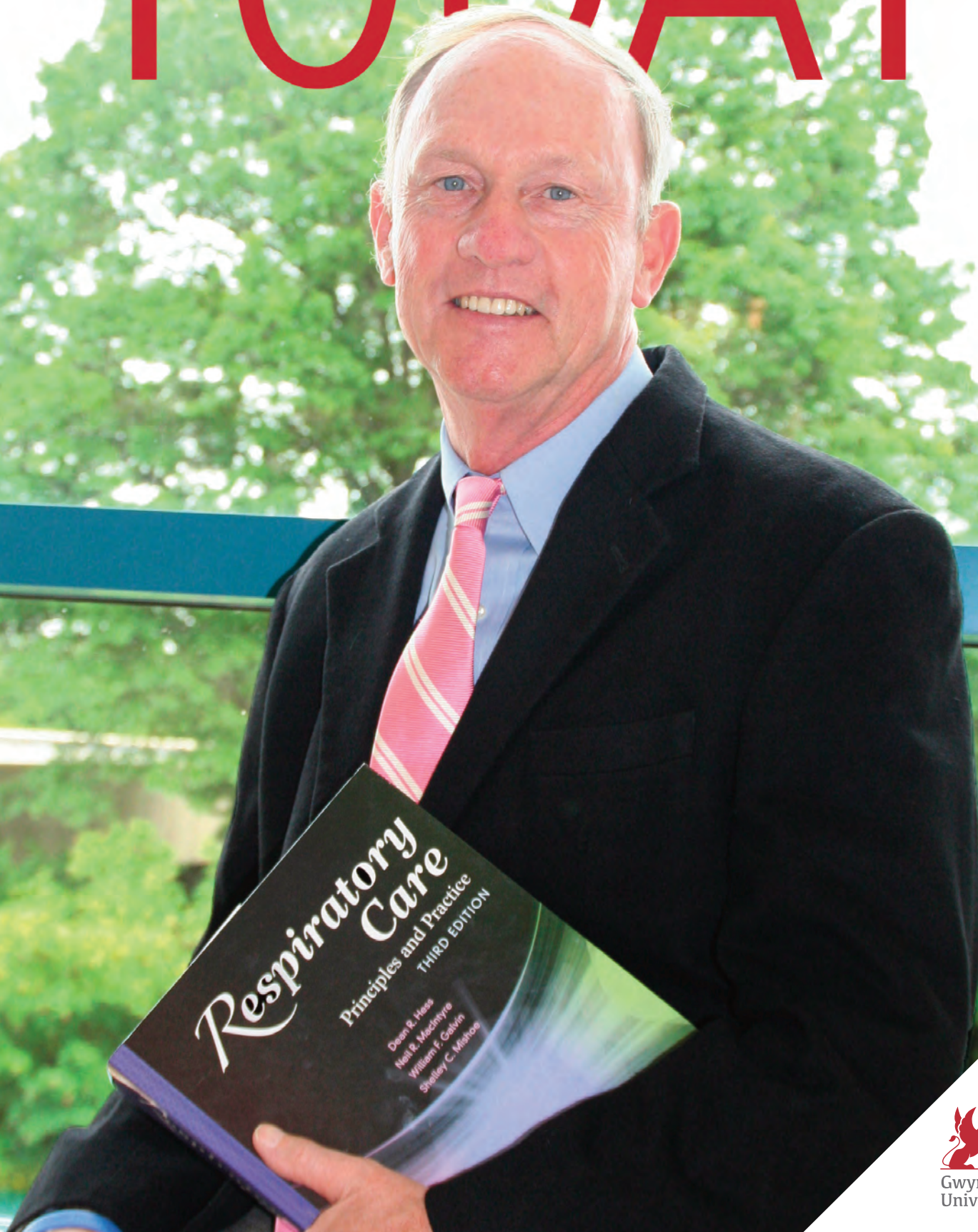


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Spring Ahead

While there may be more than a few weeks left of winter, the spring semester is in full swing. First-year students have successfully navigated their first semester on campus. Seniors are polishing their resumes in preparation for graduation. And GMercyU's spring sports teams are gearing up for Opening Day.

Whether it's enjoying the beautiful blooms on campus or preparing Griffins for upcoming Alternative Spring Break service trips, spring is a time for growth and new beginnings. This spring, in particular, will be an especially exciting time for Gwynedd Mercy University.



After spending my first six months on campus listening to and learning about this community, it's now time to look ahead to the future. It's time to think about where we want to go as a University and build on the potential that is already here.

As you will see in the pages ahead, the University has many things to celebrate. Our academic programs are constantly evolving to ensure we can prepare our students for the competitive fields they are so very passionate about. We are honored to have dedicated and experienced faculty and staff who go above and beyond for their students and a growing number of successful alumni who are living out what it truly means to be a *Distinctive Mercy Graduate*.

As the time for my Inauguration nears, I am excited about showcasing the many accomplishments of our GMercyU Community as well as honoring our rich history. Included during this week will be events such as a Day of Service, an Academic Symposium, and a Student Research Conference. It will give us an opportunity to highlight the successes we have had while welcoming a renewed commitment to excellence in everything we do.

I look forward to growing and celebrating together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanne H. D'Emilio". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Deanne H. D'Emilio, JD
President

Learn more about the Presidential Inauguration Celebration at gmercyu.edu/inauguration.

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CIS | GMercyU

By: Kirsten Swanson

Now more than ever, the need for computer information science experts is high. The field, which covers a wide range of areas from digital forensics and cybersecurity to database and game design, is quickly growing and constantly changing. In fact, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, computer and information security occupations are expected to exceed a 25% growth rate over the next eight years.

Gwynedd Mercy University responds to this demand by continually monitoring and updating the Computer Information Science program so students are learning cutting-edge technologies. GMercyU's CIS program has always been responsive to the needs of industry, giving students the opportunity to shape their degree according to their interests with concentrations in business, computer forensics, and web design and multimedia. But this year, the program offers several brand new student-centered spaces where students can apply what they are learning in the classroom in order to develop tomorrow's technologies.

“The ability to pick my concentration was a big part of why I chose GMercyU,” Junior Patrick Timlin said. “Now with the new lab spaces, my classmates and I are able to put what we learn in the classroom into action.”

As part of the many new construction projects happening on campus, GMercyU recently added an Innovation Research Lab. Here, students can conduct hands-on research including robotics and software development.

This spring, GMercyU is launching an on-campus Hacking & Countermeasures Lab where students can learn hands-on about cyberattacks and cyberwarfare. The philosophy behind the Hacking Lab is relatively simple. If we don't know how attacks are occurring, how can we deter or mitigate them? The lab will also serve as a place where students with a concentration in computer forensics can perform in-depth incident response exercises.

“With cybercrime and cyber-attacks on the rise, students need to learn the latest methodologies and software if they are going to compete in the job market,” CIS Interim Coordinator Cindy Casey said. “This space gives students a safe, hands-on environment where they can learn about the techniques

hackers use and how to guard against, detect, and mitigate attacks.”

Students also have the opportunity to share what they have learned with the next generation of CIS students by volunteering at GMercyU's after-school Girls Who Code Club where they mentor teens in programming, app development, and web design.

Initiatives like these not only give students additional skills, they provide resume-building experiences that aid in landing internships. Students have interned at both private and public institutions spanning a variety of industries such as IBM and L'Oreal Cosmetics. This summer, GMercyU Junior Patrick Timlin will be interning with The Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program (NREIP). 🌐

Students working on a class project in GMercyU's new Hacking and Countermeasures Lab.



EdD Program Ahead of the Pack

By: Kirsten Swanson

Gwynedd Mercy University's Doctorate in Educational Leadership program is getting national attention.

Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership Raymond Bandlow, PhD was a featured presenter at the National Conference of the American Association of University Administrators to discuss GMercyU's innovative approach to doctoral program completion.

GMercyU's EdD program graduated its first cohort last May with a graduation rate of 76% in just three years, nearly double the national average of 41% in 10 years, according to a 2010 study done by the Council of Graduate Schools. Currently, the EdD program has a year-to-year retention rate of 93%. These outstanding results are exciting, for sure, but they are not unexpected.

One of the reasons for the high graduation and retention rates is the strong support students receive in completing their dissertations – support that has been formally built into the program. Each newly-enrolled doctoral student is assigned to a dissertation advisor in the first course. The dissertation advisor guides the doctoral student through a series of dissertation advisement courses scheduled throughout the course of study to ensure that the student meets benchmarks of progress.

Through a student-centered approach that personalizes the program, the program is

constructed to result in dissertation completion by the time coursework is completed.

“Choosing the EdD Program at Gwynedd Mercy University was one of the best decisions I have made in my educational journey,” Evelyn Nunez, Assistant Superintendent for the Philadelphia School District, said.

“The high level of guidance and support which I received from the professors and my dissertation advisor was exactly what I needed to facilitate the completion of the dissertation while also working full-time as a Principal in a large, urban elementary school,” Evelyn said.

GMercyU's EdD program has graduated 48 students, with 153 currently enrolled. Learn more about the program at gmercyu.edu. 🌐



93% year-to-year retention rate



GMercyU's graduated its first cohort from the EdD program in May 2017.

What's New at GMercyU?

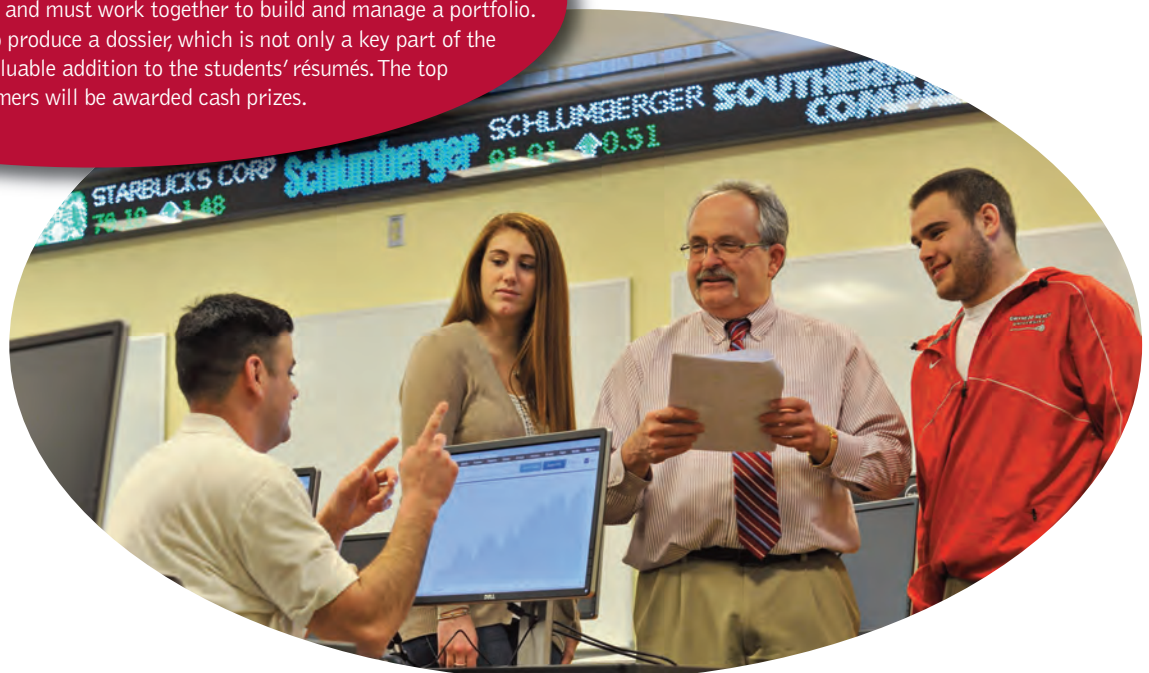
Gwynedd Mercy University announced a \$0 tuition increase for 2018-2019 for all undergraduate and graduate programs. Tuition rates will be held at the Fall 2017 level.

"We all know that earning a college degree is one of the most important investments students and families will ever make. At the same time, we understand that families are concerned about the rising cost of higher education. By holding tuition at Fall 2017 levels, we can help ensure that a GMercyU education continues to be an excellent value," said GMercyU President Deanne D'Emilio, JD.



GMercyU received a Certificate of Continuing Sponsorship from the Conference for Mercy Higher Education (CMHE) following a review by the Conference Board. After completing a self-study for CMHE and hosting a group of CMHE evaluators on campus, the Conference found GMercyU "to be a place for both reverence and ownership of the Mercy mission. These observations and recommendations reflect a University that draws vigor from its tradition and is well poised for additional growth and deepening of that mission."

GMercyU business students are participating in a nationwide Intercollegiate Investment Competition over the next several months. The competition, co-hosted by Fordham University and Pace University, sets to promote student engagement and encourages healthy competition between schools. Each team is assigned one trading account and must work together to build and manage a portfolio. Competitors are expected to also produce a dossier, which is not only a key part of the competition but will be a valuable addition to the students' résumés. The top three performers will be awarded cash prizes.



New Scholarship

Susan Jordan Mauro '67/'88 was a nurse for more than 40 years, serving patients in a variety of areas. She cared for the critically ill in the Intensive Care Unit, worked with children as a school nurse, and in her last position, was a parish nurse facilitator for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

While all the patients she saw were unique in their own way, they all shared one common theme.

"All of my patients used to tell me that Gwynedd nurses are the most compassionate and caring. They will take the best care of you," Sue said.



Sue credits that belief to GMercyU's nursing program, which not only teaches the practical lessons needed to be a successful nurse, but the personal lessons as well. Whether it was Sister Fenton Joseph Fitzpatrick or Sister Mary Paul, Sue and her fellow Griffins were trained to care for the patient's entire well-being, not just a particular diagnoses.

Sue graduated from GMercyU with her Associate Degree in Nursing in 1967 and returned more than 20 years later, earning her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1988. She followed in her mother's footsteps, who was also a nurse.

To honor both her late mother and father, Sue set up the John Woolf Jordan, II and Martha Strank Jordan Nursing Scholarship. This \$250,000 endowed scholarship will benefit academically talented students with financial need who are pursuing a career in nursing.

Learn more about including GMercyU in your estate plans and joining The Mother Mary Bernard Graham Society below. 🌟



The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) has approved the new Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program for Candidacy status. This means that we will accept our first group of MSOT students this May!



GMercyU Welcomes Joshua Stern!

Joshua Stern recently joined GMercyU as the new Vice President for Student Services and Campus Life. Josh comes to GMercyU from the University of the Arts where he was the Assistant Vice President for Student Services. Prior to that, he was the Vice President and Dean of Students at Arcadia University. As part of his new role, Josh will sit on the Executive Council, which supervises academics, operations, and long-range planning for GMercyU.

"I am delighted and honored to join the GMercyU family. GMercyU is a special place with caring trustees, administration, faculty and staff who are committed to our talented students' success," Josh said. "I look forward to meeting and working with my colleagues across the University and serving as a resource and advocate for our students."

The Mother Mary Bernard Graham Society was established to honor the University's benefactors who have generously made commitments to its future through bequests, charitable trusts, gift annuities and other planned giving opportunities. Through your support, we are able to fund scholarships, strengthen academic programs, upgrade facilities and provide the best possible experience for each student. By including GMercyU in your estate plans, you're supporting the education and future of students who will become tomorrow's health care professionals, entrepreneurs, teachers, scientists, and business and community leaders. Society members include, among others:

Joan C. Brown '74 *
Lucille F. Candeloro '73
J. Martin and Cynthia Carroll
Patricia Fogel '75 *
Maureen P. Hamilton '61
Mary Agnes Jacobs *
Martin J. Kelly '91/'95/'10 *

Robert Masucci
Kathleen Owens, PhD
Joseph Romano *
Margaret Schmitt '60/'87 *
Judy Talvacchia '69
Maureen A. Worthington '82 *
Roseanne Ziff '55

If you have included GMercyU in your estate plans and would like to be recognized in the list of members of the Mother Mary Bernard Graham Society, please notify Jill Dow at dow.j@gmercyu.edu or 215-542-4661.

* Deceased

A Saving Breath



By: Kirsten Swanson

Gwynedd Mercy University has a celebrity on campus. A celebrity in the respiratory care world, that is.

Professor William (Bill) Galvin, MSEd, RRT, CPFT, AE-C, FAARC, might not have an Oscar in his office, but he does have a Jimmy A. Young Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). He's logged more years than Justin Bieber, One Direction, and Demi Lovato combined and has penned more chapters than Harper Lee.

Professor Galvin, who is now Assistant Professor and Program Director for GMercyU's Respiratory Care Program, has been a respiratory therapist for more than 40 years and a faculty member at GMercyU since 1981.

membership in 1996, and in 2005 he was inducted into the AARC Fellowship Program and received the Education Section Practitioner of the Year Award.

In the past two years, Professor Galvin received the Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care, the A. Gerald Shapiro Award for outstanding professional achievement from the New Jersey Society for Respiratory Care, and a recent appointment to serve on the Board of Directors for the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

Bill has contributed to a number of publications but his greatest publishing achievement was serving as primary author and co-editor of a comprehensive 60-chapter textbook entitled, "Respiratory Care: Principles and Practice."

His students tell him **"it's pretty cool to have your teacher be one of the authors of the very textbook they use in their program."**

While his list of accomplishments and accolades is long, Professor Galvin is the first to turn the attention to his students.

"Students are our greatest teachers as they question and challenge assumptions and teach us far more than they realize," Professor Galvin said.

In his office he has a quote that hangs on his cabinet as a daily reminder of what it means to teach here at Gwynedd Mercy University. It reads:

"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Professor Galvin's students experience just how much he cares, before even stepping foot in his classroom.

"When I came for my interview, Professor Galvin spent three hours with me and my mom answering all of our questions about the respiratory profession. He took the time to

Near 100% pass rate on the Certified Respiratory Therapist exam.
Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) pass rates exceed the national average by more than 20%.

He's served on countless professional and college boards and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. In addition to the Jimmy A. Young Medal, the AARC distinguished him with the honor of Lifetime

take us to the advising office and even gave us a tour of campus," Melynne Storb '16 said. "That's when I knew I belonged at Gwynedd Mercy University."

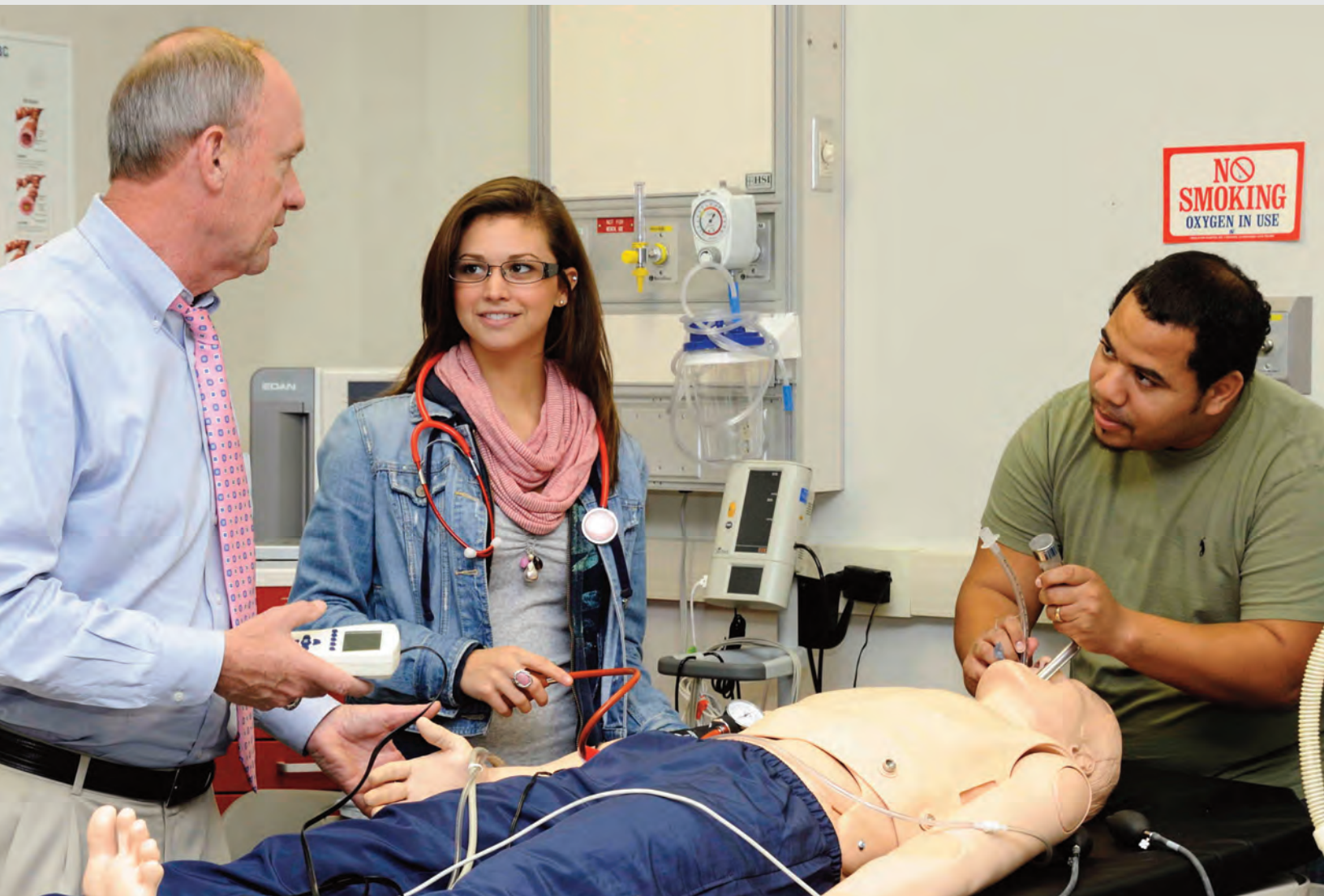
With Professor Galvin at the helm, GMercyU's Respiratory Care program has positioned itself as one of the most prominent in the area. Employing a 3+1 model, with the first three years representing the Associate Degree and the final year being a degree completion culminating in a Bachelor of Health Science Degree, students graduate eligible to become certified respiratory therapists and registered respiratory therapists.

Students get hands-on experience working both in the state-of-the-art labs on campus and at 16 regional health care affiliates; all students participate in more than 1,000 hours of clinical education consisting of rotations in such specialty areas as critical care, pulmonary diagnostics, and neonatal/pediatric care.

As a result of GMercyU's approach, students have a near **100% pass rate on the Certified Respiratory Therapist exam** (administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care) and our **Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) pass rates exceed the national average by more than 20%**.

In 2015, 2016 and 2017, the program was recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) to receive the Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award with a 90+% pass rate over the past 3-year cycle.

"Whether it be a student or the patients that we ultimately serve, 'care' is at the heart of what it means to be a member of the GMercyU community," Professor Galvin said. 🌟





An aerial photograph of a university campus. The image shows several large, multi-story brick buildings with white accents and windows. There are several large parking lots filled with cars, interspersed with green lawns and numerous trees. The campus is surrounded by a dense forest of green trees. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Top 25% Nationwide for 20-Year Net Return on Investment (2017 PayScale ranking)



Men's Cross Country

Senior **Matt Brown** and Sophomore **Armani Rivera** were named All-Conference at the 2017 CSAC Championships. G.MercyU placed sixth of nine scoring teams, with Brown finishing in sixth out of 66 competitors to earn a spot on the first team. Rivera finished 14th and was named to the second team. The men's cross country team finished the season at NCAA Mideast Regionals with Brown and Rivera competing again. Both Brown and Rivera had their best race of the season, finishing 169th and 268th respectively.

Women's Cross-Country

The Griffins completed their season at the 2017 NCAA Mideast Regionals where Junior **Elizabeth Rosario**, Sophomore **Julianna Green**, and Freshman **Gabby Huber** turned in outstanding performances as the trio took part in the 6K run. Rosario finished with a time of 25:05.8 (145th), Green finished at 28:12.0 (275th), and Huber set a personal record at 29:09.3 putting her in 294th place. Rosario was named to the CSAC first team while Green was placed on the second. Huber was named to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team faced off against Marywood University in the CSAC Semifinals for the second straight year. The Griffins couldn't hold off the top-seeded Pacers, losing 4-2. The loss marked the final appearance for the team's five seniors: **Meghan Petroski, Sarah Nedwick, Anna Numerato, Grace Macnamara** and **Danielle Schneck**. Their four-year record stands at 44-24-8 with four conference semifinal appearances and a championship game spot in 2015. The Griffins finished the 2017 season with a final record of 11-6-1.



Men's Soccer

The Griffins finished a disappointing season on a high note, beating Bryn Athyn College with a score of 5-1. The win marked the last game for the team's six seniors: **Ryan Oyola, Cole Smith, Tim Dailey, Rob DiPierro, Brian Pease** and **Matt Saba**. In the most fitting of fashions, Oyola, Dailey, and DiPierro all scored their first career goals. Dailey was also named to the CSAC All-Sportsmanship Team. The Griffins finished the season with a 2-15-1 record.





Volleyball

G MercyU's Volleyball team finished the 2017 season with a 9-19 overall record under first-year head coach Kristen Johnson. Freshman **Cait Saalfrank** entered the record books with the second-most digs in a season (462) and tops in digs per set with 5.13. Sophomore **Kerry McGlenn** now sits in fourth place in all-time assists with 1119. Junior **Cassie McCarney** was the lone Griffin chosen for the CSAC Year-End Awards, being named to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

Field Hockey

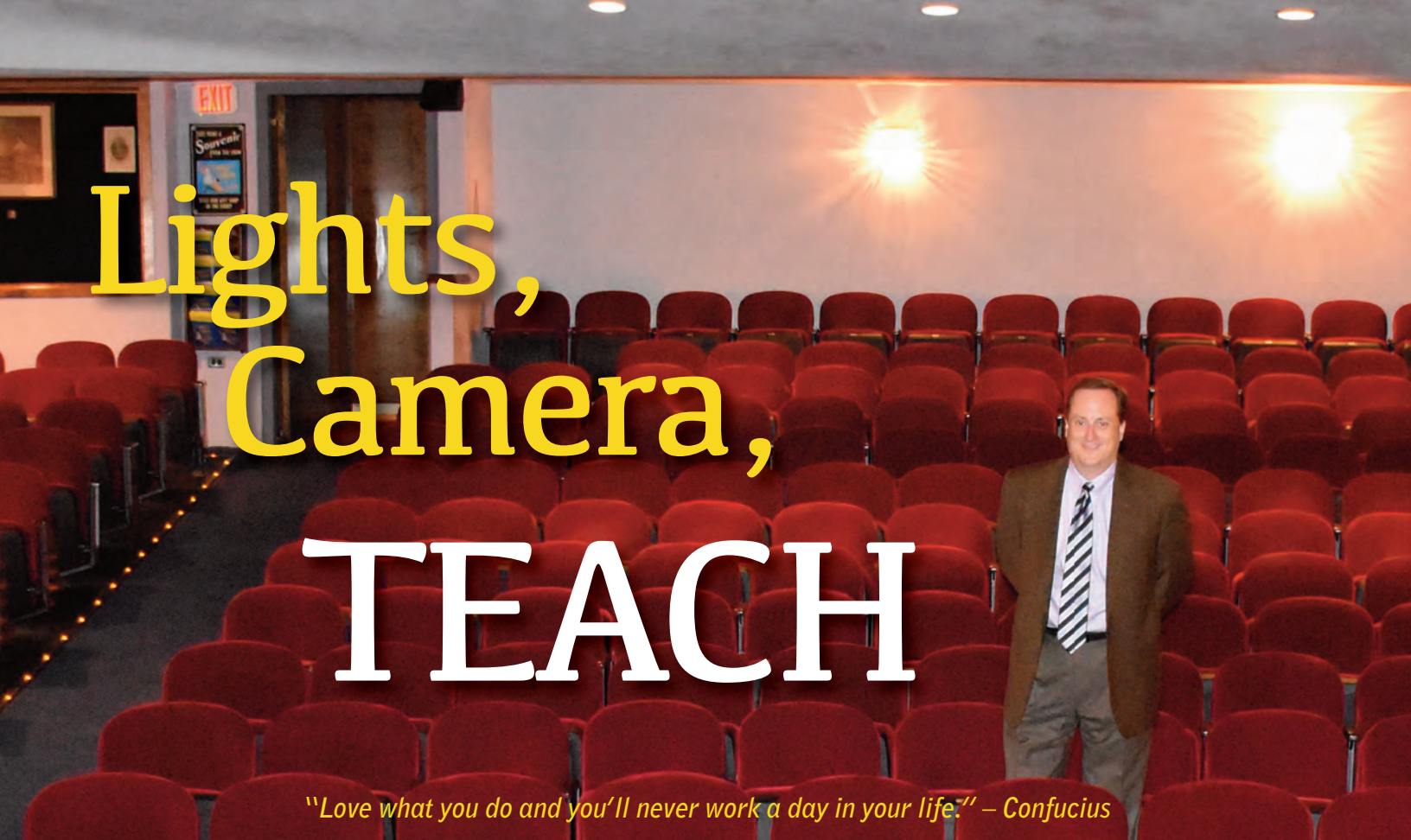
The Griffins captured their sixth CSAC Championship with a 3-0 victory over Cabrini University. MVP **Brianna O'Connell** scored a hat trick, which was more than enough for the Griffins to secure the win. Seniors **Melissa Russo** and O'Connell along with Junior **Kaitlyn Lutz** were the only honorees from the CSAC to earn year-end honors on the NFHCA South Atlantic Region Teams. Russo was also chosen as a Division III All American by the NFHCA for the second year in a row and named to the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* Academic All-Area Field Hockey Team. The Griffins finished the season with a 5-3 loss against Trinity College in the first-round of the NCAA Tournament. The

team finished the 2017 season with an overall record of 17-4.



FALL SEASON

WRAP-UP



Lights, Camera, TEACH

"Love what you do and you'll never work a day in your life." – Confucius

By: Kirsten Swanson

We've all heard the old adage but for Gwynedd Mercy University alum Tom Quinn '05, it's been more than a cliché. It has been a reality.

As the Director of Education at the Walnut Street Theatre, the oldest operating theater in the country, Tom has been able to combine his two passions – acting and education.

Tom began his career as an actor, even spending a few years in Los Angeles. He is a proud alumnus of the Walnut's Apprenticeship Program where he met his wife Susan, who played a central role in creating the education program Tom now gets to run.

After moving back East, Tom served as a teacher for the Coatesville, Central Bucks and Tredyffrin-Easttown School Districts as well as an adjunct instructor at several local colleges.

While adjuncting, Tom wanted to take his education career to the next level, which prompted him to start researching programs in the hopes of becoming a school principal. As a dad with a young family, Tom was drawn to GMercyU's graduate-level Educational Administration program as it was both flexible and rigorous.

"The format of working with other professionals was what really attracted me to the program. The cohort model was a great support system," Tom said. "It really was a like-minded group who were all looking for the same thing."

"We all had demanding schedules but we were all serious about receiving serious training for the next steps in our career."

The training paid off and Tom was offered two jobs soon after graduation. One was to be an Assistant Principal in a local school. The other was his dream job – the one that combined theater *and* education.

"I didn't think about it too long. Even though I was teaching social studies to 11th graders, I was also the guy who came in with a mustache and acted as Teddy Roosevelt," Tom said.

"For me, it was important that I never lost that creative side. I think that's how I was fortunate to have both of those passions in place."

Since joining the theatre, its education and outreach programming has grown exponentially. Last season, the theater reached more than 172,000 students, making it one of the leading educational theatres in America.

At the heart of the Walnut's educational programs is the Adopt-A-School Program, which features relationships with three inner city schools. Tom oversees this program which uses theatre to teach the curriculum and foster creativity and empathy in students.

Tom is also the author of several of the theatre's productions, which are performed all across the Delaware Valley. In 2014 Tom received the Mayor's Access Achievement Award from the City of Philadelphia for the Walnut's work with the HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy.

Tom was also given the Anne Fitzpatrick Murray Alumni Award for Distinguished Service by GMercyU's Alumni Association for his work with the theatre.

"What the best part of my job is that my job doesn't feel like a job. It feels like a vocation." 🌟

Dear Alumni,

It seems like for months now, those of us on campus have been lacing up our boots to trudge through the snow to get from one building to the next. Do you remember your time on campus and if you experienced the delights of the winter weather? Do you remember campus covered in fresh snow or seeing photos on social media while you were doing homework online? Maybe you were a commuter and have "fun" stories of your drives to and from school.

No matter your recollection, we hope that you remember Gwynedd Mercy University fondly, and that it still holds a special place in your heart. If you find that you would like to reconnect with GMercyU, come back and see us. We are currently working on Spring and Summer alumni programming. Keep your eyes on the TODAY Magazine, social media and our website for the most updated information.

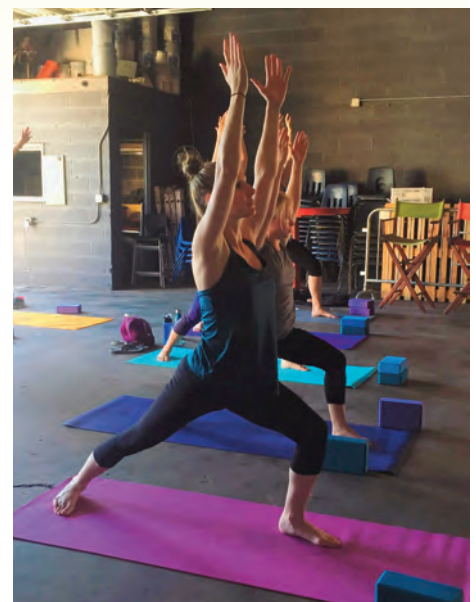
Please note, that as previously communicated, we recently had to close all GMercyU alumni email accounts for grads more than one year out of graduation. If you miss our updates and would like to receive information on alumni events and activities, please contact us with a personal email address.

We're looking forward to seeing you in the warmer weather.

Kind Regards,
Gianna Quinn, Director of Alumni Relations
215-641-5554, alumni@gmercyu.edu
gmercyu.edu/gmercyu-alumni



GMercyU alumni headed down the shore to Keenan's in North Wildwood on Saturday, July 15.



Young Alumni met at Wissahickon Brewing Company for an afternoon of yoga and beer on Saturday, September 23.



Alums and their families participated in GMercyU's annual Day of Service during Orientation Weekend on Friday, August 25.

Upcoming Alumni Events:

- April 13 **Presidential Inauguration Ceremony**
- April 19 **Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Event, P.J. Whelihan's, Blue Bell, Pa.**
- June 9 **Phillies vs. Brewers – Tailgate and Game McFadden's/Citizens Bank Park**
- July TBD **GMercyU Alumni Down the Shore**
- September 28-30 .. **Red and Gold Homecoming Weekend**

Contact Gianna Quinn in the Alumni Relations Office at alumni@gmercyyu.edu or 215-641-5554 for more information or to register.

Connect with GMercyU Alumni Online

-  /Gwynedd Mercy University Alumni
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The Alumni Association honored five graduates at the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards on Friday, September 8.



Graduates from the Classes of 1992 and 1967 gathered on campus to celebrate their 25th and 50th reunions on Sunday, October 22.



Friends reminisced with fellow alumni, faculty, and staff during Red and Gold Homecoming Weekend 2017.



P.J. WHELihan's

PUB + RESTAURANT

799 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Thursday, April 19, 2018 7 p.m.

Calling all Graduates of the Last Decade! Join us at PJ Whelihan's as we reminisce about the old college days and welcome the Class of 2018 to the Alumni Association. This is a great event for networking with alumni in the area. Bring your business cards.

More information will be communicated by email. *Keep an eye on the alumni events calendar at www.gmercyyu.edu/news-and-events/events.*



Alumni partnered with Campus Ministry and wrapped presents for the children and special needs adults of Mercy Neighborhood Ministries on Wednesday, December 6.



Young Alumni enjoyed the warm winter weather with an afternoon of ice skating, food and fun at Blue Cross RiverRink on Saturday, January 20.

GMercyU at the Phillies™

June 9, 2018

Join GMercyU alumni for a tailgate party at McFadden's Restaurant followed by the Phillies vs. Brewers game at Citizens Bank Park!

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tailgate
1:05 p.m. Game

McFadden's at the Ballpark/Citizens Bank Park
One Citizens Bank Way, Philadelphia, PA 19148

Tickets are \$50 each and include food and drinks at the tailgate and entrance to the Philadelphia Phillies vs. Milwaukee Brewers game. Already have tickets? Join us for the tailgate party for just \$30. Pre-registration is required. Online registration coming soon!

Questions? Contact GMercyU's Alumni Office at alumni@gmercyu.edu or 215-641-5554.

HOMECOMING 2018

Join us September 28-30 for Red & Gold weekend activities and events.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations
215-641-5554 or alumni@gmercyu.edu

Be sure to check the website for more information:
www.gmercyu.edu/news-and-events



Engagements and Marriages

Class NOTES

1972

Diane Foos, of Jamison, Pa., recently retired from Lockheed-Martin and is proud of her daughter who is a Registered Nurse, taking after her mother and grandmothers.

1983

Margaret (Peg) McKeon '83/'85, of Springfield, Pa., was named Chief Compliance Officer at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).

1989

The **Reverend Sheila Auer, RN, MA**, was elected by the clergy session of the 2017 Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference to be an Associate Member. Sheila serves the Lottsville and Sugar Grove United Methodist Churches.

1992

Eric Brodeur, of Redondo Beach, Calif., is currently producing and editing Exit 44 Entertainment's upcoming supernatural horror film, *11th Hour Cleaning*.

1995

Brian J. Schafer, of Allentown, Pa., is entering his 20th year as Manager of Aardvark Sports Shop, a running specialty shop in Bethlehem, Pa. A four-time finisher of the Boston Marathon, Brian has been a competitive runner for the past 35 years. He also enjoys bike riding and golfing.

1998

Kelly Strugala '98/'03 relocated to Punta Gorda, Fla. in 2016 and is loving the sunshine and no snow. She is currently working for Chiltern as a Senior Clinical Data Manager and is excitedly planning her daughter's wedding.

Marykate Humble Bowling, of Forest Hill, Md., married John Bowling on April 29, 2017.

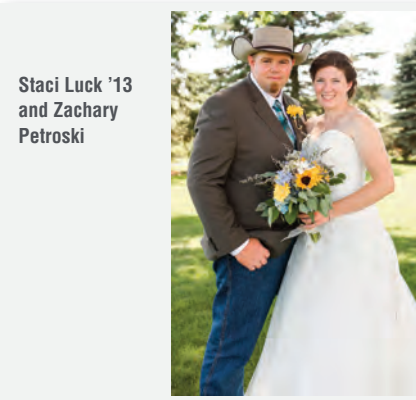
Craig Gonzaga '16, of Lansdale, Pa., is engaged to marry Casey Leech on July 14, 2018.



Craig Gonzaga '16 and Casey Leech

Samantha Hepner Adams '11, of Willow Grove, Pa., married Kevin Adams on May 19, 2017.

Staci Luck '13, of Stillwater, Pa., married Zachary Petroski on June 10, 2017 in Mechanicsburg, Pa.



Staci Luck '13 and Zachary Petroski

Dan Miller '14 and **Rosie Kowalski-Miller '13**, of Lansdale, Pa., were married on June 17, 2017.

Lindsay Prodorutti '12 and **William Longstreet '09**, of Horsham, Pa., are engaged to marry on July 28, 2018.



Lindsay Prodorutti '12 and William Longstreet '09

Amy Schneider '13/'14 and **Matthew VanDenHengel '12**, of Willow Grove, Pa., married on October 28, 2017.

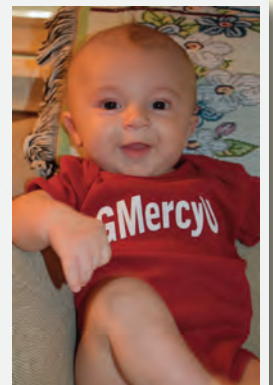


Amy Schneider '13/'14 and Matthew VanDenHengel '12

Griffin Babies

Jenna Gaydosh Keba '13/'15 and **Nicholas Keba '14**, of Philadelphia, Pa., welcomed baby boy Dash Nicholas Keba on April 26, 2017.

Dash Nicholas Keba, son of Jenna Gaydosh Keba '13/'15 and Nicholas Keba '14



2004

Christina Gresh '04/'06, of Hatfield, Pa., was recently accepted into the two-year Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner program at Villanova University. Christina is also a member of GMercyU's Alumni Board.

2008

Charmain Maddrey-Smith '08/'10/'15, of East Norriton, Pa., is the Director of Employee Engagement Training at Liberty Lutheran Services.

2009

Bonnie Boyle McGahee, of Randallstown, Md., was promoted to Assistant Director of Residence Life at Stevenson University and recently bought a house with her husband Linton.

2014

Steven Hull, of Philadelphia, Pa., made settlement on his first house on June 3, 2017.

2016

Caroline Bisch, of Norristown, Pa., is a Radiologic Technologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Paoli Hospital.

Craig Gonzaga, of Lansdale, Pa., is a Financial Representative for Northwestern Mutual.

In Memoriam

Anne Wilson Crane '51, of North Wales, Pa., passed away on December 30, 2017.

Helen Geilfuss Collins '75, of Ambler, Pa., passed away on June 21, 2017.

Joyce Stewart Howell '60 passed away in May 2017.

Regina Reimel '71, of Drexel Hill, Pa., passed away on May 29, 2017.

Merilee F. Schisselbauer '80, of Hatboro, Pa., passed away on August 20, 2017.

Margaret Schneider Emery '80, of Kunkletown, Pa., passed away on September 9, 2017.

Michelle Fogel Sullivan '74, of Norristown, Pa. passed away on September 14, 2017.

July 21, 1931 - October 12, 2017

Sister Theresa

Monaghan, RSM spent more than 25 years at Gwynedd Mercy University in a variety of roles, including as the Registrar, Treasurer, Director of Residents and an instructor.



Sister Theresa was also the administrator and local coordinator of McAuley Convent in Merion, Pa. Prior to joining GMercyU, Sister Theresa was an elementary school teacher and principal in the dioceses of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Portland, Oregon.

She will be remembered as reaching out to

anyone in need. Kindness and patience were her hallmark. In a quiet and unassuming way, Sister Theresa lived Catherine's legacy of union and charity.

September 1, 1930 - November 1, 2017

Sister Lois McDonough, RSM

is one of the women of Mercy who was instrumental in the building of GMercyU.



Sister Lois began her teaching at Waldron Mercy Academy in Merion, Pa. In 1962, she began her many years of service at GMercyU as the Registrar. Over the years, Sister Lois held the positions of Director of Admissions, and the Vice President of Institutional Advancement. Sister Lois also served as Director of Development at Gwynedd Mercy Academy.

In honor of her many years at GMercyU, the Sister Lois McDonough Scholarship is given each year for a full-time undergraduate pursuing a bachelor's degree. Sister Lois also served as President of the Board at the Healthlink Medical Center in Southhampton, Pa.

Sister Lois had a unique way of drawing many people into furthering the concerns and works of the Sisters of Mercy. She worked hard and played hard, her competitive nature evident in both work and play.

Joseph DiMino, of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., passed away on December 19, 2017. Joe was a member of GMercyU's President's Council.

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