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science PhD Program, and John Schumacher MLS ’10, have been named to the Library Journal’s 2011 list of “Movers and Shakers.” The prestigious annual list highlights 50 people throughout the country who are shaping the future of libraries. Molaro is the director of Highwood Public Library, and Schumacher is the school library director at Brook Forest School in Oak Brook, IL.

Molaro was included in the list as an “information activist.” He is an active blogger, public speaker and an advocate for a modern understanding of the role of librarians in a democratic society. He co-founded Chicago Deskset, a group of librarians, bibliophiles and information professionals who host social gatherings and support the community. Previously, Molaro was the head of technical services and technology at Messenger Public Library in North Aurora.

John Schumacher was recognized on the list as an advocate and “extreme librarian.” In his work with elementary students, he uses creative tactics to get kids reading. He frequently takes students to Anderson’s Bookshop to hear authors talk or to check out the latest books. He posts lists of new books on the bathroom walls at the school, engages the students with the use of two-dimensional QR codes, and has the older students write book recommendations and reviews. He also encourages reading by setting personal reading goals for himself and raking up more than 2,000 items in 2010 and then updating the school on his progress.

To read more about Molaro, Schumacher and the other “Movers and Shakers,” go to libraryjournal.com.

See the Newest Campus Changes

Lewis Link Expansion is Open, DU Stars Christen New Soccer Field

The construction barriers are down, the doors to the expanded Lewis Link are open, and the renovation of the DU Stars soccer field is complete! Over the summer, the Lewis Link space was nearly doubled, providing much needed office space for RCAS and GSLIS faculty and student advising. For the soccer field, the renovation includes replacing the natural grass playing surface with synthetic turf, fencing off the facility and adding a press box to the west sideline.

“We are excited about the changes to the soccer facility,” says Erick Baumann, director of athletics and head men’s soccer coach. “The surface alone will be a tremendous benefit for our student-athletes as it will ease some of the obstacles that continuous training and play can have on a natural surface.”

With the first phase of the renovation complete — the surface renovation and fencing in the facility to create a stadium-like appearance — the second phase will commence next summer and will include a new press box complete with data connections and open-air roof level access for video. Additional amenities to the stadium include more bleacher seating, an improved public address system and a new scoreboard.

Admission to all the DU Stars athletic events is free, so be sure to attend a game and cheer on your DU Stars! Go to dustars.com for a complete athletics schedule.
2011 Ethics and Leadership Lecture

On Tuesday, October 18, Dominican’s Brennan School of Business welcomes Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and international human rights advocate, who will give the 2011 Ethics and Leadership Lecture.

Mary Robinson, the first woman president of Ireland (1990-1997), former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002), and founder and former president of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative (2002-2010), has spent most of her life as a human rights advocate. The recipient of numerous honors and awards throughout the world, President Robinson now chairs the Council of Women World Leaders and is president of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice, a center for thought leadership, education and advocacy on the struggle for global justice. She is also the honorary president of Oxfam International and a member of The Elders, a group of world leaders who contribute their wisdom, independent leadership, and integrity to tackling some of the world’s toughest problems, with the goal of making the world a better place.

Go to dom.edu/ethics to learn more about the Ethics and Leadership Lecture or other upcoming events and lectures.

New Staff Appointment

Matt Hlinak has joined Dominican University in the new position of assistant provost for continuing studies. A specialist in adult learning, new program development and online education, Hlinak comes to Dominica from the School of Continuing Studies at Northwestern University where he managed the professional development certificate programs and taught courses in employment law, legal writing and business writing. He previously taught communications at the University of Illinois and also has administrative and teaching experience in the proprietary education sector. Hlinak holds a JD from the University of Illinois and a master’s degree from Northwestern University.

Hooray for Harry!

Dominican’s Potterpalooza community celebration was a highlight event of the summer for some 250 children and family members, many of whom joined in the fun dressed as their favorite character. Amidst an environment that in many ways reflects the mythical Hogwarts, the event featured a community dinner in the dining hall, photos with costumed characters, classes such as “Defense of the Dark Arts,” “Divination,” “Charm,” “Herbology,” “Potions” and “Care of Magical Creatures,” all taught by DU’s own professors; campus tours, Potter jeopardy and wand making. The campus tours featured recreated scenes from the books and movies.

With all available tickets selling out within the first week, and the release of the final movie just days later, the excitement and anticipation for the celebration was especially high. And for all the fans saddened by the conclusion of the book series, the Potterpalooza event included a preview of the final movie, along with an extensive recommended reading list of other engaging books suitable for all reading levels.

Go to dom.edu/newroom to view a video recap of the spectacular event.

A Season Filled With World-Class Performers

The upcoming season for Dominican University’s Performing Arts Center (DUPAC) is filled with world-class music and thought-provoking theater, including a refreshing, earthy lineup of artists featured as part of the Traditions Series, World Arts Series and a Theatre Arts Lab Series. Individual tickets and ticket packages are on sale now for each series. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to dom.edu/pac.

2011-2012 DUPAC Schedule

Mary Chapin Carpenter
President’s Signature Concert
Saturday, October 15, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Country-laced, melodic folk singer-songwriter

Gypsy
Music by Jules Styne
Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
November 11-13, 2011
The classic musical about Gypsy Rose Lee’s rise to stardom

Canadian Brass Holiday Concert
Saturday, December 3, 2011
7:30 p.m.
High-spirited virtuosity and musical humor

The Gift of the Magi:
Theatre for Young Audiences
Adapted by Jon Jory
December 3-4, 2011
O. Henry’s classic story of love, sacrifice and the true meaning of giving

ETHEL with Robert Mirabal
Saturday, January 28, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Music inspired by the sun mythology of Native America

The Mystical Arts of Tibet
Saturday, February 18, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Sacred performing art promoting world peace through music

The Art of Dining
by Tina Howe
February 23-25, 2012
A delicious comedy about the psychology of food

Marvin Hamlisch and Nicole Cabell
32nd Annual Trustee Benefit Concert
Saturday, March 10, 2012
5:00 p.m.
A very special concert to support student scholarships

Ragamala Dance
Saturday, March 24, 2012
7:30 p.m.
A celebration of the universal balance of body and nature, soul and earth
For the more than 180 undergraduates who make-up the university’s 12 varsity sports teams, it means daily three-hour practices when they are in season along with intensive physical training. Two, and sometimes three, times a week the student-athletes host, or travel up to three hours away to games by bus to the campuses of the 12 other Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) teams in Illinois and Wisconsin, as well as to selected non-conference games and tournaments. And, because they are first and foremost students, they do it all while maintaining a full course load, so their coursework is completed in the evenings and into the wee hours of the morning.

Indeed, being a Dominican student-athlete requires much more than athletic talent. It requires commitment and dedication, and if that isn’t enough, Athletic Director and Head Men’s Soccer Coach Erick Baumune ’93, adds a few more expectations to the list – leadership qualities, strong character and a competitive attitude both on the field and in the classroom.

Make no mistake. Athletics at Dominican University is not all fun and games.
it is certainly these qualities that contributed to Dominican’s incredible success in 2010-11. This past year, five teams — men’s soccer, women’s soccer, women’s volleyball, women’s basketball and women’s softball — toppled off their winning seasons with trips to the NAC championship tournaments. Two other teams — men’s and women’s tennis — qualified for their respective NAC tournaments. Not only did capture first place for the and in the championship advanced for the ninth year to the NCAA championship tournament. The men’s and women’s tennis — qualified for their respective NAC and in the championship tournament, they in a row to the NCAA tournament. The first NAC tournament NCAA Division III of Rosary/Dominican athletics, the coach and administration have consistently found ways around the constraints. Today past five of the 12 sports teams practice and compete on campus, requiring the teams to shuttle to practice sites up to 45 minutes away each day. When it comes to home games, the “home field advantage” rules don’t typically apply.

“The competition for recruiting prospective players is as high as it has ever been, but the programs and majors Dominican offers are a big draw to our students. The academics, geographic location and the opportunities available through a small school are very attractive,” says Baumann – who is the 15th-winningest men’s soccer coach in the NCAAs (for all levels) and seventh-winningest active coach. “Our coaches are excellent recruiters because they overcome obstacles to field truly competitive teams.”

While the university history of competitive athletic programming extends back to the 1970s with the Rosary Beads teams, it was following the appointment in 1980 of the university’s first full-time athletic director, Joe Leary ’77, that the decision was made to transition from intramural competition to varsity athletics. In 1981, in addition to a full slate of intramural teams, the first “Rosary Rebels” teams (women’s volleyball, women’s tennis, women’s basketball and men’s basketball) joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). The following year, sports scholarships were made available to incoming athletes, providing additional opportunities to attract talented athletes.

“The move to the NAIA brought us to a new level of competition and demanded a high level of accountability, commitment and understanding from the athletic department, the coaches, the players and the faculty,” says Marilyn Gerek Benakis, former registrar who helped orchestrate and ensure compliance with the many college and conference academic, eligibility and reporting requirements. “To participate, we had to ensure that every athlete met and maintained very specific eligibility requirements. There was a learning curve for everyone that wasn’t always easy.”

“The players at the time were trailblazers in many respects,” recalls Bill Brucks, former athletic director and head men’s basketball coach (1983-1996). Brucks was the assistant men’s basketball coach during the transition to the NAIA. “The seasons were long and grueling. We had to recruit athletes who could meet and maintain both the college’s and the NAIA’s strict academic standards and requirements.

“Also, when the Igini Sports Forum was under construction, we didn’t have a gymnasium so our practices were at 6 a.m. at Trinity High School,” Brucks says. “It was an adjustment coming to a small institution where they played in front of a few hundred fans instead of the thousands of fans that many of the athletes were used to as stars of their high school teams. Yet, each player was truly a member of the student body and every one of them graduated.”

Despite the sacrifices and challenges prior to the opening in 1988 of the Igini Sports Forum (known previously as the College Center), Tom Trefilek, head women’s basketball coach from 1987-1991 and again from 2000-2002, remembers not only the competitive spirit among the athletes, but also the incredible support of the faculty, administration and student body. “The school was incredibly supportive in helping us build a competitive athletic program and there was genuine enthusiasm for the teams from the sisters, faculty and students,” he says. “Everyone worked together to create a tradition they could be proud of.”

With the many winning seasons came multiple district and conference titles and trips to the national NAIA tournaments, including three consecutive trips to the NAIA national tournament for the Lady Rebels basketball team from 1991-1993. “We were in a very tough conference and it was very exciting to see the women develop as players,” Trefilek says. “They had a vision of what they wanted and they worked hard to achieve it.”

Over the years, the athletic program grew and strengthened and new teams were added. Coinciding with the university name change, in 1997, the Rebels became known as the Dominican Stars. The most significant transition occurred in 2000 when four teams join the NAIA and CCAC. 1981 College Cotterill sport speaks out games.

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For the past 10 semesters, DU’s student-athletes boasted a combined 3.0 grade point average or higher.
the university moved from the NAIA to the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), Division III, signaling the end of athletic scholarships.

“The transition was based on both student and institutional need, though initially there wasn’t a lot of confidence that we could succeed in Division III,” says Trudi Goggin, dean of students. “Being a part of the NCAA brings great value to the university as it builds our reputation and attracts students.”

“Growing an institution does not happen by chance. It requires strategy and timing,” says President Donna Carroll. “It was time to move to the NCAA, Division III’s focus on the scholar-athlete aligned with our aspirations as a university.”

“Athletics is an essential component of the university experience and is an incredible source of pride, spirit, culture and camaraderie on campus.” It took a few years to complete the move to NCAA Division III as new sports teams were added to assure gender equity and to meet conference requirements. Today, Dominican fields six women’s and six men’s teams.

“The NCAA is much bigger and more focused on traditional-age student-athletes,” explains Baumann. “And, in Division III our players must meet different academic requirements.”

“Athletics is an essential component of the university experience and is an incredible source of pride, spirit, culture and camaraderie on campus,” Goggin says. “The program provides growth and leadership development, and healthy engagement in the campus and greater community. Our student-athletes know they represent the university when they are out in the community.”

Following a highly successful high school soccer career, senior Max Gutbrod, Slinger, WI, knew he wanted to keep playing at the most competitive level possible in college, so he initially pursued several NCAA Division I opportunities. Just a few weeks shy of signing on at a Division I school, Gutbrod sat down with the DU coaches and players and felt an immediate difference.

“I knew DU’s reputation as a soccer powerhouse, and when I saw the beautiful campus and learned about the business degree program, I made my decision to come here,” DU’s star goalkeeper and team captain says. “It’s been an incredible experience, and I’ve grown and learned so much being a part of the team. Coach Baumann is a great leader and I have relationships with my teammates and classmates that I know I couldn’t get anywhere else.”

“While there have been many wonderful victories on the field, some of our greatest victories have taken place off the field, or came from our losses,” Goggin says. “Academics and personal development are more important than any athletic outcome, and our coaches really utilize those teachable moments.”

The magnitude of those off-court/field victories and excellence in the classroom is significant. For the past 10 semesters, DU’s student athletes boasted a combined 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher. This past academic year, 68 athletes were named as scholar-athletes by the NAC for maintaining a minimum 3.25 GPA while competing on at least one varsity athletic team. Three of DU’s men’s basketball players were named to the 2010-11 NABC Honors Court, while for the second year in a row, the women’s volleyball received the Team Academic Award for maintaining a minimum 3.3 GPA throughout the year. Other student-athlete achievements include an Academic All-American, three All-Americans and nine All-Region honors. And, in recognition of the team’s stellar leadership, three DU head coaches – Erick Baumann (Men’s Soccer), Christine Paciero (Women’s Volleyball), and Michael Lane (Women’s Basketball) – were named Coach of the Year by the NAC.

“Though we have a long way to go and continue to work toward improving our facilities, we are proud of our accomplishments,” Baumann concludes. “We graduate student-athletes who are engaged in their community, and they are proud to come back and support the school.”

Even after becoming a “new campus” for Dominican University in 2001, the Priory Campus remains a sanctuary of calm, recognized for its beauty and serene and spiritual environment. The outside of the majestic building is surrounded by peaceful gardens overflowing with flowers and vegetables, ivy-covered walkways and a tranquil lily pond, while inside spaces include the warm, quiet chapel, gothic-style archways and windows; and of course the hustle of students — interrupted occasionally by squeals of laughter and chatter from toddlers and young children.

In addition to student housing, the Priory is home to Dominican’s Graduate School of Social Work, School of Continuing Studies, the Rose K. Goedert Center for Early Childhood Education, and the Social Work Center, and space is subleased to ELS for students studying the English language. Throughout the week and well into the evening hours, the campus hums with classes, residence hall life, and Dominican-sponsored community lectures and conferences featuring noted speakers and dignitaries. We extend an open invitation to all alumni/ae and friends to visit the Priory Campus to experience the beauty and serenity for yourself!
Sustainable Strength for the Future

Through the back door of the Alberto Magnus Arts Center (formerly the Science Building), down a steep flight of stairs, past the noisy boilers, in a dark and dingy back room is located one of the greenest features in Dominican’s sustainability efforts. The 90-year-old cistern doesn’t look like much, but this simple water tank is able to collect gallons upon gallons of rainwater from the roofs of the original campus buildings and excess water that is pumped out of the basement of Centennial Hall. After the cistern was restored a couple years ago, the water collected has been used to irrigate campus and to replenish water for the air conditioners in Parmer Hall, saving four to six million gallons of potable water a year.

The cistern is just one of many ways that Dominican is conserving resources by retrofitting old technologies and using new innovations. Under the direction of Amy McCormack, senior vice president for finance and administration, the university has launched an overarching sustainability planning effort titled 4RFuture. The title pays tribute to the traditional three Rs of green living: reduce, reuse and recycle. The fourth R in the plan stands for respect. “Respect for our Earth and the future state of living on it is the umbrella for all of these green initiatives. There are many opportunities to live a more conscious lifestyle and support the economy and sustainability,” McCormack says.

McCormack hopes to make sustainability planning more a part of the curriculum and get more students, faculty and staff involved. In the fall, Physical Plant will hire two sustainability stewards, student workers who will help promote 4RFuture on campus. In addition, a student internship will be established to work on sustainability tracking and assessment, developing best practices and policies, and programming of events to educate and build awareness on sustainability topics.

“I’m hoping that down the road 4RFuture and student awareness become integrated in not only the sustainability program, but the curriculum and their personal lives as well,” McCormack says.

Several sustainability projects have already been completed on campus. More than a decade ago, permeable pavers were installed in the west parking lot. The holes between the pavers allow rainwater to filter through to the ground and to the roots of trees and plants. This also prevents unnecessary runoff into the sewer system. A bioswale behind Parmer Hall also filters and diverts the water from the roof of Parmer through an area with native trees and plants.

The original ventilation system in Lewis Hall was retrofitted to air condition the building, allowing the university to remove the inefficient window air conditioners. Energy-efficient lighting and boilers were installed on campus, and a building automation system controls the energy settings on campus. The university also uses innovations such as occupancy sensors, solar-powered lights, day lighting and heat recovery to save energy.

Construction of new buildings, such as Parmer Hall and the parking garage, have also involved green elements. Parmer Hall was built following Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria, and builders used recycled content and local materials. The parking garage uses day lighting, so light levels automatically dim if natural light levels are high.

The university is also in the process of planning future sustainability projects. Over a year ago, Dominican launched BikeDU, a free bike-sharing program on campus. Due to its popularity, the program is looking to expand by offering more bikes and giving students the chance to rent bikes for an entire semester.

Another organic project on campus is a community garden that was planted in the spring at the Priory Campus. Staff, faculty and students planted and maintained the garden throughout the summer and donated a portion of the harvest to a local food pantry.

The university is also investigating the feasibility of using geothermal technology and solar power to provide energy to campus. One of the largest contributors to greenhouse gas is carbon emissions from energy use. Not only would the university be able to significantly reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, there would also be a financial incentive to utilizing geothermal and solar technologies.

As part of the 4RFuture planning effort, McCormack hopes the university will be able to further evaluate sustainability commitments and pledges. In August, the university formally signed the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact, and is evaluating the requirements of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment. McCormack explains, “Signing such commitments needs to be well informed and done with integrity because there are implications that will drive future planning.”

Dominican has been committed to conservation since the first buildings and the cistern system were built in the 1920s. “Some say sustainability is the mega movement of this century,” McCormack says. “I think sustainability has been part of the fabric since the founding of the university and will continue to move us forward.”
Christopher Koetke MBA ’07 is one of those fortunate individuals who knew from an early age exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up. “I was in sixth grade and sitting in the back seat of the car stressing about what I wanted to be when I grew up when it just hit me. I wanted to be a chef,” Koetke recalls. “Whenever we had company over, I always ended up in the kitchen, so I guess it was destined to happen.”

With that plan in mind, at the age of 13 he landed his first job in a professional kitchen. After several years of correspondence back and forth with famed chef Julia Child, at age 16 he had the opportunity to meet the grande dame of cooking herself, and his fate was sealed. His career has taken him to positions in several of the world’s finest restaurants in France and the United States, as a certified executive chef and a certified culinary educator. Today, as the vice president of culinary arts programs for Laureate International Universities and the executive director of the School of Culinary Arts at Kendall College in Chicago, Koetke provides strategic leadership for all of Laureate’s culinary arts programs, which are offered at nine institutions in nine countries. He is also the host of the Emmy-nominated cooking show, “Let’s Dish,” on the Live Well HD Network.

“I am eternally fascinated by food — once it is in your blood, it never gets out,” Koetke says. “Food is a creative outlet – thus, the name culinary arts. It is an art form that involves creating something very special as well as very social.”

And like all arts, Koetke says, the culinary arts involve a journey of discovery. “The fun thing about a journey with food is that it doesn’t have a foreseeable end. Like many chefs, I have gone through phases believing and following different styles,” he says. “The culinary arts is a profession where upward mobility is intrinsic.”

Koetke’s career is evidence of that fact. Since joining Kendall College in 1998 as a culinary instructor, his teaching career progressed rapidly as he assumed positions of greater leadership. In 2009, the International Association of Culinary Professionals named him Cooking Teacher of the Year, and under his leadership, the school received the Academy of Culinary Arts Cordon d’Or Gold Ribbon Cooking School of the Year Culinary Academy Award for 2008.

“If someone had told me at the age of 15 that one day I would have a national television show, write a book, contribute to magazines, manage culinary schools in nine countries and work with many of the world’s greatest chefs, I wouldn’t have believed it,” Koetke says. “While I’ve worked hard for it, I’ve been incredibly fortunate.”

Koetke’s belief that education opens many unexpected doors led him to pursue his master’s in business administration at Dominican. “Having my MBA has been terrifically invaluable to me as a chef. To be successful I have to understand business and how to make a profit. Dominican is a great place and I’m proud to have gone there for my degree.”

This past spring, the Brennan School of Business presented Koetke with its Alumnae/i Award for Professional Achievement. “I have found myself in situations meeting with financial experts and lawyers that I was never prepared for as a chef. Having a business background has been essential to what I have accomplished, and without my MBA I would not be in my current position,” he says. “Chefs needs to understand business because restaurant failures are not the result of culinary mistakes, they are business mistakes.”

While Koetke wears many hats in his position, of all his accomplishments he says he is most proud of his role as a teacher. “As a teacher, I’ve been able to touch and influence lives, and many of my students have gone on to great careers. They’re not just making money – they are making a difference.”
Known to their students as Dr. Bob and Dr. CJ, the Calin-Jagemans are combining their respective areas of expertise to identify the genetic and neural changes that occur when long-term memories are formed. Simply put, what is the molecular basis of memory? And what about its corollary, the physiological basis of forgetting?

"We don’t know if forgetting represents the decay of long-term memory processes or an active erasure process," Dr. Bob says. "This area of memory research is still new enough that almost no one has looked at it yet."

The basis of the Calin-Jagemans’ research is the principle that, when an animal learns something new, that knowledge must be stored permanently somewhere in the brain. "It takes biological support to remember something," Dr. Bob explains. "Ultimately, that memory depends on the animal using its genes in a novel way — either activating or deactivating them."

The Calin-Jagemans’ project, "Mechanisms in the Expression and Decay of Long-Term Habituation Memory," relies on sea slugs (Aplysia californica). This species is ideal for studying the neurobiology of learning and memory due to its relatively simple nervous system, consisting of just 15,000-20,000 large, easily identified neurons. Contrast that with the 100 billion neurons in the human brain, and it’s easy to see the appeal of sea slugs, at least in the laboratory. Despite this neural simplicity, though, the animals can be trained at a very rudimentary level, making them doubly well suited as laboratory subjects.

In this case, Dr. Bob and his undergraduate lab assistants train the animals by habituating them to accept touch. "Habituation — learning to ignore a stimulus — is the simplest thing an animal can remember," he says. "Normally, when sea slugs are touched, they curl up in a ball. When we touch them over and over in the same place, they stop curling up, but only when touched in that same place."

What’s more, the animals remember the next day and several days after that, curling up the untrained side of their tail but not the trained one when touched. Some animals are harvested one day after being trained, while others are harvested one week later.

Dr. CJ takes over in the next phase. "We break open the cells of the particular neurons that control the trained area — it’s only five or six out of 20,000 in the entire animal — and let out the genetic material so we can harvest the RNA and quantitate how expressed genes have changed very precisely," she says. "By knowing the sequence of the genes I’m interested in, I can see whether the training has activated specific genes or not."

Comparing neurons from the trained side of the body with those from the untrained one allows identification of genes regulated in learning. By harvesting animals at different times, we can track the memory as it fades. These may ultimately be some public health benefits from this research. "If we can identify genes that are important for keeping a memory, maybe we can figure out the corresponding genes in humans, which could allow doctors to boost patients’ memories and better treat or even prevent memory loss," Dr. Bob says. "But we don’t want to overhype that possibility. These benefits may not even come during our lifetimes."

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The Calin-Jagemans believe that one aspect of their proposal that stood out to the NIH is the specific combination of expertise each scientist brings to the project. “I’ve worked with neurons for a long time and Bob has worked with sea slugs for a long time, but we’d never contemplated putting the pieces together until now,” Dr. CJ says. “There are relatively few labs trying to trace memory this far into the biological system.” Additionally, the pair believes their emphasis on using undergraduate laboratory assistants stood out to the NIH. “This is a perfect project for undergraduates to work on because these animals are easy to handle, which allows the students to focus more on what they’re doing and why they’re doing it, and they can be involved in many parts of the protocol,” says Dr. Bob. “This is giving them significant research experience.”

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Robert Calin-Jageman, PhD, Irina Calin-Jageman, PhD
Faculty Spotlight

Several years ago Marie Masterson, PhD, assistant professor of early childhood education, set out to “transform the world of children through the power of positive relationships,” and today, as Dominion’s newest Fulbright Scholar, she is well on her way to making that dream a reality.

“It’s a devotion... a calling... a passion for me, and I love what I do,” she says. A member of the School of Education faculty since 2010, Masterson has focused her energy on developing a training model that approaches the role of teachers in students’ lives in a different way, refocusing attention on positive discipline.

“This is much more than a philosophy or set of strategies,” Masterson explains. “Research shows that with positive, responsive, teacher-child interactions in social and learning domains, children show improved attention and academic performance. But it’s much more than that. Children need someone to believe in them — to nurture their strengths and ignite their life purpose and mission. We want to empower teachers to be leaders who will carry forth a vision for equity, compassion, justice and advocacy in the field of early childhood education.”

She received her grant award through the Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) in the spring of 2011, and for six weeks over the past summer worked in collaboration with faculty of Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand, to plan and implement a new professional development program for quality improvement and early childhood education environments. In addition, she provided training in positive discipline practices for teachers, researchers, parents, and professionals through the 101st Guide to Positive Discipline for Young Children, the early childhood education behavior guidance text book Masterson co-authored with renowned child behavior expert Kartharine C. Kersey, EdD. The FSP promotes linkages between U.S. academics and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas. U.S. faculty members and professionals are awarded grants enabling them to engage in short-term collaborative projects at host institutions in more than 100 countries. The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funds the international travel costs and provides a stipend.

“Though the laws in Thailand have changed, corporal punishment is a common practice for Thai children,” Masterson says. “However, our research shows that training in the 101st positively impacts teachers’ attitudes, practices and interactions with children and families. This work is about integrating the human rights of children into school policies around the world.

“We’re teaching a way of life, not just techniques,” Masterson explains. “We want to treat children with respect based on the Golden Rule, and to nurture authentic, growth-fostering relationships. It is life changing when we realize the impact our words and actions have on the way others respond. We must first influence teachers, so that they can in turn understand their own impact in the lives of the children. All children need someone to believe in them — to nurture their strengths and ignite their life purpose and mission. We want to empower teachers to be leaders who will carry forth a vision for equity, compassion, justice and advocacy in the field of early childhood education.”

Since coming to Dominic from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, Masterson has maintained a jam-packed schedule that includes research, and writing professional books and papers and presenting at state and national conferences. Previously the early childhood specialist for the state of Virginia, she continues to serve as an educational consultant to the Virginia Department of Education and Head Start, as a textbook and journal peer reviewer; and as a member of many advisory councils, committees and task forces. While she professes that advocacy for children is her “fizz,” when she isn’t working, she spends time traveling with her similarly “globally focused” family and playing the violin.

“It is my desire to create through intensive training, a more peaceful world for children and families. I chose to come to Dominican because my work aligns directly with the university’s mission of giving compassionate service and participating in the creation of a more just and humane world.”

Office of the Provost

Cheryl Johnson-Odim, provost, has been elected to the Chief Academic Officers Task Force of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC). She also facilitated a workshop on the Chair/CAD relationship for the CIC in Louisville, KY, in May.

Rosary College of Arts and Sciences

Daniela Andrei, assistant professor of chemistry, presented her research at the 12th Tetrahedron International Symposium – Challenges in Organic and Biological Chemistry, held in June in Stiges, Spain. She and her students also presented their research results at the 142nd American Chemical Society National Meeting in August.

Daniel Beach, department chair and professor of psychology, participated in a National Geographraphic expedition to Antarctica where he conducted a research project to assess the number and distribution of penguin species on the Antarctic Peninsula. Beach also was interviewed on WHIO radio in June about the psychology of mob action in conjunction with his book "Abnormal Psychology in Perspective.”

Tonia Bernardi Triggiano, associate professor of Italian, published an article titled “Dante’s Heavenly Lessons: Educational Economy in the Paradiso” in Essays in Medieval Studies.

Judy Beto, professor of nutrition sciences, was a keynote speaker at the Hawaii Dietetic Association in May, lecturing on the value and impact of nutrition intervention. She also presented an interactive workshop, “Statistics 101: How to Evaluate Published Research,” at the spring clinical meetings of the National Kidney Foundation.


Richard Calabrese, professor of communication arts and sciences, recently completed his third year hosting a weekly series of seminars on enhancing work relationships at Alexian Brothers Medical Center.

St. Mary Clemente Davelin,OP, professor emerita of English, wrote the essay “God and the Human Body in Piers Plowman” as part of a Jestschrift for C. David Benson for Chaucer Review, vol. 46, in summer 2011. Her recorded lectures on Dante’s Divina Commedia were released on CD by Now You Know Media in 2011. She also published “In Memoriam Charles Marcus Friesen (1926-2010)” for her former teacher, in Chaucer Review, vol. 45.

Jennifer Dunn, assistant professor of communication, was awarded the top paper prize from the Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Interest Group at the Central States Communication Association (CSCA) annual conference for her paper “Virginty for Sale: Problematizing Public Discourses of Virginity and Prostitution.” In addition, she advised three undergraduates who had papers accepted for the Midwest Undergraduate Research Conference portion of this year’s conference. She is also now the chair and program planner for the CSCA’s Media Studies Interest Group for 2011-2012.

J. Brent Friesen, assistant professor of chemistry, wrote an article, “Oxydation of 2-Methyl-1-cyclonexanol: New Findings from a Popular Undergraduate Laboratory Experiment in the Journal of Chemical Education.” He also wrote “Phytoconstituents from Vitis agnus-castus fruits” in Fitotherapy (2011), a peer-reviewed journal. Fiesen also attended the Teaching Guide-Inquiry Organic Chemistry Labs workshop at the University of Minnesota this summer.

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Mickey Sweeney, professor of English, edited the 2010 issue of Essays in Medieval Studies, an interdisciplinary journal of medieval studies featuring papers delivered at the annual meeting of the Illinois Medieval Association. She also published an article in the spring 2011 issue of Renaissance.

Brennan School of Business

Peter Ailon, professor of economics and finance, presented the paper “Universal Life Insurance – Has It Always Simply Been a Question of Duty?” at the Academy of Finance and Economics and Finance in Jacksonville, FL, in February.

David Aren, associate professor of marketing, co-authored with Wayne Koprowski, associate professor of management, the article “Caging the Quantitative Consumer: The Report from Illinois” for the Journal of Academic and Business Ethics. He and Koprowski also presented “Alternative and Implications: Legalizing Harlotry as a Guilty Pleasure” for the 2011 MBA International Conference in March.

Dan Cordon, professor of economics and quantitative methods, presented a paper, “Beliefs: Contributions: A Historical Perspective,” at the international conference of the National Business and Economics Society in March.

Robert Arons, associate professor of finance, Peter Ailon, professor of economics and finance, and Dan Cordon, professor of economics and quantitative methods, presented a panel-discussion titled “We Have Met the Enemy and He is Us” for the Brennan School of Business’s U.S. Bank Center for Economic Education in March.

Carol Ballance, associate professor of economics and Arvid Johnson, dean and professor of management, co-authored the article “The Implications of Global Ecological Externalities for Global Gas,” a STIRPAT formulation” for the 2010 issue of the Journal of Management Policy and Practice. They also presented a paper titled “Ecological Impact Externalities for Fossil Fuels in OPEC Countries and Their Policy Implications” at the 2011 annual meeting of the Midwest Decision Sciences Institute. The paper was published in the conference’s peer-reviewed proceedings.

Graduate School of Library and Information Science

John W. Berry, professor, was named an “Illinois Library Luminary” by the Illinois Library Association in February, joining 19 other distinguished colleagues for significant contributions to state, national and international librarianship.

Janice Del Negro, assistant professor, received the 2011 Storytelling World Resource Award for Storytelling: Art and Technique, a book she co-wrote with Ellen Greene.

Mary Pat Fallon, assistant professor, wrote the article “The Status of the Irish Research library,” published in the April 2011 issue of World Libraries.

Chris Hagar, professor, was a member of the program committee and chair for the education and training panel of the 8th International Association for the Study of Informatization and School Information Systems for Crisis Response & Management conference “From Early-warning Systems to Preparedness and Training,” held in Lisbon, Portugal in May 2011.

Keen Haycock, professor, gave the annual Follett Lecture on “Advocacy Revised: New Insights Based on Research and Evidence.” He also wrote the articles “Exemplary Public Library Branch Managers: Their Characteristics and Effectiveness” for Library Management, “Connecting British Columbia (Canada) School Libraries and Student Achievement: A Comparison of Higher and Lower Performing Schools with Similar Overall Funding” for School/Libraries Worldwide, and “Designing and Evaluating Library Leadership Programs: Improving Performance and Effectiveness” for Australian Library Journal. Haycock also was named the incoming chair of the American Library Association’s Committee on Accreditation.

Kate Marek, professor, wrote the book Organizations/ Storytelling for Librarians: Using Stories for Effective Leadership, published by the American Library Association in January. Her book chapter “The Role of Organizational Storytelling in Successful Project Management” was published in Convergence of Project Management and Knowledge Management by Scarecrow Press in December. In April, Marek delivered the keynote address for the Kansas Beta Phi Mu annual meeting, the organization’s first-ever to be held via web conferencing system.

Christopher Stewart, assistant professor, was named editor-in-chief of World Libraries, the international journal of the Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Stewart was also named editor of the Metrics column for the Journal of Academic Librarianship. Stewart was a featured speaker and panelist for the program “The 21st Century Academic Library Building: A Forum on Recent Planning, Design, and Construction of New Library Space” at the 2011 annual conference of the American Library Association.

Tonya J. Tidmore, associate professor and director of the PhD program, presented a paper at the refereed First Annual Conference on Information and Religion, hosted by Kent State University in May. The paper, titled “Speaking of Spirituality,” explores information practices inherent in The What Matters Colloquia, a series of discussions created to familiarize new faculty with the university’s mission and administrative structure.

Ed Valauskas, instructor, presented several lectures at libraries and museums in conjunction with the National Library of Medicine exhibit, “Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine,” in spring 2011. He also presented “Open Access Scholarly Journals, Libraries, Scholars, and Research: Content Creation and Preservation on Campus,” at the LibRAS Annual Membership Program in May. He gave two lectures, “Plants in Print: The Age of Botanical Discovery,” and “Treaties: The Rare Book Collection at the Lenhardt Library,” at the Lenhardt Library of the Chicago Botanic Garden in May. Valauskas also published a book from the first issue of Unconcerted Culture, a peer-reviewed scholarly journal on cultural heritage which he also serves as co-editor and advisory board member. In May, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of First Monday, a monthly peer-reviewed open-access journal dedicated to research about the Internet, for which he serves as chief editor.

School of Education

Greg Harman, assistant professor, wrote the article “An Hour in the Classroom: Pushing & Pulling Students Toward Ideas” for the fall 2010 issue of Teaching & Learning: The Journal of Natural Inquiry & Management conference “From Early-warning Systems to Preparedness and Training,” held in Lisbon, Portugal in May 2011.

Anita Miller, assistant professor and coordinator for online learning, presented “Collaborative Action Research: Teacher-Researchers Coming Together Virtually to Enhance Student Learning” at the 2011 Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education (SITE) International Conference in March.

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Hearing of Steve's stroke, Marilyn Colby sent word from Montreal: “There is no one on technique and stroke repair on the dimmest soap for me.” Next month, 2012, we will always remember her!”

Kash Creadon Sullivan wrote that her older sister, a great-grandmother, has passed away. She was living in a nursing home in New York City, and had recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

Karen Moran Duffy and husband, Charlie Strickland, sold their nine-bedroom house last June and moved to Edinboro, Lehigh County, PA. Their former in-law, Mark Deese, who had been living with them for the past several years, has returned to North Carolina.

Karen Moran’s cousin, Maysaa Fatine Ejjed, little sister for Jinane Maysaa, is visiting from Paris and will be in town until the end of June. Karen sent word last week that she’s working on an upcoming book about her mother, a Palestinian activist who was imprisoned for 14 years.

Karen has started to work less and ease into retirement, and is also working on a new book about her family and the Middle East.

Karen Moran’s mother, Mary Ellen Boyle Callow, is mostly retired and lives in Yellow Springs, OH. She has been a member of the Ohio Outdoor Writers Association for several years and is looking forward to spending more time with her family and friends.

Karen Moran is also working on a new book about her mother, who was born in Egypt and grew up in Paris. She has been a member of the International Association of Journalists for over 20 years and is currently working on her first book.

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Since my game plan is to stay in touch a couple times a year to gather and pass on news, please make sure that you or the alumna/i office has up-to-date contact info. If you haven’t heard from me, it’s because we’re missing something. Reach me at classofi@guidom.edu.

Donald Howard had a grandchild this earlier year.

**Tom MacK opened a new podiatry office in Brookfield. Mary Sue Denen Wyscocik’s and Michael Hattter’s sons both came back safely from Afghanistan. Tina Marinelli Kaveney MBA ‘85 is still involved in Relay for Life, as is Pauline Tenegal BBA with the Special Olympics. Anna Pesci Ali has moved back to the Chicago area from Florida and has just returned to time for the blizzard in February. What a welcome! Her mom also passed away recently.

Grace DuMelle and husband, Walter Podrazik, and their company, Heartland Historical Research, were recently featured in the Chicago Tribune. Grace researches histories of Chicagoland area homes. Grace is also an assistant librarian at the Newberry Library in Chicago. She speaks to history and genealogy groups about how to research. She is the author of Finding Your Chicago Ancestors: A Beginner’s Guide to Family History in the City and Cook County.

I’m on the hunt for Michael De Pina and Anthony Armondie – they are listed among the missing. Anyone know where Susan Cettelli Haslwanter and Francoisi Pesci Ali are? They are listed among the missing. I’m on the hunt for some more from you. Please join our Facebook group—Rosiello Community/University Class of 1976. I request that you submit individual emails asking for pictures and updates, I will only be messaging people in this group (it’s much faster), and so much fun to reconnect with

Susan Conte and Francoisi Pesci Ali!
Hey everyone! Hope all of you are well. Since my last update, I moved to Crystal Lake. I had a chance to visit with some of our classmates a few months back at the home of Melissa Marquardt Nowak ’94 and Jim Nowak ’94. Melissa just returned from a business trip to India. Now she is back to "life in the locker room" as she lives with him and their three kids. I met Paul Connelly’s new addition, Paxton, who is adorable. He turned 1 in February. Marsha Hanson Spurling MLS ’96 and her husband, Clay, are enjoying being grandparents to Emily Grace Spurling, who was born on February 1, 2011. Marsha is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. They have already taken Emily to her first lesson in Scottish dancing! Julie Maloney Stephen is still teaching in Calumet City and getting ready to send daughter, Allison, off to college soon. I am starting a Class of 1995 Facebook page, so look for it soon. I hope we can all stay better connected through the power of social media!

–Bridge Leo Harvey MLS ’96, class agent

Dora Elias-McAlister successfully defended her dissertation proposal and is pursuing a PhD in higher education at the University of Maryland.

–Scott Henck, class agent

Julie Nowak and husband, from the fourth addition, Charles Allen, to their family. She signed on with a talent agent about six months ago, and she loves to my daughter, Chiara (4). She signed on with a talent agent about six months ago, and she loves to

Megan Marie Dziadzio, daughter of Kim Jachino Dziadzio and husband, Michael. Kim Jachino Dziadzio and her husband, Michael, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Megan Marie Dziadzio, on November 13, 2010. She weighed 6 lbs, 12 oz and was 19.5 long. Mark is currently vice president, manager of public relations, at Charter One. The Guess family resides in Chicago’s Norwood Park neighborhood.

–Sara J. Jimenez, class agent

~Clay Farrow Burnett MLS ’02 and his new wife, Robin. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Alyssa, Kaitlin and Ellen Krisko with baby sister, Sabrina, after her daughter, Lucy Krisko. She was born to Tony and Sarah, on November 13, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to Morgan, Tony and all of their family.

–Melissa Mascari SantoPietro, class agent

Drew Elms-McAlister successfully defended her dissertation proposal and is pursuing a PhD in higher education at the University of Maryland.

–Scott Henck, class agent

2010

Scott Hanak’s daughter, Kaitlin, who is in the second grade. Scott and his wife, Amy, were blessed to welcome a son, Omer Binyamin Jones, on February 26, 2010.

–Annie Hughes and Diane Schultz, class agents

2008

Holly Benedi recently displayed her senior thesis project from Dominican in an art exhibit called "Wondered in Action: An Exhibition of Orthodox Art." The exhibit, which included pieces from a number of other artists, ran from June through August 2011 at the Chicago Cultural Center. More information about the artwork can be found online at www.wonderedinaction.org. "Who would have thought I could display my senior thesis work again," says Holly. "It feels great!"

2009

Melissa Behonick lives in Mandarin, United States, and is in her second year of her master’s degree in communities, organizations, and social change from the University of Chicago.

Deanna Foley Finionette married in February 2011 and resides in Des Plaines. She works for a coupon clearinghouse and continues to be involved in the theater community in the Chicago area. She is looking forward to her upcoming trips to Europe and Australia.

–Melissa Behonick, class agent

Patricia Montalbano Roberts and family

Patricia Montalbano Roberts moved back to Illinois after living in Arizona for seven years. She has been married for 13 years and has four kids ages 18, 12, 10 and 6. She has her own jewelry design business, which you can check out at www.bellissimobracelets.com.

–Deborah Brown Dibbern recently enjoyed a trip to Disneyworld with her husband, Bill, and their kids ages 18, 12, 10 and 6. She has her own jewelry design business, which you can check out at www.bellissimobracelets.com.
After graduation, Ivana Debro spent two months in Europe with family. Shortly after her return to the states, she found a job in the accounting field with an international firm located in the Willis Tower. Maryann Drees spent last school year as an English teacher in a village in the Republic of Georgia, teaching with a trip to Alaska. Ivana Debro is currently working on her doctorate degree in the Chicago School of Social Work and Public Service.

Ivana Debro is an assistant manager for Nordstrom’s Woodfield location. She is also exploring the possibility of a Library School and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in library science at Dominican.

Evelyn Boyd MALIS ’07 has accepted the position of director of human resources at the University of Northern Iowa’s Rod Library.

Lillian Scannicchio is a Title 1 teacher for Catapult education.

Cynthia Rodriguez is a Title 1 teacher for Catapult education.

Jennifer Langer is currently in graduate school at Dominican University in Lisle, continuing her studies in the field of gerontology.

Zlatan Hodzic is a former second-year student at the Chicago Board of Trade for a proprietary trading firm last September and currently assists traders in monitoring their positions and hedging their options trades with S&P futures.

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Natalie Arbuckle is a medical librarian at the Chicago University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center.

School of Education

Hector Lopez MAE ’14 develops and coordinates the ESL Credit Program for Southwest Juniors College. Hector is dedicated to the students of the southwest region, especially at-risk and underserved student populations. Hector lives in Aurora, IL, with his wife and three children.

Graduate School of Library and Information Science

Kathleen McSwain MALIS ’11 is an assistant librarian at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Kathleen has been the organizer and the planner for the Illinois Libraries and Legislative Breakfast, hosted each April in Springfield. She was instrumental in the success of the IASIL Libraries campaign, which promoted library funding. In February 2010, Kathy helped promote the successful IASIL “Snapshot of a Library” campaign which allowed the country covered photos and recorded statements of individuals visiting libraries proving the importance of this vital civic enterprise.

Janice Gintzler MALIS ’97 is currently working on her doctorate degree in the Chicago School of Social Work and Public Service.

Brendan School of Business

Michael Stark MBA ’04 is chief operating officer and chief financial officer for Coral Chemical Company in Zion.

Renata Urenava MBA ’95 lives in Campinas, Brazil, and was recently named the CFO of South America for Owens Corning.

Christopher Keefe MBA ’94 received the Brendan School of Business’s Outstanding Alumnus Award during Dominican University’s commencement exercises in May. Christopher is executive director of Kendall College School of Culinary Arts. Under his leadership, the school was awarded the 2004 Academy of the Culinary Arts Corden D’Or Gold Ribbon Cooking School of the Year. Under his leadership, the school launched a sustainability initiative in 2007, which was awarded the Green Infrastructure Award from the Environmentalists Society International.

Licia Malca is a medical ambassador for the American Cancer Society, where she assists in the creation of nutrition education campaigns. Licia is currently pursuing a master’s degree in health promotion and wellness at Dominican.

Maryann Drees spent last school year as an English teacher in a village in the Republic of Georgia, teaching with a trip to Alaska. Ivana Debro is currently working on her doctorate degree in the Chicago School of Social Work and Public Service.

Rene Seigner is pursuing a MBA in international business/finance and accounting at Benedictine University in Lisle.

After graduating from DU, Edgar Torres returned to his previous post as the lead designer for printing company Dot Press, then transitioned to a position as lead designer at a small, start-up marketing company called CMG Ink, which publishes the On Burnau Doctor magazine and website. Edgar also works as a freelance graphic designer in Chicago while starting his own business creating all occasion invitations.

Tracey Williams is a medical ambassador for the American Cancer Society, where she assists in the creation of nutrition education campaigns. Tracey also has a side business with Mary Kay Cosmetics, which will soon feature a nutrition component.

Readson Anderson teaches third grade at St. Bernardine School in Forest Park, and also shares her musical talents with the parish. Readson celebrated completing her first year of teaching with an trip to Alaska.

Zlatan Hodzic began working on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade for a proprietary trading firm last September and currently assists traders in monitoring their positions and hedging their options trades with S&P futures.

Whitney Mullins has been working as a substitute teacher in District 84 in Franklin Park, where she student-teachered at a local school.

After graduating, Amy Kent worked as an editorial intern at a Loop publishing company. Amy edited, wrote and edited magazine articles, video scripts and social media content. Currently, she lives in the city and works full time as a writer for a relationship-marketing agency.

-Annie Hussey, class agent

Licia MALCA ’96 is the new manager of the Chicago Public Library’s West Lawn branch. She is currently working on her doctorate degree in library science at Dominican.

Janice Gintzler MALIS ’97 is currently working on her doctorate degree in the Chicago School of Social Work and Public Service.
Come be a part of the many events Dominican University has to offer.

October

Art Exhibit: Fictional Landscapes
September 21 – October 29
O’Connor Art Gallery

Homecoming & Family Weekend
Friday, September 30, through Sunday, October 2

Albertus Magnus Lecture: Trevor Bechtel
Discernment and Community in the Twitter Age
Thursday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.
Priory Auditorium

Eighth Annual Hispanic Heritage Reception
Friday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.
Social Hall

President’s Signature Concert —
Mary Chapin Carpenter
Saturday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.
University Club, Chicago

Siena Center Lecture: Mary Gordon
Reading Jesus: How Story Shapes Us
Thursday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.
Martin Recital Hall

November

Lund-Gill Lecture: Eboo Patel
Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.
Martin Recital Hall

Art Exhibit: Cosmic Commentaries
November 2 – December 14
O’Connor Art Gallery

Founder’s Day Celebration
Thursday, November 3

Memorial Mass and Brunch
Sunday, November 6, 11:00 a.m.
Rosary Chapel

Mazzuchelli Lecture: Jeannette Rodriguez
Resistance, Faith and Social Change
Tuesday, November 8, 5:30 p.m.
Martin Recital Hall

Albertus Magnus Lecture: George Coyne, SJ
Children of a Fertile Universe: Chance, Destiny and a Creator God
Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.
Priory Auditorium

Siena Center Advent Lecture: Edward Foley, Capuchin
How the Pendulum Swings: The New Translation of the Roman Missal
Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.
Priory Auditorium

December

Siena Center Advent Program —
Dianne Bergant, CSA, PhD
Is God’s Reign of Peace Really Possible?
Thursday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.
Priory Auditorium

28th Annual Alumnae/i/Children’s Christmas Party
Saturday, December 3, 12:30 p.m.
Dining and Social Halls

“Lessons and Carols” A Candelight Service of Prayer and Music
A Dominican University Christmas Tradition
Tuesday, December 6, 5:00 p.m.
Rosary Chapel

January

Winter Commencement
Saturday, January 14, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Lund Auditorium

Caritas et Veritas Dinner and Lecture:
Angel Méndez Montoya, OP
God-talk That Nourishes and Delights
Monday, January 23, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
Shaffer Silveri Alumnae, Palmer Hall

Art Exhibit: First Love
January 25 – February 5, 2012
O’Connor Art Gallery

February

Albertus Magnus Lecture: Heidi Russell
In the Beginning…Recasting the Christian Story in Light of Scientific Developments
Thursday, February 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Priory Auditorium

Siena Center Lecture: M. Cathleen Kaveny
Catholics in the Public Square: Prophecy, Civility and Truth
Thursday, February 9, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Priory Auditorium

March

Art Exhibit: Student Exhibition
March 7 – March 24, 2012
O’Connor Art Gallery

32nd Annual Trustee Benefit Concert
Marvin Hamlisch, Nicole Cabell
Saturday, March 10, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

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Brent James George Smith, Class of 2014
Dean’s Scholarship Recipient
Hometown: Carol Stream, IL
Majors: Corporate Communications and Theology
Activities: New Hope Catholic Worker Farm trip, Mission to the Mound, Dominican Preaching in Action national conference