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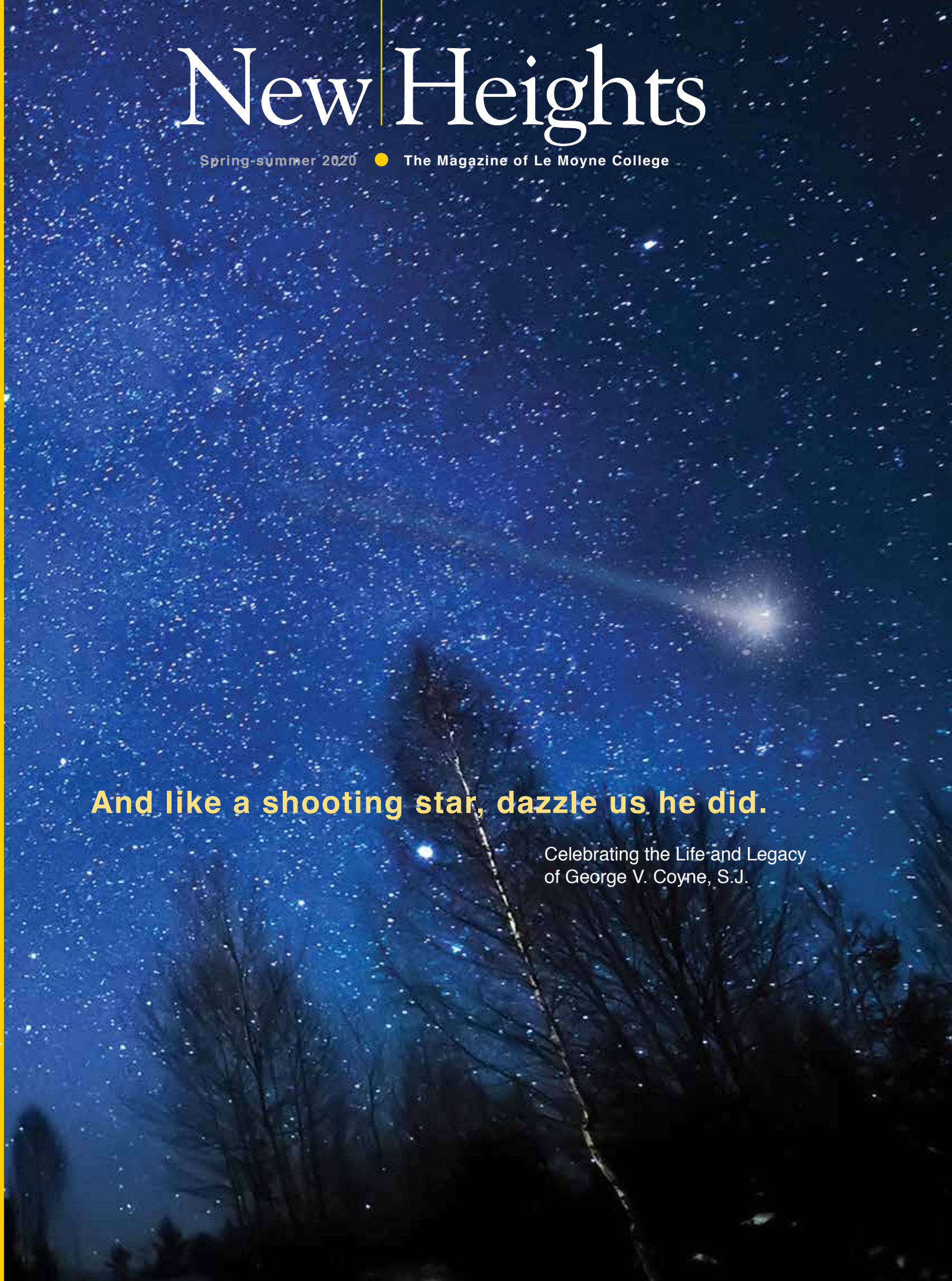

And like a shooting star, dazzle us he did.

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of George V. Coyne, S.J.

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Immersive Learning

Vin, the gentle giant of a man who took her on an alligator safari ride along the Black River … The children from the small, remote school whose smiles brightened every single one of her days … David, the groundskeeper who took pride in every task he undertook, whether painting or gardening, and modeled the simple dignity of hard work … Julia Sardella '20 (right) will forever carry these people, whom she encountered during an eight-day trip to Jamaica, in her heart. The finance major was part of a group of Le Moyne students who traveled to the Caribbean island nation as part of a service-immersion experience. Their job, formally, was to tutor local children, visit the elderly at a nursing home, and assist at a nearby outreach center. But their informal, and far more important, role, was to listen and learn, to broaden their world view, make connections to those living on the margins of society, and discover what it truly means to be a man or woman for others. Their task was to live in simplicity, solidarity and spirituality and to gain a deeper understanding of what they want their contribution to the world to be.

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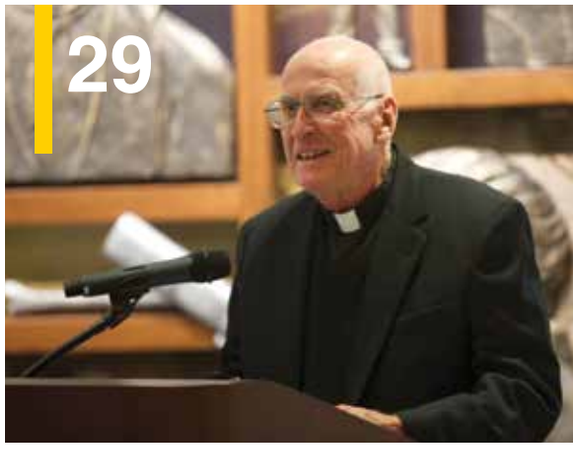

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Meet *New Heights*

You may notice that this issue of *Le Moyne College Magazine* looks a little bit different. (In fact, it's not even *Le Moyne College Magazine* anymore. It's the new *New Heights.*) We spent a year reflecting on everything in the magazine, from the stories we choose to share and the way we tell them to the design and feel of the publication. We are grateful to our readers, who did a lot of the heavy lifting by sharing their thoughts and reflections on the magazine through the reader survey we conducted. Your feedback was – and always is – truly appreciated. We hope that you will enjoy this first issue of *New Heights,* and many more to come.

Sharing your story can make a big difference in other people's lives. Le Moyne graduates have compelling, thought-provoking and entertaining stories to share. To share your story, go to **lemoyne.edu/alumni**. Click the + sign next to Connect on the right column, then click Submit Class Notes.

The magazine submission deadline for the next issue is **Sept. 15.** ***Thank you for sharing your story!***

Le Moyne College is a diverse learning community that strives for academic excellence in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition through its comprehensive programs rooted in the liberal arts and sciences. Its emphasis is on education of the whole person and on the search for meaning and value as integral parts of the intellectual life. Le Moyne College seeks to prepare its members for leadership and service in their personal and professional lives to promote a more just society.

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DOLPHINS NEVER SWIM ALONE

As 2020 began, no one imagined what these subsequent six months would bring. The Coronavirus pandemic has not left our beloved Le Moyne unscathed. Labs and classrooms were eerily quiet in what is usually one of the busiest times of the academic year. Athletic seasons and concerts were canceled. Commencement and Reunion were postponed. Continuing to hear stories of lives lost, communities upended, and dreams deferred is heartbreaking.

Faculty worked overtime to prepare and deliver highly engaging remote instruction and continue to remain a constant source of support. Staff rallied to ensure that professors and students had the resources necessary to continue their work at distance. Students, the heart of campus, showed impressive resiliency, adapting to new learning styles and going to great lengths to maintain connections with their peers. Alumni blended Heights and Hearts, participating in virtual gatherings, offering words of encouragement to one another, and contributing generously to the Jesuit Student Relief Fund to support students in need.

Then, on May 25, George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, and we were reminded yet again of the ugly reality of another pandemic to which we are not immune on the Heights – racism. We are committed to help stop its spread and to heal the wounds in our community. In response to the toxicity of racist language, politics, and actions, we will muster the power of Ignatian values to spread peace and justice on campus and beyond.

We often use the phrase "student body" when we refer to the student population. As a Jesuit Institution, this must be more than simply a figure of speech. As we learn from St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, "If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness." Inspired by the teachings of St. Ignatius, we declare that "Black Lives Matter," that so long as people of color on our campus suffer injustice, the entire community is compromised; so long as the world beyond Le Moyne is in anguish, we are called to minister to it, "not just in words, but in deeds."

The world is different than it was just a few months ago. Many of our families, friends and neighbors have suffered serious losses. There is much heartache in our nation and our world. But I know that we will come together and support each other. We plan to reopen the College in the fall and are preparing to safely deliver exceptional education and community to our students. Though challenges before us are unprecedented, I am confident that we can meet them together. Dolphins never swim alone.

President Linda M. LeMura, Ph.D.

Stories From the Heart

As the Covid-19 pandemic shook the world, ordinary people stepped up to help in extraordinary ways. That includes many members of the Le Moyne community.

"The tragedy we are experiencing summons us to take seriously the things that are serious, and not to be caught up in those that matter less; to rediscover that life is of no use if not used to serve others. For life is measured by love. May we reach out to those who are suffering and those most in need. May we not be concerned about what we lack, but what good we can do for others."

- Pope Francis,
Palm Sunday Mass

Helping Hands

The College's Department of Chemistry donated 10,000 pairs of examination gloves to Saint Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse.

Neighbors In Action

When medical professionals advised Americans to wear protective masks whenever they leave their homes, Sharon Grady, clerical assistant in Campus Ministry, immediately headed to her sewing machine. Grady and her longtime friend Camille DiSenza began making masks using material left over from other projects, first for their families and then, as word of their handiwork spread, for their neighbors in the Fairmont-Camillus area. Grady estimates that she made approximately 60 masks in the months of March and April, and continues to do so as long as anyone wants one. The work has given her and DiSenza a sense of purpose and a way to feel productive during an enormously challenging time for the nation and the world.

A Human Touch

When Jenna Hume '15 encounters a patient who has just received devastating news, such as a cancer diagnosis, she always does her best to comfort them. Now, in the wake of a global pandemic, Hume must do that from behind a grown, facemask, shield, goggles and gloves. She finds herself resisting the urge to rip off that protective gear so that her patients can see a comforting face rather than an unrecognizable human figure safeguarding herself from the very thing that drew her into health care in the first place – human touch.

Hume is a registered nurse in the Digestive Disease Center at Albany Medical Center. She is one of the countless medical professionals whose lives have been dramatically changed by the outbreak of Covid-19. The center where she is employed was once bustling, with upward of 50 cases per day. Now, with all but emergency cases cancelled, that has fallen to fewer than 10 per day. Many of Hume's colleagues were forced to cut back their hours, take leave or to work in other areas of the hospital. Her own transition from registered nurse to nurse practitioner has been put on hold until the summer.

Still, Hume does her best to remain optimistic. She has tremendous support from family and friends from afar. She focuses on obtaining information about the health crisis from credible sources, rather than those that may be skewed. And she is honest and open about her feelings. Those three things help a lot, she says.

Local Ingenuity

The team at JMA saw the impact the novel coronavirus was having on communities globally and locally and knew it had to act quickly to save lives. The wireless technology company based in Clay, N.Y., partnered with a local physician and put its expertise in engineering and manufacturing to work to create an emergency-use ventilator that could keep critically ill Covid-19 patients alive. The company applied to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for approval of the device under the administration's emergency use authorization program. It also formed another organization, Prevail NY LLC, to manufacture the device if its emergency use is approved. The devices would be sold at cost, likely to state or federal governments. JMA employs approximately a dozen Le Moyne alumni, including Vice President of Finance Dino Peios '97.

Sleeves Up

As regional chief executive officer for the American Red Cross Eastern New York region, Kevin Coffey '02 has been on the frontlines of disasters, from small home fires to large-scale catastrophes like hurricanes Florence and Dorian. Coffey considers himself fortunate to witness what he calls "the best of humanity as people roll up their sleeves to help those in need." That work is certainly on display during the coronavirus pandemic. The Le Moyne alumnus and his colleagues worked to continue to ensure that the nation had a safe, healthy supply of blood for those in need, that families received critical help during times of emergency, and that people could take essential and potentially life-saving courses such as CPR and first aid. Coffey lifted his spirits during the health crisis by reminding himself that everyone is impacted by Covid-19, we are in this together, and each day we are one day closer to being on the other side of the pandemic.

"I once heard a volunteer say that we're in the 'help thy neighbor' business," he said. "Right now, during this pandemic, it's inspiring to see the compassion in our country, and the strength of neighbors helping neighbors. Sleeves up. Open heart. All in.'

Spreading Hope

More than 10,000 residents of the South Sudanese village of Ariang are receiving training in cornoavirus preventive measures, thanks to Hope For Ariang (HFA), the nonprofit organization founded by Le Moyne alumnus Gabriel Bol Deng '07, G '12. South Sudan lacks the personnel and infrastructure necessary to address a health care crisis of this magnitude without assistance, making the education HFA is offering absolutely paramount. The organization is seeking to raise $5,000 in order to set up hand-washing stations in crowded areas such as marketplaces and river-crossings and is distributing health care packages and food relief to the most vulnerable citizens.

A native of Ariang, Bol Deng

Here are a few of their stories, collected in the months of March and April.

was forced to flee violence when he was just a child. He founded HFA in order to provide the people of his nation with access to education, opportunities and resources, one village at a time.

Lights Inside the Tunnel

When news of the coronoavirus first broke, Fiona Schaeffer '22 felt despair. The impact of the pandemic on the world's most vulnerable populations was especially wrenching for Schaeffer, who is studying both political science and faith and social justice. She wanted to do something to counteract the feelings of hurt and loss that so many were experiencing in the midst of a global health crisis, while also honoring the importance of social distancing. And so, she turned to a medium she has always loved, podcasting. Schaeffer's show, *Lights Inside the Tunnel,* blends two of her passions, building community and storytelling.

Schaeffer views the podcast as both intersectional and interfaithful. Among the topics it has addressed are climate change, student activism, solidarity, immigration, mental health and poverty. Its emphasis on social justice enables Schaeffer to talk about hope and joy without ignoring the pain of the present moment. But more than that, it provides her with a platform to work for equity. It reminds her not to turn away when she becomes discouraged. And while Schaeffer looks to the future with hope and optimism, she also believes that as conscientious members of a global community we can't look away when things get hard.

"While we might be practicing physical separation, we cannot separate our hearts and our compassion from the world," she said. "If we stay aware, we help heal our global community."

Reuniting

Erin Boyer Healy M.S.Ed.'08, '18, F.N.P. '21 has a very personal reason to be on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic. She wants to bring her family back together. Healy is a nurse who will soon be deployed to St. Mary Mercy Hospital outside of Detroit, Mich. When the severity of the health crisis became clear, she and her husband made the decision to have their children stay with their parents so that they would not become sick. (Their son has cystic fibrosis, and they did not want to take any chances.)

It is hard to be apart. But now, whenever she is not working, Healy focuses on the future. She plans the activities they'll enjoy, the trips they'll take, and the holidays and birthdays they'll celebrate belatedly. It keeps her grounded – and optimistic.

"My number one priority is bringing my family back together," she said. "I will do whatever I can to fight this pandemic because It is the one thing that is preventing us from reuniting."

Helping the Heroes

For Pete and Tara DiLaura '78, the heroes of the Covid-19 pandemic are the health care professionals working on the front lines at hospitals and nursing homes. When the DiLauras, their sons and colleagues at CADimensions saw an opportunity to help these men and women, they reacted immediately. The team used its 3D printing technology to create more than 1,000 face shields for hospitals in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio.

As the owner of a small family business, Pete DiLaura always looks for ways in which they can give back to the community. CADimensions promotes a company culture called "CADLIFE," which stands for Company, Attitude, Dedication, Loyalty, Integrity, Family and Employees. Employees are encouraged to engage in community service, whether it is working with a local charity close to them or on a company-wide service project.

"The coronavirus crisis hit so fast that we felt it was a perfect way for us to jump in and do something that would enable the whole company to feel positive about being part of something bigger in the fight against Covid-19," Pete said.

The Feeling of School

For Makenzie Mohorter '16, a third-grade teacher at Bridgeport Elementary in the Chittenango School District, the hardest part of adjusting to life in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic has been not being able to see her students in person every day. However, they have been able to try out new resources and ways of learning remotely. Mohorter said she and the children in her class have learned a lot from one another, and have made the best of a very challenging situation.

"This is a very confusing and scary time for kids, so I want to do my best to help them through it and reassure them that everything will be OK," she said. "I have also been documenting some great resources and online tools that I will use for my future teaching. I try each day to build some consistency with my lessons and to still bring the feeling of 'school' to each one of my students."

Forging a Second Family

At the height of the Covid-19 outbreak, Meghan (Stuver) Wright '10, a physician assistant who works in a procedural-based practice, saw fewer and fewer patients. Not only were they not scheduling procedures, but many people were hesitant to come to the hospital in the midst of a pandemic.

Once hospital administrators started rescheduling elective cases, Wright's inpatient work began to increase. The constant need to sanitize and protect themselves with masks and shields has changed the way she and her colleagues practice medicine. It is a very anxiety-filled environment, Wright acknowledged. Life has changed for her patients, as well, as they are arriving unaccompanied for procedures and being admitted to the hospital without family support. The Le Moyne alumna is doing her best to communicate with patients and their family members over the phone.

Fortunately, the people Wright works with have become a second family to her. They have worked together to adjust as smoothly as possible to the "new normal." Today her top priority is to continue working with them to provide their patients with excellent care, while at the same time keeping herself safe in an effort to protect her family, including her five-month-old baby.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

VOICES HEARD

The horrific death of George Floyd woke many more people across our country and the world to the ugly reality of the pandemic that is racism, and that the Le Moyne College community is not immune to the pain and suffering inflicted upon generations of black and brown people. In early June, four forums which included students, alumni, faculty and staff were held to listen to the stories of hurt, pain, anger, and the openness to hope for a better Le Moyne – one where no one feels oppressed or afraid on our campus. If racism is a pandemic, and if we at Le Moyne are not immune from it, we are also part of the efforts to stop its spread. As a Jesuit institution, we are committed to healing the wounds in our community. In response to the toxicity of racist language, politics, and actions, we will muster the power of Ignatian values to spread peace and justice on the Heights and beyond.

We cannot preach the gospel of *cura personalis*, the care of the whole person, and ignore the wounds of history or the inequities of the current moment. We must not imagine that our obligation to our students, or, for that matter our mission, can be satisfied only by providing them with a stellar education. We can no longer imagine that we have answered the need for representation expressed by so many of our students of color by simply placing their images in a brochure, or by occasionally celebrating their culture or histories, or even by attending forums where they share their feelings. Nor can we imagine that our goodwill alone, our longing for a more just world, can stand in the place of action.

We often use the phrase "student body" when we refer to the student population. As a Jesuit Institution, this must be more than simply a figure of speech. As we learn from St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, "If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness." Inspired by the teachings of St. Ignatius, we declare that "Black Lives Matter," that so long as people of color on this campus suffer injustice, the entire community is compromised; so long as the world beyond Le Moyne is in anguish, we are called to minister to it, in the words of St. Ignatius, "not just in words, but in deeds."

The College has convened a racial justice committee, made up of students, alumni, staff, faculty and administrators, to clearly identify and strategically develop action items with measurable goals to improve these issues. The group will present these initiatives publicly prior to the start of the fall 2020 semester and again in December. A web page is being developed to transparently communicate and track our progress.

In the next issue of *New Heights* we will share an in depth look at our goals and progress.

Your comments can be heard at racialjustice@lemoyne.edu

According to a Pew Research Center Report, Gen Z is entering adulthood as the most racially and ethnically diverse generation in the United States history. Given the struggles we continue to face nationally in ensuring equality for all, we asked four faculty members what role they play in encouraging students to **understand and appreciate diversity in its many forms**.

The discussion below took place before the death of George Floyd became a wake-up call to the country. Our faculty and leadership members have long been concerned about bringing actionable change to our classrooms to create equality and inclusion, which will continue with ardor.

Faculty Angle

BETH MITCHELL, PH.D.

Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

All students bring valuable experiences that should be shared with the College community. My role as a faculty member is to help foster connections between students regardless of their backgrounds or upbringings. I try to do this in a variety of ways, since I believe it's important that students make these connections in as many different contexts as possible. For example, in my senior bioethics class and my sophomore biology majors' environmental science class, I teach using a lot of discussion. In the students' small and large group discussions of assigned readings, documentaries, etc., I encourage them to share their experiences and their opinions on often controversial topics. I also have them work in randomly assigned groups on research projects. These experiences are often eye-opening for students, allowing them to realize things ranging from, "My ideas are shared by others. I'm not the only one who thought this way," to "I never looked at it from that perspective. I never truly understood that people had to live like that."

RENÉE DOWNEY HART, PH.D.

Professor of Practice
Madden School of Business

Research shows that this generation of Americans – iGen – is the most racially and ethnically diverse in our history, and is on track to be the best educated as well. We know that education is a great leveler, and we also know that this generation is the least sexist, racist, anti-semetic and homophobic. All the "isms" are falling away. This generation will see that happening at a less conscious level than in years past. Its members are already about equity, and the key difference is that they are demanding it of their employers as well. They want transparency and opportunity for all. And if they do not find it? They will move on. Retention may be the driver for some companies to embrace ideals such as these, but no matter the pathway, this is the destination.

LARRY CRABTREE

Adjunct Professor of Dance

My role in nurturing students at Le Moyne is to invite them to embrace various forms of dance, which is centered not just on movement, but also on culture. I teach my students to respect each style and genre in this form of art. There is so much diversity in dance and in the music used when dance is created, that one can't help but to acknowledge the history, diversity and collaboration that connect the various genres. Dance is universal and there are so many lessons that come from studying dance: communication, body awareness, discipline, musicality, professionalism, physicality, artistry, teamwork, storytelling, collaboration, respect, posture, confidence. The list goes on. Dance is an art form that connects and strengthens a community as a whole for each individual willing to embrace the steps.

MARIO SAENZ , PH.D.

Professor, Department of Philosophy

The influence of an instructor in the humanities should not be overstated when confronting systemic problems. However, ours is a form of practice that engages the student's vision of possibilities with a critique of forms of domination and oppression. I think that a vision of self-realization that does not question itself, that is not critical, is not worth having; it's certainly not philosophical.

It is convenient to think that poverty and bigotry are natural. Our capitalist system, with its savage brutality toward those who challenge it, benefits immensely from those dogmas.

My role as an instructor is to create a safe space of dialogue and text, to question forms of government and political economies that manage the lives and deaths of populations with a profound indifference and contempt, a charity without solidarity, toward the humanity of the poor.

An iGener and a Baby Boomer on graduation and beyond

Face to Face

EMMA DISCENZA ’20

Choosing just one obstacle as the most pressing challenge to my generation was its own challenge. There are many issues our society is battling currently, and to rank these problems seems to dismiss how multifaceted and intersectional our culture has become. However, if I had to pick just one issue that I can imagine taking the biggest toll on my generation, it would be global warming. The effects of global warming extend far beyond my generation. We as a human collective face this monumental challenge. However, my generation will not only see the effects of global warming transform this Earth, but will play a leadership role in responding to this crisis.

It can be scary to confront obstacles like this, but that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t try. This is our future. If we want to sustain our planet and our people, we have no choice but to put in the hard work and strive for long-lasting improvements to negate our environmental impact. This kind of progress can only be achieved by leaning into hope. Without hope, we lack the core motivation necessary to succeed at managing this challenge. Hope will drive our species toward a more sustainable way of life that is conscious of how our actions affect our surroundings. Considering this challenge in the context of graduating, I believe my whole class, community and generation will need to enter this next season of our lives not only with a more conscious awareness, but with the understanding that being aware is not enough. Action is not just necessary, but vital to the survival of our Earth and our species.

BILL O’BRIEN ’70

Le Moyne College – fall 1966, men in coats and ties, women housed across the street with strict curfews. Le Moyne College – spring 1970, everyone in cutoff jeans and T-shirts, women living in apartments with no curfews. Adjusting to rapid change amidst a climate of social unrest was the challenge as graduation approached.

During my four years at Le Moyne, I had been led to believe that decisions I made would impact and control my future. As I was leaving Le Moyne, it appeared that environmental conditions were the determining factor in my future. Plans for graduate school were at risk because student riots had closed The Ohio State University prior to final acceptance decisions. With acceptance, I would be reporting for ROTC basic training in 10 days with a guarantee of two years of graduate school. Without acceptance I would be under draft notice and headed to normal basic training (and perhaps to Vietnam) at a future date. My future wife was a junior at Le Moyne. Planning the future seemed out of our control. The instability of the social climate seemed to have overtaken one’s ability to control one’s own life.

While this may be overly simplistic, it seems that the challenge of the time was to reaffirm the notion our futures were impacted by the environmental conditions of the day, but also by the choices we would make that could alter those conditions. The realization was that we were about to make adult decisions (a scary thought at the time) that would alter the course of our futures.

COMMUNITY OF CAREGIVERS

Many internationally trained health care workers dream of coming to the U.S. to launch careers that would benefit the country, particularly its immigrant and refugee populations. These professionals bring with them linguistic skills and cultural understandings that are urgently needed in countless communities. However, once here, these caring practitioners discover that they are unable to work in their chosen fields, despite their educations and experiences in their native countries.

Photo by Ian Schneider on Unsplash

Le Moyne is helping to address this issue, thanks to a $500,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. Since December 2019, the College, led by a team from the Purcell School of Professional Studies, has been meeting with community stakeholders to establish a Welcome Back Center in Central New York. Modeled on similar centers across the country, it will provide a range of services to trained professionals who seek to work in America's health care sector.

While challenges arising from the Covid-19 pandemic have slowed this initiative, progress is being made. Nearly 30 participants are involved. A total of 13 enrolled in a May-mester class at Le Moyne. The program will create an online English as a second language class and build a mentoring and tutoring component of the program that will foster a sense of community among the participants. Eventually the Center is expected to offer educational planning and counseling, refresher courses, job placement assistance, preparation for the Nursing National Council Licensure exam, résumé assistance and interview practice.

The intiaitive is part of the College's commitment to meeting what is a local and nationwide need, explained Le Moyne President Linda LeMura.

"The work that will be done as a result of this grant, helping to care for some of the most marginalized members of our society, aligns perfectly with our mission as a Jesuit institution."

ERIE 21
Educating for our Rising Innovation Economy

Le Moyne's Bold Vision

Hailed in an editorial by the Syracuse *Post-Standard* as "Le Moyne's bold vision" the College's ERIE 21 initiative was formally launched earlier this year. After nearly two years of planning, the enterprise received $2 million in funding from New York state that, along with private money from M&T Bank (among others) will build a program that emphasizes basic concepts, critical thinking and quantitative reasoning in an effort that could be transformational for the Central New York economy over the next decade.

Through a variety of educational, training and private enterprise initiatives, the objective of ERIE 21 (which stands for Educating for our Rising Innovation Economy in the 21st century) is to create infrastructure to support individuals preparing for jobs in the innovation economy. Even before funding was received, ERIE 21 work had already started through the College's hosting two "quantitative thinking villages" for Syracuse city middle schoolers during the summers of 2018 and 2019. A team of ERIE 21 success coaches are being hired to move the program forward at various age levels.

"That sets it apart from traditional workforce training programs that turn out graduates with specific skills for specific jobs or employers," the editorial continued. "Intensive support and mentoring improve the odds participants will succeed. Two-week summer programs on the Le Moyne campus give kids from the Syracuse City School District a window on their career options, a taste of college life and, maybe, a thirst to get there. Another phase prepares adults for existing jobs."

Wild West of Airwaves

What comes to mind when somebody says, "It's like the Wild West out there?" Perhaps the chaotic land rushes of the 1800s or the rollicking dot-com boom. Lately, people in audio podcasting have told me it's like the days of Annie Oakley in the industry. More Americans than ever before are linking to news and sports analysis, storytelling, thought leaders and advice purveyors via podcasts. Newspaper columnists, actors, comedians, pop stars past their prime, and amateurs have created their own downloadable shows, joining re-energized genres that American radio banished years ago, such as documentary and serialized drama. Maybe you've streamed *Dolly Parton's America* from WNYC's podcast service or *The Next Big Idea* from Wondery. You wouldn't be alone. According to the Pew Research Center, 60 percent of Americans over the age of 12 have listened to a podcast in the last week. That's up from 17 percent in 2010.

The absence of rules in this sizzling industry has invited the Wild West comparisons. Any persistent soul with a good idea and the ability to communicate has a shot at gathering listeners either through social media or one of the many podcast distributors still learning what Americans want to hear. Quirky topics such as presidential sippy cups and how to peel an egg have pulled in audiences and, against all odds, a German-language show called *Fest and Flaushig* reaches loyal fans across America. If you listen to podcasts much, you'll also know that strict program lengths have melted in the new frontier. Hosts crash through traditional 30- or 60-minute time blocks because we live in an on-demand world where programs exist independently in time and space. One recent review of a rhythm-and-blues music podcast noted that "every episode goes for around 30 minutes," while Spotify's popular music and culture podcast *Microphone Check* appears randomly, maybe once a week or once a month. No doubt the rules will come, but, for now, like they used to say in FM radio, it's freeform.

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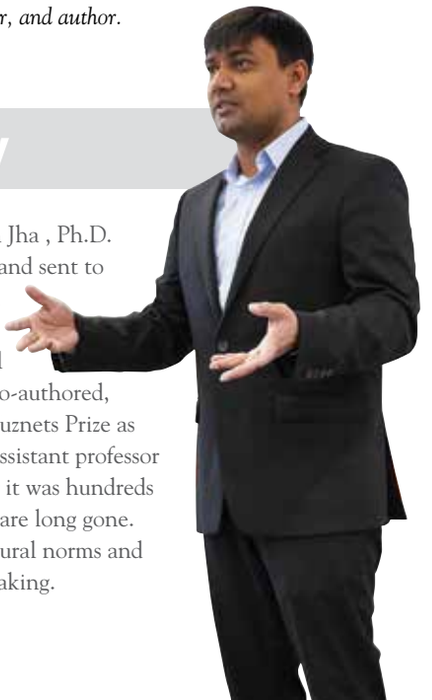
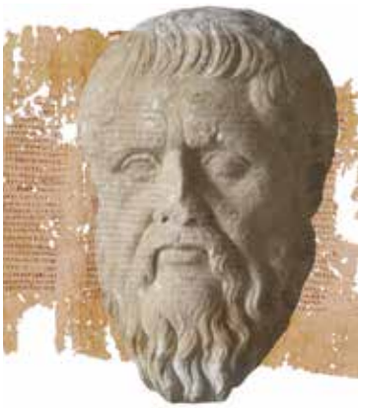
Silencing Ancestral Inequality



Growing up in a small village in Bihar, one of India's poorest states, Chandan Jha , Ph.D. saw gender inequality firsthand. While boys were given more nutritious food and sent to school, girls often received less nourishing meals and stayed home to perform chores. As he came of age, Jha observed this inequality in different forms, and his curiosity drew him to literature that studied the historical agricultural determinants of gender norms across different societies. In 2019, a paper he co-authored, *Ancestral Ecological Endowments and Missing Women*, was awarded the 2020 Kuznets Prize as the best article published in the *Journal of Population Economics*. For Jha, an assistant professor of finance in the Madden School of Business, the topic is as relevant today as it was hundreds of years ago. "Cultural norms persist even after the underlying circumstances are long gone. It is important to adopt measures to lower gender inequality by changing cultural norms and perceptions, not just laws," he says. It's a quest that's been a lifetime in the making.

TEARS AND ANCIENT TEXTS



For Tabor Fisher, Ph.D., the world changed one sunny afternoon, as she sat in a college courtyard studying Plato's *Phaedo*. Fisher found herself increasingly drawn to the ancient text's central theme – that the human soul is immortal – and to the author's dramatic way of writing. Before she knew it, she was in tears. Something inside of her changed, and she has not looked back since.

Today, as an associate professor of philosophy at Le Moyne College, Fisher teaches her students to think critically, examine their beliefs carefully, and engage respectfully with those who disagree with them. She encourages them to enter into discussion rather than debate, and invites them to ask: What can we learn from one other? How can we interact politely with those who hold differing opinions? Fisher's classroom is a place where her undergraduates can "think out loud, try on ideas and work through problems" – and potentially even change their minds about an important issue after thoughtful conversation.

To that end, she regularly puts her students in small groups, where they can chew on a problem in confidence, without worrying that a confrontation will erupt. "I love teaching young people who are at the age where they are developing their own ideas," Fisher says. "It's an exciting time."

A key component of Jesuit higher education, philosophy continues to play a central role at Le Moyne. It is both an art and a science, nurturing and inspiring the higher-level critical thinking that is required for dealing with 21st century problems and challenges. Philosophy is centered on close reading, clear writing and logical analysis. It urges students to consider how their thoughts affect their actions, and invites them to take part in the hard work of not just uncovering their assumptions, but also challenging them.

Your Perspective

Art and the Economy | In 2013, the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis began to report the portion of the nation's GDP (all goods and services produced in the country in a year) that is generated by arts and culture. The most recently reported data indicates that Arts and Culture generated **$804.2 billion dollars** in 2016, 4.3 percent of GDP.

To put this number in perspective, arts and culture surpassed the economic impact of the construction, transportation, travel and tourism, outdoor recreation, utilities, mining, and agriculture industries.

So, the next time you experience a work of art, visit a museum, see a movie, or listen to music, remember that, in addition to making the world a better place to live, the arts also fuel our nation's economy.

Travis Newton, associate professor
Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Urban Ecology | We are experiencing a global biodiversity crisis where native habitats are being converted to agriculture or urbanized. Urban natural areas supply important refugia for local wildlife. Two "hot topics" in the world of urban ecology include effects from global biotic homogenization on biodiversity and effects of human socioeconomic factors on distributions of wildlife. These are two focal topics of my work at Le Moyne. My research aims to supply conservation recommendations to support the co-existence of humans with wildlife in urban areas. For example, the domestic house cat has become feral in many urban areas around the world. I've developed a free smartphone app for reporting sightings of house cats that will help to inform future urban management programs aimed at enhancing biodiversity.

Jason Luscier, associate professor
Biological Sciences

Overheard on campus ...

No one can predict the future. We can learn from the past and make choices that will give a better chance in the future. 🌗 **50+ years and nothing's changed.** First big snowfall and we were all outside building snowmen, snow forts, and staging snowball fights. ☃️ College is **leaving all of your responsibilities until Sunday,** and then finding every possible excuse to avoid doing them all day long. • Here's a little **sunshine throwback** for you on this cloudy day. 🌞 There's not much we wouldn't do to **make you successful.** • Love seeing dirt where there used to be more parking. 🚘 1983 Model U.N. Barron Boyd was our mentor. **We were the U.S. and we rocked it!** 🇺🇸 As an educator, I guide young adults in gaining an appreciation for the **role humans play** in environmental degradation. We connect the dots between environmental health, social justice, and human health. 🌾 This is a fun class and I think they're **ready to be Dolphins.** 🐬 Back in my day we didn't even get **Adirondack chairs** to sit in, we had to bring our own blankets to the quad. Kids these days got it good. • Who has loved you exactly as you are and wanted what is best for you? ❤️ **N. E. double L. I. G. A. N** spells Nelligan! • Everyone has something they care about deeply. For me, that is **bridging the artificial barriers** that have been created through race, gender and class. 🌈 **Jackson Browne** played at Le Moyne while I was there? I hope I went, but I sure don't remember that. 🎸 **People think graduating from college makes you an adult.** I've been using a plastic snow sled as a laundry basket for three weeks. 🧺

Slayer of Giants

With each bounce of the ball the excitement and anticipation grew. One could feel the adrenaline pumping through her veins as the seconds ticked off the clock. Her eyes continually switched between the basket and defender, and at the perfect moment the shot was launched. Across the court, as the ball swished through the net, an 11-year-old fan sprang to her feet, screaming for number two, her idol.

At 5'4" McKayla Roberts' physical stature is diminutive in a game made for giants. Nevertheless, with determination, relentless practice, toughness and a skill for the game, McKayla has become a slayer of giants and a leader among Le Moyne women's basketball legends. In four years as a starter at Le Moyne, McKayla is the program's all-time leading scorer, assist leader, and free-throw leader. She has made more points from the three-point range and played more minutes than any other woman in the history of Le Moyne basketball.

McKayla may be small in stature, but she's unconquerable in heart, desire, strength and skill. These attributes embody the leadership she demonstrates for all her young fans who see themselves wearing number two.

Hoop Dreams

When the decision to cancel the NCAA tournament was announced, we were together and able to offer support to one another. It was difficult to understand why this had to be the year that something of this magnitude would occur. Fortunately, we have been able to continue to reach out to one another, to do video calls and play video games in order to stay in touch. While we'll always wonder what could have been had we finished the season, we still had the opportunity to play with each other, grow as a family and make connections that will last forever. During this difficult time, it is important to have a support system. All of the relationships I have built at Le Moyne have made this process a lot easier.

Thomas Brown '20 is a management information systems and marketing major and a forward on the men's basketball team who was recently named an Academic All American. Like student-athletes across the country, he saw his season cut short by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Working Together Builds Success

It is far too easy for us to get caught up in the vast amounts of thoughts flowing through our own minds. Sometimes this can be a good thing – we focus in on the technique we've refined for thriving in the competition of the game or race, what will make us that much stronger, faster, and more agile. Or we can use introspective reflection to better know ourselves, moments of solitude prompting an inner peace.

However, as college athletes with the stresses of our day-to-day responsibilities and even just simply the act of being human, these thoughts can also be negative. When we doubt ourselves and our capabilities or question why we are even here in the first place, we often draw back further into our fearful minds, distancing ourselves from others. But loneliness never heals.

The remedy for this inescapable part of the human condition is togetherness. We are social creatures and the key to finding peace from our own insecurities, whatever they are, is through the people who care about us reaffirming how strong and capable we actually are. So when you doubt yourself, or feel uncertain of the future, reach out to your family, friends, mentors and faith. We all have our own challenges throughout our lives. But by coming together, we can build each other up, push each other to reach our full potentials, and attain whatever we define success and happiness to be for ourselves and for our teams. Wherever you are in your season, semester and life, never doubt the power and hope that togetherness cultivates.

The question lingers...
Are You
INSIDE THE L

Mya Walters '20
Women's Cross Country and Track

MAKING WAVES | The meet was over, yet she couldn't leave the pool deck. As she sat on the bleachers, gazing into the calm water, her thoughts traveled back eight months, when life as a swimmer and Phin hit some choppy waters. Faced with shoulder surgery and the thought of not competing with her teammates, Victoria Breslin '21 confronted a decision that would define who she was not only as an athlete but as a person.

Victoria's Le Moyne experience changed her well before bicep tendinitis could. From her first interactions on campus, she grew and evolved. She learned about friendships and challenges, fear and happiness, life and the love of God. She embraces the idea of *magis*, and lives life to the fullest, understanding that living is not about just going through the motions. From leading her team in the pool to helping others through Campus Ministry, she strives to be the best version of herself, while impacting the lives of those around her.

Brez (as her friends call her) dedicates herself to discovering what is new and unique about the people around her, to establishing friendships and to becoming a better person because of those relationships. Never going through the motions, she steps into unfamiliar territory and embraces the idea that each and every day counts. If you have a class with Brez, get there early to claim your favorite seat, or you may not have it for that lecture. She chooses not to sit in the same seat each class. She'd rather gain a new perspective, meet diverse people and see the world from a little different view.

Victoria is quick to remind us, "Tomorrow isn't guaranteed due to a majority of reasons: injury, illnesses, accidents and even a pandemic. Make the most out of the opportunities you get. Hug your teammates after a killer relay, call your grandparents to check in, say 'I love you' to those closest to you. Life's too short to live with regret."

As she got up to leave the pool deck, she smiled and realized, while calm water is nice, sometimes choppy is much more satisfying.

"Life's too short to live with regret."

Mother Nature's Daughters

For Katie Piazza '13, the feeling of spending three weeks in what is widely regarded as the coldest, windiest and iciest place on Earth can best be described in a single word, transformational. Not inspiring, or even surreal, but transformational. A lead investigation and compliance scientist at Bristol-Myers Squibb, Piazza was one of 100 women scientists from around the globe who spent three weeks in this remote, wild landscape, punctuated by mountains, volcanoes and ice shelves, as part of a ground-breaking initiative known as Homeward Bound (HB). The program's aim over the next decade is to equip 1,000 women with the skills necessary to influence the policies and decisions that shape the future of our planet. Some work directly in the field of ecology, studying the habitats of lions or the migration patterns of sharks, while others, like Piazza, work in other areas of science. Yet they share a common cause. Piazza recalls Homeward Bound's CEO, Fabian Dattner, putting it this way: "Homeward Bound is first a leadership training program, and climate action is part of the yarn that weaves us together."

And weave these scientists together it did. With no contact to the outside world, they learned not just to trust each other, but themselves. Piazza and her colleagues reflected on the role women play in managing natural resources in communities around the world, including water, food, fuel, and forests and agricultural terrain. But more important, they recognized the fact that no challenge, and certainly not one as weighty as preserving the environment, can be addressed without leaders who are accountable, empathetic, humble, resilient and visionary. They recognized and cultivated those skills in themselves. That, after all, is the true mission of Homeward Bound, to nurture leaders. Now that she is back from Antarctica, Piazza will work to impress upon scientists and non-scientists alike that every decision that is made, whether business, academic or political, will inevitably impact the rest of the world, and part of that impact will be environmental. And she will do so at a time when, perhaps more than ever, "Mother Nature needs her daughters."

Hilary McManus, Ph.D., associate professor in biological sciences, spent three weeks in Antarctica in 2018 as part of Homeward Bound. You can read her story in the Summer 2018 issue of *Le Moyne College Magazine* at **lemoyne.edu/Le-Moyne-Magazine**.

3G: Going Green and Gold

Reduce, reuse, recycle is a familiar phrase to most of us. However, the reality is that most of us are not recycling correctly. To help remedy this, Luke Giunta '21 has focused on creating and hanging up instructional posters around Le Moyne's campus detailing what types of items are recyclable.

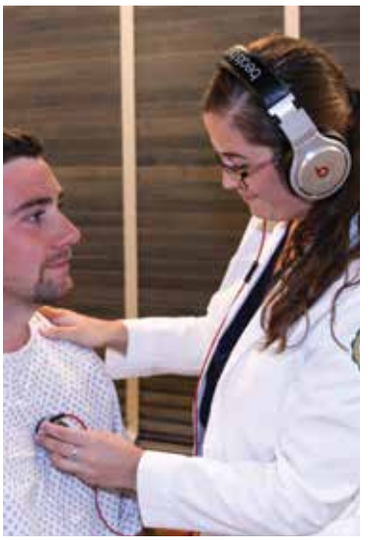
An environmental science systems major, co-president of FORCES (Friends of Recreation, Conservation and Environmental Stewardship) and a member of Le Moyne's Sustainability Steering Committee, Giunta has no shortage of ideas for how to make the campus more eco-friendly. While he hopes to reduce single-use plastics and make composting more widely accessible, he asserts that the most important change has to come from within. "The biggest aspect of improving a College's sustainability is changing the culture – making people more environmentally conscious," he says.

As Giunta continues to work toward creating a more sustainable campus, he is beginning to see the fruits of his labor. "That change in culture is already starting," he notes.

Women in STEM

It didn't take Meaghan Burrows '20 long to fall in love with the field of veterinary medicine. Burrows' passion for animals and science led her to immerse herself in the study of biochemistry – and of the numerous systems that support life. She worked at a veterinary hospital, where she soaked up as much information as she could, learning the signs that an animal may be in distress and how to treat it. She also took part in the Research Experience for Undergraduates program at Syracuse University, studying the biochemistry of proteins. Burrows will draw on all of these experiences this fall when she begins graduate studies at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

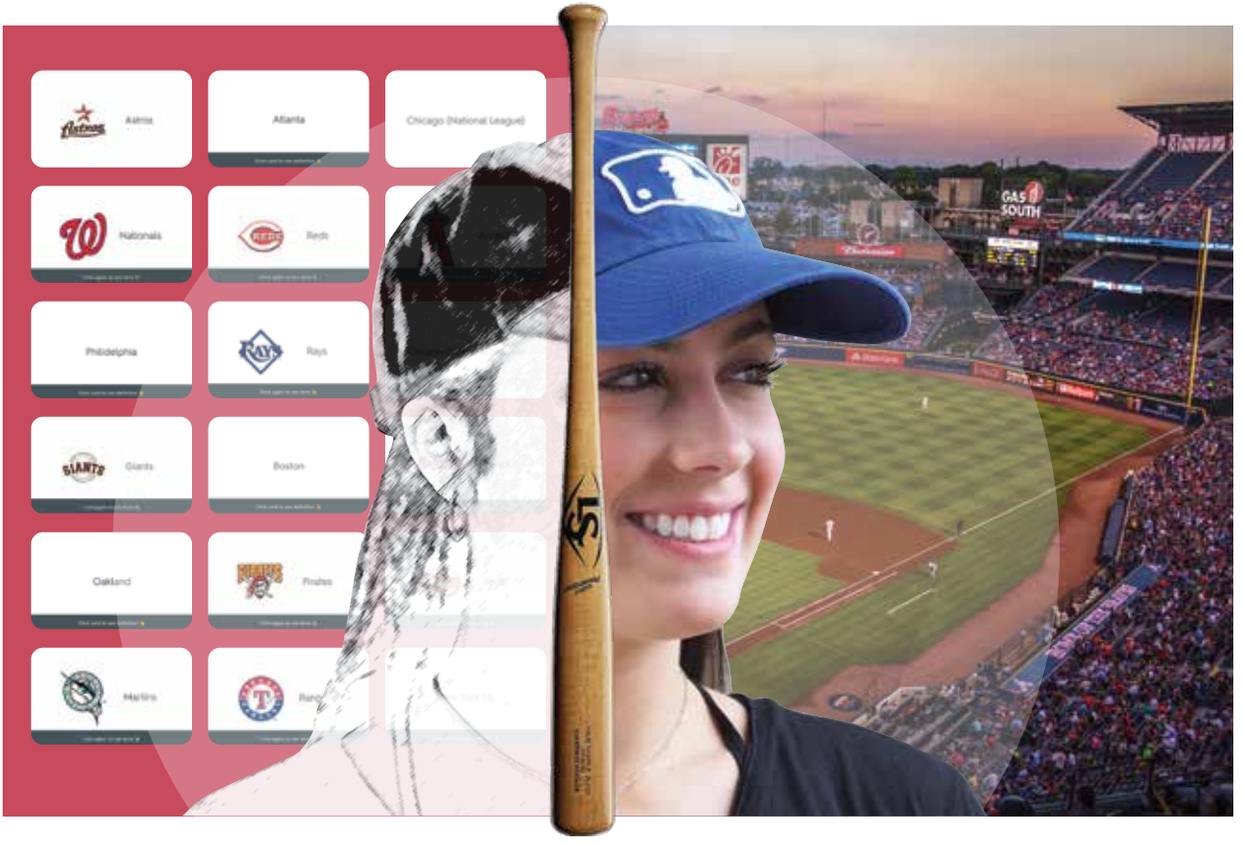
Women hold approximately 47 percent of the nation's jobs, but just 24 percent in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, commonly known as STEM. However, Burrows is working to fill that gap. She has been inspired to push herself as a scientist and a leader though her participation in STEMPower, an organization dedicated to helping women enter this critical field. She is committed to protecting and advocating on behalf of animals who cannot do so for themselves. "I want to make an impact in educating the public, preserving and protecting animals, and be a part of the forward-thinking research that is in development," she says.



Sounds From the Heart

The sound of a healthy heart – strong, steady, rhythmic – is music to the ears of any medical professional. For Taylor Pechtel '21 it is even more meaningful. Pechtel was an infant when an observant pediatrician noticed that she did not respond to noises the way that other children her age did; she could not hear. Over the years, the care that Pechtel received from her doctor and audiologist opened the world to her, and she was convinced that she wanted to do the same for others. She wanted to be a healer, a caregiver. Pechtel earned an undergraduate degree in biology and, with the support of her mother, she began conducting research into adaptive technology that enables hearing-impaired medical professionals to listen to their patients' hearts, lungs and other organs, a critical part of making a diagnosis. Today Pechtel is a student in the College's Physician Assistant Studies Program, and uses those tools to assess and examine patients with the same accuracy as her peers. Pechtel is eager to provide the kind of care to her future patients that meant so much to her. "I know that this is what I am meant to do," she says, "and I don't take any of it for granted."

A SWING AND A HIT | In my mind, the chances of landing an internship with Major League Baseball in the position of my dreams in Manhattan over the summer were small. About as small as the class I graduated from in little ol' Owego, New York, a town made up of around 18,000 people, and probably triple the number of tractors and trucks. It makes Syracuse look humongous.



"If there is one thing I would want someone to take away from my experience, it's to get comfortable with being uncomfortable."

Alana Gonzales '20

Historically, I may have blinked idly during a baseball game saying something ignorant about their method of scoring. Something like, "Nice touchdown," or a phrase of that nature. But with the opportunity to work with the organization that continues to drive America's favorite pastime on the line, I felt empowered to learn more about the game.

With encouragement from many (very patient) professors, administrators, alumni, friends and family members, I got to work. Flipping through as many Quizlet decks as I could, I started by learning the 30 teams. Then I learned key players, and then plays. I even flipped through my grandpa's Yankee encyclopedia a few times, and, spoiler alert, by the end of the summer I had a Babe Ruth poster hanging on my wall in Manhattan.

After several interviews and a few months of incessantly checking my email, I got the position as a new media and content marketing intern. At first, I panicked. I thought, "What business does a 20-year-old girl from near the middle of nowhere, N.Y., have in the concrete jungle amongst some of the industry's greatest?" My next feelings, however, were relief and pride. Overcoming a pool of applicants that large is no easy feat. My transparency of being new to baseball, but still being able to offer valuable perspective as a previously lackluster baseball fan, was only one of the reasons I was offered the internship. I had done all of the work I needed to prove myself.

If there is one thing I would want someone to take away from my experience, it's to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. There were many times throughout the application process I thought about not finishing. It wasn't for lack of wanting the position, but because I was uncomfortable with the possibility of rejection, with trying sports marketing, with the interview process, and literally every other discouraging factor you can think of. When you realize that the worst part of not trying is the 100 percent guarantee that you won't get what you're so hesitant to try to reach, it really puts things into perspective. I think a hockey player once said that in fewer words.

This internship position was facilitated by the Office of Career Advising and Development and Le Moyne Trustee Barb McHugh '01, senior vice president of marketing at MLB. To assist with the expenses associated with living and working in New York, Alana received an Ignite Fellowship, made possible by the generous support of our alumni.

Picture It!

Picture it. Bologna. June 2019. For one enchanting early-summer week, the Northern Italian evening sky was kissed by the lights of a giant movie screen and serenaded by the sweet sounds of vintage films by day. The city of the Two Towers provided the perfect backdrop for Professor Julie Grossman, Ph.D., her American Film Abroad class comprised of 14 Le Moyne students of all majors, and Jeanne Darby, assistant dean of arts and sciences, to attend *Il Cinema Ritrovato* – an international film festival focused on American film and music.

After Grossman attended the Bologna Film Festival on her own, she was inspired to share this experience with her students, and she was instrumental in developing a course focused on classical Hollywood cinema with a capstone to travel overseas to the event.

Daytime at the festival made room for a full plate of movie screenings from the '20s – '70s refurbished by the Cineteca di Bologna, a major world site for film restoration. The movies were shown in well-known theatres throughout the city like the Arlecchino, Cinema Jolly and Sala Scorcese, and they were reflective of topics discussed in class on the Heights. Seminars, presentations and panel discussions led by industry leaders, film scholars and restoration technicians preceded daily Le Moyne group discussion, and nighttime welcomed a delicious display of golden classics right in the heart of the Piazza Maggiore for dessert.

"One of the most inspiring moments was seeing Francis Ford Coppola introduce his uncut version of *Apocalypse Now*," said Kristine Carlsen '19. "This was one of the most out-of-my-comfort-zone experiences I've ever had, but it also gave me some of the best memories I've ever had." She confidently gives this unique opportunity *two thumbs up*!

11 New Ambassadors

This Spring, 11 students from the Le Moyne College Model United Nations represented the nation of Senegal at this year's 65th Harvard National Model United Nations Conference. Throughout the weekend, these Le Moyne students attended various social, humanitarian, economic, and legal committees of the United Nations and connected with other college students from around the world. These Phins cultivated skills of diplomacy, interpersonal communication, and awareness of international issues while acting as United Nations Ambassadors.

SCENES FROM SYDNEY

For Brent McNeil '21, spending a semester in Sydney, Australia, was one tremendous adventure. McNeil immersed himself in classes in musicology, religion and global culture. He spent a weekend on a working sheep farm, laughing and sharing stories with its owners and dodging the biggest spiders he'd ever seen. And, of course, he took in the city's iconic sites, from the Opera House to the Harbour Bridge. A marketing and management and leadership major, McNeil was drawn to Australia in large part because its natural beauty. The nation seemed to be an ideal fit for someone whose passions include rock climbing, hiking, kayaking, surfing and fishing. McNeil admits that an office job has never been in the cards for him. After graduating from Le Moyne, he plans to share his passion for the outdoors by building a company whose mission is to help people stay active. His time abroad fanned the spark of creativity deep within him that will enable him to do just that.

HELLO **WORLD!**

The Le Moyne community is enormously proud of the members of the Class of 2020, not only for their academic accomplishments, which are extraordinary, but for who they are as individuals: resilient, adaptive and, above all, full of hope. We know that as you move forward in your lives, you will continue to make us proud. We look forward to the day we can welcome you back to campus and celebrate your accomplishments with you in person. Until then, let us simply say: ***"God bless you, and go 'Phins."***

Next G

iGen

by Molly K. McCarthy

Time magazine's Person of the Year is not a high-ranking government official, respected religious leader or captain of industry. She is a 17-year-old high school student from Sweden whose alarm at the rapid pace of climate change motivated her to start a global movement. In the wake of the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School two years ago, it was a group of teenagers, many of them not yet old enough to vote, who issued a clarion call for change, traveling from their homes in Parkland, Fla., to Washington, D.C., to urge members of Congress to pass stricter gun control laws. And in the midst of a global pandemic, social media is full of stories of 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds, their own lives turned upside down, sewing masks for hospital workers, delivering groceries to elderly neighbors and donating blood.

This is the iGen, sometimes known as Gen Tech, Gen Z or even Gen Edge. And they do have an edge, in the best sense of the word. The members of this generation, born between 1996 and 2012, are leaving their mark on the world. Yes, they have elicited sighs for their short attention spans and bewilderment at their use of emojis, Instagram and video apps like Tik Tok to communicate with others. But they are also extraordinarily thoughtful, empathetic and community minded. They are deeply concerned about the world around them – and how could they not be? After all, this is the generation that will live with the effects of climate change for the balance of their adults lives, grew up practicing active shooter drills in their classrooms, and, most recently, witnessed up close the devastating cost in lives and treasure from the coronavirus. Now the oldest members of this group, who make up the bulk of Le Moyne's student population, are using their concern as a motivation to build coalitions and take bold action.

Renée Downey Hart, Ph.D., knows the iGen well. She has studied it for years, and works with its members daily as a professor of practice in the Madden School of Business. Some use labels like progressive, stressed and competitive to describe them, but Downey Hart warns against painting this or any generation with too broad a brush. When she walks into her classroom, she sees people looking back at her who understand the power of data and community, who care deeply about the world, and who want to change it for the better. She recognizes that these digital natives are expert at forging electronic connections, but that they also crave and cultivate flesh-and-blood ones. Downey Hart has come to believe that the iGen's ability to synthesize data with truly human moments might just be its superpower. And while it may not be flight, or invisibility or superhuman strength, it could help to solve some of the world's greatest challenges.

"This generation can show us what happens when powerful tools like social media and virtual reality are married to good intentions, human curiosity and the world's needs," she said. "I believe that its members will leave their mark on humanity not by mimicking the generations before them, but by carefully asking themselves critical questions, including: What matters to me? What feels natural to me? What am I willing to sacrifice?"

Communications major Mia Franko '20 poses those questions to herself daily. For her, they carry with them not just an intellectual weight, but a moral one. During her four years on the Heights, Franko was surrounded by classmates who were talented, driven and smart, who truly left their imprint on campus. Now they are preparing to leave an even more indelible mark on communities across the globe, not by following some predetermined path, but by pursuing work and relationships that sustain, challenge and inspire them. They grew up in a world in which the United States elected its first African-American president, contracting HIV no longer automatically amounts to a death sentence, and more Americans than ever are availing themselves of the opportunity to earn a college degree. They have seen what is possible. Yet they are entering adulthood at a time in which economic inequality is on the rise, lack of health care is costing many people their lives, and terrorism continues to plague people around the globe. Those challenges are compounded by the fact that trust in longstanding institutions, including government, religious organizations and media, seems to be rapidly eroding. It's

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LEAD THE CHARGE

little surprise then that people like Franko are counting on themselves to be the catalyst for the change they want to see in the world.

"We are a generation that has grown up at a time of tremendous diversity and inclusion among different sexes, races, ethnicities, religions, sexualities and abilities," she said. "We have also seen a great deal of progress made in a wide range of issues, from poverty to the environment to health care. That is wonderful, but there is a lot more that needs to be done. We can't rest on our laurels. We need to move forward. And as the generation that arguably has the greatest stake in the future, we need to lead the charge."

Franko and her peers were born into a world of profound change and uncertainty, punctuated first by an unthinkable act a terror, then a Great Recession and now a global health crisis. These seismic events – and the toll they undoubtedly take on people's sense of safety and security – have profoundly shaped the way iGeners look at the future. If previous generations viewed adolescence and young adulthood as a time to experiment, to challenge authority and to push boundaries, this one sees it as a time to prepare for whatever might lie ahead. They recognize intrinsically that, with so much at stake, it's not enough for them to be merely knowledgeable. They must also be able to think critically; to deal effectively with surprises, exceptions and ambiguity; and to work well with other people. They are relying not just on their educations, but on hard work, creativity and the careful cultivation of relationships to create meaningful opportunities for themselves, from launching a new business or starting a social movement.

It may be tempting to assign characteristics to a particular generation, to say, for example, that Baby Boomer are disciplined, Gen Xers are cynical and Millennials are achievement-oriented. Members of the iGen are not immune to this stereotyping. They have on occasion been derided as "tech-addicted, anti-social, social-justice warriors." But that is neither fair nor accurate. It does not begin to tell their story. This generation is comprised of people who welcome change, who value work, and who want to be heard. People like climate activist Greta Thunberg, and the students from Parkland, and the countless young people who went out of their way to help others during a pandemic. They are also people who grace the Le Moyne campus every day, like Maddy Locastro '21, who is putting her passion for science to work by providing low-cost medical equipment to children living with spina bifida, globally and locally. And Michael Songer '20, who is reflecting on the time he spent learning about education, race and migration during a service trip to the Dominican Republic, and who will undoubtedly carry those experiences with him in his future work as a teacher. And Fiona Schaeffer '22 (page 5, "Lights Inside the Tunnel"), who is using her love of storytelling to create a podcast to help people feel just a little less lonely during this time of social isolation, and who said this of her generation:

"I think that more than ever we are called to be men and women for and with others and do great things which create goodness. This is why social justice is so important. It challenges me to think about our world as a collective community, and this means we all play a role in lifting our most vulnerable up, so that no one gets left behind."

Members of the iGen make up more than 32 percent of the global population. Not surprisingly, they also have a significant impact on the economy, as consumers (influencing nearly $600 billion in family spending annually) and as workers (making up nearly a fifth of the labor force). They are very entrepreneurial, with three-quarters saying they would like to start their own business one day.

CREATING SPACE BETWEEN

> "… the way that we mature makes a big difference in the way that we exercise love and power."
>
> David McCallum '90, S.J.

For David McCallum '90, S.J., being named to head a global initiative to change how the Catholic church trains its senior leadership is "a dream come true."

McCallum, vice president for mission integration at Le Moyne, received his new charge to lead the Program for Discerning Leadership in January from Arturo Sosa, S.J., superior general of the Society of Jesus.

"During my studies in theology, I was exposed to other ways of looking at things in terms of adult development and leadership formation, for example how people lead differently on the basis of their ego maturity, and how organizations can develop in the direction of greater participatory leadership," McCallum says. "I thought that if we can bring these ideas to the Jesuits and to the church, it could be evolutionary."

That epiphany influenced the direction of his education, says McCallum, leading to his doctoral studies at Columbia University.

"At Columbia, I studied the connections between adult learning, development and leadership. That the way that we mature makes a difference in the way that we exercise love and power," says McCallum. "The earlier we are in our development, the less mature that exercise of love and power is going to look. What we need these days is a maturity that can handle the complexity of the world in a way that's not threatened by uncertainty, but rather sees it as a field of potential to be shaped."

Ignatian discernment, McCallum says, is rooted in the biography of Saint Ignatius Loyola's own experiences.

"The whole notion of being able to choose well, to choose the good, that depends upon our ability to take a breath and sideline what our own egos might choose or a

IDEA AND EVOLUTION

By Gary Frank ’79

trigger that might instigate us to react in a certain situation without thinking,” says McCallum.

Discernment, he says, exists “in the space between stimulus and response” where a person can be “consciously responsive instead of reactive.”

“What Ignatius would say is, in order to have that responsive space, we need to be able to pause, even momentarily, to consider our intentions,” says McCallum. “We want to widen that space and find freedom there. The cultivation of our spiritual lives, our moral lives, our character is so much about precisely that.”

The Program for Discerning Leadership will seek to apply these principles to help determine the competencies needed for the senior leaders of the Catholic church in the 21st century.

“What we are seeing in Pope Francis’ leadership is a challenge to the clericalism and the patriarchy of the past. There’s a place for hierarchy, but it should not be about privileging those who have status up the chain,” says McCallum. “What Pope Francis says is that, in a sense, the higher up you are on the chain, the more that service, responsibility, and humility should characterize the way that you proceed as a leader.”

McCallum’s new duties will be half time, enabling him to continue his work at Le Moyne and collaborate internationally with partners from Georgetown University, ESADE and the Gregorian University in Rome. The Institute’s goal is to complete the first phase of its mission within three years. The mission was scheduled to start in May, but the coronavirus pandemic has forced a delay until the fall. In the meantime, McCallum says work will continue on developing the Program’s infrastructure and staff.

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David McCallum ’90, S.J.

INVESTIGATE

ENGAGE

STRENGTHEN

by Molly K. McCarthy

Military attacks against them forced an estimated 1 million Rohingya Muslims – including Dil Kayas, Azimul Hassan and Omal Khair – to flee their native Myanmar and seek safety elsewhere. Yet, where most would see horror and desolation, these young people saw an opportunity to raise awareness of human rights atrocities like the ones so many in their country endured. They spent a year documenting their lives in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, bravely sharing their photographs online using the #rohingyalife and encouraging others to join the conversation. Their work began to draw notice around the world, including from NBC News. Yet, without the support of Matthew Smith '00, their stories may have been lost forever.

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#rights4all

Smith is the co-founder and CEO of Fortify Rights, an organization committed to promoting human rights in Southeast Asia. When he and his colleagues learned that there were Rohingya refugees who were interested in photography and freedom of expression, they quickly set about training them, equipping them with smartphones, and helping them to open accounts on Instagram. The project, which was undertaken in partnership with another organization, Doha Debates, is even more amazing when you consider this: If these refugees had even spoken to a reporter in their native Myanmar, it’s likely that they would have been arrested. Instead, this community of survivors, who are often thought of solely as victims of genocide, were able to share their own stories with dignity and authenticity.

“Too often human rights violations continue without notice and, when this happens, violations become the norm and rights erode,” said Smith, who is also a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University. “We need more voices, more defenders for rights, and more change-makers. This is why we started Fortify Rights – to create sustainable change by not only investigating violations and advocating for solutions, but also by supporting leaders and communities to do the same.”

It is not easy work. There are times when Smith feels overwhelmed by what he sees: war crimes and crimes against humanity, genocide and ethnic cleansing, multibillion-dollar corruption and countless other human rights abuses. In addition to the abuses facing Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, environmental defenders in Thailand are persecuted for speaking out about harmful business practices, and university students in Malaysia are being prevented by federal law from exercising basic freedoms. Smith is often on the road, speaking directly to victims of human rights tragedies and helping to prevent further ones through a three-pronged approach of investigating violations, engaging people in power, and strengthening community-based responses to human rights violations.

Case by case, Smith and his colleagues, including his wife, Amy Smith, executive director of Fortify Rights, are making a difference. They have helped to establish laws and policies that are in line with international human rights standards, increased protections for human rights defenders who risk retaliation, and raised awareness of this work through a series of documentaries. They

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have also worked to ensure that governments sanction perpetrators of human rights abuses, and helped establish mechanisms for accountability.

Smith's advocacy is informed by his faith, which was instilled in him by his parents who worked in law and health care respectively. It is also informed by his understanding of Catholic teachings of social justice, which was nurtured during his time at Le Moyne by Jesuit and lay teachers alike. They ignited in Smith a powerful desire to listen, to be a person for others, and to strive for the Jesuit ideal of the *magis*. Today those lessons serve as the foundation of his work to ensure that human rights don't erode and human rights abuses don't become the norm.

Smith is well prepared for this task. Following his graduation from the College, he spent a year volunteering as an emergency-services caseworker for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Mobile, Ala., before going on to work at Human Rights Watch, EarthRights International, and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights. Each of these roles helped him to identify the values now at the heart of Fortify Rights, especially that of careful relationship building. Kennedy, who now serves on Fortify Rights' advisory board, modeled what it means to put intellect and political stature to work in advocating for the rights of the least advantaged. Meanwhile, his former colleagues at Human Rights Watch, the global leader in human rights documentation, inspired Smith to strengthen the ways in which he and others at Fortify Rights document and report violations.

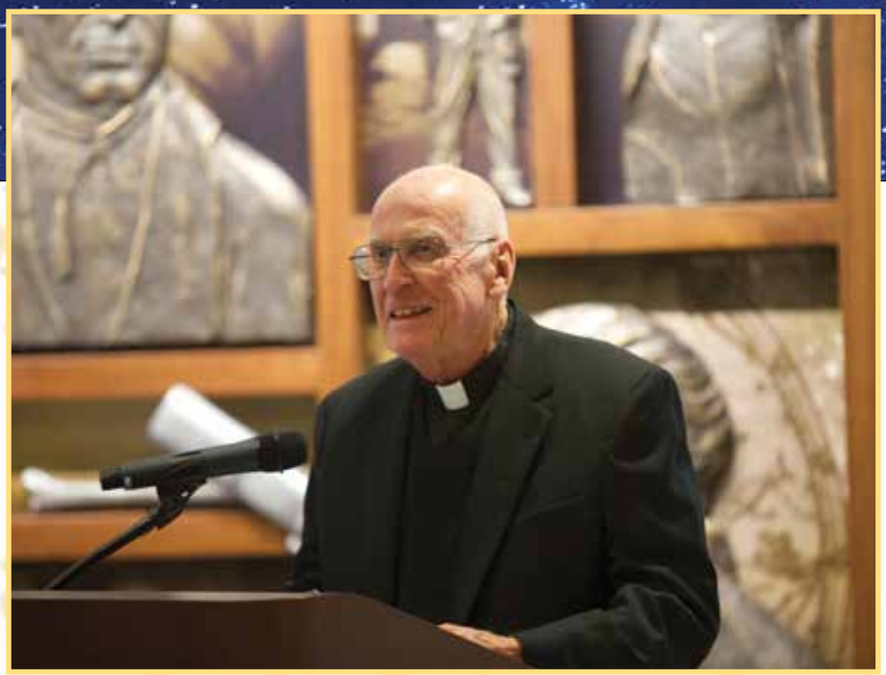
As Smith looks to the future, he is eager to build upon his role as a human rights researcher, trainer, and advocate. He understands that while working to document human rights abuses might not always lead to justice and accountability, it will lead to the truth. And that is what makes it worthwhile. Smith has committed himself to combatting senseless acts of violence and ensuring that human rights are not only protected, but allowed to flourish. The Le Moyne alumnus is, as author and educator Cornell West has described himself, "not an optimist, but a prisoner of hope."

"We plan to go global with Fortify Rights, working not only in the developing world, but also in the U.S. and other countries where human rights violations continue," he said. "We're really working to strengthen the human rights movement, and while we're honing our model in Southeast Asia, we fully intend to scale it globally."

Mathew Smith (center, back) and the Fortify Rights team.

His Light Blessed God

by Joe Della Posta



Even for those who knew him best, George Coyne, S.J., was hard to define, a man so learned, so accomplished and so respected he almost defied description.

In eulogizing Father Coyne, who passed away in Syracuse on Feb. 11 following a battle with cancer, Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J., the current director of the Vatican Observatory who knew him for nearly 50 years, said: "*The New York Times* ran an obituary of George Coyne, S.J., last Sunday, and they emphasized his activities to support Galileo and evolution in the church. But when I wrote about him for *L'Osservatore Romano,* I didn't even mention those things. I'd completely forgotten about that episode to be honest. There was so much more to say."

That Brother Guy had a hard time recalling all that Father Coyne had accomplished during his 87 years of life is certainly understandable. Father Coyne was a Jesuit of deep faith, a revered man of science, a respected and beloved professor, a ground-breaking astronomical researcher, a staunch defender of evolution and critic of intelligent design, a papal confidant, an outspoken advocate against climate change, and the longest serving director in the history of the Vatican Observatory, to name but a few of his many accomplishments.

"George was one of the pre-eminent figures in the Catholic world who could speak intelligently and articulately about both science and faith," said James Martin, S.J., editor-at-large of *America,* the Jesuit magazine. "And George, by nature a humble man, could often dazzle."

In the days following his passing, media outlets around the world published tributes to Father Coyne. They wrote about his humble upbringing in Baltimore, where he was one of nine children living with their parents in a three-bedroom row house. They detailed how his love for astronomy began in high school and grew to become his life's work as a professor, researcher, administrator and mentor for generations of astronomers – including Brother Guy – while promoting opportunities for women to join the field, which had been traditionally male dominated. Jesuit educated, he earned a bachelor's degree in math and a licentiate in philosophy from Fordham University and then a doctorate in astronomy from Georgetown University.

His views were not always popular. "One thing the Bible is not," he told *The New York Times Magazine* in 1994, "is a scientific textbook. Scripture is made up of myth, of poetry, of history. But it is simply not teaching science." His well-chronicled views reconciling science and religion – perhaps best embodied in a 2009 debate with Richard Dawkins, the English biologist and atheist – ran counter to traditional church doctrine. His views on this matter led indirectly to his leaving the observatory in 2006 following the installation of Pope Benedict.

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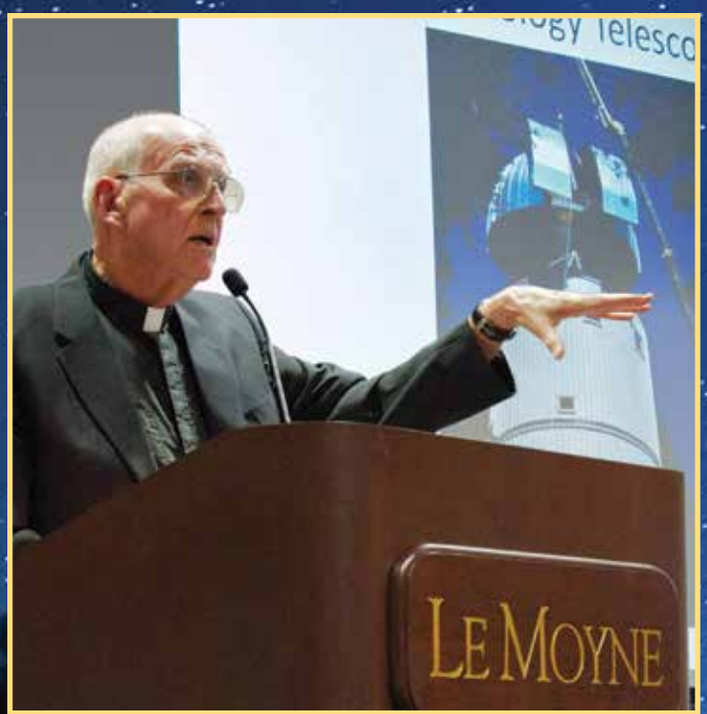
Yet his fervent beliefs on evolution made a difference. According to the *Times* obituary, "During Father Coyne's tenure, the Vatican publicly acknowledged that Galileo and Darwin might have been correct. Brother Consolmagno said it would be fair to say that Father Coyne had played a role in shifting the Vatican's position."

As a scientist, he left a lasting and meaningful legacy. His study of the lunar surface helped guide NASA as it planned the Ranger missions and the Apollo crewed missions to the moon. He also researched numerous topics, including Mercury's surface, interacting binary star systems that give off sudden bursts of intense energy, and Seyfert galaxies, a group of spiral galaxies with small and unusually bright star-like centers. Author of more than 100 articles in reviewed scientific journals as well as numerous books, he has an asteroid named after him. In 2009 he was awarded the International Astronomical Union's George Van Biesbroeck Prize, the only cleric to receive the prize in the 33 years it's been awarded.

After spending much of his career in the spotlight – running the Vatican Observatory, questioning intelligent design on the world stage or teaching at



the prestigious Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona – in 2012 Father Coyne turned down offers at several larger institutions to join Le Moyne College as the McDevitt Chair of Religious Philosophy.

It was a huge coup for Le Moyne orchestrated by then-Provost Linda LeMura, who met him for the first time in 2009 when Father Coyne was presented with an honorary degree from the College. "Following that meeting, I pursued him relentlessly," now-President LeMura recalls. "How hard could it be, I thought, to convince a world-renowned astronomer, who had lived in Rome and Arizona, to come to Syracuse, New York – home of the world's largest snowplows?"

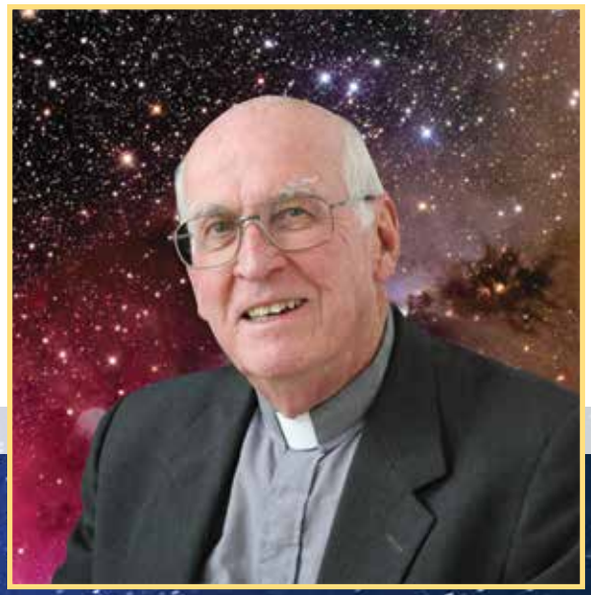
Her persuasiveness eventually won him over, and for the past eight years he spent his time on the Heights as a teacher, faculty mentor and member of the Jesuit community, while still traveling the world as a popular guest speaker and panelist. An avid exerciser – he ran dozens of marathons in his younger days – he could often be found riding his bike or snowshoeing on and around campus until just recently.

For all of his fame and otherworldly accomplishments, he reveled in stopping to chat with a student or colleague in the hallway. His favorite class was a first-year astronomy course, where he delighted in opening up young minds to the wonders and mystery of his chosen field. He described Le Moyne as a "learning family," and said he liked the "friendly, productive" community of Jesuits.

Ci vediamo, il mio fratello. Vi vogliamo bene. Grazie.

"I love snow. I love the desert. I can love wherever I am," he said.

He was loved and beloved by so many. In her remarks at his service in February, President LeMura ended with, "Thank God for the light he brought to my life and to the lives of our students. Your life has blessed God, George. And may God bless you. *Ci vediamo, il mio fratello. Vi vogliamo bene. Grazie.* (We will see you, my brother. We love you. Thank you.)"



And like a shooting star, dazzle us he did.

– Linda LeMura

Dolphin Stories

JUST KEEP WALKING |

I love being an English-language arts teacher.

Before our world was wildly interrupted by the coronavirus, my seventh graders finished a unit on *A Long Walk to Water,* a novella based on the true story of Salva Dut, one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan. Salva ventures from his home to seek refuge during the Sudanese Civil War. He doesn't know where he is heading or for how long, and although my students' lives are very different from his, they were instantly drawn to him. They were inspired by his determination to "just keep walking" – to persevere and keep hope – despite the turmoil that upended his world.

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Now as I sit at my computer each morning, waiting to "Google Hangout" with my students, I think about the "long walk" they are taking from the comfort and routine of the classroom into these "unprecedented times." I'm heartbroken that I can't be with them in person. I miss seeing the "ah-ha!" moments when they make a new discovery in their reading. I miss their jokes and the funny TikTok dances they do when they *think* I'm not looking.

But I find consolation in that they are not in this "long walk" alone. They have a whole educational system that seemingly transformed overnight to help in whatever way it can. It's amazing to me how many of my students have made deeper connections to Salva's journey and their own now that their worlds have been upended too. I encourage them to keep a journal to record these moments of history. Many are struggling – missing their friends, their routines, their extracurriculars. But many of these same students are optimistic. They write about the funny moments at home, like how much split pea soup Mom is making them eat. Many have written that they found online learning challenging at first but are now getting the hang of it. Many are hopeful, writing that if they "just keep walking" during this difficult time, they too will find a better future, like Salva did.

Seeing my students now – albeit virtually – has affirmed what I knew before: "I *really, really* love being a teacher."

– Emily Latanyshyn '16, M.S.T. '19

BRINGING SCIENCE HOME

Lou Massa '61 of Bronxville, N.Y., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Mount Saint Vincent University. He is a professor of chemistry and physics at Hunter College. He is renowned for his ground-breaking contributions to the field of quantum crystallography, as well as for his work to bring science to the general public, most notably through a TV show featuring interviews with leading scientists and Nobel Prize winners.

A JOURNEY OF HOPE

Anne (Fahy) Curtin '68 of Adirondack, N.Y., was honored for founding and serving for over 10 years as executive director of Healing a Woman's Soul, Inc. (HAWS), a nonprofit Christian ministry for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. HAWS offers spiritual support for annual retreats, one day workshops, domestic violence shelters and women's halfway houses, as well as individual prayer appointments. Curtin, an Episcopal priest, serves as the HAWS chaplain.

NETTING ACHIEVEMENT

Rachel (Farneti) Sipperly '12 of Clarksville, Tenn., with her soccer teammates of the Marcellus Mustangs, were inducted into the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame on Oct. 28, 2019, for back-to-back state championships and a 46-2-2 record in 2003-2004.

No Ordinary Hike

The words rang in his ears: "Ken, what do you see?"

Ken Strange '77 and his wife, Aurora, were traveling along the Camino, a trail that extends from Saint-Jean-Pied-de Port, France, to Galicia, Spain, and which draws thousands of pilgrims every year. It was there that they met a blind couple making the same trek with the aid of specially designed directional apps. The foursome decided to walk together. They'd reached a small village on their way to their final destination, the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, when the blind man asked Strange to describe what he could only imagine.

That is the power of the Camino, to bring together strangers, each with a unique story to tell, each enduring pain, fatigue and the elements. Strange recounted his experiences in his book, *It's Your Camino: One Couple's 500-mile Pilgrimage Across Spain*. As he explains to readers, by the time you finish the Camino, you're not a hiker anymore, you're a pilgrim. You find yourself reaching out to others along the way. And anything you can do to help, you do.

Mission of Faith

Over the past year I have been blessed with the opportunity to work as a missionary in Mexico City and in the prisons in Greene County, N.Y., to bring hope to those who are in need. My work with Hope of the Poor has allowed me to experience Christ in a profound way. The mission efforts have been able to raise funds to provide scholarships so children could be educated for the first time, giving them a dignified life and hope for their future. Leading Catholic Faith Sharing and a weekly bible study at the prison has ignited a new flame of faith that was fostered on the Heights in order to be a man with and for others. Through prayerful reflection and conversation centered upon the scriptures, walls have been lowered.

– Dan Jason '10

Keeping the Faith

Faith has guided Brian Boller '10 and Sabah Sadiq throughout their lives. It is part of what makes each of them who they are. Their belief in something more powerful than themselves is part of what drew Brian, a teaching artist for Chicago Public Schools, and Sabah, a data scientist for Deloitte, to one another. The duo met at a hamburger place in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood in December of 2017 and soon became inseparable. When they became engaged in May of 2019, they thought it was important to "start off right" and highlight to family and friends the similarities that exist between their respective faiths. Their wedding in January did precisely that, blending the Jewish traditions of Brian's family and the Muslim traditions of Sabah's. Now the couple looks forward to combining their customs and beliefs in their own family. "It is our fullest and greatest selves that our marriage and future children deserve," Brian says.

A Winter Wonderwedding

Their wedding day was a winter wonderland. **Christine Benn '15** and Jason Howard celebrated the start of their marriage at their favorite time of the year, Christmas. They married on a snowy afternoon at Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, N.Y. While they now live in the considerable warmer confines of Raleigh, N.C., they will forever cherish the memories of their winter wedding, which was topped off with an epic Christmas cookie bar.

A SHARED CONNECTION

Alexandra Scorzelli '14, M.S.Ed '16 and **Aaron Jannetti '12, PA '16** are a match made in heaven – with a little help from Sarah Streiff '11, PA '13. Sarah thought that her best friend, Allie, and coworker, Aaron, would be perfect for one another. She was right. The duo met and immediately hit it off, leading to their wedding at The Lodge in Skaneateles. It was a day full of family, friends and the sharing of communion, and which literally ended with fireworks. Today Allie and Aaron are grateful for the shared connections they have through Le Moyne that led them to one another.

CRYSTALIZING THEIR LOVE

The highlight of nearly every wedding is the cutting of the cake. Like most couples, **Meredith Cuddihy '17** and Jacob Goertz looked forward to taking part in this tradition. They put a special twist on it, though, cutting into the dessert with a five-foot sword engraved with their names as the theme from HBO's *Game of Thrones* played. The pair further surprised their family and friends when Meredith played a rendition of Lindsey Stirling's *Crystalize* on her violin, joined by her father on keyboards. Both moments made an already wonderful day even more special.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY

The Covid-19 pandemic abruptly ushered us into a world that is radically different from the one in which we lived even a few months ago. People around the globe are grappling not only with the staggering loss of life wrought by this disease, but also with tremendous material need. This includes our students. Some have family members who have contracted the Coronavirus, while others have become ill themselves. Still others are living with the staggering economic toll of this global health crisis. At a time in their lives when their focus should be on learning as much as they possibly can about themselves and the world around them, many of our students are deeply worried about how they will be able to afford the basics – food, housing, electricity.

If there is a silver lining to be found in this emergency perhaps it is this: It has forced all of us to reflect on what it means to be part of a family. And at Le Moyne, that is what we are, and that is how we will rise to meet this challenge. In 2016, the late John Bucki, S.J., encouraged his brother Jesuits to find a way to respond to the emergency needs of students that were not being met by established College and government programs. The Jesuit Fund was born. At the time none of us could have foreseen the current health crisis and the impact it would have on so many lives. Now we are being swamped with requests, all of which are carefully reviewed twice a week by a team that represents a cross-section of the campus community. By most standards these appeals are modest, less than $500, but to their recipients, they are a lifeline.

I am proud to say that, as of the end of June, 500 alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff have donated nearly $1 million to help 300 students through the Jesuit Fund. Sadly, I do not see this need abating anytime soon.

There are certainly other Le Moyne students who could use additional financial support at this time. We do not want to miss them. If you have given to the Jesuit Fund, I thank you. And if you have the capacity to make a gift, I humbly ask you to do so. As difficult as the present moment is, it has given us the opportunity to think about what is truly important, how we should live, and what kinds of people we are called to be. It has bonded us together as a family.

– Donald Kirby, S.J.

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Donald Kirby, S.J.
Superior of the Jesuit Community

1954

Gene Vukelic of Lancaster, N.Y., was named to the Western New York Business Hall of Fame by Buffalo Business First.

1963

Michael Sewall of Whitesboro, N.Y., was named to the Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) Hall of Fame. Sewall is a professor emeritus at MVCC, having worked at the college for 35 years, beginning as a faculty member before working his way up to administration and finally returning to the classroom 15 years before his retirement.

Reflection

I was a student in Father Donald Monan's ethics class in '67, my senior year. I took it as a required course and largely regarded it as a theoretical one, not knowing then how it would subsequently impact my professional and personal life.

In the following years after serving in the Army during the Vietnam War, an ethical matter in itself, I worked for a number of large and smaller entities that challenged the principles that I had learned. These included instances in which I both privately and publicly opposed my employers' interests in matters that both needlessly disrupted people's livelihoods and risked the health and safety of others.

The course and my entire experience at Le Moyne were instrumental in fortifying my mind and spirit during these episodes and helping to preserve my sense of integrity.

In this era of career-minded education, I hope that ethics courses remain a part of college curriculums.

–William Jubeck '67

1965

Bill O'Donnell of Tewksbury, Mass., a priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is serving as an associate pastor at St. William's Church. Previously, O'Donnell served as pastor of St. Casimir and St. Patrick parishes in St. Paul, Minn., and as the director of personnel and administrative councilor for the Oblates in the U.S., based in Washington, D.C.

1967

John Penrose of Alfred, N.Y., retired as professor emeritus from Jefferson Community College on May 23, 2019, following 50 years of teaching as a chemistry professor.

Louis Petrizzo of Copiague, N.Y., was appointed interim president of Suffolk Community College. As a senior-level executive at Suffolk Community College, Petrizzo has provided expertise on organizational management, intergovernmental affairs and policy development. He was appointed administrator-in-charge of the college in January 2019, and since December 2017, he also has served as executive vice president and general counsel.

1969

Karen (O'Neil) Linderman, Kathy Donovan and Mary Lou (Skahen) Paratore enjoyed an evening at the 130th anniversary dinner of Sacred Heart Parish in Cicero. The three friends were classmates throughout grade school, high school and Le Moyne, and continue to stay in touch sharing many laughs and great memories.

1970

Stephen Cimino of Jamesville, N.Y., was presented with the Outstanding Criminal Litigator of the Year 2019 Award by the Onondaga County Bar Association Assigned Counsel Program.

1971 50th Reunion

Mike Madden of Longboat Key, Fla., received the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout Association at the Boy Scouts of America - Longhouse Council's Eagle Recognition Banquet on Jan. 16, 2020.

James Mahoney of West Seneca, N.Y., retired as a forensic chemist in 2019.

1975

J. Michael Forsyth of DeWitt, N.Y., is the proud grandfather of two girls, Margaret Penelope, now 5, and Lenora Madeline, born on National Grandparents Day, Sept. 8, 2019. They both live in Washington state, where Forsyth plans to relocate.

1977

RoAnn (Maggiolino) Destito of Rome, N.Y., New York state commissioner of the Office of General Services, has been nominated to a committee to work on creating the first state veterans cemetery in New York.

1978

Richard Dal Col of Loudonville, N.Y., was appointed chief medical officer of EmblemHealth. He will focus on harnessing clinical expertise, innovation and technology to improve health outcomes for more than 3.1 million people.

1980

Jim Brasseur of Mooresville, Ind., was named 2019 Member of the Year at his local Anytime Fitness, a nationwide chain of fitness centers. The award recognizes ongoing support and participation in club programs, and outstanding dedication and commitment to personal values and goals.

Timothy J. Fennell of Baldwinsville, N.Y., of Amdursky, Pelky, Fennell & Wallen, will receive the John E. Leach Memorial Award for his outstanding contributions to the TICL Section. Fennell, whose primary practice areas are civil litigation, residential and commercial real estate, wills and estates, small business and matrimonial/family law, has served on NYSBA's House of Delegates and its executive committee, is the past chair of the Committee on Lawyer Referral Services, chair of the Veterans Committee and immediate past chair of the TICL Section.

Joseph Mirabito of Binghamton, N.Y., received the 2019 Broome County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Baden-Powell Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

1981 40th Reunion

Paul Miller of Salem, Conn., is the chief scientific officer at Artizan Biosciences Inc.

1983

John Miranda of East Syracuse, N.Y. was inducted into the Newark Hall of Fame Class of 2019. Considered one of the finest basketball players in Newark school history, Miranda went on to play for Le Moyne, where he served as captain his senior year and ended his career as one of the Dolphins' all-time leaders in free-throw percentage.

1985

Derek Case of New Canaan, Conn., was named global general manager, in-building public safety communications systems at Honeywell Fire Safety.

Thomas G. Carley of Blauvelt, N.Y., is a Bank of America Merrill Lynch business banking region executive for New York Metro.

Wright Lassiter III of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., was elected to serve as director of Quest Diagnostics Board of Directors. Quest Diagnostics is the world's leading provider of diagnostic information services.

J. Theodore Smith of Rochester, N.Y., was appointed president, Upstate New York at Citizens Bank.

Alumni Achievements

HEARTFELT ADVOCATE

Deborah (Powell) Carey '73 of Syracuse, N.Y., was honored by the New York State Assembly and Senate in Albany for her advocacy in fighting lymphedema and lymphatic diseases. A cancer survivor, Carey was recognized for her work with the Lymphatic Education and Research Network.

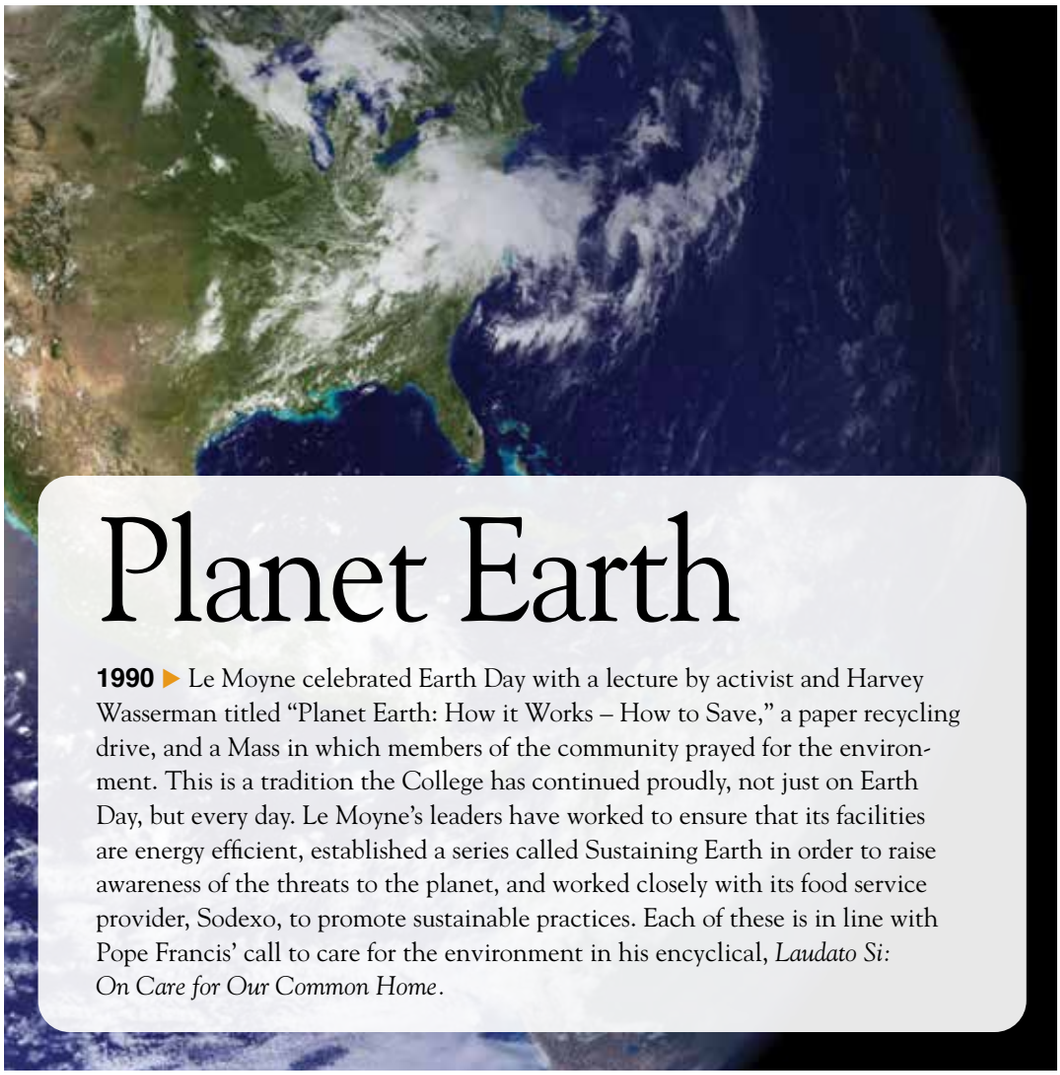
LANDING IN VIRGINIA

Matthew Zakri '99 of Arlington, Va., will retire from the U.S. Air Force in July 2020. His 20-year career has included four deployments and a variety of assignments in aircraft maintenance and acquisitions. He is settling in Alexandria, Va., with his wife Maggie McHugh '98 and son Nick, Class of 2021.

KINDNESS IS SWEET

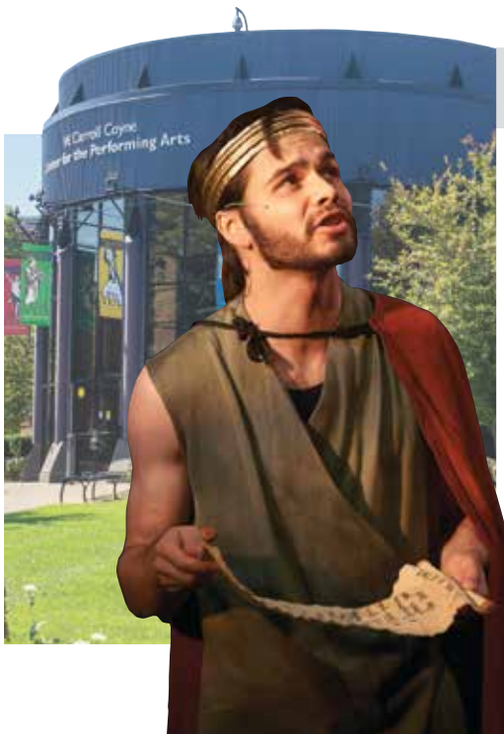
Bess Charles '06 of Cape Coral, Fla., published her first children's book, *The Adventures of LadyCakes: Kindness is Sweet,* about her bakery, LadyCakes Bakery.

Flash From the Past



Planet Earth

1990 ▶ Le Moyne celebrated Earth Day with a lecture by activist and Harvey Wasserman titled "Planet Earth: How it Works – How to Save," a paper recycling drive, and a Mass in which members of the community prayed for the environment. This is a tradition the College has continued proudly, not just on Earth Day, but every day. Le Moyne's leaders have worked to ensure that its facilities are energy efficient, established a series called Sustaining Earth in order to raise awareness of the threats to the planet, and worked closely with its food service provider, Sodexo, to promote sustainable practices. Each of these is in line with Pope Francis' call to care for the environment in his encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*.



A Stage Above

2000 ▶ The sounds of a violin waft through the air. A dancer gracefully rises on her toes and lifts her arms above her head. Two friends read from the play they wrote together, eager to bring it to life on stage. This is a typical day in the W. Carroll Coyne Center for the Performing Arts. Students and faculty marked their first full year in the facility in 2000. Prior to that, Le Moyne's artistic home was the Firehouse. However, as the arts at the College grew, so did the need for a larger space to house Le Moyne's talented singers, dancers and actors. The PAC, as it is known, was created for just that purpose.

1986 35th Reunion

Laurie (Walch) Krebs of Holly Springs, N.C., was promoted to chief financial officer of Red Hat Inc., a multinational software company and subsidiary of IBM.

Philip Taylor of Marietta, Ga, member of the Georgia State Bar, was appointed immigration judge at the Ted Turner Drive Immigration Court in Atlanta.

1987

Joseph Saba of Utica, N.Y., announced in December 2019 that he will run for Utica City Court judge. He currently serves as Oneida County assistant district attorney.

Kevin Walling of Lancaster, Pa., was appointed chief human resources officer at PPG, a Fortune 500 company and global supplier of paints, coatings and specialty materials. Walling is responsible for leading the company's global human resources organization.

1988

P.J. Banazek of Watertown, N.Y., managing director and partner at Morgia Wealth Management, Watertown, was ranked a top Forbes wealth adviser on the 2020 Best-In-State List by SHOOK Research.

1990

Chris Errico of Greenwich, Conn., was named to the Forbes list of America's Top Wealth Advisers for 2019 as well as Barron's list of the Top 100 Wealth Advisors for 2019. Additionally, Errico was named to Barron's Adviser Hall of Fame, an award honoring a group of advisers who exemplify long-term success and commitment to their clients. Each member of the Hall of Fame has appeared in 10 or more of Barron's annual Top 100 Adviser rankings.

1991 30th Reunion

Martin Bischoff of Mineola, N.Y., accepted a new role developing the French-American Chamber of Commerce's Foundation, an organization that provides scholarships to Americans pursuing a Master of Business Administration in France and vice-versa.

Todd Corley of Delaware, Ohio, launched a brand new podcast, *The Age Appropriate,* focused on living, working and enjoying a multigenerational world. It is available on Spotify, iTunes and all Amazon Alexa-enabled devices.

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Todd George of Reading, Pa., was promoted to executive vice president, operations at Penn National Gaming Inc.

Rob Rausch of Albany, N.Y., received Albany Law School's Excellence in Alumni Service Award, which recognizes outstanding dedication and commitment to alumni, the National Alumni Association and Albany Law School. Rausch is a 1994 graduate of Albany Law School, a former president of the National Alumni Association, and an active participant in many law school events and organizations.

1992

Brian Corcoran of Gansevoort, N.Y., has been named publisher of *The Post-Star* (Glens Falls).

Patty (O'Brien) Sipes of Greenacres, Wash., serves as the chief executive officer of Spokane Valley-based Incyte Diagnostics, an anatomic pathology services provider. Last fall, she represented Le Moyne at a graduate school fair held on the campus of Gonzaga University.

1993

Patrick DiDomenico of New York, N.Y., joined national workplace law firm Jackson Lewis P.C. as chief innovation officer. In this role, DiDomenico will develop and implement strategies driving innovation and technology within the firm. Previously, he served as chief knowledge officer at Ogletree Deakins.

Danielle (Murtha) Leach of Aldie, Va., joined the National Brain Tumor Society as chief of community and government relations.

1994

Andy Shay of Guilford, Conn., head men's lacrosse coach at Yale University, was inducted into the Upstate Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Valerie Woods of Belize City, Belize, is a board member for Friends for Conservation and Development, a nonprofit nongovernmental organization recognized for its valuable contributions to the protection and preservation of Belize's natural resources.

1995

Andrew Deyell of Buffalo, N.Y., has been named vice president of institutional advancement at Canisius High School.

1996 25th Reunion

Eric Roberge of Fox Island, Wash., was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. He is currently the chief of the Department of Radiology at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash.

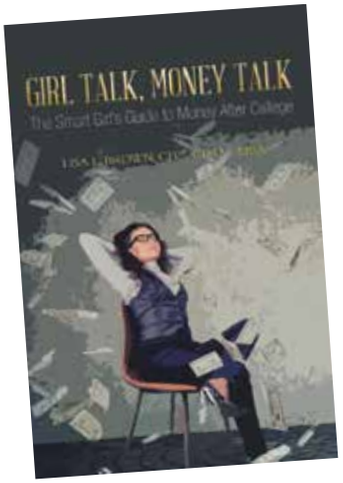
1997

Michael Mosunic of Poway, Calif., serves as co-founder and chief executive officer of Wolf Hill Group, LLC, a boutique recruitment firm focused on the cybersecurity industry

Jolene Todd of Liverpool, N.Y., will be inducted into the Oswego High School Athletic Hall of Fame. After enjoying a stellar softball career at the NCAA Division II level at Le Moyne, Todd went on to serve as a special education teacher in the Syracuse City School District. She has coached several teams and has worked as a dean of students, vice principal and principal, and is now the athletic director for both PSLA-Fowler and ITC high schools.

1999

Lisa (Eaton) Brown of Cumming, Ga., published her first book, *Girl Talk, Money Talk: The Smart Girl's Guide to Money After College,* a personal finance book for women who recently graduated from college. The book was recently featured and endorsed on television's *Good Day Atlanta*.



A new book by **Lisa (Eaton) Brown '99** was recently featured on Atlanta's *Good Day Atlanta* TV show.

D. Chris Scavo of Wynantskill, N.Y., is the product manager for Passport for Good.

2000

Joseph Butler Jr. of Watertown, N.Y., was named civilian aide to the secretary of the Army for New York, a volunteer position that advises and supports the army secretary. He is currently the mayor of Watertown.

Nicole (Helmer) Simon of Ballston Spa, N.Y., was promoted to partner at Gordon, Tepper and DeCoursey, LLP., a family law, custody and divorce law firm in Glenville, N.Y.

2002

Stephen Dunn of Rochester Hills, Mich., an attorney and judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

2003

Brenda Sylvester of Endicott, N.Y., is the founder and head of the group of certified therapy dogs and their human handlers who visit Lourdes Hospital, local libraries and Binghamton University.

Courtney Merriman of Marietta, N.Y., was promoted to co-chair of Barclay Damon's Women's Forum. Merriman is a member of the firm's real estate and financial institutions and lending practice areas and the Central New York Women's Bar Association. She serves on the board of directors for Catholic Charities of Onondaga County, the Baltimore Woods Nature Center Inc. and the Prevention Network. Additionally, she is a family court clinic volunteer at the Onondaga County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project and a weekly volunteer at the Samaritan Center.

2005

Ryan Barrett of Penfield, N.Y., was promoted to vice president, underwriting at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield in Rochester, N.Y.

Raina Hinman of Mexico, N.Y., is the assistant principal at Red Creek High School.

Scott Newman of Laurel, Md., co-founder and chief executive officer of Transparent BPO, was named to the Inc. 5,000 list of the nation's fastest-growing private companies for the fourth consecutive year and the fifth time in the past six years.

Tracy Savard of Watkins Glen, N.Y., was appointed as library director at the Watkins Glen Public Library.

Lisa (Petrivelli) Zanzarella of Devon, Pa., joined AmerisourceBergen as senior vice president, talent management and diversity and inclusion.

2006 15th Reunion

Mary Vescio-Mondi of Utica, N.Y., is the volunteer generation project coordinator at Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC). She manages program operations and grant personnel for the Mohawk Valley Volunteer Generation grant, which funds the iServe Mohawk Valley program on MVCC's Rome Campus. She also coordinates and promotes program volunteers.

2007

Elizabeth (Urciuoli) Cominolli of Syracuse, N.Y., was named a partner at Barclay Damon in the firm's Syracuse office.

John Eckmair of Utica, N.Y., was appointed to the United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area Board of Directors. Eckmair is a vice president and director of underwriting operations at Utica National Insurance Group. He has been an active volunteer with United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area since 2008.

2008

Kara (Libordi) Cline of Walworth, N.Y., was hired by EFPR Group LLP as director in the tax and business services division.

Allyssa Knowles of Brooklyn, N.Y., along with her high school classmates organized the group 2G4 Hurricane Dorian Relief to collect goods and supplies for their families and friends affected by Hurricane Dorian on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama in the Bahamas.

Adam Kuznia of Rutherford, N.J., was named chief revenue officer - enterprise at DataCamp.

Anthony Hendrix of Cicero, N.Y., was promoted to IT support services manager at Empower Federal Credit Union.

Mary McNeil of Cortland, N.Y., was promoted to president and chief operating officer of McNeil and Co.

2009

Tim Hammond of Syracuse, N.Y., was promoted to principal at the Bonadio Group.

2010

Daniel J. Rosenbaum of Schenectady, N.Y., was promoted to corporate controller at Macaran Printed Products.

Dan Warner of Kenmore, N.Y., was named vice president of institutional advancement at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, N.Y.

2011 10th Reunion

Sean Lawlor, M.S.Ed. '13, of Syracuse, N.Y., was named an assistant men's soccer coach at Syracuse University.

Cory Nelson of Manlius, N.Y., has been named head varsity baseball coach at Fayetteville-Manlius High School.

Shelley (Cook) Schlie of Phoenix, N.Y., joined Loretto as director of nursing at the Nottingham RHCF.

2012

Amanda Bartlett of Oneida, N.Y., joined Community Wellness Partners as administrator of the Lutheran Home Cottages – a special needs assisted living residence designed especially to serve those living with various stages of dementia.

2013

Abigail Dean of Norwich, N.Y., has joined Maguire Cardona P.C. as an attorney. Dean is a 2016 graduate of Albany Law School.

Sebastian Notaro, M.B.A. '14 of Canton, N.Y., has been promoted to controller at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

Maria Zumpano, M.B.A. '14, of Syracuse, N.Y., joined Bousquet Holstein representing both businesses and the individuals that run them in the areas of business formation and structure, transactions

HELP THY NEIGHBOR | Medical staff carefully examining critically ill patients while wearing protective gear that is running dangerously low. A once-spacious lobby now crowded with hospital beds to accommodate the influx of sick men, women and children. Families unable to visit their loved ones because it's simply too dangerous. It seems unreal. But for Shannon Stevens '17, a registered nurse at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, this is very much the reality of working at the epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic.

Stevens and her colleagues do their best to care for patients in an environment in which nearly everything changes every day – policies, procedures, protocols. As a new nurse, Stevens had often relied on more senior staff for guidance, but there is no experience comparable to this one. Even the stable Covid-19-positive patients in their care are unable to catch their breath, and "literally feel like they are suffocating, no matter how much oxygen you give them."

An already intense workplace has become infinitely more so.

Still, Stevens and her colleagues continue to do what they were called to do – to advocate for their patients – to treat them, listen to them, comfort them, and to try to allay their fears and concerns. Changes in essential care protocols that limit nurses' time in patient rooms to try to reduce their exposure to the disease have made this harder, and that has taken an emotional toll on Stevens and her colleagues. They do their best though. They focus on the challenge before them. They lean on one another. And there are bright spots. Every evening at seven, Stevens takes a moment to listen as people across New York City open their windows and doors to cheer the essential personnel who are keeping their city, a city that's often thought of as the capital of the world, running. "It's really powerful," she says. "I've cried a couple times because the noise truly echoes down the whole island of Manhattan."

And like people across the country, Stevens is doing the best she can to take care of herself. It's tough, but she knows that morale is key at times like these. She walks when she can, practices yoga, and uses FaceTime to connect with friends and family. She also reflects on her time at Le Moyne, particularly the Religion in America class she took with Darryl Caterine, Ph.D. The course focused on individualism and collectivism in America – two issues that are at the very heart of this global health crisis. She asks herself what Jesus would do were He faced with this challenge. The answer, she knows, is this: He would help His neighbor. And to that end, more than anything else, she hopes that this pandemic will move people to think more often about the responsibility we have to one another.

"I hope we can start taking better care of each other after this," she says. "Every person has an effect on one another. It's like the quantum entanglement theory in physics. What one person does always affects another, and so on. We must take care of one another. Hopefully that is a blessing in disguise that comes from this pandemic."

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Shannon Stevens '17

Photo:
Shannon Stevens '17 (right) with two colleagues at Mount Sinai Hospital.

and compliance, tax planning, strategy and advocacy, and business succession planning.

2014

Nicole J. Turner of Maynard, Mass., wrote a limited-release crowdfunded chapbook in 2017, and will have a full-length poetry collection published by Underground Writers Association of Maine in 2020.

2015

Christopher Klee of Webster, N.Y., received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Buffalo in May 2019. He is currently completing a one-year residency in Arizona.

Vincent Randazzo of Brooklyn, N.Y., was nominated for a Helen Hayes Award for best supporting actor in a play for his role in *Vanity Fair.* The cast of the show was also nominated for Best Ensemble.

Angela Wilbur, M.B.A. '16, of Liverpool, N.Y., joined Wickes Forensic Accounting & Consulting. Wilbur is an experienced auditor.

2016 5th Reunion

Lyudmila Kostiv, F.N.P. '19 of LaFayette, N.J., is an acute care nurse practitioner at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Claire Monnat, P.A. '18 of Baldwinsville, N.Y. is a physician assistant at WellNow Centers.

Joshua Purcell of LaFayette, N.Y., joined the faculty of St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center.

Benjamin Verdi, M.S. '17, of Buffalo, N.Y., is an audience services manager at the Irish Classical Theater.

2017

Sarah Donovan, M.S.Ed. '19, of Syracuse, N.Y., is a math teacher in the Baldwinsville Central School District.

Paige Kuebler, P.A. '19, of Ontario, N.Y., is a physician assistant at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Vern Rink of Fairport, N.Y., is a prospect development associate at Cornell University.

Rebecca Ryan, O.T. '19, of Auburn, N.Y., is an occupational therapist at Thrive by 5.

Erika Smith, F.N.P. '19 of Latham, N.Y., is a cardiology nurse practitioner at St. Peter's Health Partners.

Allyssa Knowles '08, along with her high school classmates organized the group 2G4 Hurricane Dorian Relief to collect goods and supplies for their families and friends affected by Hurricane Dorian on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama in the Bahamas.

Marisa Valent, M.S. '19 of Syracuse, N.Y., is the manager of the Fine Arts Center and Soundings Program at Castleton University in Castleton, Vt.

Benjamin Walsh, M.B.A. '19, of Syracuse, N.Y., works in inside sales at Irby.

2018

Niklas Breunung, M.B.A. '19 of Kunzell, Germany, is a department head for Zufall Logistics Group.

Hanna Choi of Rochester, N.Y., is a physician assistant at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Rachel Polman of Brackney, Pa., works at NAC Entertainment, where she focuses on ticketing operations, event management and media.

Lydia Rugaber, M.B.A. '19, of Fairport, N.Y., is an assistant account executive at Dixon Schwabl where she helps to plan and execute client projects. Rugaber returned to the firm after completing an events internship in 2017.

Brittney Smith of Syracuse, N.Y., is a mental health therapy aide for the New York State Office of Mental Health.

Julia Tomoroska of Syracuse, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

2019

Matthew Acomb of Livonia, N.Y., is continuing his education at Syracuse University studying civil engineering.

Attia Ahmad of Syracuse, N.Y., is continuing her education at Drexel University studying biological sciences.

Luke Alberts of Syracuse, N.Y., is a teacher assistant at West Genesee Central School District in Camillus, N.Y.

Melody Ashline of South Glens Falls, N.Y., is a registered nurse at Four Winds Saratoga.

Sara Barber of Malone, N.Y, is an early childhood teacher at Malone Central School District.

Peter Barletta of LaFayette, N.Y., is a data apprentice at KS&R.

Molly Broderick of Massena, N.Y., is a human resources intern for the New York Power Authority.

Cassandra Bukaty of East Syracuse, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College studying nursing.

Eric Burdge of Clifton Park, N.Y., is continuing his education at New York University studying medicine.

McKenna Burgwin of Cicero, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Janelle Burke of Hamburg, N.Y., is continuing her education at Cornell University studying chemical engineering.

Kelly Burns of Cicero, N.Y., is a hairstylist at Lavish Salon in North Syracuse, N.Y.

Dillon Card of Syracuse, N.Y., is a data analyst at BeerBoard.

Michael Casab of Rochester, N.Y., is continuing his education at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

Jonathan Cimilluca of West Monroe, N.Y., is a financial analyst for Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Mykala Cleary of Syracuse, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College studying information systems.

Katelyn Clemens of Baldwinsville, N.Y., is a registered nurse at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y.

Angelica Clements of Elizaville, N.Y., graduate assistant in Office of Advancement at Le Moyne College was awarded the Elizabeth Schelereth Award for the highest achievement as a history major.

Sarah Cobb of North Syracuse, N.Y., is continuing her education at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas studying biomedical sciences.

Josephine Conte of East Syracuse, N.Y., is continuing her education at Kingston University studying marketing communications.

Eric Corp of Liverpool, N.Y., joined LeverPoint as a staff accountant. Previously, he worked as a junior accountant at ValueWise Corporation in Clifton Park, N.Y.

Angela Cotto of Brooklyn, N.Y., is continuing her education at SUNY Albany studying social work.

Cindy Courtney of Marathon, N.Y., is continuing her education at SUNY Binghamton studying public health.

Abigail Dallessandro of Grand Island, N.Y., is continuing her education at the University at Buffalo, where she is studying accounting.

Sam Daniel of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, is a client associate at Ayco, a Goldman Sachs company.

Isaac Davis of Arlington, Va., is a business consultant at IBM.

Nicole Davis of Wenham, Mass., is a registered nurse at Trinity Health.

Meagan Dennis of Tully, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College studying nursing.

Madison Derita of Higganum, Conn., is continuing her education at Syracuse University studying sports venue and event management.

Lauren Devlin of New Hartford, N.Y., is continuing her education at Syracuse University studying television, radio and film.

Sierra Dipietro of Liverpool, N.Y., is an accounting specialist at Syracuse University.

Daniel Dibiase of Schenectady, N.Y. is an accountant auditor at Ernst and Young, LLP.

Jessica Dickerson of Clay, N.Y., is a registered nurse at Chilton Medical Center.

Claire Diefendorf of Syracuse, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Lauren Diller of Macedon, N.Y., is a talent acquisition coordinator at Ultra Electronics.

Marguerite Dillon of Oswego, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College studying arts administration.

Michele Faye Dunbar of North Syracuse, N.Y., is a registered nurse at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Niyihankuye Eliza of Syracuse, N.Y., is a project manager for the City of Syracuse.

Taylor Fahey of Liverpool, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Charles Farres of Syracuse, N.Y., is the head tennis coach at Roberts Wesleyan College.

Georgette Fazioli of Ticonderoga, N.Y., is a grassroots management trainee at Agri-Mark.

Jeffrey Fields of Tully, N.Y., is a credit analyst at Bankers Healthcare Group Inc.

Jake Files of Syracuse, N.Y., works in inside sales at Erie Materials.

Maggie Finster of Watertown, N.Y., is a financial analyst at Lockheed Martin.

Hanna Flaherty of Auburn, N.Y., is a registered nurse at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y.

Kasey Foster of Dolgeville, N.Y., is a youth division aide at Taberg Residential Center.

Andrew Fritz of Auburn, N.Y., is a tax accountant at the Bonadio Group.

Olivia Fulmer of Clayton, N.Y., is a registered nurse at Samaritan Medical Center.

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DOLPHIN HISTORY

William Bosch, S.J.
Le Moyne College Archivist

1950 ▶ The 1950s were a time of international fear and anxiety. In response, Andrew Brady, S.J., one of the founders of the College, launched the Freedom Crusade, whose aim was to do something positive to stem what was believed to be an onslaught of communism around the world. Its members signed their names to a scroll that was eventually enshrined with the Freedom Bell in Berlin, Germany.

1960 ▶ The New York Province of the Society of Jesus split. A new province was created for the region of the state north of New York City and was named the Buffalo Province. In the future, the new entity would build its administrative center on DeMong Drive, contiguous to the College's campus.

1960 ▶ An editorial in *The Dolphin* endorsed then Massachusetts Sen. John Fitzgerald Kennedy for president of the United States.

1970 ▶ Approximately 250 children flooded the Le Moyne campus for a massive Easter egg hunt sponsored by Project in Community. After the hunt, the girls moved to the Rathskeller for a dance contest and the boys moved to the Recreation Center for a basketball game.

1980 ▶ Susan Gibbons, director of physical education, was involved in the NCAA's creation of championships for women. Before 1980 there was practically no possibility of recognizing excellence in women's sports. The NCAA action pertained only to division II and III, small schools such as Le Moyne.

1990 ▶ The highlight of Women's History Month was a presentation by Professor of Philosophy Susan Bordo, Ph.D., in which she addressed the frightening rise of eating disorders around the country.

Alisabeth Furnace of Norfolk, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College in the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

Morgan Gaffney of Camillus, N.Y., is an event coordinator at CNY Fertility Center.

Ayuen Gai of Syracuse, N.Y., is a business support liaison at Bank of New York Mellon.

Victoria Gallardo of Liverpool, N.Y., is a middle school teacher for the Syracuse City School District.

Rosangel Garcia of Bronx, N.Y., is a business transformation consultant at IBM.

Ashley Gardner of Syracuse, N.Y., is a teaching assistant at Solvay Union Free School District.

Amanda Geisler of Rochester, N.Y., is a registered nurse at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Adrienne Genovese of Schenectady, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Elias Geoghan of Blue Point, N.Y., is a special education teacher with New York City Teaching Fellows.

Josiah Gray of New Rochelle, N.Y., played in the Los Angeles Dodgers farm system as a right-handed starter. He led the system in strikeouts (147) and ERA (2.28) while finishing third in innings (130). He was named the club's Minor League Pitcher of the Year.

Lauren Gugino of Eden, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College in the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

Briana Hansen of Lockport, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College in the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

Julie Harrison of Jamesville, N.Y., is continuing her education at SUNY Upstate Medical Center studying physical therapy.

Emma Hart of Ogdensburg, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Delaney Hayes of Delmar, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Megan Hill of Fayetteville, N.Y., is a design data associate at NYC Alliance.

Ashley Hirsch of Lowville, N.Y., is a billing specialist at Arcadis.

Marissa Holmes of Rome, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Josiah Gray '19 was named the LA Dodger's Minor League Pitcher of the year.

Allison Hoover of La Fargeville, N.Y., is a third-grade teacher in the Watertown City School District.

Jessica Hyde of Rochester, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College in the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

My-Kellia Jenkins of Syracuse, N.Y., is a clerk for the United State Postal Service.

Aura Jimenez of Bronx, N.Y., is the office manager for the John A. Hartford Foundation.

Masala Joseph of Brooklyn, N.Y., is an administrative assistant for the Corcoran Group.

Tristan Julian of Chittenago, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Katherine Keeney of Manlius, N.Y., is a high school teacher at OCM BOCES.

Jessica Kelleher of Schuylerville, N.Y., is a management development trainee at M&T Bank.

Megan Kellogg of Brewerton, N.Y., is a copywriter at Virtucom Group.

Kiersten Kennedy of Manlius, N.Y., is continuing her education at SUNY Upstate Medical Center studying medicine.

Kathleen Kerner of Clifton Park, N.Y., is a project assistant at the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York.

James Kimball of Camillus, N.Y., is continuing his education at Florida State University studying chemistry.

Erin Kintner of Endicott, N.Y., is a registered nurse at Trinity Health.

Madlin Knapp of Watertown, N.Y., is continuing her education at the University of Buffalo studying biology.

Julia Kompare of Pittsford, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College in the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

Abigail Kopp of Liverpool, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Elena Kopp of Syracuse, N.Y., is a retail sales representative for the Hershey Company.

Thomas Koster of Cicero, N.Y., is a compliance analyst at SRC, Inc.

Nicole Krumbach of New Hartford, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College studying teaching English as a second language.

Joseph Krutz of Syracuse, N.Y., is an operations analyst at the Bank of New York Mellon.

Jesse La Duc of Brewerton, N.Y, is continuing her education at SUNY Upstate Medical University in medical imaging sciences.

Meghan Lacey of Phoenix, N.Y., is a registered nurse at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Tino Laterza of Frankfurt, N.Y., is working in events and development at Catholic Charities of Onondaga County.

Graceann LaBeff of Syracuse, N.Y., is continuing her education at SUNY Oswego in school counseling.

Lyudmila Levitskaya of Cortland, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College in the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

Natalia Lott of Liverpool, N.Y., is teaching Spanish in the Syracuse City School District.

Brittney Mack of Poestenkill, N.Y., is continuing her education at Daemen College studying physical therapy.

Christina Maher of Montgomery, N.Y., is continuing her education at the Rochester Institute of Technology studying science, technology and public policy.

Allyson Malbouf of Canastota, N.Y., is continuing her education at the University of South Carolina studying public health.

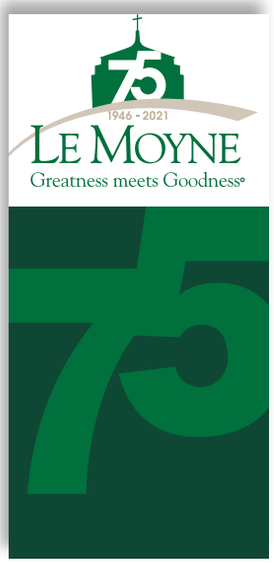
Paige Maleski of Seneca Falls, N.Y., is continuing her education at Syracuse University studying forensic science.

Joseph Malone of Altamont, N.Y., is an inside sales engineer at R.F. Peck Company.

Courtney Manley of Massena, N.Y., is a digital campaign manager at SpinCar.

Alumni Events

There is nothing that we enjoy more than welcoming the Le Moyne Phamily back to campus, particularly for events like Mass of the Holy Spirit, Family Weekend, and Lessons and Carols. Your presence at these events makes them special. We are currently working to determine when and how it will be safe to hold these events. **Please stay tuned to the College's monthly e-newsletter for further details.** To find all upcoming alumni events go to **lemoyne.edu/alumni** and click on **alumni events.** Here are just a few events we're looking forward to hosting.



LE MOYNE COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

AUG. 2020 – OCT. 2021

You can look forward to

- A web presence where you can browse through our history, share personal stories and photos, and reflect on the impact the College has had
- A 75th anniversary history written by John W. Langdon, author of *Against the Sky: The First Fifty Years of Le Moyne College*
- A celebration Mass inclusive of the Le Moyne community and the Syracuse community
- Celebratory and commemorative spaces around campus

DOLPHINS UNITE FOR LE MOYNE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

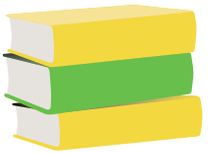
OCT. 23, 2020

6:30 Virtual Cocktail Party
7 – 8 p.m. Dolphins Unite!

A virtual "Celebration of Hope" honoring Le Moyne's Trailblazing Women

2020 Simon Le Moyne Award Honorees

Margaret "Peg" Dwyer '54, H '94
Barbara Maylone Karper HA '07
Genevieve "Gen" Saya H '01
Margaret "Peg" Snyder H '79



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JUNE 4 – 6, 2021

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because you can't wait to brag about your wonderful kids ...

because you have to see all the beautiful improvements to campus ...

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You can look forward to

- President's Address and Alumni Awards Presentation
- Dolphins After Dark – Tent Party on the Quad
- 8th Annual Dolphin Dash – 5K Run/Walk Event
- Local at Le Moyne Food Fair
- Reunion Weekend Mass

WEBINAR SERIES

SELECTED WEDNESDAYS AT NOON AND AT OTHER TIMES LISTED

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Katerie Marris of Vernon, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College in the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

AnnaRae Martin of Waterville, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College studying arts administration.

Jillian Maxfield of Syracuse, N.Y., is a registered occupational therapist at Liberty POST.

Maggie McAllister of Vestal, N.Y., is continuing her education at SUNY Upstate Medical Center studying physical therapy.

Edward Mendez of New York, N.Y., is a warehouse management intern at Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits.

Kristen Messineo of Webster, N.Y., is a national account sales rep at DuraSurv.

Ashley Monroe of West Monroe, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Megan Mulpagano of Cicero, N.Y., is a staff accountant at Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C.

Maria Musumeci of Phoenix, N.Y., is continuing her education at the University of Dayton.

Richard Nguyen of Syracuse, N.Y., is a programmer/analyst at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Dan Ostaszewski of Syracuse, N.Y., is continuing his education at Syracuse University studying mechanical and aerospace engineering.

Garrett Palmer of Ontario, N.Y., is continuing his education at Syracuse University.

Mariana Paniagua Munoz of Syracuse, N.Y., is an office coordinator at Syracuse University.

Brianna Parks of McGraw, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Joseph Pascarella of Chittenango, N.Y., is an assistant estimator at Hunter Roberts Construction Group.

Alexandra Pedone of Utica, N.Y., is a behavioral technician at the Kelberman Center.

Annie Phan of Syracuse, N.Y., is a medical assistant at WellNow Centers.

Austin Philleo of Fayetteville, N.Y., is a campaign manager for Ryan McMahon for Onondaga County Executive.

Ashley Picciott of Brewerton, N.Y., is a commercial relationship manager trainee at M&T Bank.

Valerie Pirro of Camillus, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College in the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

Christina Ponzi of Syracuse, N.Y., is a talent acquisition associate at Lockheed Martin.

Madison Purcell of Clifton Park, N.Y., is a human resources associate at Plug Power.

Benjamin Radom of Schenectedy, N.Y., is a chemist at Tradebe.

Alyssa Reagan of Marcellus, N.Y., is an exhibitions assistant at Rochester Contemporary Art Center.

Daniel Reilly of Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y., is continuing his education at SUNY Stony Brook studying dentistry.

Celina Rescott of Auburn, N.Y., is continuing her education at Cambridge College studying education.

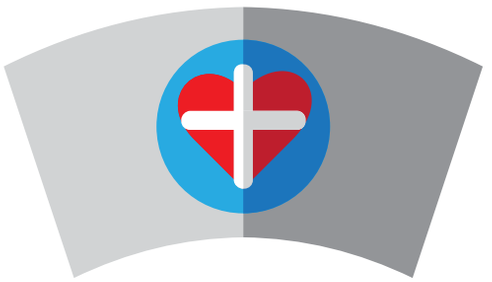
Adam Resetarits of Jamesville, N.Y., joined the advisory staff of EY, LLC.

Morgan Rodriguez of Fabius, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Melanie Rose of Oneida, N.Y., joined Air Force Research Laboratory - Information Directorate as an associate computer scientist.

Kiersten Rossi of Cicero, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Kimberly Ruszczyk of Syracuse, N.Y., is an adult nurse practitioner at SUNY Upstate Medical Center.



Lyudmila Kostiv '19 works as an acute care nurse practitioner at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Daniel Satterly of Manlius, N.Y., is an assistant account manager at Pinckney Hugo Group.

Brittany Schafer of Clinton, N.Y., is pursuing a certificate in cosmetology from BOCES.

Cole Schmid of New Hartford, N.Y., is a long-term substitute teacher for the Utica City School District.

Danielle Schmidt of Syracuse, N.Y., is working in administration at Diamond Roofing.

Sydney Schmidt of Syracuse, N.Y., is a recruiting assistant at C.R. Fletcher.

Karen Shahine of Syracuse, N.Y., is continuing her education at New England Law in Boston studying law.

Kylee Shaughnessy of West Monroe, N.Y., is a social media specialist at Bankers Healthcare Group, Inc.

Hannah Sheboy of Washingtonville, N.Y., is a special education teacher at Fairfax County Public Schools.

Karissa Shepard of North Syracuse, N.Y., is a general education teacher at Cartwright School District.

Victoria Shevchuk of Cortland, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College.

Samantha Shreffler of Kalispell Mont., is an occupational therapist at Whitefish Therapy.

Savannah Simpson of Syracuse, N.Y., is an intermediate sales representative at Bank of New York Mellon.

Kenneth Slack of New York, N.Y., is an auditor at EY, LLP.

Christopher Souza of Fayetteville, N.Y., is a family practice nurse practitioner for Morris Heights Health Center.

Kayla Spencer of Bronx, N.Y., is a people operations intern coordinator at BMW of North America, LLC.

Elizabeth Stansbury of Mendon, N.Y., is continuing her education at the University of Rochester studying medical technology.

Emily Stapleton of Syracuse, N.Y., is a registered nurse at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Kristina Stephens of Auburn, N.Y., is a youth care professional at Hillside Family of Agencies

Meghan Strahley of Vestal, N.Y., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College studying business.

Alicia Suskin of Syracuse, N.Y., is a project manager at Terakeet.

Peter Swovick of Webster, N.Y., is continuing his education at the University of Rochester studying chemistry.

Robert Talerico of Clinton, N.Y.,

is a food quality technician for Chobani.

Emily Tanzella of Clinton, N.Y., is continuing her education at John Jay College of Criminal Justice studying forensic psychology.

Katherine Tenbroek of Liverpool, N.Y., is a NICU nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Christine Tremblay of Schenectedy, N.Y., is a community screener at Baptist Health.

Victoria Trotta of Utica, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Peter Vadney of Ballston Spa, N.Y., is a financial analyst at Ayco, a Goldman Sachs company.

Ashley Valentine of Utica, N.Y., is a senior residential counselor at Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York.

Margaret Valentine of Watertown, N.Y., is an emergency department scribe at ScribeAmerica.

Fernanda Vergara of Beltsville, Md., is a team leader at Target Corporation.

Zayn Visram of Vestal, N.Y., is a staff accountant at Ernst and Young, LLP.

Francesa Welch of Syracuse, N.Y., is a human resources assistant at Aspen Dental.

Arionna White of Baldwinsville, N.Y., is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Riley Wilde of Holden, Mass., is continuing her education at Le Moyne College studying business.

Sarah Willard of Buffalo, N..Y, is a special education teacher at Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES.

Kylie Wilson of Conesus, N.Y., is continuing her education at SUNY Brockport studying environmental science and ecology.

Tatiana Wilson of Schenectady, N.Y., is continuing her education at SUNY Albany studying higher education.

Joseph Winsman of Palatine Bridge, N.Y., is a staff auditor at Dannible & Mckee, LLP.

Mary Beth Witte of Syracuse, N.Y., is a certified occupational therapy assistant at Connections Family-Centered Therapies.

Olivia Wolfram of Syracuse, N.Y., is an occupational therapist at Solace Pediatric Home Healthcare.

Lauren Zazzaro of Southington, Conn., is a service sales representative at Otis Elevator.

Xiaoying Zhang of Milpitas, Calif., is an occupational therapist in Cedar Crest Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Diane Zoanetti of Syracuse, N.Y., is a high school special education resource teacher at the Fayetteville-Manlius School District.

James Zumpano of Liverpool, N.Y., is continuing his education at Le Moyne College studying nursing.

Share your story
for the next issue of *New Heights*!

Sharing your story can make a big difference in other people's lives. Just a paragraph or two is all we need. Share your news or story and photos for inclusion in the alumni magazine at **lemoyne.edu/alumni**. Stories can be submitted to Molly McCarthy at **mccartmk@lemoyne.edu**.
The magazine submission deadline for the next issue is **Sept. 15.**

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In Memoriam

C. Thomas Bernardi '51
Mario DeSantis '51
Stanley G. Germain '51
Mary Ellen (Brennan) Gorton '51
Dolorosa Lenk '51
Fredrick M. Valerino Sr. '51
Edmund T. Alexander '52
Adelaide H. (Hopkins) Ealy '52
Carl M. Horner '52
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Robert J. Wilson '53
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Winifred Ferris '54
Patricia M. Kalenak '54
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Barbara (Bick) Reidda '57
Diane H. (Hermle) Treveiler '57
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William R. Stanley '62
Mary Anne (Baratta) Tucker '62
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Edward G. Davidson '64
Edward A. Kavanaugh '65
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Margaret (Hartnett) Foody '67
Eileen P. (McMahon) Zogby '67
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John G. Balzano '71
Michael A. Huonder '73
Rocco G. Verrigni '73
Donna M. (Paczkowski) Wise '73
Beth E. Gilchriest '75
Marjorie R. Kelly '75
Michael P. Pisctell '75
Owen P. Gilmore '76
Lillian V. (McCarthy) Egan '77
Maryann Tracy '77
William M. Sperr '79
John M. Betar '80
Cheryl A. (Somers) Monachino '81
Anne Marie (Lisi) Lancour '82
Jacques L. Denis '85
Jeffrey S. Gilheney '85
Richard J. Shaw '89
William E. Lucio '95
Robert E. Hunter '96
Elizabeth O'Hara Formoza '98
Garrett H. Hastings '01
Phillip M. McCann '01

Love & Marriage

George Disque '64 to Carlene Richter

Kathy MuSallam '05 to Jamil Fakhouri (above)

Andrea Pluchino '06 to Alex Klupchak

Meg Oberle '07 to Eli Bensignor

Blake Snyder '07 to Giordana Diaz

Katie Conroy '08 to Brandon Rubeo

Kimberlee M. Hurley '09 to Shaun Vigil

Sarah Kent '09 to Jono Lance

Brendan Chin '13 to **Erin Morrissey '16, OT '18** (above)

Bryan Bauer '18 to **Emily Brown '18** (above)

Maeve L. McQuilkin '18 to Matthew S. Hull

Patriot Threads

There are more than 22 million veterans in the United States. Serving the country has been the mission of their lives. Now Craig Fernandes '86 and his son Brady are making supporting these brave men and women the mission of their lives. They are the founders of Patriot Threads, an apparel company with patriotic and state-specific designs that raises funds for veterans and other worthy causes. It began in 2017 as a capstone project for Brady's school and has expanded into so much more. The company shares a portion of its sales revenue with nonprofits supporting veterans nationwide. To date, they have donated more than $15,000 to six organizations, including Game Day for Heroes, Adopt-A-Vet and the American Cancer Foundation. Fernandes said that Patriot Threads' main goals are to provide quality products that represent a higher quality mission.

"(The most rewarding part of this has been) the experience of building a company from scratch with my son, the time shared and lessons learned during that process, and most importantly being able to give back to our veterans as a way of thanking them for their service and for protecting our American freedoms," he said.

Nothing is Impossible

When Sharon Satterlee '04 reflects on her time at Le Moyne, her thoughts immediately turn to her uncle, Robert Satterlee '51. He was, in Sharon's words, "a brilliant man" who left a legacy of fighting adversity early in life to achieve his goals. "Nothing was impossible to Uncle Bob," Sharon recalled. Born to working-class parents, Bob went on to become the first member of his family to go to college. In challenging times, he would remind his niece: "This too shall pass, and it always does." Following his graduation from Le Moyne, Bob served his country in the Navy before earning his law degree at Cornell University.

The College continued to be a critical part of not just his story, but of his family's story. His daughter Barbara Ferenc '83 also attended Le Moyne and was married on the Heights, and his granddaughter was recently admitted to the College as a member of the Class of 2024. Sharon recently made a gift to the College that she asked be directed to low-income students so that they could have the same opportunity for a Le Moyne education that she and her Uncle Bob did.

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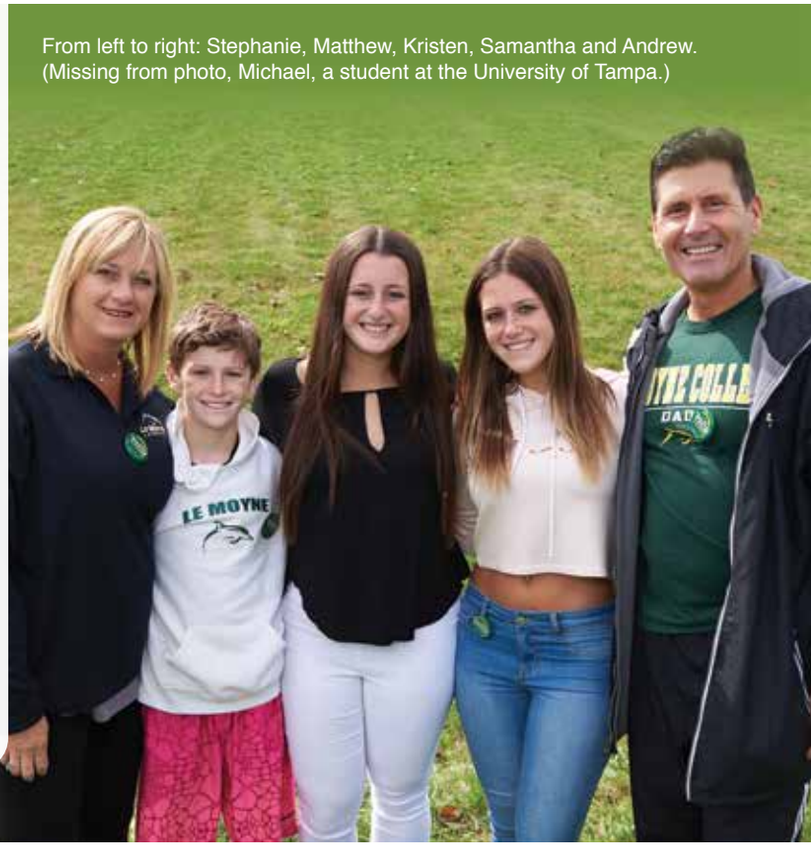
A Family Tradition

When Kristen Decicco '21 arrived on the Le Moyne campus in the fall of 2017, she immediately found herself enveloped in a whirlwind of activities. She participated in service projects across Syracuse through Dolphins in Volunteer Efforts (DIVE) Day, took in a fireworks show over the Heights, and spent time getting to know her new classmates. She also said goodbye to her family, which includes her parents, Andrew and Stephanie, and siblings, Samantha, Matthew and Michael. It was bittersweet to say goodbye to them, but Kristen took comfort in knowing that she would soon see them at the College's Family Weekend. Since then, it has become a tradition for her family, who travel to Le Moyne from Long Island for the event. Kristen shares with them what her life is like at Le Moyne as they participate in events like the president's lunch and bingo night, and cheer on Le Moyne's soccer and volleyball teams. It is something that the Deciccos have come to look forward to as they are all now a part of the Le Moyne 'Phamily.

"I can't wait to see what is planned for the future," Kristen says.

Family Weekend 2020 is tentatively set for Sept. 25-27. This date, or the manner in which this event is held, may change according to evolving circumstances.

From left to right: Stephanie, Matthew, Kristen, Samantha and Andrew. (Missing from photo, Michael, a student at the University of Tampa.)



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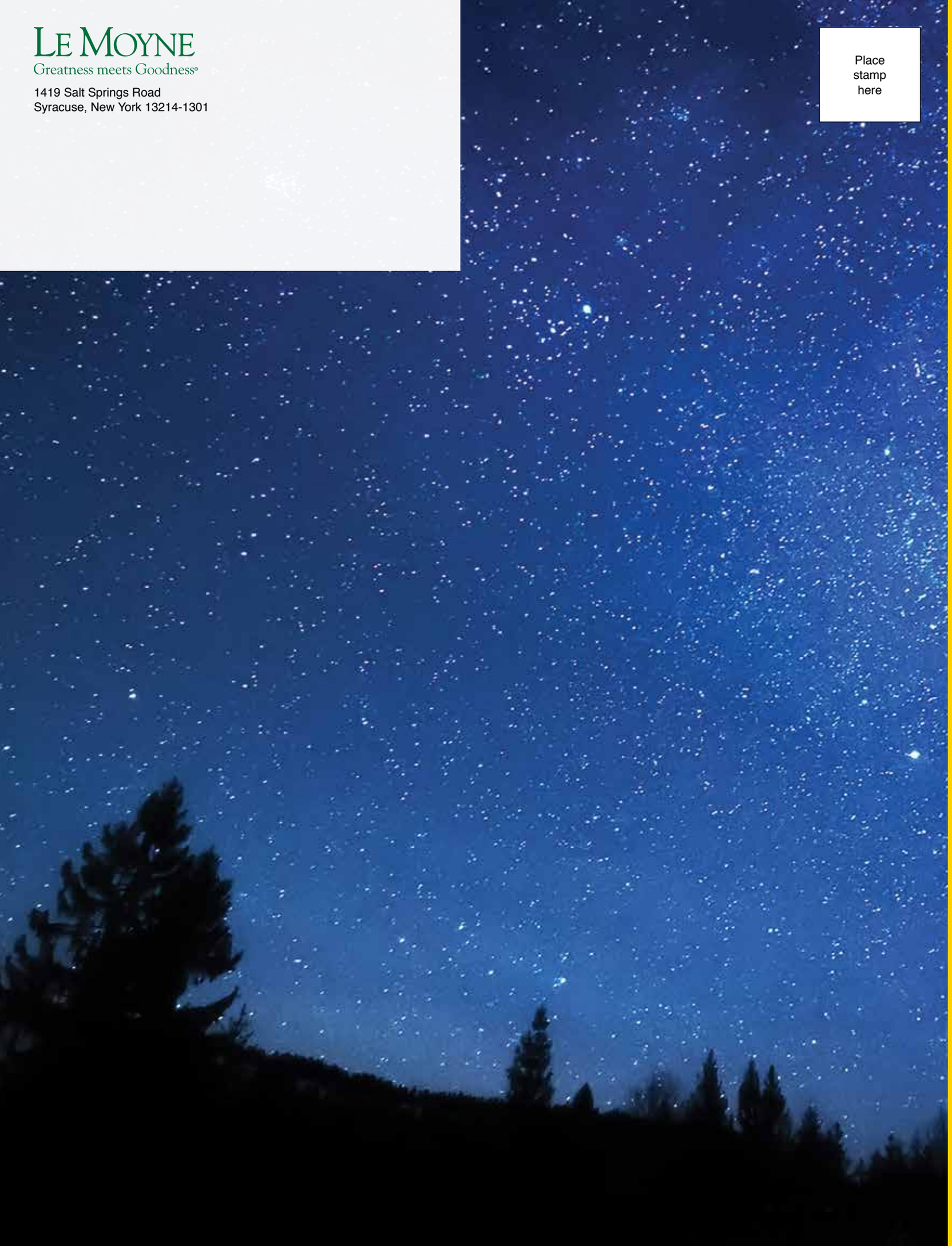
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