

Michael '69 and Pat Holland

The relationship that Michael Holland '69 has with Le Moyne runs deep – and so does his affection for his alma mater. Mike proudly recounts having studied philosopher and priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., under the tutelage of Andrew Brady, S.J., and American history under the direction of William Bosch, S.J. Le Moyne is where he learned who he was and what he wanted his place in the world to be. The College has served as a guidepost for him throughout his personal and professional life.

Mike dedicated his career to the legal profession, retiring as a partner at Condon and Forsyth, LLP in New York City, where he was a member of the firm's Management Committee, concentrating his practice in tort and commercial litigation on behalf of the firm's airline clients. During his career, he also served as a guest lecturer in aviation law at Seton Hall Law School, St. John's University Law School and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, among others.

Apart from his numerous professional accomplishments, Mike has always made it a point to give back to his community and his alma mater. He has served as a eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's Church in Garden City, N.Y., and as a volunteer in the Welcome Kitchen at St. Francis Xavier High School in New York City. Mike was honored by Catholic Migration Services in 2017 for his dedication to those in need in Brooklyn and Queens. He has also served on Le Moyne's board of trustees and board of regents and been a longtime admission recruiter in the Greater New York area. Mike was the co-chair of the Class of 1969 reunion committee last year and the planned giving chair for the College's *Always Forward* campaign.

Pat Holland is certainly an honorary Dolphin and, like Mike, she has a deep affinity for education. A native of Rockaway Beach, Queens, Pat earned a bachelor's degree from Emmanuel College and master's degrees from Hofstra University and St. John's University. She started her career as an eighth-grade teacher at St. Joseph's School in Hewlett, N.Y. In 1973, she began what would be a more than 30-year career at St. Edmund's in Brooklyn, N.Y. Pat started as a fourth-grade teacher and was named principal of the school in 1984, a position she would hold for 20 years.

In 2003, the Diocese of Brooklyn called on Pat to serve on the Commission on Catholic Education, which led to her work as associate superintendent for education and strategic planning for the Office of the Superintendent for the Diocese of Brooklyn. Pat retired as president and chief executive officer of the Office of Education of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Still committed to education, she serves on the board of the Therapy Learning Center in Brooklyn.

Mike and Pat co-chaired the 2014 Le Moyne in New York Gala, and we are very pleased that they have agreed to be our honorees this year. They were married by the Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel in Le Moyne's Panasci Family Chapel in 2010 and now split their time between Garden City, N.Y.

and Fort Myers, Fla. Mike is extremely proud of his four grown children: Mark, Caroline, Christopher and Alexandra.